Species of Concern

• Federally or state protected
  – Designated by law, regulation, or otherwise protected and/or managed; or
  – Has been shown to be significantly adversely affected by wind energy development, and

• Determined to be possibly affected by the project
Habitat fragmentation
Species of Habitat Fragmentation Concern

- Subset of SOC
- Includes birds, mammals, herps
- Identified in Tier 1 or 2
Tier 4b – Assessing direct and indirect impacts of habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation

• Evaluates Tier 3 survey predictions

• Evaluates significant adverse impacts

• Evaluates mitigation
Draft Criteria for SHFC

• Must be on the SOC list
Draft Criteria for SHFC

Must be shown to be negatively affected by fragmentation as determined by the state fish and wildlife agency:

• State Wildlife Action Plan
• Natural Heritage Database
• State county lists for rare, threatened or endangered species
• In-house biological expertise
Draft Criteria for SHFC

• Likely to be present in the specific wind project development area
• State agency and FWS develop lists

• Documentation from agencies

• Classified by taxa with habitat descriptions

• Roll out in March 2014
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