

Guiding Principles Subcommittee of the  
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee  
Telephone Conference – March 11, 2008

Draft Summary

Participants:

Taber Allison	Winifred Perkins	Rachel London, FWS Staff
Robert Manes	Mark Sinclair	Cheryl Amrani, Facilitator

- The group was reminded that they were providing suggestions, options, or alternatives for full Advisory Committee (FAC) consideration; any document provided to the FAC would become part of the FACA Federal Record.
- The group reviewed and agreed to their purpose statement. They also decided that anything they produced should be marked draft and date stamped.
- Mark provided a draft of some guiding principles that he previously worked on with Abby and others, as a possible starting point for subcommittee discussions.
- Preliminary discussions about general criteria for FAC guiding principles included:
  - ✓ need to define success
  - ✓ how the work of the FAC will be used
  - ✓ how to balance the various interests
  - ✓ the principles would be foundational
  - ✓ the opportunity to communicate with everyone, at every level, who will receive the guidelines
  - ✓ increase an understanding of how recommendations were reached
  - ✓ must work for the Fish and Wildlife Service
  - ✓ need to provide broad guidance (not a large, detailed document)
  - ✓ need for transparency and local engagement
- Food for thought: perhaps it would be good to read the Preface of both the Canadian and California guidelines to see if they provide some additional ideas for discussion.
- Taber was nominated as spokesperson for the subcommittee; Taber accepted, and all subcommittee members present agreed. (Jeri Lawrence will be provided opportunity to concur.)
- Next steps were identified
  - ✓ All subcommittee members will review the draft as a starting point; provide their input (edits, additions, etc.); and forward all comments to Cheryl/Rachel by COB Friday, 3/14
  - ✓ The next teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 12 pm – 1 pm
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