

*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*  
**Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee**  
**Other Models and Existing Guidelines Subcommittees**  
Conference Call, September 25, 2008

Meeting Summary

**Participants:**

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- **Purpose:** To review the revised Other Models recommendations to the FAC, which were edited after the most recent call on 9/11/08, and the Draft ABPP (Avian Bat Protection Plan).
- The language for Clean Air Act was discussed and the Existing Guidelines Subcommittee agreed that these should be presented to the FAC, which certain questions attached. Call participants have the following questions/comments:
  - The Other Models matrix with recommendations to the FAC should help create consistency throughout all the chapters in the FAC's guidelines.
  - Is this matrix too academic; should it show more explicitly HOW to apply these to, for example, the ABPP?
  - Is a permit shield out of the scope of these recommendations? (*Response from FWS was that nothing is out of the scope right now. That conversation should take place at the plenary with the full FAC*)
  - Is the ABPP going over the same things that are in the FAC recommendations? How does the ABPP fit in with the rest of the FAC guidelines? (*Response from an Other Models member: the ABPP contains a corporate-level plan for wind project proponents. It can be tailored on a case-by-case basis, and is there to assist with implementation. If the FAC endorses an ABPP tool, it could be offered as a good way for developers to meet a set standard of performance.*)
  - Are state guidelines and other regulations independent of the ABPP? (*Yes*)
  - The ABPP could serve as an incentive, if the ABPP is written in line with the FAC guidelines, doesn't conflict with other regulations, and helps to streamline the process for the developer.
  - Should there be baseline criteria included in the ABPP? (*The FAC guidelines should point to the ABPP and note which criteria each ABPP must include*)
  - Participants summarized that the value of the ABPP is that best management practices and standards should be imbedded in it, establishing a recognized understanding with each of the companies that

use it. It helps them buy into the process, and know what questions they will have to answer in the permitting process as well.

- Some participants suggested that the ABPP would include language on the interaction with federal, state, and local ordinances. Where the ABPP incorporates or references the US Fish and Wildlife Service regulations, it should also say “state and local” guidance and regulations.

**Next Steps:** Please review attached documents (Other Models recommendations matrix and draft ABPP).

- **Existing Guidelines:** Please send SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CHANGES AND PROPOSALS to the Other Models recommendations and the draft ABPP by Friday, October 3 to [ekimbrell@kearnswest.com](mailto:ekimbrell@kearnswest.com). The next Existing Guidelines call has been scheduled for **Friday, October 10 at 2pm EST (1pm Central; 11am Pacific)** to discuss these changes. The call-in number is: 1-877-927-7159, password: 7782916#.
- **Other Models:** Please review attached documents and respond to [ekimbrell@kearnswest.com](mailto:ekimbrell@kearnswest.com) as to whether these are ready to be presented to the FAC. Other Models does not likely need another call before the October FAC Meeting.