

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee

Other Models Subcommittee

Conference Call: Wednesday, September 03, 2008, 2-3 pm EST

Meeting Summary

- Participants:

Scott Darling	Aimee Delach	Steve Lindenberg
Mark Sinclair	Robert Thresher	Mike Green
Andy Linehan	Abby Arnold	Rachel London
Susan Goodwin	Elana Kimbrell	Wendy Wallace

- Abby commenced the meeting and introduced Elana Kimbrell, new program associate at Kearns & West. Elana will add Mike Green and Andy Linehan to the list for the Other Models Subcommittee.

- Mark Sinclair discussed what an APP (Avian Protection Plan) is. He reviewed the draft approach for an APP he had distributed to the group, including his suggested list of principles for an APP and how they relate to wind development.

- Mike Green and Andy Linehan discussed the ABPP (Avian and Bat Protection Plan) that they have been developing for Iberdrola, which can be used as an example for the generic APP framework that the subcommittee is creating.

- The main issues that were raised regarding ABPPs/APPs were:
 - Interest by industry to receive some protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. But this does not include bats, so the only bats that might be protected by ABPPs are those on the Endangered Species List.

 - There are challenges with the structure of ABPP/APPs. State or project specific rules and analyses may be insufficient to account for migratory patterns (across state lines). The response to this was that APPs are not intended to be broad, in-depth analyses, but statements of commitment by the wind industry to follow best practices recommendations and to reduce risk as much as possible.

 - Another issue is whether data from pre- and post-construction mortality surveys would be public.

- Next Steps: Mike Green and Andy Linehan will edit the draft framework for an APP, originally drafted by Mark Sinclair. The draft ABPP being developed for Iberdrola will be presented to the FAC as an example.

- Look for a meeting scheduler from EKimbrell to set up a meeting during the week (09/08 – 09/10).