

**Landscape/Habitat Subcommittee of the
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee**
Telephone Conference – August 13, 2008

Draft Summary

Participants:

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- The subcommittees identified information that will be useful in an analysis of the tools listed in the Landscape/Habitat tools catalogue.
 - What is the source of the landscape or biological data?
 - What is the age of the data?
 - What is the pixel size (if applicable)?
 - How many layers are there (if applicable)?
 - What is the scale of the data?
 - What is the geographic coverage?
 - Does the data identify what is NOT there?
- The analysis of the catalogue will emphasize strengths and weaknesses and cautions for use, and will not rate tools as “good” or “bad”
- The subcommittees agreed that it would be useful to decide on an objectives statement for the Landscape/Habitat Subcommittee
- It was mentioned that landscape-level planning tools can be useful, but we should be cautioned that they may be used irresponsibly by outside parties. The subcommittee may want to consider a cautionary statement for use of the mapping tools
- **Next Steps:**
 - ✓ Mike D., Rob M., and Caitlin C. will each select one database from the catalogue and do a test analysis using the criteria listed above. They will update the subcommittees on their progress on the next teleconference
 - ✓ Rachel L. will work with Robert R. to draft an objectives statement
 - ✓ The subcommittees will review the draft protocol for use of data in preparation for the next teleconference
 - ✓ Teleconference scheduled for:

Monday, August 25th, 3:00 – 4:00 pm EST

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