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## Fwd: Fw: Public Comment Concerning Survey Changes

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Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this comment on the revising of the Indiana Bat Surveys using the "bat-dar" acoustic devices.

In reading the documentation supplied on your website it seems that there are no "approved" programs for identifying any bat sounds which may be recorded by the bat-dar systems. This in itself should be enough to derail any changes made in the system until the science is proven. These acoustic systems should not in any way replace mist netting. With no proven way to discern the calls recorded by the acoustic devices, false positives will be rampant and un-necessary delays in surveying and permitting will become the norm. The impending bottle-neck can simply be avoided by allowing mist netting instead of acoustic sampling.

I am against any changes which replaces mist netting with a "new toy" for someone to play with until the toy is proven to be an actual working piece of scientific equipment.



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