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Service Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Wind Facility

LACEY, Wash. — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is seeking public comment as part of the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed wind energy project in Lewis and Thurston counties, Washington. Comments may be submitted through June 4, 2018.

The proposed Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project would consist of up to 38 commercial wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project, LLC intends to submit a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) in support of an Incidental Take Permit for the federally listed marbled murrelet and protected bald and golden eagles.

The Service will hold two open house meetings, one on May 8, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Lacey, Washington, at South Puget Sound Community College, 4220 6th Avenue SE, Lacey, WA 98503; and the second on May 10, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Centralia College located at 600 Centralia College Blvd., Centralia, WA 98531. Members of the public will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and to submit written comments and information. All relevant comments will be considered in developing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

A copy of the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project Habitat Conservation Plan can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/wafwo/>.

This announcement opens a 30-day comment period. To request additional information or submit written comments, please use one of the following methods:

- *To request further information or submit comments by U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, c/o Mark Ostwald, 510 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 102, Lacey, Washington 98503
- *To submit comments by Email:* wfwocomments@fws.gov. Include “Skookumchuck Wind” in the subject line of the message.

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