

**NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY
AND NATIONAL WIND COORDINATING COLLABORATIVE (CO-SPONSOR)**

WILDLIFE CORE GROUP MEETING

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Wildlife Workgroup Core Group Meeting Purpose:

- Review Wildlife Workgroup Subgroup Activities and approve next steps
 - Grassland and Shrub Steppe Species Collaborative (GS3C)
 - Mitigation Toolbox
 - Nocturnal Methods and Metrics
 - RfP Oversight
 - Probability of Impact
 - Research Priorities
 - Other?
- Review and comment on proposed agenda/topics/speakers for NWCC Wildlife Workgroup Research Meeting VII, Fall 2008
- Hear about and discuss national and state initiatives to develop wildlife-related policy for siting wind facilities
 - Wildlife Society technical review: *Impacts of Wind Energy Facilities on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat* (Ed Arnett, Bat Conservation International)
 - Status of USFWS FACA (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)
 - Status of various state guideline policy development (State agencies or Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies representative)
 - Other?
 - Update on Great Lakes Wind Collaborative?
 - Other
- Sector Updates

Wildlife Workgroup Meeting

7:45-8:15	Continental Breakfast
8:15- 8:30	Introductions, Review Agenda <i>Abby Arnold, Facilitator</i>
8:30-9:30	Review of Probability of Impact Workshop ➤ Follow up from Probability of Impact Workshop, insights/comments, next steps? <i>Based on the Workshop discussion, are there next steps for the Wildlife Workgroup? If yes, what are they?</i>
9:30- 10:15	Report from BWEC on Collaborative Work & Plans <i>Ed Arnett, Bat Conservation International</i> ➤ What are the results of summer 2007 research? ➤ What is planned for 2008? <i>Questions and Answers</i>

10:15– 10:30	Break
10:30– 12:15 <i>10:30 – 11:15</i>	Report from Subgroups A. Grassland and Shrub Steppe Species Collaborative (GS3C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What’s been done to date & next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Literature review ▪ Prairie chicken research ▪ Songbird protocol ➤ Questions and comments on work plan and activities <p><u>Action Item:</u> Discuss appropriate review</p>
<i>11:15– 11:30</i>	B. Update on Nocturnal <i>and</i> Original Methods & Metrics Documents, and Birds and Bat Fact Sheet
<i>11:30 - 11:50</i>	C. Mitigation Toolbox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What’s been done to date & next steps ➤ Questions and comments on how to continuously update toolbox. <p><u>Action Item:</u> Agree on next steps for updates.</p>
<i>11:50-12:00</i>	D. Status Report on RfPs to Update Methods and Metrics Document and Birds and Bats Fact Sheet
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (<i>working lunch</i>) Updates: Sector/Participant Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wildlife Society Technical Review ➤ FWS (Wind/Wildlife FACA) ➤ Regional Efforts (Great Lakes, other?) ➤ States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on guideline development & other activities ▪ Report on AFWA activities ▪ CESA ➤ NAS Study (Environmental Impacts of Wind-Energy Projects) ➤ Industry ➤ NGOs ➤ Others? (WPA, NREL, others?)
1:00-1:30	Review Proposal for Conducting Research Meeting VII (Fall 2008) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposed agenda and location ➤ Research anyone knows of that ought to be reported at the 2008 meeting ➤ Ideas for speakers, excursions, etc. ➤ Policy approaches being implemented, effectiveness? ➤ Remaining information needs to be addressed? <p><u>Action Item:</u> Provide direction for Fall November 2008 agenda and identify Volunteers to assist with planning the meeting</p>

1:30 – 2:00	Review Status of and Comment on Research Priorities Subgroup List of Research Topics draft
2:00 – 2:10	Break
2:10-3:30	<p>Emerging Issues/Requests (order of topics may change)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review Core Group Membership ➤ Overview of AWEA/DOE Wind Vision ➤ Transmission and wildlife update and discussion of NWCC and other activities <p><i>Ideas for NWCC WLWG Activities for 2008</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Are there additional activities the WL WG is considering? ➤ Do we have the right priorities? <p>Are there funding mechanisms that will support any of these activities?</p>
3:30-4:00	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Adjourn</p>