

Wind Wildlife RESEARCH MEETING

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Call for Proposals for Coordinated Sessions, Workshops & Field Trips

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2024

The [Renewable Energy Wildlife Institute \(REWI\)](#)¹ releases this Call for Proposals for in-person coordinated sessions, workshops, and field trips at the 15th biennial [Wind Wildlife Research Meeting \(WWRM\)](#) in Corpus Christi, Texas.

This call is seeking proposals for coordinated sessions, workshops, and field trips that will be coordinated by external parties in close collaboration with REWI. A general call for abstracts for in-person and on-demand presentations and posters will follow separately in a few weeks. REWI will craft the agenda for the WWRM from both this Call for Proposals and the subsequent Call for Abstracts.

About the WWRM

The Wind Wildlife Research Meeting (WWRM) provides an internationally recognized forum for attendees to share and engage in the latest science addressing the risk of wind energy to wildlife and developing solutions to avoid, minimize, and offset impacts. The meeting also brings together thought leaders to discuss priority topics and themes in the wind-wildlife arena. Academics, researchers, conservation scientists, consultants, federal and state officials, NGO representatives, and industry professionals come together every other year for this unique opportunity.

The meeting is organized and presented by REWI, with input provided by a multi-stakeholder planning committee. In-person and virtual attendance is open to all who are interested in wind-wildlife issues. The 2022 WWRM welcomed almost 380 attendees from 49 U.S. states and 13 additional countries.

¹ [REWI](#) is an independent 501(c)3 entity created and sustained by a unique collaboration of leaders in the renewable energy industry, wildlife management agencies, and science and conservation organizations who share a mission: through science and collaboration, accelerate responsible deployment of renewable energy to mitigate climate change and protect wildlife and ecosystems.

Opportunities for Coordinated Sessions, Workshops & Field Trips

REWI is seeking proposals for the following activities at the 2024 WWRM:

Coordinated Sessions and Panel Discussions provide a forum to share information with attendees and/or facilitate dialogue among speakers. A typical coordinated session will consist of four to six presentations followed by audience Q&A. Panel discussions typically open with introductory remarks followed by a moderated discussion between four to six speakers. These sessions can be 60-90 minutes long and will take place November 13-14. Attendance is open to all in-person and virtual meeting registrants.

Workshops consist of a structured interactive session (or sessions) to create a space for meaningful work and guide participants through a process meant to provide a beneficial objective. Workshops can also be courses or training on a specific topic, skill, method, or technique. Depending on the workshop content, it can involve one or more instructors or moderators, and is often highly collaborative. Organizers should specify an upper limit for attendance, if applicable. Workshops will take place in the afternoon on November 12, at the meeting venue, and can be two or four hours. Attendance will require an additional registration fee.

Field Trips consist of a structured offsite activity with a goal of learning through active participation, discussion, and “hands-on” activities. REWI is looking for proposals for locations within approximately one-hour from the WWRM venue. Attendance will require an additional registration fee designed to cover the costs of the field trip (e.g., transportation, entrance fees, meal). Proposers of coordinated field trips will be expected to take the lead on logistics planning, working closely with REWI to ensure plans align with other meeting considerations. Organizers are responsible for all transportation costs, though these can be reimbursed through field trip registration fees. REWI and the planning committee are particularly interested in field trips to wind energy facilities, natural areas of interest to view migratory birds and bats, and areas with observable impacts from climate change.

Key Considerations

Proposals should represent a variety of stakeholder perspectives as relevant to the topic/issue (e.g., including speakers representing agency, industry, conservation, and scientific perspectives).

Sponsorship Opportunities

Coordinated sessions, panel discussions, workshops, and field trips are not intended to promote a particular product or organization. Companies interested in promoting their products and services are encouraged to apply to sponsor or exhibit at the WWRM. For more information on opportunities, please view the [Sponsor Flyer](#) and email wurm@rewi.org.

Topics of Interest

REWI and the members of the planning committee are particularly interested in sessions that cover the following topic areas (not in any order of importance):

- a. Species distribution/mapping tools

- b. Data sharing, standardization, and synthesis
- c. Lessons learned between the marine and terrestrial environments for wind development
- d. Facilitating collaboration and finding consensus globally and across sectors
- e. Assessing direct and indirect effects at the individual, population, cumulative, or community level on wildlife and their habitats at land-based and offshore wind energy facilities
- f. Innovation to advance wind energy and biodiversity science; novel conceptual, methodological, and technical approaches to enhance avoidance, minimization and mitigation
- g. Formulating and evaluating effective compensatory mitigation options for offsetting effects to species from wind energy development and operation
- h. Research efforts to inform regulatory or voluntary conservation decisions
- i. Landscape-level planning efforts that address wind-wildlife challenges in the context of multiple users and stakeholders
- j. Evaluating net gain for wildlife under future build-out scenarios—do the climate mitigation benefits outweigh potential impacts from renewable energy development?
- k. The intersection of climate justice and energy justice—the social and environmental impacts of wind-wildlife decision-making from siting to decommissioning
- l. Wind energy on public lands—siting and permitting, wildlife impacts, and visitor experiences
- m. Decision-making in the face of uncertainty
- n. Ecosystem and habitat effects of on and offshore wind energy projects
- o. Emerging challenges and solutions for meeting wind energy and wildlife conservation needs

Submission Instructions

Submission Process: Please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/BwM6A1vMjy> and follow the instructions provided to submit proposals.

Submissions in response to this call for proposals should include the following information:

1. Session type: Coordinated session, panel discussion, workshop, or field trip
2. Topic area(s) covered
3. Preferred session length
 - Coordinated session: 60 or 90 minutes
 - Workshop: 2 or 4 hours
 - Field Trip: Full day (8 hours) or half day (4 hours)
4. Organizer names, including affiliation(s) and email address(es)
5. Title of coordinated session/workshop/field trip
6. A brief description of the session. This will be used to advertise your session if selected (150-word limit)
7. Detailed description of the session. This will be used to evaluate your proposal (1,000-word limit)
8. Names, emails, and draft presentation title for all speakers if known/applicable

If the proposal is for a workshop or field trip, the following information is also required:

9. Minimum and maximum attendance
10. Who (or what organization) is supporting the workshop or field trip
11. For field trips – Estimated cost for participants (or recommended registration fee). Please include the proposed fee and associated budget. Transportation needs (field trips)
12. Room set up (workshop)

13. For workshops - AV requirements.

14. Any additional requirements will need to be noted (flipcharts, paper, power for laptops, etc.)

Submission Deadline: Submissions will be accepted until **April 30, 2024**

Late Proposals: Consideration of submissions received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed. Please contact wurm@rewi.org with inquiries regarding late submissions.

Proposal Review and Selection Process: Acceptance of submissions is not guaranteed, and the schedule is limited. Proposals will be evaluated by REWI and the planning committee on the timeliness of the subject, contribution to science, and the overall quality of the written proposal. We expect session organizers to include diverse speakers and multiple stakeholder perspectives. Proposals that do not include diverse speakers or that present a single perspective on a multifaceted topic are not likely to be accepted.

Approximate Timeline for Review and Selection Process:

- **April 30, 2024:** Proposals due
- **May/June 2024:** Submitters notified of proposal selection or rejection
- **September 2024:** Meeting registration opens

Questions?

Please contact REWI at:

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