

# Wind Wildlife RESEARCH MEETING

NOVEMBER 12–15, 2024 | CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS



## Call for Abstracts

**Submission Deadline: 11:59 pm PT, June 10, 2024**

The Renewable Energy Wildlife Institute<sup>1</sup> (REWI) releases this Call for Abstracts for presentations at the [15<sup>th</sup> Wind Wildlife Research Meeting \(WWRM\)](#). Presentation options include in-person oral presentations, virtual oral presentations (to be pre-recorded and viewed by attendees on-demand), and in-person poster presentations.

This meeting provides an internationally recognized forum for researchers and other wind-wildlife stakeholders to hear contributed papers, view research posters, and listen to sessions that synthesize the most recent wildlife and habitat research related to wind energy. This meeting is organized and presented by REWI. Attendance is open to all who are interested in wind-wildlife issues. WWRM is focused on North American research, but REWI welcomes abstract submissions for studies from other regions across the globe pertinent to advancing our understanding of wind energy and wildlife interactions.

### Context

Wind energy continues to expand in the U.S. and worldwide. The science, policy, and technology related to wind energy's interactions with wildlife and wildlife habitats are also developing rapidly, for both the onshore and offshore environments. Keeping abreast of these developments is critical for the wind industry and other stakeholders to ensure that siting and operational decisions are informed by best-available science.

### Topics of Interest

This Call for Abstracts solicits proposals for presentations on all scientific research related to evaluating and managing the interactions of wind energy and wildlife. Submissions should focus on applying results to wind energy development and wildlife conservation.

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<sup>1</sup> [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.

General topics of interest may include but are not limited to:

- 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 onshore and offshore wind energy projects
- o. Emerging challenges and solutions for meeting wind energy and wildlife conservation needs

## **Presentation Opportunities**

This meeting will offer multiple presentation formats. Submitters will indicate their preferred presentation format at the time of submission. All accepted abstracts from submitters that prefer a poster will be scheduled as a poster. Likewise, all accepted abstracts that prefer an on-demand virtual presentation will be offered that preference. Due to space limitations for in-person oral presentations, some submitters who prefer to give an oral presentation may instead be scheduled to give a poster presentation. This decision will be communicated to all submitters at the time of abstract acceptance.

Presenting authors submitting abstracts for in-person oral and poster presentations will be expected to be present in-person on November 13 or 14, 2024.

**In-person Oral Presentations:** These presentations will be assigned to a session, based on a topic of interest, during the general meeting November 13 or 14, 2024. The presenting author will be given ~10 minutes to present; questions will be held until the end of the session. All sessions will be plenary (i.e., no other in-person sessions will occur concurrently). Presenting authors will be required to attend the meeting in person. Due to space limitations for oral presentations, some submitters who prefer to give an oral presentation may instead be scheduled to give a poster presentation. This decision will be communicated to all submitters at the time of abstract acceptance.

**In-Person Poster Presentation:** Each poster presentation will be on display physically and on the virtual meeting platform during the full meeting, with a dedicated in-person session for poster viewing included

on the meeting agenda. Presenting authors will be expected to be present during the poster session to field questions and engage in conversations about your research with colleagues one-on-one. Virtual attendees will be able to view posters and ask questions through the virtual platform.

**On-Demand Oral Presentation:** This option is available for speakers who are unable to attend in person but would still like an opportunity to present the results of their research to a broad audience. These presentations will be pre-recorded and may be up to 15 minutes long. The presentation will be shared with meeting attendees via the web-based meeting platform; audience Q&A will be asynchronous and occur through the meeting platform. NOTE: In-person attendance is NOT required for this option, but the presenting author will be expected to register for either the in-person or virtual meeting option.

## Submission Instructions

Submitting authors will be required to provide the following information in response to this call for abstracts:

- Presentation title (using sentence case)
- Presenting author, including affiliation(s) and email address(es)
- Co-author(s), including affiliation(s) and email address(es)
- Relevant topics of interest (selected from the above list)
- Abstract (500-word maximum) including:
  - Research motivations and objectives, including hypotheses being tested
  - Research setting and timeframe
  - Methodology
  - Summary of results, indicating whether they are preliminary or final, and scope of inference
  - Management implications of the findings
- Preferred presentation format:
  - In-person Oral Presentation
  - In-Person Poster
  - On-Demand Oral Presentation

**Submission Deadline:** Submissions will be accepted until 11:59 pm PT on **June 10, 2024**

**Submission Process:** Please visit <https://wwrm2024.exordo.com> and follow the instructions provided to submit abstracts. Once you've logged in, click "*Submit Your Abstract Now*" to get started. If you experience any technical difficulties with the abstract submission process, please email [wwrm@rewi.org](mailto:wwrm@rewi.org).

## Guidelines for Abstracts

Submissions should be relevant to the wind energy-wildlife conservation science field, with a focus on one or more of the topics of interest listed above. Priority for oral presentations will be given to abstracts describing research or analyses that have broad applicability, that have not been presented elsewhere prior to the meeting, or that have been conducted since the 2022 Wind Wildlife Research Meeting. Authors should consider the following guidelines when drafting abstracts:

- Only **one** abstract per presenting author per format (i.e. in person oral, in person poster, and virtual oral) is likely to be accepted. Presenting authors may, however, be listed as co-authors on other abstracts. This is intended to encourage broad participation.

- The body of the abstract may be up to 500 words maximum.
- The abstract should not contain any headings.
- All abstracts are expected to report on new contributions relevant to the field of wind energy development and wildlife conservation. The results, outcomes, or knowledge may be preliminary, but they may not be vague. Abstracts without explicitly stated novel results, outcomes, or knowledge will be rejected.
- Abstracts must be clear. Poorly written abstracts will be rejected.
- Abstracts should be written in English and follow standard grammar and punctuation rules. Abstracts that do not meet this guideline will be rejected.
- Abstracts are not intended to promote a particular product. Abstracts for presentations intended to promote a commercial product or service will be rejected. For opportunities to promote products and services, please contact [wwrm@rewi.org](mailto:wwrm@rewi.org) for information on sponsorship and exhibitor space.

Abstracts must include the following information:

- Sufficient background information for the reader to understand the motivation for the work to be presented.
- Clearly articulated goals and objectives of the work. Where appropriate, specific research questions and hypotheses should also be clearly articulated (e.g., research projects, meta-analyses, etc.).
- A description of the approaches or methods employed to arrive at the results, outcomes, or conclusions produced by the study. For abstracts reporting on a research project, the specific methods used should be summarized; for more conceptual, theoretical, applied, or other projects, the general approach or framework must be summarized.
- A summary of key outcomes or contributions from the work; these may be in the form of quantitative results (e.g., for research-focused studies) or qualitative outcomes or knowledge produced.
- A conclusion with one or more take-home messages applying the work to the management of wind energy and wildlife conservation. Conclusions should not overstate the applicability of the results beyond what is reasonable under the work's scope.

**Late Abstracts:** Late submissions will not be accepted.

## Next Steps After Submission

### Abstract Review and Selection Process:

Acceptance of submissions is not guaranteed. Peer reviewers will rate abstracts using the abstract guidelines included in this call. The ratings and comments provided by peer reviewers will inform the acceptance decisions made by REWI staff. REWI will send an email to every submitter notifying them of the decision by early August 2024. Presenting authors for accepted abstract must confirm their intent to present within 2 weeks of acceptance decision emails.

**Abstract Edits:** Light editing of accepted abstracts will be available for a short window (around 2 weeks) after the acceptance notifications are sent. All presenting authors will receive instructions and a specific deadline by email. Editing is not possible after the editing deadline. In some cases, REWI may require an abstract to be revised to be considered for acceptance. In this case, the submitter will have 1 week to formally submit a revised abstract. Submitters will be able to log back into the same form where they submitted their original abstract to submit a revised abstract.

**Registration:** The presenting author of every accepted abstract is required to register for the meeting at the prevailing registration rate and will be reminded to do so in meeting correspondence. Submitting an abstract does not register you for the meeting. Registration is a separate process that we anticipate will open in August. Scholarships are available to increase accessibility to the meeting. Please contact [wwrm@rewi.org](mailto:wwrm@rewi.org) if you need assistance to attend the meeting.

**Approximate Timeline for Review and Selection Process:**

- **11:59PM PDT, June 10, 2024:** Abstracts due
- **Early August 2024:** Submitters notified of abstract selection or rejection
- **August 2024:** Deadline to confirm speaker position and edit abstracts
- **August 2024:** Registration opens

**[Submit Abstract Now](#)**

**Questions?**

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