

**MEMORANDUM
BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

To: Wind Turbines Advisory Committee

From: Existing Guidelines Subcommittee

Date: July 18, 2008]

Re: Report on Subcommittee Work

The Existing Guidelines Subcommittee asks the full Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) to review the attached document giving a format to follow when providing recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior. This is a format developed through review of the USFWS existing voluntary guidelines, Canada Guidance Document and those states that have voluntary guidelines or state requirements for wind energy development.

The subcommittee found there were six areas identified and addressed in all of the documents reviewed. Those are 1) Preliminary Assessment, 2) Preconstruction Surveys, 3) Site Development and Operation, 4) Post Construction Surveys, 5) Retrofit and Decommissioning and 6) Mitigation. Reports on those segments were provided in the February meeting.

The format was developed using these segments. The subcommittee then broke into groups; each group took a segment topic and populated that section with draft language so the FAC could visualize how the format might appear.

The Existing Guidelines Subcommittee asks the FAC be prepared to support the use of this format or provide alternate framework or model that might be used. The Existing Guidelines Subcommittee asks the FAC to consider the following questions as well:

- 1) If this is not the correct format or model, then what direction should the subcommittee be taking;
- 2) Are there "holes" in the format that should be addressed in addition to what is included;
- 3) Are there issues with the basic topics listed;
- 4) Should this format include performance based recommendations with outcomes;
- 5) Are there thresholds we should address with these recommendations
- 6) Are there topics or categories that should not be in the recommendations.