U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service WIND TURBINE GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE Other Models / Uncertainty Subcommittee Conference Call – Thursday, March 20, 2008

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<u>Next Steps:</u>

- **Cheryl Amrani** will contact Robin Gregory about his availability to participate in a conference call with the Subcommittee to discuss structured decision-making.
- Subcommittee members will brainstorm a list of other models or programs for siting and/or dealing with scientific uncertainty (e.g., 316B, best practices for stormwater management, New Source Review, IGCC) and include brief descriptions of what is interesting or applicable about those models. Members will send their lists to Cheryl by Friday, March 28th.
- **Cheryl Amrani** will categorize the suggestions she receives and circulate the list to the group prior to the April 3rd call.

<u>Next call</u>: Thursday, April 3rd at 10:00 am Eastern

Call Summary

The Subcommittee chose the following items to constitute an agenda for the call: reviewing the draft purpose statement, choosing a name for the group, and deciding on next steps. On reviewing the purpose statement, group members discussed the two distinct purposes for the subcommittee -1) exploring other statutory and regulatory programs for siting and 2) exploring strategies for decision-making in the context of uncertainty – and discussed whether two separate subcommittees would be more appropriate.

Acknowledging that the subcommittees had not been fully fleshed out when they were established at the last FAC meeting, the group decided to use the time before the April meeting to investigate further their two areas of interest. They will then return to the full Wind FAC with a report on their findings. Subcommittee members plan to identify creative models (other than existing guidelines), select a few to research, and prepare brief descriptions of their structures to bring to the FAC. The Subcommittee will also share its purpose statement and pose questions to the Wind FAC, including whether to constitute two separate subcommittees. The Wind FAC will then decide on the objectives to pursue and the subcommittee(s) to create.

As the group did not have time to decide on a name, they left the question for the next call's agenda.