

# National Wind Coordinating Collaborative

Monthly Update

## JULY 2010

### REGISTRATION FOR THE EIGHTH WIND WILDLIFE RESEARCH MEETING, OCTOBER 19-21, 2010, IS NOW OPEN!

Registration rates, which include breakfast and lunch, a reception, and three days of the latest wind wildlife research and discussion, are as follows:

- General: \$500
- Non-profit and government employees: \$200

To register, please visit the meeting website [here](#)

## WILDLIFE

### JULY WILDLIFE WORKGROUP CALL TO FEATURE UPDATES ON HABITAT-MODELING PROJECTS

Please note that the next Wildlife Workgroup call has been rescheduled for July 15, 2:30-4pm ET. This call will feature updates from two U.S. Department of Energy-funded projects related to habitat modeling and wind power. Pandion Systems will present on their project, "A Habitat-Based Wind-Wildlife Risk Tool With Application to the Upper Great Plains Region: Collisions and Habitat Displacement." ICF International (formerly ICF Jones and Stokes) will present on their project, "An Analytical Impact Assessment Framework for Wildlife to Inform the Siting and Permitting of Wind Energy Facilities."

### DON'T MISS THE NWCC WILDLIFE WORKGROUP FACT SHEET, "WIND TURBINE INTERACTIONS WITH BIRDS, BATS, AND THEIR HABITATS: A SUMMARY OF RESEARCH RESULTS AND PRIORITY QUESTIONS"

On June 2, NWCC Wildlife Workgroup released the fact sheet, "Wind Turbine Interactions with Birds, Bats, and their Habitats: A Summary of Research Results and Priority Questions." To visit the website and download the fact sheet, click [here](#). The fact sheet summarizes what is known about bird and bat interactions with land-based wind power in North America, including habitat impacts, and what key questions and knowledge gaps remain.

### PLANNING FOR THE WIND WILDLIFE RESEARCH MEETING VIII CONTINUES

We would like to recognize our current cosponsors:

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Thank you for your support!

Registration for the Eighth Wind Wildlife Research Meeting, October 19-21, 2010, is now open. To register, please visit the meeting website [here](#).

A limited number of fee-waivers will be available for those unable to pay the registration fees. If you will require a fee-waiver to attend the meeting, please contact Lauren Flinn at [lflinn@resolv.org](mailto:lflinn@resolv.org).

Abstracts for presentations at the meeting are being scored by a panel of experts. Based on the recommendations of the review panel, the Planning Committee will develop the meeting agenda in July and August. The planning committee will notify authors of acceptance by mid- to late-July.

### NWCC TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL GUIDANCE TO THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

NWCC staff will participate in a technical experts meeting to assist the APA with developing a guidebook, Community Planning Strategies for Successful Wind Energy Implementation. The guidebook will provide planners with information, analyses, and tools to help integrate wind energy development into the community planning process at the municipal, county, and regional levels.

NWCC staff and experts will work with APA's research staff to scope out the guidebook, which will involve discussions about the intended audience, the principles the manual should promote, and examples of how to address wind energy development in local plans and ordinances. Case study candidates will be identified and an outline for the guidebook developed.

## TRANSMISSION

### NWCC HOSTS DIALOGUE ON TRANSMISSION PLANNING MEASURES

On June 22, the NWCC hosted a dialogue of experts to draft a straw-proposal for National Transmission Planning Measures. The objective of the Measures is to provide transmission planners and regulators with the tools to address larger concerns beyond reliability and congestion as part of the planning process. The Measures support a smart, reliable, secure electric grid that facilitates a clean energy economy, enhances national security and prosperity, and minimizes environmental impacts.

### NWCC CO-HOSTS TRANSMISSION POLICY INSTITUTE FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

State lawmakers from around the country met in Denver, Colorado on June 16-17 for the Transmission Policy Institute, co-hosted by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the NWCC. Public utility commissioners, U.S. Departments of Energy and Interior, and other experts provided participants with foundational knowledge of the technical aspects of transmission planning, siting, cost allocation, energy integration, and smart grid technologies. A summary of the meeting will be available on the NWCC website in July.

### NWCC WESTERN RENEWABLES WORKING GROUP AGREES ON SCOPE OF WORK

The Western Renewables Working Group convened by teleconference on June 11 to discuss a draft scope of work developed at the Increasing Renewables in the Western Grid meeting held at NREL on May 11. The group will focus on researching cost allocation methodologies in place in the East, Midwest, Southwest Power Pool, and other regions that may be applicable in the West and creating a matrix of all relevant transmission and renewables activities in the West.

### JUNE TRANSMISSION WORKGROUP CALL FEATURES DISCUSSION OF TRANSMISSION PLANNING IN THE EAST

The June Transmission Workgroup call featured an update on the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) Stakeholder Steering Committee selection process. The Stakeholder Steering Committee is a transparent, stakeholder driven, US Department of Energy funded transmission planning initiative in the Eastern Interconnection. Ms. Pinard, facilitator for the process noted that over 200 people registered on EIPC's website to vote for those who should be included on the six sector, eighteen person Committee that will guide and oversee the work of the EIPC. Ms. Pinard indicated that a large majority of those who registered to vote were located in the Southwest Power Pool, Midwest Independent System Operator, and PJM regions. Since the call voters have chosen the Stakeholder Steering Committee members and the group has formed. The Committee also includes members of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council. For more information, click [here](#).

Call participants also received updates on the Utility Wind Integration Group Solar Integration Group and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's 2010 Summer Reliability Assessment. A summary of the call will be on the NWCC website in the coming days. To receive updates on the Transmission Workgroup, click [here](#).



#### JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

NWCC Wildlife Workgroup Call

Thursday, June 15, 2:30-4:00 Eastern

NWCC Steering Committee Call

Thursday, July 29, 1:00-2:00 Eastern

#### AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

NWCC Transmission Update Briefing

Tuesday, August 17, 1:00-2:00 Eastern

NWCC Steering Committee Call

Thursday, August 26, 1:00-2:00 Eastern

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