

# NATIONAL WIND COORDINATING COLLABORATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

March 3, 2009

## Dates To Remember

**New NWCC Outreach Coordinator James Damon** – NWCC staff are pleased to announce that James Damon, formerly of the Ohio Wind Working Group, has joined the NWCC team. Going forward, James will serve as NWCC Outreach Coordinator and will staff the NWCC Steering Committee and Transmission Workgroup. Taylor Kennedy, NWCC Associate, will continue her work with the Wildlife Workgroup and the Environmental Benefits & Costs Workgroup, and Abby Arnold will continue in her role as senior manager and facilitator of the NWCC. James can be reached at [jdamon@resolv.org](mailto:jdamon@resolv.org) or (202) 965-6383.

**March 10 Renewable Initiatives Forum co-sponsored by NWCC** – The NWCC, the American Wind Energy Association, Biomass Power Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, Western Area Power Administration, National Hydropower Association and others to convene a March 10<sup>th</sup> Renewable Initiatives Forum in Washington, DC. The afternoon will be dedicated to round table discussions and presentations where participants will identify their respective organization's top initiatives to address implementation challenges and needed activities from other sectors to enable coordination and collaboration that is necessary to achieve the new administration's ambitious goal of doubling renewables within the next three years. Registration for this meeting has reached capacity. To be placed on the waiting list, please click [here](#).

**March 11 NWCC Business Meeting # 40** - The NWCC Steering Committee and other observers will meet on March 11 in Washington, DC to incorporate appropriate next steps identified at the forum into the NWCC work plan. The NWCC Business Meeting is open to the public, although Steering Committee members will have priority for registration.

**Next Wildlife Workgroup Call Rescheduled for April 1** – The second Wildlife Workgroup call of the year, originally scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, April 1, at 2:30pm Eastern** (1:30pm Central, 12:30pm

### NWCC CONFERENCE CALLS

*Co-sponsored by NWCC, WAPA, and Others: 20% Wind Energy by 2030 Webinar – Thursday, March 12, 3:00 – 5:00 pm ET*

*Transmission Workgroup call – Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 pm ET*

*Steering Committee call – March 26 call to be rescheduled for April 9, 12:00 pm ET*

*Wildlife Workgroup call – Wednesday, April 1, 2:30 pm ET*

### NWCC EVENTS

*Renewable Initiatives Forum – March 10 (half day), Washington, DC. Registration now closed; wait list available.)*

Mountain, 11:30am Pacific).

**20% Wind Energy by 2030: Challenges & Opportunities Webinar** – The fourth in the series of webinars co-sponsored by WAPA, NWCC and other organizations is scheduled for Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Eastern (2pm Central, 1pm Mountain, 12pm Pacific.) This webinar will feature speakers from consumer-owned utilities in a discussion about the challenges and opportunities associated with generating 20% of the nation's electric supply with wind energy by 2030 . To participate in this webinar, please contact Ryan Harry, BCS, Inc., at [rharry@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rharry@bcs-hq.com).

**AWEA Wind and Transmission Workshop** – On March 17 – 18 in Overland Park, Kansas, the [AWEA Wind & Transmission Workshop](#) will bring together the leading experts on transmission issues to discuss the latest developments in the field and the most pressing issues confronting wind power. For more information, an agenda, and registration, please visit <http://www.awea.org/events/transmission09/>.

## NWCC WORKGROUP UPDATES

### Wildlife:

**On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Grassland Shrub Steppe Species Collaborative (GS3C)** received an annual report from Kansas State University on KSU's study on wind and Greater Prairie Chickens and agreed to begin fundraising for a fifth year of the study.. The group also agreed to form a secondary group focusing on wind energy and sage grouse.

***Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VII proceedings – Coming Soon:*** Proceedings from *Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VII* summarizing over 22 presentations on recent wind and wildlife research will be available late this month. Stay tuned for a publication announcement.

**Wind/Wildlife Activities & Events Table** –The NWCC wind power / wildlife studies, activities, and events table has been updated and is available [online](#). Please send information on wind / wildlife meetings, studies, or publications to Taylor Kennedy at [tkennedy@resolv.org](mailto:tkennedy@resolv.org) for inclusion in this table and the [NWCC calendar](#).

*NWCC Business Meeting #40– March 11, Washington, DC*

### **MAGIC MOMENTS**

Updated Calendar of Events: [click here](#)

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## **Transmission:**

**Layperson's Guide to Wind Integration** – The draft *Layperson's Guide* has been completed and disseminated to the review committee for comment – stay tuned for more information

**Transmission Updates** – The brief from the <sup>February 27<sup>th</sup></sup> NWCC Transmission Update featuring the WECC TEPPC Study Results and information on the Texas PUC CREZ plan will be completed, circulated and posted on the [NWCC website](#). Soon. Planning for the next Transmission Update, scheduled for **April 21 at 1:00 pm Eastern** (12:00 central, 11:00 mountain, 10:00 pacific) is underway – stay tuned for more information.

**Transmission Workgroup** – The NWCC is continuing to explore the feasibility of holding a national meeting focused on cross-regional transmission implementation issues, perhaps in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and anticipates the March 10<sup>th</sup> forum will provide further guidance for the idea. The next Transmission Workgroup call, previously scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>, will be rescheduled due to conflicts; please keep an eye out for rescheduling emails.

**Midwest** – A Midwest Transmission Planning Committee met by conference call to discuss role of the Midwest in NWCC activities in 2009. Planners felt the region's needs would best be met by Midwestern leaders taking part in the larger, cross-regional meeting suggested by the Transmission Workgroup.