National Wind Coordinating Collaborative
Wildlife Workgroup Core Group & Associate Members

Background:

The NWCC Wildlife Workgroup decided at its meeting on May 5, 2005 to create a Core Group consisting of 2-3 representatives from each of the sectors represented in the Workgroup. The intent is to add structure and continuity to the Workgroup, given the fluctuations in participation in the Wildlife Workgroup conference calls, meetings, and workshops.

The formation of this Core Group does not preclude participation by any interested party in the Wildlife Workgroup. Participation in Wildlife Workgroup meetings, activities, and decision making processes will still be open to any and all interested individuals, but the decision to participate will be voluntary for those outside the Core Group and will be expected for Core Group participants. This proposal merely assures the creation of a consistent, committed Core Group, as well as subcommittees who focus on specific projects. *All NWCC groundrules apply to the Core Group, as they do to all activities of the NWCC.*

Core Group:

Members

The Core Group will consist of 2-3 representatives from each sector represented in the Workgroup. Core Group Members commit to the same groundrules as NWCC Members. As with the NWCC, Core Group membership is to be representative of all Wildlife Workgroup stakeholders to ensure balance and adherence to the NWCC mission/vision.

NWCC Members are responsible for updating individuals and organizations in their sector about NWCC activities and products. Members are responsible for bringing the views and interests of their constituent groups to the Committee process and informing their constituents of major activities and Committee resolutions. However, members are free to voice their individual viewpoints when identified as such.

> Alternates. Designated alternates for an individual member will be allowed. If a member is unable to attend a meeting he or she will make their views on the agenda known to an alternate, another member, or to the facilitator. It is the responsibility of both the alternate and the committee members to keep their alternates informed of NWCC activities and decisions.
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> Member Withdrawal. If a member wishes to withdraw from the Core Group, he or she is requested to give the group his or her reasons for withdrawing. The interest group sector will decide at the time a member withdraws whether to replace that member or not.

Sectors to be represented in the Core Group include:

- Environmental Protection Organizations
- Conservation Organizations
- Federal Agencies, nationally and by region
- State Governments and Agencies by region
- Tribal Government
- Utilities and Utility Regulators

- Wind Industry

Chair

The Members of the group will nominate a Chair, whose role is to assist with process issues, be available to the NWCC staff, or workgroup Members to problem solve. The Chair will also represent the Core Group on the NWCC Steering Committee. The Chair will not represent the Core Group in inquiries from the press, see Confidentiality, below.

See the NWCC website for a complete list of Core Group members and alternates.

Associate Members

Wildlife Workgroup participants not on the Core Group are considered Associate Members. According to the NWCC Groundrules, Associate Members are: stakeholders interested in specific NWCC topics or projects, but who do not assume all the responsibilities of Core Group Members. Associate Members are notified of specific workgroup or meeting planning groups in which they have shown a specific interest. These individuals may be involved in the planning of workshops and development of publications relevant to that interest area.

Associate Members will be consulted for consensus agreement on products or documents at the Workgroup level, but they are not involved in consensus decision making at the Core Group level. Associate Members may comment on Core Group activities and products. Associate Members may also participate in the Technical Advisory Committee referenced below.

Interested Parties

Non-members of the Wildlife Workgroup may want to become involved in the Workgroup if there is a specific topic or project that interests them; these individuals, considered Interested Parties, are welcome provided they comply with NWCC meeting protocols and general groundrules. Interested Parties are notified of upcoming NWCC plans including meetings, workshops, and publications of the Subgroup(s) they have requested. Interested Parties may also participate in the Technical Advisory Committee referenced below.

Decision Making

Members of the Core Group will adopt the NWCC groundrules for Workgroups.

The Core Group will operate by a consensus (all can live with) approach. If the group cannot reach consensus on a particular issue, the disagreement will be so noted. The Core Group will elevate the issue to the NWCC Steering Committee, which will report to the full NWCC. The Core Group is not authorized to make decisions for the Steering Committee or NWCC.

Core Group representatives, as with all participants in the NWCC, are expected to work towards positive resolution of disputes and contribute to constructive results.

Confidentiality

Others' Positions. No party will characterize the position of any other party in public statements or in discussions with the press, even if that party withdraws from the NWCC. If approached by the press, each Member will speak on behalf of their organization, but not on behalf of the Core Group.

Meeting summaries will be prepared by a RESOLVE facilitator after each conference call, meeting and or workshop. The meeting summaries will serve as a means of characterizing the business conducted at each meeting. The final meeting summaries will be made available to the public via the NWCC website. Meeting participants will not attribute discussion to any one individual, organization, or sector.

Unilateral Action

Members will make a good faith effort to keep other Workgroup members informed in advance about major activities within their sector that may affect other sector interests or the Workgroup's actions.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will serve as the primary technical resource to the Core Group. Examples of work the TAC or representatives on the TAC may engage in include, but are not limited to: review of research, recommendations on technical issues, monitoring methodologies, research proposals, writing reports and manuscripts that are developed for the Wildlife Workgroup or those requested by or submitted to the Wildlife Workgroup. TAC representatives may be Associate Members or Interested Parties as defined above.

At the discretion of the Core Group and/or TAC, additional experts may be solicited to draft or review Wildlife Workgroup project proposals or products, or other activities as identified by the Wildlife Workgroup. Additionally, at times the TAC may recommend a "formal peer or expert" review process be initiated to ensure integrity and legitimacy of all Wildlife Workgroup products. More specific guidelines for TAC formation, conduct and protocol may be developed at a future date by the Core Group members.

See Appendix 1 for a list of individuals who have volunteered to share their expertise, as requested, for the TAC.

Appendix 1

List of Available Technical Advisors

(Either self-nominated or nominated by others)

Dick Anderson, California Energy Commission (retired)
Ed Arnett, Bat Conservation International
Clait Braun, Grouse Inc.
Wally Erickson, Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc.
Adam Kelly, Detect, Inc.
Paul Kerlinger, Curry and Kerlinger
Ron Larkin, Illinois Natural History Survey
Todd Mabee, ABR
Michael Morrison, Texas A&M University
Jim Newman, Pandion Systems
Shawn Smallwood, BRC
Dale Strickland, Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc.
Carl Thelander, BioResource Consultants
Greg Turner, Pennsylvania Game Commission
Terry Yonker, Marine Services Diversified, LLC