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Wind Wildlife Research Meeting XI

Nov 29 - Dec 2, 2016

Broomfield, CO

Call for Abstracts

Submission Deadline: **Friday, June 10**

Context

The siting and operation of wind energy continues to expand in the U.S. and around the world. The science, policy, and technology of wind energy's interactions with wildlife and wildlife habitats are also expanding at a rapid pace, including:

- 1) the release of new rules, operational requirements, permit programs, and conservation guidance for birds and bats;
- 2) advances in technology to assess wildlife activity and impacts (e.g., drones) and to minimize those impacts (e.g., detection and deterrent technologies);
- 3) an increase in data availability, promoting meta-analysis, synthesis, and identification of patterns and mechanisms of impact;
- 4) the growth of collaborations that coordinate research or that focus on key species groups; and
- 5) continued research to assess potential risk and impacts of offshore wind development to wildlife.

In this exciting context, the American Wind Wildlife Institute (AWWI) releases this call for abstracts for oral presentations, panels, and posters to be presented at the 11th biennial National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC) [Wind Wildlife Research Meeting](#). Scheduled for November 29 – December 2, 2016, in Broomfield, Colorado, this meeting provides an internationally recognized forum for researchers and wind-wildlife stakeholders to hear contributed papers, view research posters, and listen to panels that synthesize the most recent wildlife research related to wind energy.

This meeting is organized and presented by AWWI and chaired by Dr. Taber Allison, AWWI's Director of Research and Evaluation.¹ AWWI plans the meeting with input from NWCC participants and attendance is open to all those interested in wind-wildlife issues.

¹ [AWWI](#) is an independent 501(c)3 entity created and sustained by a unique collaboration of leaders in the wind industry, wildlife management agencies, and science and environmental organizations who collaborate on a shared mission: to facilitate timely and responsible development of wind energy while protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat. The NWCC is a consensus-based collaborative facilitated by AWWI and co-funded by AWWI and the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind and Water Technologies Program through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Topics of Interest

This call for abstracts solicits proposals for oral presentations, panels, and posters on all scientific research related to evaluating and managing the interactions of wind energy and wildlife. Submissions should focus on the application of results to wind energy development and wildlife conservation. Priority for oral presentations will be given to abstracts describing research or analyses that have broad applicability, that have not been reported prior to the meeting, or that have been conducted since the 2014 Wind Wildlife Research Meeting.

General areas of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Assessing direct and indirect effects on wildlife and their habitats at land-based and offshore wind energy facilities
- Evaluating novel approaches (e.g., conceptual, methodological, technological) to avoiding, minimizing, and assessing impacts of wind energy on birds, bats, and other wildlife
- Testing the efficacy of efforts intended to minimize or compensate for impacts to species from wind energy development
- Considering the effects of wind energy development in the larger context of our energy choices and their significance to wildlife
- Wind-wildlife studies that have potential application across political borders

Presentation Opportunities

This meeting will offer multiple presentation formats:

- **Oral Presentations:** Standard audio/visual equipment will be provided.
 - **Individual Presentations** will be ~15 minutes in length with additional time given for questions. For multi-author abstracts, only one presenter will be allowed to give the presentation and be acknowledged in the final program. Co-authors will be listed on the meeting website and proceedings.
 - **Panel Sessions** may include individual presentations of up to 15 minutes in length. The total length of the panel may be 60-90 minutes and must include time allotted for discussion and Q&A. Specific times will be determined based on the final meeting program. If you are considering organizing a panel, please contact AWWI at wwrm@awwi.org for instruction.
- **Poster Presentations:** Poster presentations are a critical part of the overall conference program and are featured prominently as a unique way to convey research results and encourage discussion. Poster presentations will be highlighted on the meeting agenda, featured during designated poster sessions, and have abstracts included in the meeting proceedings.

As in past meetings, space for oral presentations will be limited, and this year's meeting will continue to focus on comprehensive analyses and syntheses of key topics.

Submission Instructions

Submissions for oral and poster presentations should include, at a minimum, the following information:

- Presentation title
- Author(s), including affiliation(s) and email address(es)
- Abstract (500-word maximum) including;
 - Research motivations and objectives, including hypotheses being tested
 - Research setting
 - Methodology, statistical analyses, timeframe, and range of applicability/scope of inference
 - Brief summary of results, indicating whether they are preliminary or final
 - Management implications of the findings

Submission Deadline: Submissions will be accepted until **11:59 pm Eastern Time on Friday June 10, 2016.**

Submission Process:

- For **oral presentations or posters** please visit <https://wwrm2016.exordo.com> and follow the instructions provided to submit abstracts. Once you've logged in, click "Submit a Paper" at the top of the screen to get started.
- For **panel submissions**, please contact AWWI directly at wwrm@awwi.org for instructions.

Late Abstracts: Submissions received after the deadline will be reviewed and accepted based on available space within the meeting agenda.

Abstract Review and Selection Process:

Submissions are not guaranteed acceptance for presentation at the meeting. Selection of abstracts will be conducted based on multiple, anonymous expert reviews, adherence to meeting themes, and time-slot availability. Criteria for abstract selection and agenda development can be found in the Appendix.

The review and selection process will follow the following approximate timeline:

- **June 10:** Abstracts Due
- **June - July:** Abstract Review
- **August:** Submitters Notified of Abstract Selection
- **September:** Draft Agenda Released

Questions? Please contact AWWI at wwrm@awwi.org or 202-448-8779.

Appendix:

Criteria for Abstract Selection and Development of Agenda Wind Wildlife Research Meeting

***Note:** These criteria are general guidelines used to develop the agenda and select presentations and posters; not all criteria may apply to all abstracts chosen. Additional reasoning may be used to make decisions about specific abstracts (e.g., outside topic in Call for Abstracts but cutting edge and determined to likely be of high interest to meeting attendees). Questions posed to abstract reviewers are based closely on these criteria.*

Criteria for Oral Presentations

Note: individual presenters will not be selected for more than one presentation at the meeting

- Furthers understanding of wind energy's impacts to wildlife and their habitats
- Demonstrates strong technical merit (e.g., innovative study design, proper use of statistics, complete data set, reported results, conclusions appropriately reached, meets scientific rigor)
- Presents results/conclusions rather than preliminary information
- Focuses on management implications and providing solutions
- Presents a new or creative way of looking at an existing problem
- Receives positive feedback and/or high scores from reviewers based on adherence to these criteria
- Addresses topics in the Call for Abstracts

Criteria for Poster Presentations

- Presents data-heavy results better displayed in poster format
- Describes site-specific research not necessarily applicable in a broader sense or cutting edge (e.g., fatality monitoring study at an individual wind energy project)
- Focuses on studies/projects presented at previous meeting without significantly new conclusions
- Receives scores and comments from reviewers indicating topic is better suited to a poster
- Addresses topics not listed in Call for Abstracts/doesn't fit into agenda with given space

Criteria for Rejection

- Not related to wind-wildlife research or management (e.g., focused strictly on policy)
- Conclusions not clearly supported by study design and results