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Meeting dates: November 7-8, 2008

Agenda item # 11 ⁶ Status of WDFW Wind Power Guidelines Update - Briefing

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Background:

WDFW developed Wind Power Guidelines in August of 2003. At that time, a commitment was made to revisit the document in 5 years to update the guidance as needed and report back to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on the results. The update of the guidance document was initiated in April of 2008 and is on schedule to be completed by the end of December 2008.

A work group of stakeholders was identified to participate in the update to include Tribal representatives, environmental interests (Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, etc.), wind industry representatives, staff of other government agencies, other local interested parties, and WDFW staff.

The "Wind Power Guidelines" document is a non-regulatory guidance document that is intended to describe potential wind power development impacts on Washington's natural resources and their habitats, while providing guidance to avoid, minimize and ultimately mitigate for these impacts.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

N/A – Providing status update briefing

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Stakeholders from several interested entities with wind energy and wildlife expertise.

Action requested:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A– Providing status update briefing
