



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Planning Update #3 Windpower Guidelines

The stakeholder group met twice over the summer on August 13th and September 23rd at the Washington Farm Bureau Office in Lacey. The August meeting was a discussion of the Wind Power Guidelines draft developed from the previous stakeholder and subcommittee meetings that included general comments and suggestions without any substantive re-formatting. The September meeting included a productive discussion of “Key Issues” identified by Environmental and Industry stakeholders.



The September meeting focused on the following issues: Voluntary nature of the guidelines, Role of the technical advisory committee (TAC), Research oriented studies, Cumulative impacts, Migratory flyway, and Statewide guidelines.

A “drafting team” was created to develop language for these six issues. The “drafting team” members are:

Bill Robinson (TNC) - Environment
Nicole Hughes (RES) - Industry
Dave McClure (Klickitat) – County
Travis Nelson (WDFW) – Agency



The “drafting team” will develop the next draft of the guidelines that will incorporate ideas, comments, and “key issues” from the August and September meetings.

Common issues of concern between the Environmental and Industry representatives were related to the following categories: Technical advisory committee (TAC), Cumulative impacts, Operational monitoring, and Adaptive management procedures and Turbine curtailment. All of these issues have yet to be discussed completely.

The next Wind Power Guidelines Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 15th at the WDFW Headquarters in Olympia, WA at the Natural Resources Building.

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