



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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### *Planning Update #2 Windpower Guidelines*

The third “Windpower Guidelines Update” stakeholder meeting was held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Puget Sound Energy’s Wild Horse Wind Facility in Ellensburg, WA. This meeting featured guest speakers presenting on topics relevant to resource impacts and wind power development in Washington. The presentations were followed by a sub-committee working session to discuss revisions related to Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the existing Windpower Guidelines. The meeting also included a tour of the Wild Horse Facility.

Featured presentations:

***Resource Mapping Tools*** (Jennifer Hayes, WDFW) highlighted the various databases available to view and collect natural resources information.

***Eco-Regional Assessment Cumulative Effects*** (Betsy Bloomfield, TNC) illustrated the variables and applications for a model to assist in the evaluation of resource impacts.

***Cumulative Effects*** (Wally Erickson, West, Inc.) provided a national and regional perspective on avian mortality at wind energy facilities.

***The Wild Horse Story*** (Jennifer Diaz, PSE) chronicled the process and efforts for natural resource management at Wild Horse.

Ongoing efforts to discuss and implement stakeholder revisions into the revised “*DRAFTS*” of the guidelines are occurring through sub-committee meetings off-line through conference calls and e-mails.



The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> in Lacey. At the top of the list to discuss will be the current draft of the guidelines. This draft incorporates information from the meetings in Moxee and Snoqualmie, as well as information from the subcommittee meetings.



Look for *Planning Update #3* in September 2008.