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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee; Announcement of Public Teleconference and Webcast

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public teleconference and Webcast.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), will host an optional Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting via Webcast and teleconference, on March 13, 2009. This meeting is open to the public but will be limited to 75 public participants. The meeting agenda will include a briefing by the Synthesis Subcommittee to the full Committee on the latest draft Recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior.

DATES: *Meeting:* The meeting will take place on March 13, 2009, from 12 to 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

Pre-meeting Public Registration: If you are a member of the public wishing to participate in the March 13, 2009, meeting, you must register online by March 6, 2009 (see "Meeting Participation Information" in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel London, Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, (703) 358-2161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 13, 2007, the Department of the Interior (Interior) published a notice of establishment of the Committee and call for nominations in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 11373). The Committee's purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on developing effective measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats related to land-based wind energy facilities. Committee is expected to exist for 2 years. Its continuation is subject to biennial renewal. The Committee meets approximately four

times per year, and all Committee members serve without compensation.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), a copy of the Committee's charter has been filed with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration; Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate; Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives; and the Library of Congress. The Secretary appointed 22 individuals to the Committee on October 24, 2007, representing the varied interests associated with wind energy development and its potential impacts to wildlife species and their habitats. We held five Committee meetings in 2008, and held a sixth meeting January 27-29, 2009. All Committee meetings are open to the public. The public has an opportunity to comment at all Committee meetings.

Meeting Participation Information

This meeting is open to the public and is limited to 75 registrants. Members of the public planning to participate must register at http://www.fws.gov/habitatconservation/windpower/wind_turbine_advisory_committee.html by close of business, March 6, 2009. Registrants will be provided with instructions for participation via e-mail. We will give preference to registrants based on date and time of registration.

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Rachel London,

Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee Alternate Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R5-R-2008-N0191; BAC 4311-K9]

Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, Sussex, NJ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability: final comprehensive conservation plan and finding of no significant impact for environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of our final comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the environmental assessment (EA) for Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge

(NWR) in Sussex County, New Jersey. In that final CCP, we describe how we will manage this refuge for the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: You may view or obtain copies of the final CCP and FONSI by any of the following methods. You may request a hard copy or CD-ROM.

Agency Web Site: Download a copy of the document(s) at <http://library.fws.gov/ccps.htm>.

E-mail: northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include the words "Wallkill River final CCP" in the subject line of your message.

U.S. Mail: Edward Henry, Refuge Manager, Wallkill River NWR, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, New Jersey 07461.

In-Person Viewing or Pickup: Call Wallkill River NWR at 973-702-7266 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, New Jersey. The final document is also available at the library listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Goldstein, Refuge Planner, by phone at 413-253-8564, or by electronic mail at Beth_Goldstein@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Wallkill River NWR. We started that process by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 30; February 16, 1999). For more information about the process, see that notice. We announced the release of the draft CCP/EA to the public and requested their comments in a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 23; February 4, 2008).

Congress established the Wallkill River NWR by law on November 16, 1990, (Section 107 of H.R. 3338; Public Law 101-593) with the following purposes: (1) To preserve and enhance the refuge's lands and waters in a manner that will conserve the natural diversity of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for present and future generations, (2) to conserve and enhance populations of fish, wildlife, and plants within the refuge, including populations of black ducks and other waterfowl, raptors, passerines, and marsh and water birds, (3) to protect and enhance the water quality of aquatic habitats within the refuge, (4) to fulfill international treaty obligation of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats, and (5) to provide opportunities for compatible scientific research, environmental education, and fish and wildlife-oriented recreation (104 Stat. 2955).