



## **Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Wind Subcommittee**

### **Mission Statement**

**To work cooperatively with public and private interests to protect fish and wildlife resources and their habitats during the exploration, development and production of wind energy.**

### **Subcommittee Charge**

- Focus on wind energy development/generation in North America and its impacts on fish and wildlife resources and their habitats at the state, province, territory, region and international levels.
- Consider landscape level impacts from wind energy development such as fragmentation in addition to direct species specific impacts.
- Provide a venue for States to share and access information on wind energy issues.
- Enhance relationships with and partner in activities with Federal, State, and Provincial Agencies, local governments, industry, universities, and NGO's such as the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC), Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA), Western Governors Association, and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners as it relates to regional, national, and international wind energy issues.
- Increase communications with stakeholders including the AWEA, US Department of Energy, the utility regulators and state energy offices or their representative associations or organizations.
- Engage in the development of wind energy policy in particular to ensure getting language related to fish and wildlife considerations in local, State, and Federal energy bills.
- Make policy recommendations to the Association in a timely manner, as indicated by federal actions, planning processes, etc.
- In coordination with the Energy and Wildlife Policy Committee, interact with other Association committees to strengthen policy recommendations that come forward to the full Association on inter-related issues and to work on topical issues that relate to specific committees such the development of landscape-scale bird and bat migration and distribution mapping and modeling.
- Identify the resources available for State Wildlife Agencies to engage on wind issues.

- Provide a forum for discussion on research priorities and needs and a conduit to communicate the information to other entities.