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Dear Reader:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge is considering placing three vertical axis wind turbines (VAWT) on refuge lands. VAWT are also known as Helical Savonius Vertical Axis turbines. The installation of wind turbines will help reduce the refuge's greenhouse gas emissions and save the federal government by decreasing utility costs.

One turbine is tentatively proposed at each of the following locations: Quarters 5 Headquarters Duplex, Quarters 1 and Quarters 2 (Figures 1 & 2). These turbines are approximately 60 feet above ground and will take up eight feet by eight feet of surface area on the ground (Figure 3).

The Service will evaluate the proposed wind turbine project through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance process. The NEPA process is designed to involve the public and gather and analyze the best available information before the Service makes a decision. We are currently in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the wind turbine project.

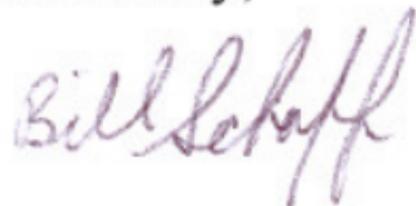
We are requesting input from federal and state agencies, local governments, private organizations, refuge users, and the public to help identify the issues associated with the proposed project. We will hold an Open House with information on the wind turbine project on Tuesday, November 17 from 7-9pm at the Inter-Agency Visitor Center in King Salmon. You can provide comments that evening or you can send your comments to the Refuge Manager. Your comments will be most useful if they are received by November 25, 2009. However, your comments will be accepted and reviewed up until the time the decisions on the projects are made. Please send your comments to:

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This is not the only opportunity you will have to comment on this project. When the EA has been prepared and distributed, you will have an opportunity to make further comments. If you would like to be kept informed about this project, please complete and return the attached "Interest Response Form" and you will be placed on the mailing list.

Thank you for your interest in this refuge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Schaff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Bill Schaff

Refuge Manager

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Enclosures