



September 2021

### **Announcements**

1. We will be hosting our **Annual Member's Meeting on November 3, 2021 from 4-6 PM (Eastern) at the TWS Annual Conference!** Meeting information will be sent to membership via email. A friendly reminder that you must be registered for the TWS Annual Conference to attend this Member's Meeting.
2. Election time! **Last call for candidate statements is September 10!** Please consider running for one of the following elected positions. Voting will take place electronically prior to our Annual Member's Meeting :
  - **President Elect** – (Need two candidates) This position serves one year as Chair-elect, then moves to Chair of the Working Group for two years, then serves one additional year as Past-chair. Responsibilities include leading the group during Executive Board and All Members meetings and coordinating with all committees.
  - **Member-at-Large** – (Need one additional candidate) This is a three-year term position. Responsibilities include participating in all Executive Board meetings and acting as a representative of the general membership.
  - **Secretary** – (Ballot Filled) This position serves a two-year term and is responsible for maintaining minutes of the Executive Board and All Members meetings, as well as the Annual meetings, and facilitates documentation on the REWG website.
3. The REWG will be presenting in the **TWS Webinar series on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM (EST)!** So keep an eye on your emails from us and TWS for more information about tuning in.
4. We are hosting an **open forum meeting on October 4, 2021!** This is an opportunity for anyone, not just TWS or REWG members, to learn about the working group, what we do, who we are, and ask questions! Meeting information will be sent to membership via email, posted on our webpage and on our LinkedIn. Please feel free to share this information with colleagues, classmates, friends, and family. Everyone is invited!
5. We are still seeking members to actively participate in various committees including:
  - **Communications** – responsible for all general communications of the REWG
  - **Operations** – responsible for elections, maintenance of the By-laws, and other operational needs of the REWG
  - **Fundraising/Sponsorship** – responsible for seeking funds/sponsorships needed for REWG purposes
  - **Conferences; Activities** – responsible for the development of conference associated activities
  - **Conservation Affairs** – responsible for identifying and addressing policy priorities within all sectors of renewable energy development, in conjunction with the Conservation Affairs Network (CAN) and TWS staff

Please email the REWG at our new email address below if you are interested in volunteering in any of these roles.

### **Research and News Highlights**

- A new study conducted by Oklahoma State University and USGS to determine potential effects to raptor populations due to wind turbine collisions [Risk mitigation study for raptor population collisions due to wind turbines](#)
- A study on large hydropower dam development impacts on freshwater fish species habitat fragmentation worldwide and river management planning and mitigation [Impacts of hydropower on habitat connectivity for freshwater fish species](#)



### **Upcoming Conferences**

- The International Journal of Hydropower and Dams HYDRO2021; Strasbourg, France; October 25 – 27: [HYDRO2021](#)
- Virginia Clean Energy Summit; Richmond, VA; October 18 – 19; [VA Clean Energy Summit](#)
- The Wildlife Society Annual Conference; Virtual; November 1-5, 2021: [TWS ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY](#)
- AWWI Solar Symposium; Virtual; December 1 – 3, 2021: [AWWI Solar Symposium](#)

### **Other News**

- National Audubon Society [Infrastructure Bill Provides Important Environmental Initiatives But Still More Is Needed](#)
- DOI [DOI announces environmental review of North Atlantic proposed wind facility](#)
- [Biofuel locations provide Monarch butterfly and other pollinator 'fueling stations'](#)
- [Global Sustainability Journal publishes study summarizing trade-offs between hydropower development and free-flowing river conservation](#)
- [Deaths of relocated desert tortoises due to solar facility development draws search for an exact cause](#)

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For Executive/Member meeting minutes, calendar of events, and other news, visit our official website [Renewable Energy Working Group - THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY](#)