

ATTACHMENT #1

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PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF A WILDLIFE HAZARDS WORKING GROUP

The FEIS Executive Summary states that the FAA... "Encourage(s) establishment of a Wildlife Hazards Working Group (WHWG) to facilitate communication, cooperation, and coordination between the Airport authority, the tenants and the community at large."

FEIS Section 2.9.3.4 states, "**The Airport Board, or CBJ Assembly, would be responsible for taking this recommendation and designating a WHWG, its membership, function and responsibilities.**"

Discussions at the Airport Board's retreat (October 25, 2007) indicated that the **function** of the WHWG should be to act as a technical advisory group to the Airport Board and Airport Manager. Although not discussed at the retreat, it would seem that the group's primary **goal** should be to promote airport safety by minimizing chances for interactions between wildlife and aircraft at JNU.

With respect to the group's **responsibilities**, retreat participants agreed that day to day wildlife management responsibilities will be overseen by the Airport Manager under terms of the existing Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP). The advisory group will have more of a deliberative and planning role. The FEIS states that the WHWG could make recommendations concerning changes in wildlife control activities to adapt to different conditions, seasons and wildlife hazards as well as proposed land use changes. Retreat participants suggested that this group be consulted for specific issues like habitat modifications resulting from proposed RSA and other construction activities, permitting, and interaction with other groups.

It was agreed that the group would be small (5 – 7 members) and would have an odd number of voting participants.

Proposed **membership** on the WHMG would include:

An airport board member who will chair the board. That person will convene meetings and develop agendas but will not vote on issues.

Voting members will include the following:

- A representative from the Mendenhall Citizen's Advisory Board
- A pilot or tenant
- Three people with Juneau-based experience in such areas as wetland ecology, fisheries biology, waterfowl research and management, eagle studies or similar skills.

Appointments to the WHWG will be made by the Chair of the Juneau Airport Board.

Interested citizens, tenants, and Airport staff should be encouraged to attend meetings.