

including habitat mapping and potentially mist-netting surveys are warranted. Additional study scope, methods, and objectives will be discussed with the NYSDEC and USFWS and implemented in 2007. Detailed habitat mapping for the species, with a focus on suitable trees/woodlots for maternal colonies, is recommended. The utility of mist-netting to confirm presence/absence of the species and likelihood of impacts based on relative density within the project area will be further evaluated in consultation with the agencies.

5.0 Ongoing Studies

Several of these studies at the St. Lawrence Windpower project area are ongoing. In spring 2007, the radar survey will resume for a 45-day period. Additional spring raptor surveys will be conducted to capture earlier migrants that may have been missed due to a late start in spring 2006. Other ongoing study components include winter raptor and waterfowl surveys and sensitive species surveys and habitat mapping. Results from this report and the ongoing studies will be compiled in a final report following completion of the field surveys in spring 2007. Results in this interim report should be considered preliminary at this time until the final analysis is complete.

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