

**Original Questions:**

1. Data to show the impacts on tourism and economic development. **See response to question N9.**
2. Are there studies that look at areas where tourism is a factor? **See response below.**
3. Do large wind projects (100+ turbines) negatively impact tourism? **See response to question J2.**
4. If a wind farm is placed in a mixed use resort/residential/agriculture/natural beauty area, what is the true potential for loss of existing resort and tourism economies in such an area? **See response to question J2.**
5. How will trout fishing and tourist activities be effected by large-scale turbines over designated trout streams and lakes? **See response below.**
6. Our economy is primarily tourist based and relies heavily on our natural and scenic landscapes. What guarantees will you provide that there will not be more jobs lost than those gained? **Project specific.**
7. How will tourism be measured if they are in place? What will bring someone to see 112 windmills? What's the draw? Will the hotels, motels, restaurants, party stores, police forces be ready for the influx of tourists? **Project specific. Comment not question, but see response to question J2.**
8. My concern is, given the importance of tourism to the region, that Duke Energy's enthusiasm to reap subsidies is not permitted to outrank the local considerations of a tourism-based economy. **Comment not question.**
9. We visit this area for about 5-6 months of the year and this will not be a pleasant place if these wind energy come to close to the area. We will need to find a more pleasant place to visit. **Comment not question.**

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**Questions and Responses:**

*These questions may have been re-categorized and reorganized. Some may have been sent to another "theme" area (this will have been explained in red under the "Original Questions" section). In other cases two or more questions will be answered with one response.*

**J2. Are there studies that look at areas where tourism is a factor?**

**Response:** There are multiple studies that have been undertaken regarding the observed and modeled impacts of wind farms on tourism. However, there have been no extensive studies over time of a wind farm on tourism. One study reports on a survey which asked Delaware beach visitors if offshore wind turbines would affect their vacationing habits, and the results indicate that more than 70% of people say that they would not change which beach they visited and more than 60% said they would be likely to visit a new beach in order to see the offshore wind farm. To read the study, see "The Effect of Wind Power Installations on Coastal Tourism" which can be found at [www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/3/1/1/](http://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/3/1/1/). A Scottish survey of tourists suggests that wind farms would have little impact on local tourism and an Australian report concludes the same. The Australian study can be found at: [www.windri.org/survey/references/tourism.pdf](http://www.windri.org/survey/references/tourism.pdf). While this body of work points to little impact on tourism, experiences are likely to vary place to place. It is important to note both Scotland and Australia already have many wind farms, so tourists have likely seen them more often than they have in the United States.

**J5. How will trout fishing and tourist activities be effected by large-scale turbines over designated trout streams and lakes?**

**Response:** There is no evidence that the presence of wind turbines will negatively affect the survival or health of fish in nearby lakes, streams and rivers. For more on the impacts of wind turbines on other forms of wildlife, see Theme B questions about wildlife. There is little evidence that fisherman will change their

travel habits due to the presence of wind turbines. See question J2 for more information on the affects of wind farms on tourism.