

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Please accept these comments regarding the FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Communication Towers and Birds, WT Docket No. 03-187. As a concerned citizen and a birdwatcher since childhood, I am saddened by the unnecessary deaths of millions of birds each year due to antenna tower structures.

The overwhelming evidence submitted to the FCC documents that the existing 90,000 antenna tower structures cause the death of millions of migratory birds, that these deaths are cumulatively significant for many birds, including Birds of Conservation Concern.

There are readily available techniques to prevent this needless and extensive loss of avian life. I urge the FCC to adopt these measures immediately, as outlined below.

- 1) New antennas should be co-located on existing structures, and if not, kept under 200' if possible
- 2) If lighting is required, only white or red strobe lighting should be used - use of steady-burning or slow-pulsing red lights should cease;
- 3) All existing towers using red steady-burning or slow-pulsing lights should be converted to white or red strobes; and
- 4) New towers under 500' should not use guy wires unless absolutely necessary

Please enforce these guidelines so that our migratory birds can migrate without being massacred--and millions of people can continue to enjoy their beauty.

Sincerely,