**Some Sample Reports on Turbines and Tourism**

Some locations are heavily dependent on tourism dollars and employment. Let’s use North Carolina’s *Crystal Coast* (Carteret County) as an example.

Most states list tourism related economics. In this case, the North Carolina Department of Commerce* says the 2016 figures for Carteret County are:

- **$352± million** in Tourism related revenue
- **3450± jobs** in Tourism related businesses
- **$37± million** in state and local tax revenues from travel to Carteret County. (This represents a $523 tax saving to each county resident.)

Almost all studies done by independent experts conclude that there will be Tourism business lost when industrial wind energy is introduced into a tourist area. Some play it down by saying that these loses are not “significant.”

The most detailed study to date, funded by the Scottish Government (a wind proponent) concluded that the annual losses would be from 2% to 6%. A decrease of 4% in the *Crystal Coast* tourism business would amount to:

- **$14± million** in Tourism related revenue lost annually, plus
- **138± Tourism jobs** lost annually

It seems that most people would consider those losses to be significant. And this is just one economic burden to the community (see WiseEnergy.org) — but this just by itself, would result in any locally proposed wind project being a NET LOSS. In other areas, the significance of the impact will vary.

**Here** is a collection of **200±** articles & reports on the effects on Tourism from industrial wind energy being nearby. Below is a sample of these studies:

1- *Wind Turbines and Tourism in Scotland* (2017)
2- “80% would Not Come Back” when turbines visible (2016: NCSU)
3- *The Impact of Wind Turbines on Tourism Demand* (2015)
4- *Offshore Wind in Southern Europe – Tourist Preference and Acceptance*
5- 66% say turbines make Scotland a less appealing place to visit (2014)
6- “Tourism Effect of Wind Turbines in Prince Edward County” (2012)
7- The impact of wind turbines on tourism – a literature review (2012)
8- *The Effect of Wind Power Installations on Coastal Tourism* (2010)
9- *Do wind farms affect tourism?* (2009: Quebec Government)
10- The Dorenell Wind Farm: Tourism Impacts & Implications (2010)
12- *Wind Turbines and Rural Tourism* (2003: VisitScotland)

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