

Local Government Comments

Preliminary Summary

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Local Government Comments

- Received comments from 27 local governments
 - Two from Region 1 (Allegan)
 - Three from Region 2 (Antrim and Charlevoix)
 - Thirteen from Region 3 (Benzie, Leelanau, and Manistee)
 - Nine from Region 4 (Thumb)
- Comments from local governments *outside* of the four regions not included

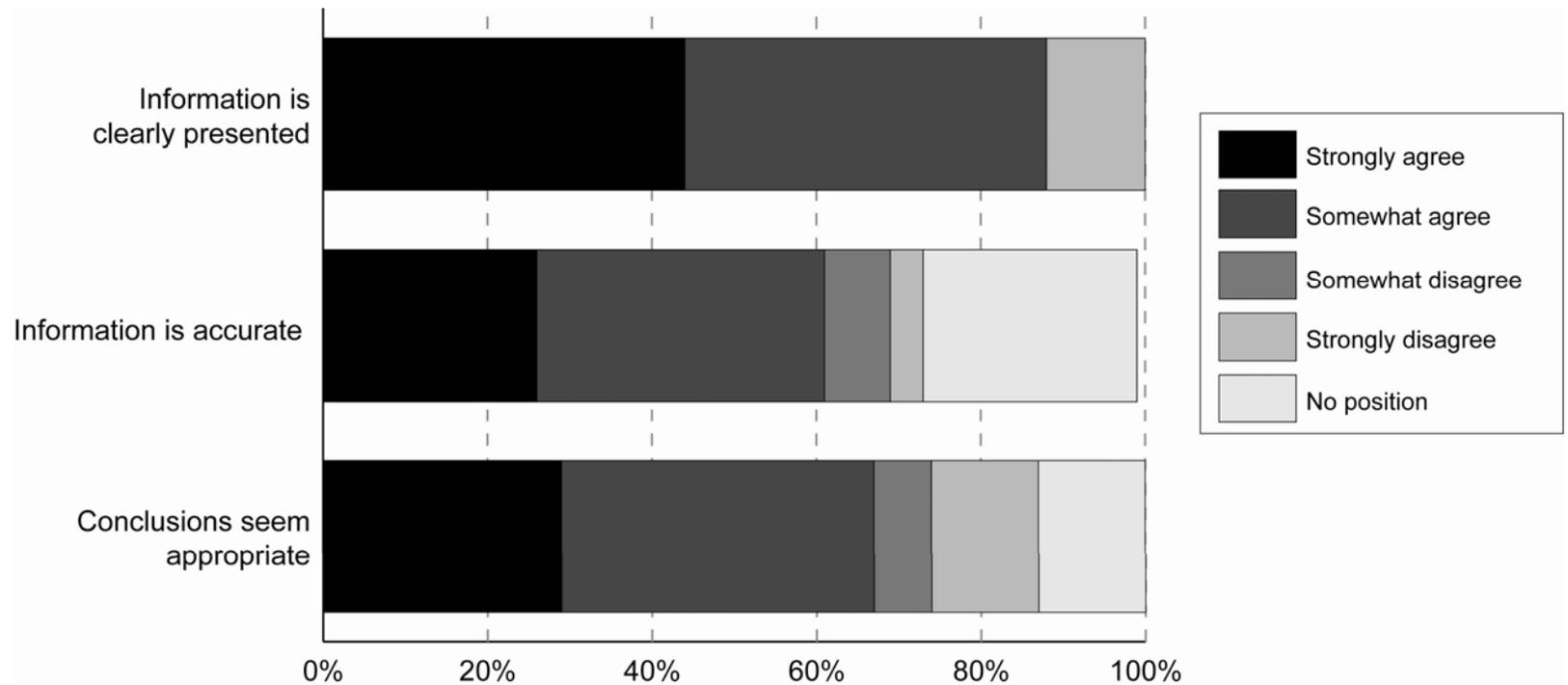
Comments from Local Governments in Each Region

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Fillmore Township	Charlevoix County	Benzie County	Fairgrove Township
Ganges Township	Hayes Township	Bingham Township	Hampton Chartered Township
	Norwood Township	Cleveland Township	Huron County Board of Commissioners
		Empire Township	Lake Township, Huron County
		Frankfort City Council	Merritt Township
		Glen Arbor Township	Paris Township, Huron County
		Lake Township, Benzie County	Saginaw County
		Leelanau County (Planning Commission)	Township of Caseville
		Leelanau Heritage Route(M-22) Committee	Township of Forester
		Leelanau Township	
		Leland Township	
		Platte Township	
		Village of Northport	

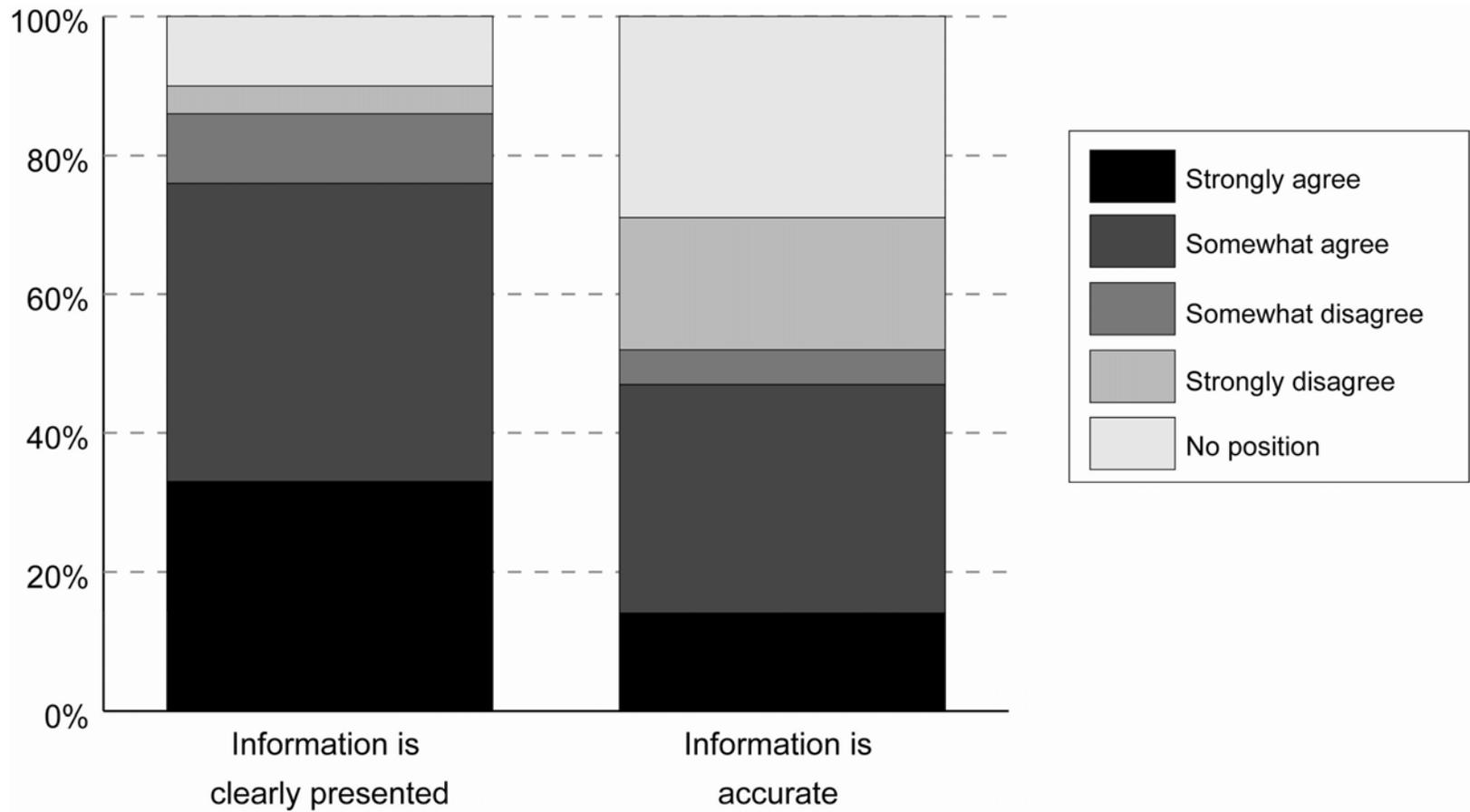
Overall Impressions

- Most positive in Thumb area
 - Economic opportunity
 - Not uniform position (e.g., Lake Township)
- Least positive in Leelanau/Sleeping Bear Dunes area
 - Commercial-scale wind development incompatible with existing or future uses
 - Treatment of Sleeping Bear Dunes and inland lakes
- Setbacks for homes prevalent concern
 - One mile or more recommended

Executive Summary



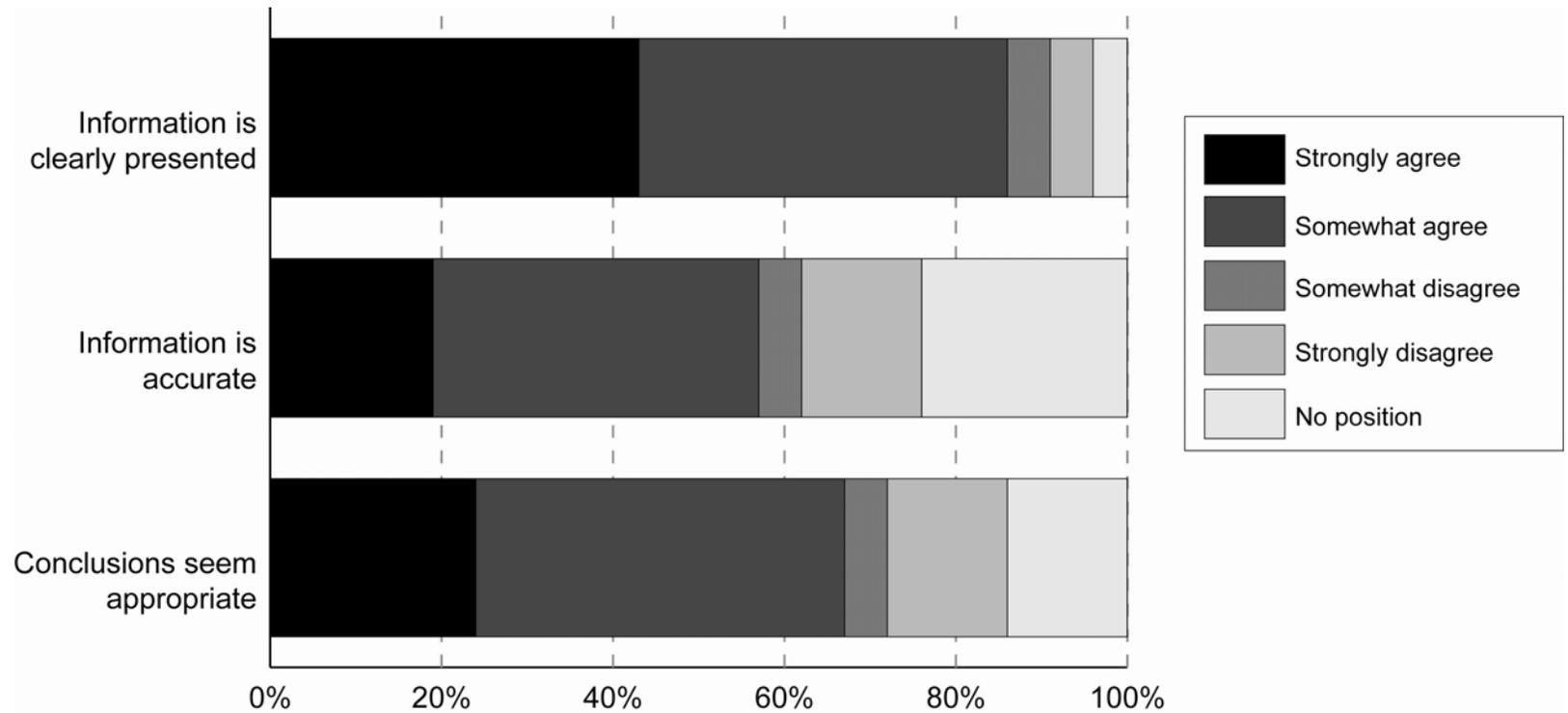
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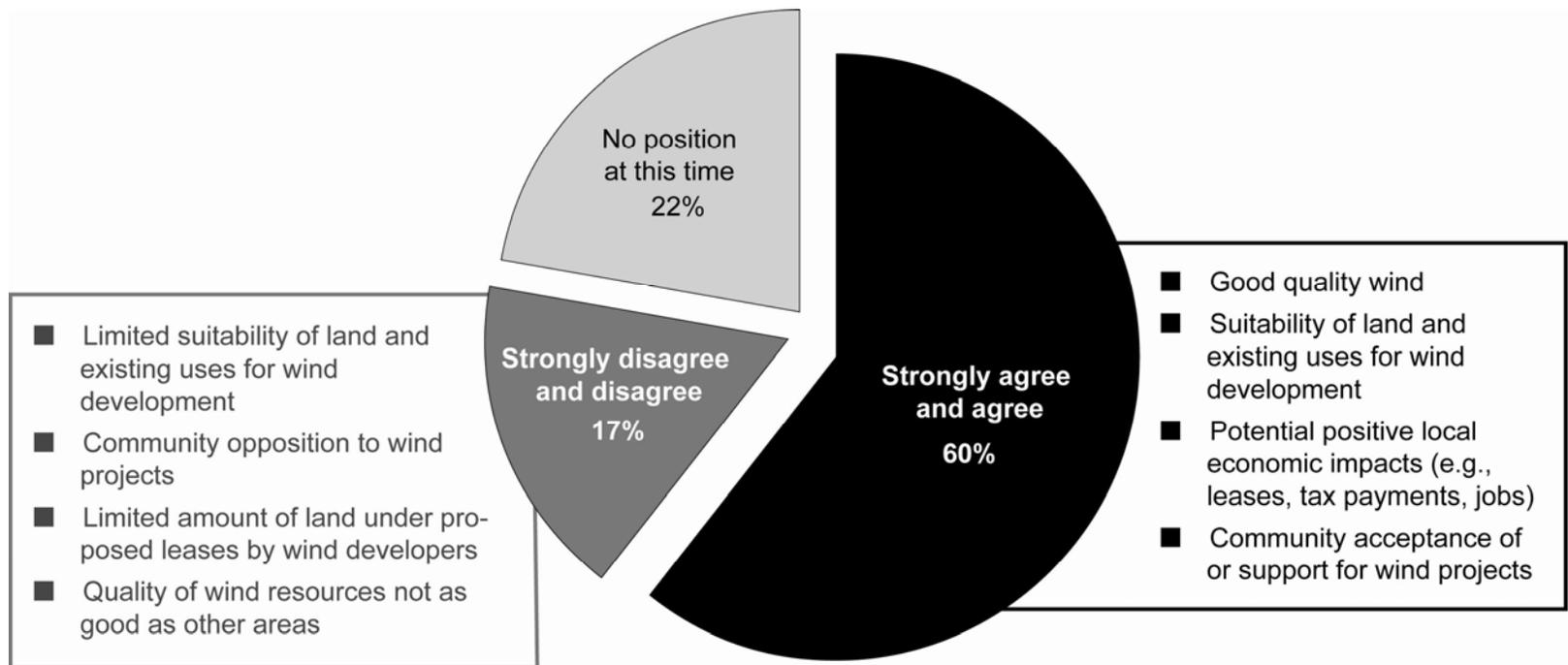
Key Concerns – Exclusion Criteria

- Airports – accuracy of data
- Home setbacks – expand to at least one mile
- Shoreline/USFWS guidelines
- Inland lakes – treat like shoreline
- Additional exclusion areas proposed
 - Mineral extraction zones
 - National parks (Sleeping Bear Dunes)
 - Private roads
 - State parks
- Not clear which exclusion areas actually excluded; need better maps

Findings Section



Selection of Regions

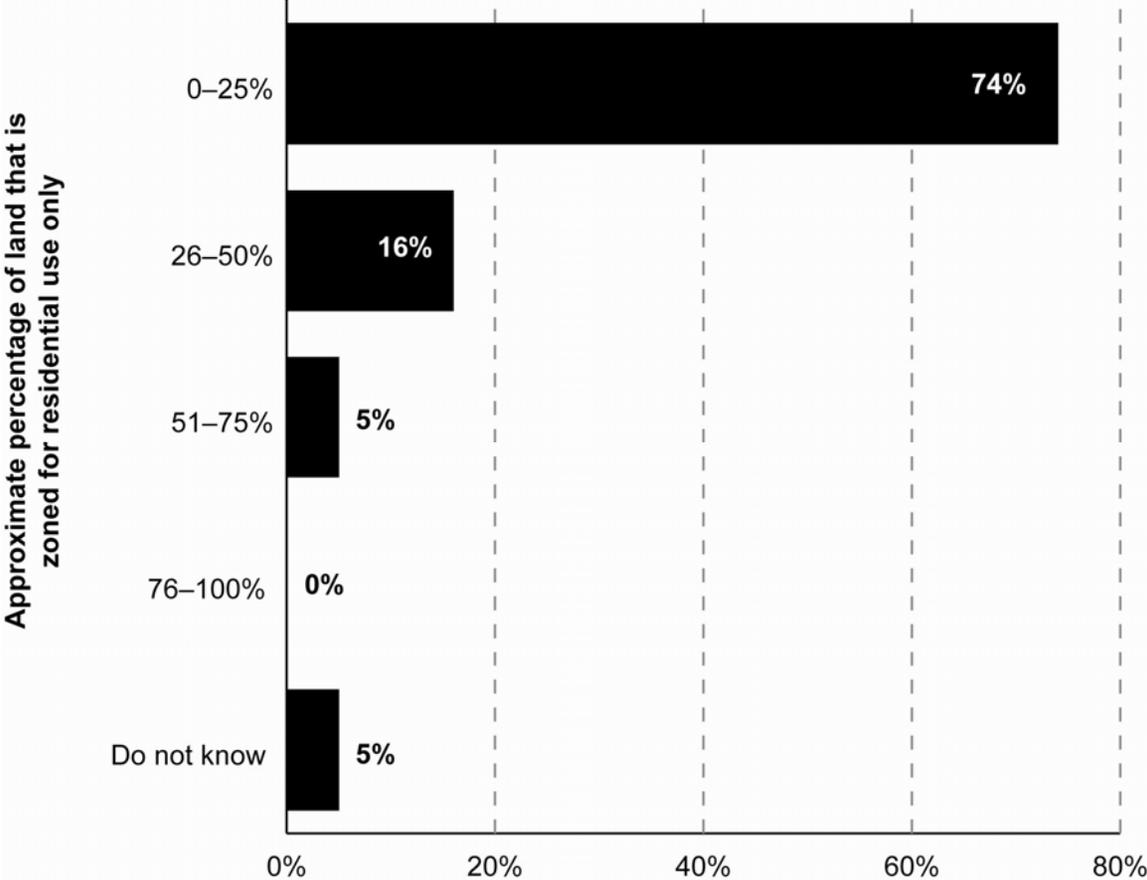


Public Sentiment in Community

Question 5: Public sentiment may affect the viability of wind as a commercial source of energy generation. How would you generally describe public sentiment related to wind energy development on land in your county, city, town, or village?

14%	Very positive [s1]
27	Positive
32	Undecided or neutral
5	Negative
0	Very negative
23	Do not know

Areas Zoned Residential



Local Ordinances

Question 7: Does your local unit of government have ordinances or requirements that may affect the land available for potential use by wind energy systems and the estimates of wind energy production potential in your area?

53%	Yes (please explain):
42	No
5	Do not know

Key Concerns

- Impacts on tourism, views, property values, etc., from utility-scale development
- Wildlife impact not considered
- Lack of electric transmission
- Development expectations for four regions too high
 - Spread out development among nine regions
- Zone designation – need standards and more information and analysis

Additional Comments

- Need better maps
 - Scale and resolution
 - Application of exclusion criteria
- Wind energy systems in service – update for Huron County
- Capacity vs. energy; TCL&P operates 10 percent of time
- Change meters to feet

Process-Related Concerns

- Board representation limited
- Comment period too short
- Request for hearing in Region 2/Charlevoix
 - Requested by Norwood Township
- Different deadlines for comments
 - August 4 vs. September 8

Next Steps

- Draft new section for final report
 - Describe comment and hearing process
 - Update “in region” local government data, if needed
 - Include public hearing comments
 - Summarize “all other” comments, including other local governments
- Work with board on other revisions to report
- Final report due October 15