

**ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES:
DEVELOPMENT OF AN AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT**

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) recognizes the importance of offshore energy development issues to Council-managed resources. The EAS listened to a presentation by Mike Conroy to the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and Management Team on Thursday, September 10, 2020 regarding development of wind energy projects on the U.S. West Coast and elsewhere. One recommendation from that presentation that received unanimous EAS support was the creation of a Pacific Fishery Management Council ad-hoc working group on offshore development to advise the Council on emerging development activities (e.g., wind or wave energy, aquaculture) in the California Current Ecosystem. The EAS recommends that the Council create such an ad-hoc working group.

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