

Pacific Fishery Management Council and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Meeting Meeting Description

July 22-23, 2021

Login information for this online meeting will be posted at the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (PFMC) website under Upcoming Events: www.pcouncil.org.

Meeting objectives:

- 1) Provide substantive feedback to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) related to the establishment of offshore wind (OSW) development areas, including Call Areas and Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) in the U.S. West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone. This meeting will focus on impacts to fisheries and fishery-related information. Feedback will be conveyed during the meeting, and the Pacific Council may develop formal comments for later submission to BOEM. The meeting is intended to gather feedback primarily from two audiences:
 - a. PFMC affiliate input including all PFMC Advisory Body members
 - b. Industry and stakeholders (via PFMC representatives and public comment, as time allows)
- 2) Identify gaps in data, mapping, evaluation of impacts to fisheries and related issues to help inform the OSW planning process.
- 3) Improve the PFMC's level of understanding of OSW technology and impacts.

Outcomes:

The PFMC's Marine Planning Committee (MPC) will produce a report that includes recommendations related to OSW Call Areas, Wind Energy Areas, and other offshore and marine planning information and recommendations as appropriate.

BOEM staff will use meeting discussion, comments, and information to help guide planning efforts for OSW in the Pacific Region.

Participation and Meeting Principals:

PFMC and BOEM staff will serve as Meeting Principals and will facilitate the meeting. Session leads will be identified ahead of time.

Meeting panelists will include PFMC and BOEM staff, PFMC advisory body members, including the new Marine Planning Committee, and Council members. Panelists are encouraged to participate in discussion, ask questions, and serve as a resource. Other meeting participants may provide written or verbal comment as time allows but will generally be in listen-only mode.

Meeting Principals:

PFMC: Kerry Griffin, Caren Braby, Chuck Tracy, other PFMC staff

BOEM: Necy Sumait, Frank Pendleton, Donna Schroeder, Susan Zaleski, Rick Yarde, Doug Boren

The format of Day 1, after introductory presentations, is an overview of each fishery presented by a PFMC representative. This will be followed by BOEM-led presentations summarizing the state of its knowledge of the fishery with regard to renewable energy development, including current geographical information system data, notable studies, data gaps, and anticipated potential impacts to the fishery related to development of offshore wind energy. Following the BOEM presentations, the participants will discuss and provide feedback on the information presented. Discussion should focus on access to fishing areas, navigation, and potential impacts to habitat and fish populations. Discussion and feedback may also address impacts to NOAA vessel surveys, marine mammals, turtles, sea birds, and other resources.