

MARINE PLANNING

On July 28, 2021, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a [notice](#) announcing a Call for Information and Nominations to request information and determine industry interest in commercial offshore wind energy development for two new areas within a 399-square-mile area located off central California, identified as the Morro Bay Call Area East and West Extensions (Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1). The extension areas are adjacent to the Morro Bay Call Area and will be included in BOEM's overall analysis of the Morro Bay 399 Area.

In the same notice, BOEM announced that it has designated 206.8 square miles offshore of Humboldt County, California as a Wind Energy Area. BOEM will conduct an environmental assessment (EA), and seeks comments on what should be considered as part of the EA. The comment period for both closes September 13, 2021.

There are other offshore wind-related issues the Council may consider. These include:

- Future Call Areas off Oregon: BOEM will be announcing Call Areas off Oregon, and will issue a call for information and nominations, expected in Winter 2021/2022. The public notice will include a request to obtain (1) nominations from companies interested in commercial wind energy leases within a proposed area on the outer continental shelf (Call Area) and (2) public input on the potential for wind energy development.
- The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) issued a notice of availability of a preliminary draft EA for two [pilot projects](#) in state waters (Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2). The CSLC prepared a Draft Preliminary EA in response to two separate applications submitted by CADEMO Corporation and IDEOL USA Inc. for proposed offshore wind energy demonstration projects, collectively referred to as the "Vandenberg Offshore Wind Energy Projects." The comment period on these projects closes September 13, 2021.
- [Grays Harbor Wind](#) is in the early stages of developing a floating offshore wind project to be located approximately 25 miles off the coast of Grays Harbor, Washington in Federal waters. The proposed project will have an installed capacity target of 1,000 MW, and will follow the BOEM permitting process for when unsolicited lease requests are submitted to BOEM. There is not a current public comment opportunity for this project.

The Council's ad hoc Marine Planning Committee is developing a draft letter in response to BOEM's request for information. This will be included as Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental Marine Planning Committee Report 1.

Council Action:

Consider Marine Planning Committee report and recommendations on California wind energy areas and other offshore wind activities.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1: BOEM Notice California Offshore Wind Leasing Process.

2. Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2: California State Lands Commission Notice of Public Review of a Draft Environmental Assessment.
3. *Agenda E.1.a, Supplemental Marine Planning Committee Report 1: Draft Letter to BOEM.*
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

E.1 Marine Planning

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Review Recent Activity, Provide Comments to the Bureau of Ocean Energy and Management on Wind Energy Planning Activities, and Provide Guidance on a Process and Schedule for Future Council Engagement

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