

MARINE PLANNING UPDATE

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met July 26, 2022, to consider current marine planning issues and to develop a report for the September Council meeting. Topics included recent Bureau of Ocean Energy Management offshore wind (OSW) planning activities, development of a draft policy guidance document on OSW development activities, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, and comment letters developed during the summer under the Council's quick response procedure.

The MPC Report (C.4.a, MPC Report 1) summarizes current issues. There are no comment opportunities currently open and thus, no draft letters for the Council to consider. The MPC anticipates future OSW activities, including the California OSW lease sale slated to happen this fall, and the Oregon Wind Energy Areas to be announced in the fall or winter. The Council will be kept apprised of comment opportunities as necessary, at or before the November Council meeting. The Council's [OSW webpage](#) contains information on upcoming events, comment opportunities, and news articles.

At its June 2022 meeting, the Council directed staff to consider comments on the draft policy guidance document from Advisory Bodies (including soliciting input from the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel and the Ecosystem Workgroup, who did not meet in June), and bring a new version for consideration and possible adoption at the September meeting. The Council clarified that the policy guidance document should be an inward facing document that can be drawn from when developing comment letters or other correspondence, and to focus on OSW rather than all ocean development activities. The draft document is included as Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1.

Council Action:

Consider the Marine Planning Committee report and provide guidance as appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1, Draft Guidance Document.
2. Agenda Item C.4.a, MPC Report 1.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

C.4 Marine Planning

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Consider Marine Planning Committee Report and Recommendations and Adopt a Final Policy Guidance Document