

MARINE PLANNING

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met February 23, 2023, to hear an update on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's offshore wind energy planning process, and an overview of a pending West Coast Fishing Communities Report from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

At the February 23rd meeting, BOEM provided an update on the status of California wind energy lease sales that were auctioned in early December 2022, and spoke to the status of the Oregon Call Areas, including plans to identify draft Wind Energy Areas.

The MPC also received a presentation on a West Coast Fishing Communities Report from NMFS. The report is designed to better understand socioeconomic characteristics of West Coast fisheries that may help BOEM in their work to analyze potential impacts from offshore wind (OSW) activities on fishing sectors and communities.

The MPC report is included as F.4, MPC Report 1. The Council should consider the MPC Report, any recommendations, and provide further guidance as appropriate.

Council Action:

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

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.4.a, MPC Report 1.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

F.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 Provide Guidance