

Introduction & Fisheries Engagement Planning

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Fisheries Communications Plans (FCPs) What do they do?



Guide and describe fisheries engagement and communication principles, strategies, and methods



Framework to facilitate 2-way communication and coordination with fisheries to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts and promote successful outcomes



Important element in facilitating communication between developers and fisheries—and a required lease condition

Intended to adapt, evolve, and adjust over time



Fisheries Communications Plans (FCPs) What's included?

Roles and responsibilities of project's fisheries team and clear points of contact for Fisheries Liaisons

Strategies and methods to a) share information and b) engage in dialogue and have effective input and 2-way communication

Context and a description of fisheries in the project area and region

Additional required elements

- Process for filing complaints and seeking replacement of lost fishing gear
- Strategy and timing of discussions with fishing communities to reduce conflicts
- Opportunity to meet, review, comment and discuss FCP within 120 days

Fisheries Communications Plans (FCPs) *How are they developed?*



Direct engagement with local and regional fisheries

Input and feedback from fishery participants and fishing communities informs:

- The design of the plan
- Communication and engagement methods, timing and preferences

Best Practices

These may include:

- Guidance from BOEM
- Best Practices developed by state agencies, fisheries working groups, and international organizations (e.g., FLOWW)

→ **Common theme**: Early and direct engagement is essential to building strong working relations that promote successful outcomes.

Experience

Developers' experience working with US fisheries

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Humboldt Lease OCS-P 0561

Characteristics	
Lease Size	63,338 acres
Depth Contours	500/+m
Distance to Eureka	18.5 nm
Sustainable Wind Speeds	9.2m/s (17.9 kts)
Estimated Capacity	1.6 GW
Estimated Homes Served	640,000
Distance to Eureka	18.5 nm

Projected Timeline

Key Pillars of RWE's Approach

Fishery Communications Plan Development

- Commitment to equitable and inclusive communications
- Identify the best tools and pathways for communicating with each group based on fisheries input and feedback throughout the planning process
- Develop efficient and effective communication strategies
- Cultivate a deep understanding of fisheries to inform project design and coordination with fisheries

Developing a Detailed Understanding of Fisheries and Fishery Participants

Proposed High Resolution Geophysical (HRG) Survey – Scope & Timing

- Reconnaissance survey of lease area and approximately 3-4 slope transects inshore of lease area
- 30-60 days including weather delays, earliest start late Q3 or early Q4 2023, timing & technology consider fisheries
- Would require preliminary FCP end of June, refined through the summer
- AUV operates 40 m off the bottom, with forward-looking sonar, and is NOT TOWED
- Equipment is outside of hearing range of marine animals or travels very short distances (up to ~6 m (20 ft))

Thank you.

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