



August 11, 2023

Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR
97220-1384

RE: Offshore Wind Energy Lease Fisheries Communications Plans

Dear Mr. Gorelnik

I am writing on behalf of American Clean Power-California (ACP), a clean energy trade association in the state. We represent the five developers who hold offshore wind leases off the coast of California – RWE, Vineyard Offshore, Equinor, Golden State Wind, and Invenergy. ACP has established a Pacific Fisheries working group to promote coordination among leaseholders. In this venue, leaseholders shared your letter dated July 28 with ACP so that we could collectively respond. We are pleased to be in touch with you and look forward to collaborating with PFMC and the Marine Planning Committee in information-sharing and communications regarding offshore wind development and Pacific fisheries.

First, we appreciate your advice and requests regarding information-sharing. The leaseholders appreciate the opportunity to engage the Council in communications on fisheries issues, site assessment and characterization activities, project design envelope, permit status as well as periodic reports, and other relevant topics, as appropriate. We also appreciate your recommendation for the leaseholders to centralize and compile certain information in a website available to fishermen and the public. We would welcome PFMC's assistance in developing and hosting this website. Leaseholders are also discussing the potential to consolidate required meetings on Fisheries Communications Plans to optimize engagement. This may involve co-hosting meetings in Morro Bay and Humboldt regions separately. We welcome any further advice you may have on how to make these meetings worthwhile for all participants.

Second, we would appreciate your recommendations for participants and groups to include in the review of leaseholders Fisheries Communication Plans, including those located outside the vicinity of Wind Energy Area who may also be affected by offshore wind activities. Thank you for offering to provide this input.

Lastly, we take note of your concern regarding meteorological buoys and your comment letter to BOEM on this topic. The leases issued by BOEM off California for offshore wind have language specific to mitigating impacts from activities that include met buoy installation. Leaseholders are early in the process of developing their site characterization plans. We will review your concerns with our engineering teams and regulatory agencies and will keep you informed of our plans.

Thank you for your inquiry and recommendations. We look forward to ongoing engagement with the Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Croll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Molly" and the last name "Croll" clearly legible.

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