

MARINE PLANNING UPDATE

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met online September 29, 2023, to consider current issues and activities related to offshore wind (OSW) energy development and fisheries issues on the Pacific Coast, and to produce a report (C.3.a, MPC Report 1) for the Council's November meeting.

During their September 28th meeting, MPC members provided updates on activities and issues in California, Oregon, and Washington, as well as updates from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the West Coast Ocean Alliance, and a Tribal update. The MPC Report also includes upcoming events and items of interest.

The MPC will convene in person on Wednesday November 1st with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment, in conjunction with the November Council meeting. The MPC will consider the draft Fisheries Communication Plan (C.3, Attachment 2) jointly provided by RWE Renewables and Vineyard Wind, the two OSW lease holders off Humboldt Bay, California. The MPC may also discuss the Draft Oregon Wind Energy Areas or other matters and may provide a supplemental report to the Council.

The Council should consider the report(s) of the MPC, the three letters, and provide guidance as appropriate.

Council Action:

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

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1: Fisheries Communication Plan flyer.
2. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 2: RWE and Vineyard Wind draft Fisheries Communication Plan.
3. Agenda Item C.3.a, MPC Report 1.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.3 Marine Planning Update Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Marine Planning Committee Report and Provide Guidance