



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2023
TO: Marine Planning Committee and Interested Persons
FROM: Mr. Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: November 2023 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in person with live streaming from November 3 - 8, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92840. The Marine Planning Committee (MPC) meeting is being conducted in person (Royal A Room) with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. Other ancillary meetings will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats as noted in the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings in the Detailed Agenda (A.3). Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the November Council meeting [webpage](#). The Council will consider Marine Planning issues and MPC Report 1 on Monday November 6. Topics are likely to include the following.

Draft Fishery Communication Plan (FCP)

RWE Renewables and Vineyard Wind have issued a joint draft FCP for public review and comment (Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 2). The MPC should review the draft FCP and provide comments in a supplemental MPC report, as appropriate.

Offshore Wind Energy Planning

The MPC may consider the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's request for comments on the Draft Oregon Wind Energy Areas (WEAs). The comment deadline is October 31, 2023 (extended from the original deadline of October 16) but the MPC may nonetheless provide the Council with recommendations on the Draft WEAs.

Future Meeting Planning

The MPC agenda includes opportunities to look ahead to 2024, to discuss what issues and events the MPC and the Council should focus on. This may include the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Aquaculture Opportunity Areas as well as U.S. West Coast offshore wind energy activities, notices, and comment opportunities.

The MPC will also receive an update on the Pacific Fishing Effort Mapping (PacFEM) Project and may discuss Draft Wind Energy Areas off the Oregon Coast, as appropriate.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A– Council Meeting Agenda and Executive Director’s Report
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Comments on Non-Agenda Items via the [e-portal](#)
3. Agenda Item C – Administrative Matters
4. Informational Reports
5. General Information and Council Roster

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