

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MARINE PLANNING

November 6, 2023



MPC met September 29 (virtually) & November 1 (in person)

Materials included under this Agenda Item:

- C3 Attachments related to the Joint RWE/Vineyard Wind Draft Fisheries Communication Plan
- C3 Supplemental Attachment - DRAFT PFMC Comment Letter on Oregon Draft WEAs
- C3a MPC Report 1
- C3a Supplemental MPC Report 2



RWE/Vineyard Draft Joint FCP



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Attachment 1
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**RWE and Vineyard Offshore
request your feedback on
their draft Joint Fisheries
Communications Plan**

RWE Offshore Wind Holdings, LLC (RWE) and Vineyard Offshore, LLC (Vineyard Offshore) have developed a draft Joint Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP) which provides a framework for communicating and building collaborative relationships with fishery participants, fishing communities, and a range of fishery constituents. This joint FCP was developed with the intent of streamlining and simplifying communication and coordination efforts across the two lease areas offshore Humboldt, California.

→ [View the draft Joint Fishery Communication Plan](#)


There are two ways to provide feedback on the draft FCP:

Attend a public meeting with RWE and Vineyard Offshore

- **October 10th, 2023 from 5-7 pm PDT**
 - Attend in person: Wharfinger Building (1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501)
 - Join virtually: <https://www.22ave.tv/fcpmeeting101023.html>
 - Join by phone: 669-444-9171 | Meeting ID: 894 4347 1484 | Passcode: 916775

Submit written comments to RWE and Vineyard Offshore

- **Submit comments by November 10th, 2023**
 - Email comments to Rick Robins and Erik Peckar (Rick.Robins@rwe.com; epeckar@vineyardoffshore.com).
 - Please include "FCP feedback" in the subject line



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Attachment 2
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Fisheries Communications Plan
Lease Area OCS-P 0561 and Lease Area OCS-P 0562

Draft for Review – September 29, 2023

RWE and Vineyard Offshore are seeking input on this draft Fisheries Communications Plan. There are two ways that you can provide feedback and ideas:

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Draft PFMC Comment letter on Oregon Draft Wind Energy Areas

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DRAFT PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (COUNCIL) COMMENT LETTER ON DRAFT OREGON WIND ENERGY AREAS

October XX, 2023

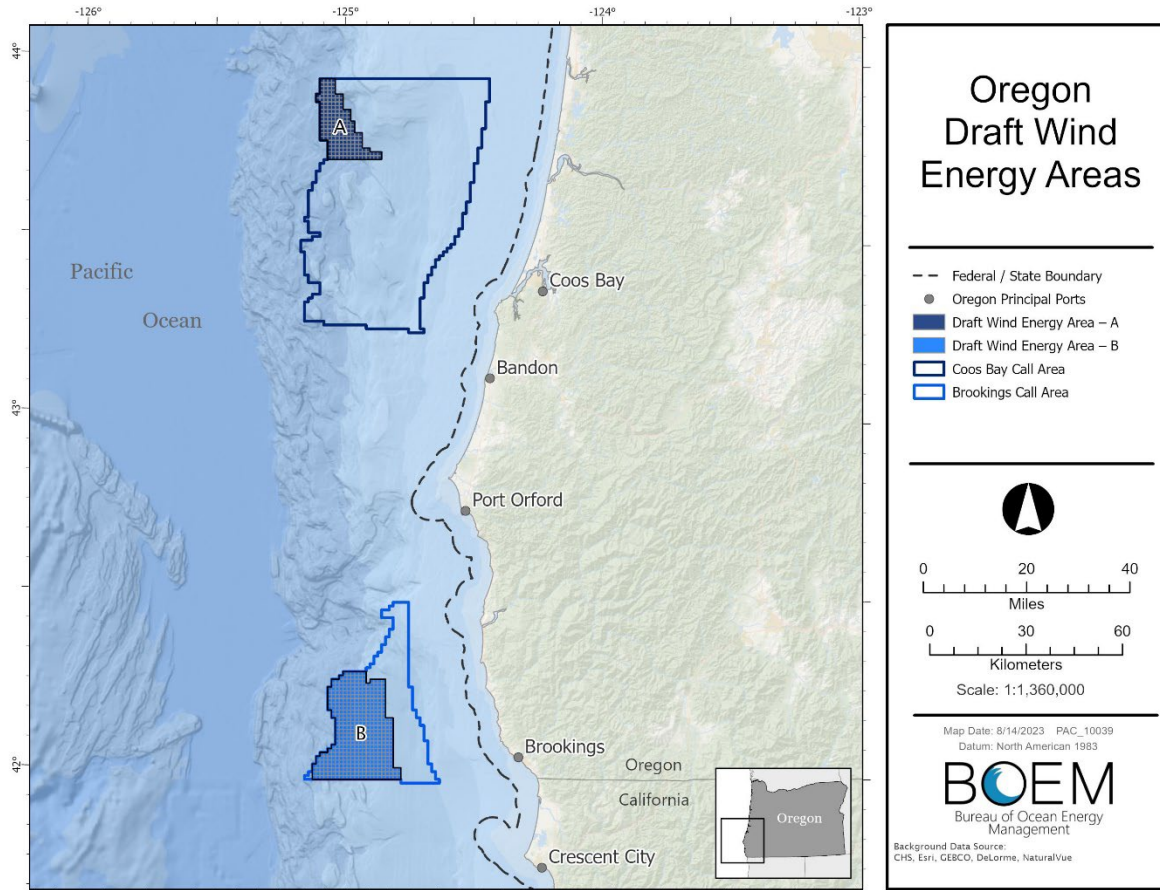
Mr. Doug Boren
Pacific Regional Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102
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Re: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Request for Comments: *Draft Wind Energy Areas - Commercial Leasing for Wind Power Development on the Oregon Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)*

Dear Mr. Boren,

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) Draft Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) off the Oregon Coast. Within the Request for Comments, BOEM identifies nine features, activities, mitigations, or concerns within or around the Draft WEAs on which it is seeking comments. The comments provided in this letter address several of those nine topics.

The Council appreciates BOEM's collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) to use an ocean planning model with the goal of identifying the most suitable areas for potential Draft WEAs within the Oregon Call Areas. The Draft NCCOS Report: *A Wind Energy Area Siting Analysis for the Oregon Call Areas* (Draft Report or Carlton et al., 2023) is a useful tool that has promise, but significant questions remain about operational aspects of the model's application to waters off the Oregon



Draft PFMC Comment letter on Oregon Draft Wind Energy Areas

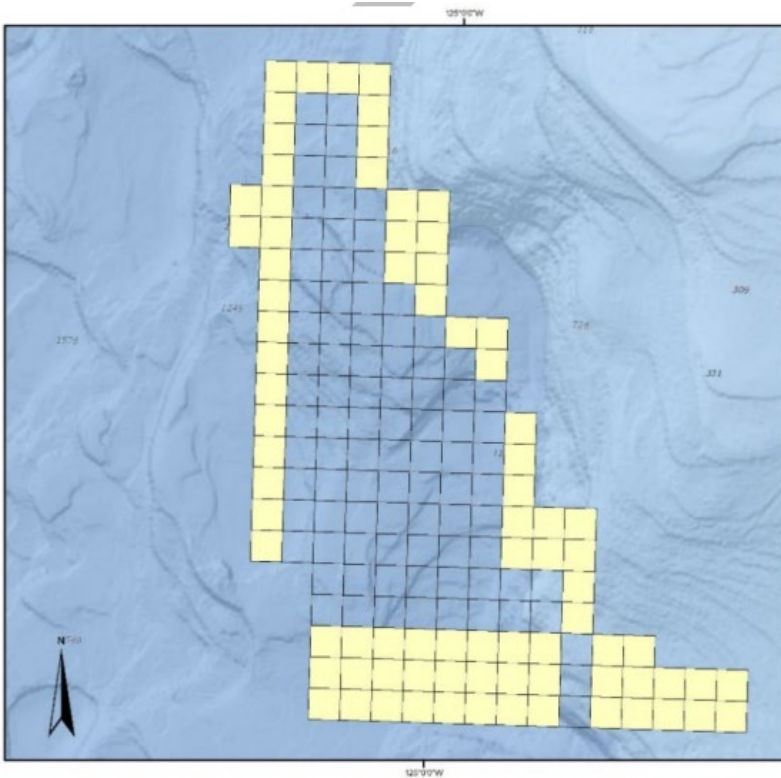
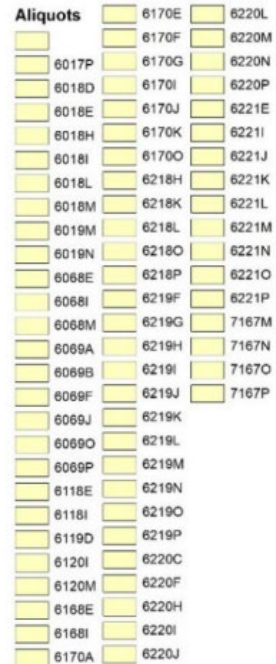


Figure 17: Composite of all aliquots recommended for removal from the Draft Coos Bay WEA, based on importance to fishing sectors managed by the Council.

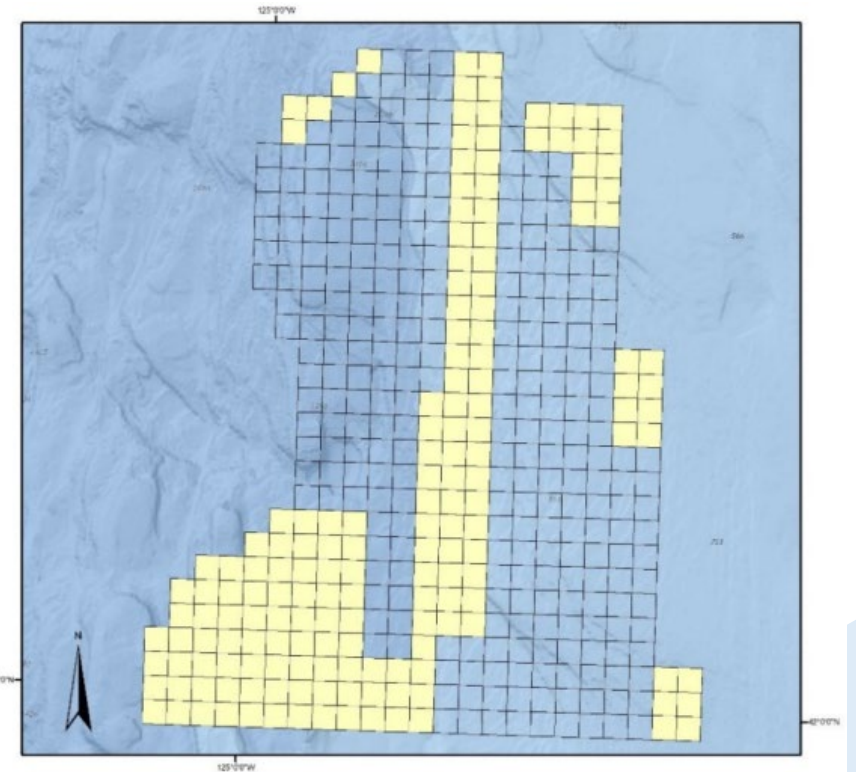
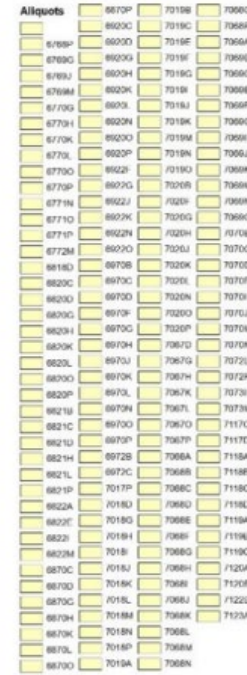


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MPC Report 1

- State Specific Updates
- NMFS Update
- West Coast Ocean Alliances Update
- Upcoming events
 - California Energy Commission Workshop on Assembly Bill 525: Draft Strategic Plan for Offshore Wind Off the Coast of California in Federal Waters, November 17, 2023
 - Floating Wind USA 2023, San Diego, California, November 29 - 30, 2023



MPC Supplemental Report 2

- Pacific Fishing Effort Mapping Project (PacFEM)
- MPC Year-at-a-Glance
- MPC Roadmap/Cumulative Impacts
- MPC Utility and Function



PacFEM Update

Pacific Fisheries Information Network

Dashboard example

Confidential
(internal) and
public
Dashboard
applications

Interact using
Filters, Map
Extent, or **User
Input AOI**



Dashboard 'widgets' change with
interactions (filters/map extent/AOI)

Track % of data
and grids
removed due to
confidentiality.

Chart Elements: changes over time
(annual or seasonal), by landing port



Year at a Glance

* At best a guess and subject to change

Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
AB 525 Draft Strategic Plan	Oregon NOI EA	DPEIS AOAs	Oregon FSN ²	Oregon Auction
SAPs ¹	IHAs	Oregon Draft EA		
NOI - DPEIS Ca Leases	CADEMO Notice	Oregon PSN		
IHAs	WA - Pre-planning OSW	California Call Areas		
	California Pre-Call Planning	Humboldt EIR		
		Feasibility Study - SB 605 (Ca)		
CCC 7(c) working group				

1 - Amount of MPC involvement unknown

2 - Not an opportunity for engagement



MPC Roadmap/Cumulative Impacts

Table 1: Draft Example of OSW Questions to inform cumulative impacts analysis.

Impact Category	Question	OSW Developmental Phase	Council Process
Fisheries	How do OSW installations affect navigation, transit, and access to fishing areas?	Siting, Operations	Cross FMP
Fisheries	What are the socio-economic impacts to coastal communities?	Siting, Operations	Cross FMP
Ecosystem	Does energy extraction from OSW impact hydrological processes like upwelling, mixing, eddies, wind wakes?	Siting, Operations	Cross FMP
Natural Resources	What are the impacts of EMF to different species?	Siting, Operations	Cross FMP
Natural Resources	What are the impacts to migratory species?	Siting, Operations	Cross FMP



MPC Utility and Function



Council Action(s)

- Approve/Modify Draft PFMC Comment Letter on the Oregon Draft WEAs
- Plan for several upcoming comment opportunities, potential QR letters, and associated workload
- Additional Guidance as appropriate



Questions?

