



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Oregon Coastal Management Program  
Department of Land Conservation and Development  
635 Capitol St. NE, Suite 150  
Salem, OR 97301-2540

Re: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management lease issuance for designated Oregon Wind Energy Areas

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Oregon's Federal consistency review process as it relates to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) proposal to issue leases within the designated Oregon Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) for the purposes of exploring offshore wind energy development projects. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has serious concerns about the impacts that offshore wind (OSW) energy development will have on commercial and recreational fishing, as well as the habitats, ecosystem, and coastal communities that will be affected.

The Federal consistency review process is critically important to ensure that OSW activities are consistent to the maximum extent practicable with Oregon's enforceable policies, as well as any conditions applied by Oregon's Coastal Management Program, based on those enforceable policies. The Council has submitted numerous comment letters on BOEM's OSW planning process. These letters include specific recommendations consistent with the Council's authorities to sustainably manage Federal fisheries, to protect fish habitat and ecosystems, and to minimize adverse economic impacts to coastal communities.

While we are not able to provide comments on which of Oregon's enforceable policies are applicable in this situation, we recommend considering the Council's previous comments, in three letters enclosed here, to determine which of those recommendations are applicable to Oregon's consistency review and determination. These letters are:

1. Comment letter on draft Wind Energy Areas off the Oregon Coast (November 2023)
  2. Comment letter on BOEM's draft Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Lease Issuance on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf, Oregon (June 2024)
  3. Draft comment letter on BOEM's Proposed Sale Notice for Commercial Leasing for Wind Power Development on the Oregon Outer Continental Shelf (June 2024)
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Thank you for consideration of our comments, and please contact Kerry Griffin ([Kerry.griffin@noaa.gov](mailto:Kerry.griffin@noaa.gov); 503-820-2409) on Council staff with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Pettinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brad Pettinger  
Pacific Council Chair

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Enclosures

Cc: Council Members  
Mike Conroy  
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