

MARINE PLANNING

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met online January 30, 2025, to consider current issues and activities related to offshore wind (OSW) energy development and fisheries issues off the Pacific Coast, and to produce a report (D.2.a, MPC Report 1) for consideration at the Council's March meeting. A recording of the meeting and other meeting materials are available on the MPC meeting [webpage](#).

Representatives from the California Energy Commission, Danielle Mullany and Rachel MacDonald, presented information on the state's efforts to identify suitable sea space for potential wave and tidal energy projects in state and federal waters off California. Slides and a recording of the presentation are available on the MPC meeting webpage.

Federal representatives from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management were not able to attend, but MPC Report 1 includes a summary of recent federal activities, including recently published reports from the Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and Department of Energy (DOE) on West Coast power transmission in concert with offshore wind energy development. The MPC report also notes the recent Presidential Memorandum aimed at curtailing OSW planning and development.

The MPC also heard state updates and discussed the MPC's cumulative impacts framework (CIF). The CIF was designed to provide an example of how to approach a coastwide long term cumulative impacts analysis of OSW development in waters off the U.S. West Coast. The MPC has invited numerous state and federal agencies as well as other organizations to discuss data gaps and information needed to conduct such a comprehensive effort. While the MPC itself does not propose conducting such an analysis, the intent is to provide a framework that could support an effort led by other organizations or agencies.

The Council should consider MPC Report 1 and other materials, and provide guidance, as appropriate.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Consider the Marine Planning Committee report and provide guidance, as appropriate.**
- 2. Provide Guidance on Cumulative Impacts Framework Next Steps.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.2.a, MPC Report 1.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

D.2 Marine Planning

- a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider the Marine Planning Committee Report and Provide Guidance

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