



Change is in the Wind; The Future of Fisheries and Offshore Wind Energy in the Golden State

Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture

Chair: Senator Mike McGuire

Vice Chair: Assemblymember Dawn Addis

May 17th, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1021 O Street, Room 2100

Sacramento, CA 95814

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1. Welcoming Remarks

Senator Mike McGuire, Committee Chair

Assemblymember Dawn Addis, Committee Vice Chair

2. Potential Challenges, Opportunities and Perspectives from Policy Leaders

Jen Miller – Chief, Renewable Energy Section, Pacific Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Elizabeth Huber – Director, Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division, California Energy Commission

Jenn Eckerle – Executive Director, Ocean Protection Council and Deputy Secretary for Oceans and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency

Holly Wyer – Senior Environmental Scientist, California Coastal Commission

Frankie Myers – Vice Chairman, Yurok Tribe

3. Making Room at the Table, How Offshore Wind Projects can Mitigate Potential Environmental and Fishery Impacts: Briefing from the Industry

Molly Croll – Pacific Offshore Wind Director, American Clean Power Association

Rick Robins – Marine Affairs Manager, RWE Renewables

Elizabeth Marchetti – Fisheries Liaison Officer, Equinor Wind US

Erin Lehane – Legislative Representative on Energy Policy, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

4. Protecting the Ocean Blue while Making the State Energy Grid Green: Perspectives from Environmental Leaders

Andrew Johnson – California Representative, Defenders of Wildlife

Garry George – Director, Clean Energy Initiative, National Audubon Society

Dr. Liz Whiteman – Executive Director, California Ocean Science Trust

5. California's Fisheries and Offshore Wind Energy: Can Wind and Fish Co-exist, or Will the Plan Flounder

Ken Bates – Commercial Fisherman, Humboldt Bay

Alan Alward – Commercial Fisherman, Morro Bay

Mike Conroy – West Coast Director, Responsible Offshore Development Alliance

6. Public Comment

7. Closing Comments: Committee Chair and Members

8. Adjournment