

Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture May 3, 2019 Hearing Background

[Senator Mike McGuire](#), Chair of the [Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture \(JCFA\)](#), and [Assemblymember Mark Stone](#), Vice Chair, are hosting *California's Fisheries and Wildlife: Can they co-exist with Offshore Wind Energy Development?* The hearing will be held Friday, May 3, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, Room 203, in Eureka, California.

The hearing will provide our legislators, their staff and the public an opportunity to learn more about California's developing offshore wind energy industry from agency and industry leading experts. The JCFA will also hear testimony from environmental and fisheries leaders about their perspectives and concerns. The presenters will emphasize the need to incorporate fish and wildlife needs during the development process. The hearing will be live streamed and recorded.

Presentations and discussion will focus on why wind energy is important to the State's energy supply, how to mitigate potential environmental impacts on land and sea, balancing the need for green energy while protecting our environment, and how wind energy and protecting California's fisheries can be compatible.

The agenda features presentations by state and federal agency and wind energy industry representatives as well as environmental advocates and fishing industry representatives.

Testimony will be provided by representatives of the [Bureau of Energy Management](#), the [California Energy Commission](#), the [California Natural Resources Agency](#), the [California Coastal Commission](#), [Principle Power](#), [Schatz Energy Research Center](#) and [American Wind Energy Association](#).

The hearing will also include testimony from the [Audubon Society](#), the [Surfrider Foundation](#), the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#), the [Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations](#), Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association and the [Responsible Offshore Development Alliance](#).

Additional information including links to: the agenda, press releases, articles about the hearing, live stream links, and presenter biographies may be viewed at the [committee web site](#) under the "[2019 hearings](#)" heading.

The public is welcome to attend and there is no fee for admission. The hearing will include a public comment period.

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