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**From Ken Bates, CFRA
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Welcome to our new newsletter! We're sending this to friends and contacts of the CFRA. That said, if you don't want to receive future versions, you can easily unsubscribe at the bottom.

We've been thinking this last month about Donald Trump's reelection, which has many offshore wind observers wondering what comes next. While the CFRA does not support offshore wind, if it happens, wherever it happens, we do want it done right.

I think we'd be mistaken to assume that OSW will just go away. Some projects are already leased. Some are funded. Some states, including California, will likely go forward in some way with or without the feds. It is critical that fishermen representatives engaged in the Coastal Commission 7C Fishermen's Working Group continue to work toward providing the Coastal Commission with a statewide strategy that addresses fishing community concerns and that results in long term policy protections in the face of all ocean industrialization efforts. Ocean industrialization, whether it's OSW, wave energy or offshore mineral mining, is coming.

We plan to remain vigilant, and to keep working to ensure the ongoing resiliency of California's commercial fishing fleet.



Here are links to articles where people in various places around the country--local to Morro Bay, local to Humboldt Bay, and around the country--consider these developments. Nerd out to your heart's content!

Humboldt Bay coverage in the Lost Coast Outpost:

<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2024/nov/13/trump-has-promised-to-end-offshore-wind-what-will/>

Morro Bay coverage in Cal Coast news:

<https://calcoastnews.com/2024/11/will-trumps-win-end-morro-bay-offshore-wind-energy-projects/>

Analysis of the national OSW situation by conservative-leaning Liberty Nation:

<https://www.libertynation.com/donald-trump-pledges-to-halt-big-wind-subsidies/>

Analysis of the national OSW situation by progressive-leaning Ecori:

<https://ecori.org/supporters-opponents-of-offshore-wind-both-look-for-hopeful-signs-in-trump-administration/>

This Month's Pretty Photo



Do you know this California anchorage?

Where in the World is Dick Ogg?



Dick Ogg is a dedicated commercial fisherman whose life has been shaped by the rhythm of the tides and the call of the open sea. With weathered hands and a heart full of respect for the ocean, he epitomizes the spirit of the seafaring profession.

Adopted and brought to the United States and then into a coastal community, Dick's connection to the water began as a child. His earliest memories are of watching his grandfather, a seasoned fisherman and native American, making bass plugs for fishing in the Ozarks in Oklahoma and Arkansas. These early impressions set the course for Dick's lifelong love affair with the water.

For over four decades, Dick has fished and dove along the Sonoma coast. His expertise extends across various fishing techniques, from trolling, longlining, and setting pot gear. He has a deep knowledge of the migratory patterns and behavior of the fish he pursues...

[Read more about Dick Ogg](#)

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