

CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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Jasmine King, Senior Associate
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Re: 7C Working Group, CFRA Response to Kearns and West email of Nov.3,2023 (enclosed)

Dear Jasmine and the Kearns and West Team

Thank you for your email of November 3, 2023 detailing the meeting schedule and objectives for the first (#1) 7C Fishermen's Working Group meeting. I have some general concerns that I would like to share with you. They are:

1. The Draft Working Group Charter
 - a. Where did this document originate from?
 - b. Will the 7C members be forwarded this draft document before meeting #1?
2. The Draft "Best Practices for Offshore Surveys and Data Collection to assess Impacts".
 - a. It seems premature to discuss site survey impacts before the entire 7C Working Group has discussed and established both short and long term state policy and permitting language for these OSW projects.
 - b. Who was responsible for the generation/submission of this draft document to the 7C Working Group and will the 7C group have any opportunity to assemble a list of objectives for this multi-year process on or before the first meeting?

The fishing industry representatives expect the 7C Working Group process to continue for many years during the permitting, design, and construction of OSW projects in California. This 7CWG process will require both compromise and collaboration. Let us all agree to start this process with 7C WG collaboration on the meeting contents and agendas.

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Email from Kearns and West on November 3, 2023

Hello California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group members,

On behalf of the California Coastal Commission (CCC), we are pleased to announce that the first California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Meeting Schedule and Objectives

The first meeting will be an opportunity for members to meet, share their experience and interests with the Working Group, learn more about the Working Group process and responsibilities, and begin working on deliverables. The first meeting will take place virtually (on Zoom) from approximately 9:00 am – 5:00 pm PT. Proposed objectives for the first meeting include:

Get to know and build relationships with other California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group members; share interests and aspirations for the Working Group process. Review draft Working Group Charter document: build common understanding and agreement around the Working Group charge, responsibilities, and roles; meeting formats and subgroups; decision-making processes; operating protocols and ground rules; and the anticipated schedule and work plan. Propose recommended changes and build toward a broadly supported version of the Charter.

Review a proposed outline and recommend draft content for the “Best practices for offshore surveys and data collection to assess impacts” work product.

Confirm meeting #2 objectives and timing, and assign interim tasks to Working Group members and support staff.

Alternates

Working Group meetings will be primarily focused on the primary Working Group members. Alternate members are welcome and encouraged to attend the first meeting, but it is not required. If their primary member is in attendance, alternates will be in a listening and observing role. If their primary member is not present, the alternate will be expected to step into that role.

Next Steps

In the coming days, Kearns & West will be following up with a calendar invitation and more information about the meeting agenda, materials, and logistics.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jasmine and the K&W team

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