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As this report is being written, site survey work for the local offshore wind project is beginning on the Humboldt Wind Energy Area (WEA). A survey ship will be working in federal waters for the next 30 - 40 days. There is currently a great deal of interest in offshore wind power projects and the CFRA spent a great deal of time with several news and media groups talking about fishermen's concerns. This period of CFRA Board reporting has been defined by an almost overwhelming number of meetings with OSW developers, state agency staff and various fishermen's representatives. Nine CFRA associates are currently serving on the Coastal Commission's 7C Fishermen's Working Group, where a great deal of work is being done to produce a Statewide Strategy for Offshore Wind. Here are the highlights of CFRA activities in chronological order.

April 3 - Interview with Steve Johnson of Gridworks - Steve Johnson is a former senior policy advisor to the commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (2008-2022). He contacted the CFRA to request an interview to gather our perspective on California's and BOEM's public process for considering offshore wind off. The interview was conducted as part of Gridworks' contract to develop a recommended engagement framework for considering offshore wind development in Washington. Gridworks is contracted with the Washington Department of Commerce and working directly with the Washington Governor's Office on this project. The CFRA was able to provide Mr. Johnson with relevant documents to assist with his research.

April 4 - Meeting with Chris Voss, president of Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara (CFSB) Association and Steve Scheiblauber of the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable

Fisheries (ACSF) to discuss the possibility of redirecting CFRA Phase 1 funding to help pay for a 7C WG socio-economic study.

April 5 - CFRA submitted Quarterly Report to OPC

April 11 - Meeting with C. Voss (CFSB) concerning his research on BOEM “bid credits” on how these credits might partially reduce other mitigation funding requirements.

April 12 - Call and discussion with Clayton Wraith, the Western Fishboat Owners Association (WFOA) attorney, about the CFRA “Invitation to Participate”. The WFOA would be valuable as a consulting member providing representation for Albacore fishermen. Mr. Wraith said that he would bring it before the WFOA board for consideration.

April 15 - CFRA meeting with RWE staff to talk about upcoming site survey work, communication plans, and the positions of Onboard Fisheries Liaisons (OFL's) who would be working on the survey ship.

April 16 - Port meeting with RWE - Presentation on upcoming site survey work on the RWE lease site, including a review of technology employed in acoustical survey work. RWE discussed their communication plan with the fishermen in the group. Fishermen provided a discussion on challenges and communication strategies that would work best for local fishermen working in the area of the survey.

April 18 - Discussion of Fisheries Agreement Template “Recitals” with S. Scheiblaue and C. Voss of the 7C WG

April 28 - Discussion with S. Scheiblaue on BOEM Bid Credits. The value of the credits has no relationship to fishing value, only the wind resources. There is an idea that the entire value of the bid credit could be deposited into a long-term account that could be available to fishermen.

May - Rick Robins of RWE contacted the CFRA saying that he was looking for a few local fishermen that could serve as Onboard Fisheries Liaisons (OFL) on a survey vessel contracted to RWE to work in the Humboldt WEA. Individuals in this role would need to complete specific offshore safety training. The required safety training and certification would be completed in five days at a GWO (Global Wind Organization) training facility located in Louisiana. The certification is effective for two years. The training includes the following modules: Sea Survival, First Aid, Firefighting and Material Handling. The CFRA helped to promote this outreach and both RB Pincombe, F/V Sea Farmer, President of Crescent City Commercial Fishermen's Association and vice-president/secretary of the CFRA and Patrick Burns F/V Belle J II of Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association (HFMA) attended and passed the training and were hired by RWE to be OFL's.

May 1 - CFRA staff meeting to review and evaluate progress on the CFRA website overhaul. Content, style and branding were reviewed and edited. Changes were noted and sent to the website designer.

May 1 - Meeting with Justine Kimball of OPC and CFRA staff - Discussion of redirection of CFRA Phase 1 funding to California Coastal Commission Socio-Economic study as a CFRA deliverable. Justine made a suggestion that CFRA staff could attend the next OPC board meeting in Sacramento scheduled for June 4. Consideration for Phase 2 funding for the CFRA is on the agenda as well as an OPC staff presentation on Offshore Wind.

May 6 - 7C WG Subgroup #2, Agreement committee meeting via zoom

May 7 - 7C WG , Subgroup #3 - Impacts Subcommittee meeting via zoom

May 8 - CFRA in-person board meeting in Fort Bragg/Noyo at the Salmon Trollers Marketing Association (minutes available upon request)

May 16 - 7C WG pre-meeting with fishermen's representatives in preparation for 7C WG in-person meeting.

May 20-21 - Coastal Commission 7C WG in person meeting in Sacramento, including representatives from California fishermen, wind developers and California State Agencies. The CFRA paid the travel costs for CFRA board members who are alternates on the 7C Working Group. The CFRA also processed payments amounting to almost \$14,000 for honoraria and travel expenses (which is being funded by the OPC) for the fishermen's representatives participation on the 7C WG. A wide variety of topics were covered, including best practices, gear loss, survey acoustics, communication with BOEM, impacts, and agreements. Presentations on the work done by the three subgroups. Details from these meetings are confidential.

May 25 - Lucia Ordonez of Vineyard Wind contacted the CFRA to let us know that an upcoming Captain's Course offered by the Maritime Institute was being held here in Eureka. Both Vineyard Offshore and RWE were sponsoring up to 15 participants for a full scholarship for the tuition fee, but noted that spots were first come first serve. They wrote that they were excited to be able to support local mariners to elevate their potential opportunity through this certification - The CFRA contacted several local fishermen in order to share this information and encouraged them to take advantage of this opportunity. The class was filled.

June 4 - OPC Board of Directors Meeting in Sacramento - Justine Kimball's presentation on the CFRA covered completed "CFRA Deliverables" and plans for the upcoming Phase 2

funding. In public testimony by K. Bates to the OPC Board, he summarized the history of how and why the CFRA was formed, our work with OPC and other California agency staff, challenges to fishing communities posed by OSW development and our outreach with fishermen. K. Bates also expressed our deep appreciation for the amazing amount of support from OPC and their staff, especially Jen Eckerle and Justine Kimball for all of their hard work.

During public comment, Amy Vierra of the State Lands Commission voiced her support for awarding Phase 2 funding to the CFRA. The OPC Board voted unanimously to fund the CFRA for the amount of \$390,000 starting in 1/2025 and extending until mid-2027.

June 10 - Meeting with California Coastal Commission staff and 7C fishermen's representatives via Zoom, concerning the depletion of the funds needed to continue 7C WG meetings. Also discussed were the use of formulas for establishing fishing ground loss mitigation and the socio-economic "scope of work".

June 11 - Meeting with Tanner Etherton who is the Sea Grant Extension Specialist out of Cal Poly Humboldt and working with Schatz Energy Research Center. He said that he is focused on the economic implications of offshore wind. We talked about impacts on fishing communities and economic implications of OSW.

June 13 - Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association joins the CFRA as a consulting member. They are a strong association actively advocating for their port's fishermen. The CFRA Board of Directors is looking forward to their participation.

June 17 - CFRA staff meeting - Discussion of establishing a line of credit with Redwood Regional Economic Development Corporation (RREDC), a local Humboldt agency. The CFRA is pursuing this credit line in order to increase the cash reserve for our OPC Grant. This will facilitate the reimbursement process. Without this there would be times that we are unable to meet our obligations for the monthly payments.

June 17 - CFRA staff began work on a CFRA "Operation's Manual". This is a CFRA deliverable.

June 25 - CFRA Board Meeting via zoom. The CFRA Board of Directors met to approve a formal board resolution approving the RREDC LOC terms. It was passed with a unanimous board vote. (Minutes available upon requests from)

June 27 - Michael Kraft meets with Scott Adair, Director of Economic Development at the County of Humboldt, Brooklyn Fox, from Xodus (offshore wind consultants to the county on OSW supply chain and workforce development issues), and Connor Waddell from TPMA

(consultants to the County of Humboldt performing research supporting the county's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy CEDS)). Conversation was wide-ranging, including the impacts of OSW on local fishing and aquaculture and engagement of the fishing fleet in these efforts.

June 28 - RB Pincombe (CFRA vice-President/Secretary) departs Anacortes Washington aboard the RWE survey ship Ocean Guardian which is conducting the geophysical survey on the Humboldt Bay Wind Energy Area. RB completed a week-long GWO training in New Orleans in order to qualify for his position of "Onboard Fisheries Liaison". He will be on the ship for the length of the survey which should take about 30-40 days. RB began reaching out to trawl and longline fishermen a week before the ship departed. RWE has an app available to track the "real time" location of the survey vessel.

We appreciate that you took the time to read through this board report. Please contact us if you have any questions.