

CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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CFRA Board Report #3, June 28, 2022

June 22, 2022 Dinner Meeting with CEC

Commissioner Vaccaro, Eli Harland plus CEC commission staff, Chris Potter plus DFW staff (Jay), Travis Hunter, Ken Bates, Linda Hildebrand

Points of conversation

1. No fishermen support offshore wind power
2. Fishermen support renewable energy and would like to see other efforts that are being made to increase land-based renewable energy
3. Humboldt WEA is situated in an area of the worst ocean conditions on the West Coast. Fishermen universally believe that efforts to establish viable wind energy units on this site will fail due to weather and ocean conditions.
4. There are still no exact details on the infrastructure - turbine units, anchoring systems, cable routes
5. There are only 11 "floaters" worldwide with half currently out of commission
6. Floating OSW is an experiment and should not be expanded until such time as one of the WEA's are actually online for 3-4 years
7. Continuing loss of California's fishing grounds
8. Fishermen getting a "one time check" is not going to make trawlers whole.
9. There is no justification to enlarge OSW goals when there has yet to be any real time evidence that this will work.
10. The projected cost and carbon footprint is six times higher for OSW compared to shoreside wind power.
11. The 2.6% bid credit does not provide sufficient incentive to a developer to compensate for the damage that they will be doing. The fishing industry finds this insulting and thinks that bid credits for fishing community benefit agreements should be closer to 20%
12. The Fisheries Liaison Officer should be recruited and hired by port fishermen's associations and funded by the developer.
13. There is no direct communication channel with BOEM for fishermen

Additionally, we had a meeting with Senator Huffman's staff, John Driscoll and Ciara Emery. This meeting was held on Monday afternoon, June 27, 2022 and lasted approximately one and a half hours and covered all of the above topics. John and Ciara requested that the CFRA send to Senator Huffman's office a short written comment concerning the provisions listed in the BOEM Draft Lease Sale document. These include:

- bid credits,
- Fishing Community Benefit Agreements,
- and the commercial fishing organizations that should be structured to negotiate those agreements.

We will be preparing those comments shortly.

Thanks,
Ken Bates