

CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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CFRA Board Report # 5

August 14, 2022

1. On July 21, 2022, Ken Bates and Linda Hildebrand met via Zoom with Mr. Rick Robins and Mr. Tyler Ross representing RWE Renewables. (The entire CFRA Board met previously on April 19, 2022 with these representatives, see CFRA Board Report #2). Much of the one hour long meeting centered around the proposed lease sale notice (PSN) for the Humboldt and Morro Bay WEA's. During the discussion of "Bid Credits" for Community Benefit Agreements (CBA's) to mitigate for negative impacts to fishing, both Rick Robbins and Tyler Ross expressed some support for the possibility of bid credit percentage increases up to 5% from the proposed 2.5% Boem number. At the time of this meeting, Castle Wind was advocating for CBA Bid Credits of at least 10% - 15% (Alla Weinstein per.com. June 7, 2022). RWE reps were not supportive of higher CBA credit percentages above 5%. In fact, Mr. Ross stated that developers would be "on the hook" (responsible) to spend the increased CBA Bid Credit [on mitigation of fishing impacts]. It is my belief that this comment is significant and may reflect OSW developers' reluctance to admit to or address the possible damage their projects will create in Coastal Fishing Communities. Lastly, RWE was sent copies of the draft CFRA Fishing Community Benefit Agreement contract.
2. On July 28, at 3PM, Rick Robins of RWE called for clarification on the position of "Fisheries Liaison Officer" (FLO). His questions are as follows:
 - a. Question: He asked if the CFRA knew of a local individual capable of serving as FLO? Answer: Yes, there is a local person directly connected to both the fishing fleet, pilot and tug service and serves as port agent for shipping and research vessels.
 - b. Question: Do we know someone with these connections that could represent both Humboldt and Morro Bay? Answer: No
 - c. Has there been Southern Oregon and Northern California vessels, new to the area, and recently beginning to operate in the Humboldt WEA? Answer: Yes
3. As of August 10, 2022 there have been no responses or inquiries from any other potential wind power developers to the CFRA. On August 10th, we reached out to EDP

Renewables, however the contact person was “unavailable and out of the office” until August 15th.

4. On August 3 we got an email from Christina Macintosh, a journalist for “& The West”, a magazine published by Stanford University. She is currently working on a piece about the Humboldt Wind Energy Area, specifically the concerns around commercial fishing that have been voiced in response to the project, and the complexities and tradeoffs that come with offshore wind development. She was sent CFRA public comment documents and the CFRA Impact Report as background. On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Ken Bates and Linda Hildebrand talked (via phone) with Ms. Macintosh for one and a half hours concerning OSW impacts to fishermen. We also referred her to Mike Conroy (PCFFA), Steve Scheiblauser (Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries), Tom Hafer (MBCFO). Mike Conroy reported that she has met with him.
5. CFRA received an inquiry from Ms. Kate Segal of the UC Berkeley Law Center for comments from stakeholders concerning OSW. We responded that we are available to meet via telephone during the week of August 15, 2022. We forwarded the CFRA Public Comment Document to Ms. Segal.

Thanks,
Ken Bates, President
CFRA