

# CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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## CFRA Board Report # 21

August 18, 2023

### CFRA Meetings

1. CFRA Meeting with Crowley Wind Services on June 26, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Carson Block Building/Crowley Offices

Attendees:

CFRA: Ken Bates, Lynette Mullen, Jake Mitchell

Crowley: Jeffrey Andreini, Amy Monier, Jody Himango, Bart Goedhard

Meeting topics of discussion

- Start relationship building between Crowley and CFRA
- Designate Jody as main outreach contact at Crowley
- Amy is Director of Projects and also available to address questions/concerns
- Crowley representatives clarified that their project planning is still in the early stages and have yet to sign a lease with the Harbor District
- Crowley still needs design specifications from developer to fully plan their site development
- Crowley is open to the idea of a MOU with the CFRA- asked for draft, which they will discuss/consider internally

2. **CFRA Board Meeting**, July 13, 2023 - The CFRA Board of Directors met via zoom.
  - a. After roll call Lynette Mullen the grant manager reported on accounting and bookkeeping service, the quarterly OPC report and a conversation with Meagan Williams of OPC concerning the 7C Working Group honoraria.
  - b. Jake Mitchell and Ken Bates reported on Coastal Commission correspondence concerning the formation of the 7C working group and the nomination process for fishermen to serve on this group. The CFRA is

requesting that the Coastal Commission expedite the formation of this group before OSW developers start site survey work. Under new business,

- c. Rick Robins of RWE requested an in-person meeting on July 26, 2023 with the CFRA Board, other interested fishermen, and the team from Vineyard Offshore.
- d. The CFRA Board tasked Ken Bates with the drafting of a public comment letter to the Humboldt Bay Harbor District's "Notice of Preparation (NOP)" DEIR concerning environmental and harbor challenges.

3. **CFRA Board Meeting, July 26, 2023** - In person and via Zoom at the Redwood Community Energy Authority (RCEA) conference room. In attendance was:

- RWE Team Rick Robins, Ciara Emory, Kim Gordon, Deidre Boelke
- Vineyard Offshore - Erik Peckar
- CFRA - Curtis Wilson, John Barnett, Laura Miller, Chris Voss, RB Pincombe, Steve Scheiblaue, Lynette Mullens, Ken Bates, Linda Hildebrand
- HFMA - Scott Creps, Mike Cunningham
- CCCFA - Troy Wakefield
- HASA - Tim Klassen
- RCEA - Matthew Marshall

The subject of this meeting was the continued discussion of OSW communication's plans. RWE and Vineyard Offshore made short powerpoint presentations.

Discussion topics included:

- A. Most effective ways for industry to industry communications including online apps, newsletters, Coast Guard channel 16, text messages, fisheries representatives in affected areas.
- B. Past communication problems with survey and cable ships including language barriers, lack of understanding of ongoing fisheries, and "3rd party" insulation by Sea Risk Solutions.
- C. How are fisheries liaison personnel recruited, nominated and vetted by both fishing and OSW interests?
- D. Steve Scheiblaue and Chris Voss commented on funding for long term resiliency, and gear loss through the state permitting process by industry to industry agreements coming out of the 7C Fishermen's Working Group

### **Correspondence**

- On August 8, 2023, OPC reached out to the CFRA to see if this organization would be receptive to increasing the number of honoraria payments to four additional members of the 7C Working Group. These new members would be tribal representatives. On August 14, 2023, the CFRA Board met via Zoom to discuss this request. The CFRA Board moved to approve honoraria for up to two tribal commercial fishery representatives, the possibility of funding for the two "Fisheries Organization" reps, and suggested tribal and state consideration of a

tribal working group to deal with non-fishing impact from OSW The entire letter is available upon request.

**Note** - Very shortly the Humboldt Bay Harbor District will begin working on the draft environmental impact report for the Samoa Heavy Lift Terminal Project. This project could potentially pose very large and long term environmental impacts to the Humboldt Bay Estuary, navigational safety, and a displacement and required relocation of commercial fishing businesses in Humboldt Bay. Please seriously consider your organization or group's participation in the public comment process for this very important document.