

CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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CFRA Meeting Report #2 Minutes

Meeting #2 - Special Meeting called for CFRA Board of Directors to meet with Representatives of RWE Renewables Americas

Date and Time of Meeting: April 19, 2022, 2:00pm (planned), 2:25pm (actual). (Rick Robins and Ross Tyler showed up about 25 minutes late)

Location and format: RCEA Conference Room and via Zoom

In attendance: Ken Bates, Tony Cannia, Linda Hildebrand, Sean Hodges, Jake Mitchell, Dick Ogg, RB Pincombe, Curtis Wilson

Guests: Matthew Marshall, Rick Robins, Ross Tyler

On April 19, 2022 the CFRA Board of Directors met with Rick Robins and Ross Tyler of RWE Renewables Americas at the RCEA conference room. A zoom call was set up by the RCEA staff so that CFRA members could attend this one hour meeting.

On March 17, Rick Robins contacted Ken Bates to see if it was possible to set up a meeting on April 19th; he said that he would be traveling on the West Coast and wanted to meet with fishermen. He and Ross Tyler represent RWE Renewables Americas, a wind power company out of Germany and a potential developer of offshore wind power here on the west coast. They stated that the purpose of the meeting was to talk about fisheries. Earlier they had met with fishermen from Morro Bay.

The meeting began with introductions and a brief description of their company and themselves. Ken Bates introduced the Board and each member provided a brief description of their fishery. Rick and Ross were then handed informational packets which contained: CFRA Board Member contact information, policy documents concerning Fishing Community Benefit Agreements, a list of impacts to fishing, and a highlighted section of the recent Coastal Commission Consistency Determination report.

Topics of discussion included: the North Coast Mapping Project, North Coast fishing block data, cable projects and funds, problems with Fishery Liaison Officers (eg. Sea Risk Solutions) survey work planning and coordination, communication between developers and fishermen, communications with California State Agencies, past problems with Fishery Liaison Officers (eg. Sea Risk Solutions), decommissioning of wind turbines, and the value and purpose of Fishing Community Benefit Agreements,

Rick Robins (East Coast, Virginia) brings a great deal of fishing industry experience to the table and was quite knowledgeable about fishing data and the issues with the BOEM process. RWE Renewables has been very

involved in the lease process on the East Coast (New York Bight) and have just put up a billion dollars to secure a lease. Following our meeting they had plans to travel to Oregon to look at the rest of the coast. It is not clear if we will meet with them in the future.