

# CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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## **CFRA Board Report #20** **June 23, 2023**

The CFRA Board of Directors met on the following Dates: May 12, May 20, June 7, June 16 and June 21. All meetings were via zoom. Below is a general overview of CFRA Board and State Agency meetings attended by CFRA members.

1. **Board meeting, May 12, 2023** via Zoom - Discussion: General management/executive directors service for CFRA. Response to CFRA request for proposals (RFP's), evaluation of three submissions. Board action to contract with K. Bates and L. Hildebrand, principals in Clofisco, Inc. for managerial and executive director services. Guest: Harrison Ibach, HFMA
2. **Board meeting, May 30**, via zoom. Discussion of upcoming state and developer meetings, the Coastal Commission's Condition 7C working group, an update on SB286 and new member association recruitment.
3. **Other meetings**
  - a. State Senate Hearing, Fisheries and Aquaculture, held in Sacramento, CA on June 1, 2023. Mike Conroy(RODA), Alan Alward(ACSF) and Ken Bates (representing himself) were invited by Mike McQuire to participate in a panel discussion representing fishermen. Each speaker had five minutes to speak about issues concerning OSW impacts to the fishing fleet. Ken's comments concerned the lack of sufficient state funding for the Coastal Commission and State Lands Commission to have sufficient dedicated staff to address long term OSW permitting and regulation, and address coordination between State Agencies in order to avoid duplication of outreach efforts to fishermen.
  - b. **June 7, 2023, Meeting with Jenn Eckerle, OPC Executive Director and Megan Williams, OPC Project Manager**, to discuss the CFRA Grant, Fishing Community Benefits Agreement (FCBA's) deliverables in preparation for a State Agency meeting on June 16, 2023
  - c. **June 16, 2023, meeting with OPC, CEC, and SLC staff** to present FCBA policy documents endorsed by 16 California fishermen's organizations. Steve Schieblauer and Ken Bates made a 45 minute presentation to agency staff explaining the motivation for state support of industry-to-industry agreements for OSW developments.
  - d. **June 21, 2023, meeting with RWE and Vineyard Wind** developers and fisheries affairs staff, Rick Robins, Kim Gordon, Deirdre Boelke, And Ciara Emery of RWE Renewables and Travis Lowery of Vineyard Wind. The developers presented a PowerPoint summary of their East Coast "Communications Plans" and entertained questions on how this might work on the West Coast. CFRA members expressed concerns over who or what subcontractor might get hired as a fishery liaison officer with or without fishing industry support. Vineyard Wind also works with ten fishing representatives that are compensated for their attendance at meetings. Vineyard

Wind stated that these representatives have been very effective in helping them develop their communication plans.

- e. Other industry meetings. Mike Conroy, Steve Scheiblaue, Mark Fina and Glenn Spain continue to work towards influencing the direction of Senator McGuire's SB286 legislation. While positive for fishermen in theory, amendments to the bill are proving problematic including dilution of the fishermen's working group by union and tribal concerns and the possible duplication of the Coast Commission's Condition 7C fisherman's working group. It is noteworthy to know that the SLC is also talking about a fisherman's advisory group. It will be important for State Agencies to coordinate their efforts to avoid duplication of outreach to fishermen. We will continue to provide updates to SB 286.

5. The CFRA is a recipient of generous funding from the Central Coast Fisheries/Cable Liaison Committee and the South Bay Fisheries /Cable Liaison Committee .These funds will be used to increase the CFRA cash flow for the purpose of managing and distributing honoraria payment to fishermen for their time participating on the California Coastal Commission's "Condition 7 Fishermen's Working Group". This group, composed of fishermen, OSW developers and State Agency staff will meet to develop operation protocols to allow the fishing industry and wind power developers to coexist on the ocean and in California's harbors. It is our guess that some of their board may be nominated to serve on this committee, especially in light of their long term experience with sub sea cable operations. Again, our sincere gratitude for their generous support of California fishermen. On behalf of our board of directors and our member associations and organizations.

Jake Mitchell, President, California Fisherman's Resiliency Association

Crescent City Commercial Fishermen's Association

Trinidad Bay Fishermen's Association.

Shelter Cove Fishermen's Preservation Association

Salmon Trollers Marketing Association of Noyo

Bodega Bay Fishermen's Association

San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association

Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Association

Santa Cruz Fishermen's Association

CaliforniaWetfish Producers Association.

Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara.

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Thank you,

Ken Bates, Executive Director

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