

Statement by Offshore Wind California on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Proposed Sale Notice for Commercial Leasing for Wind Power on the Outer Continental Shelf in California May 26, 2022

This is good news and another major step forward for developing offshore wind off California's coast. By issuing today's Proposed Sales Notice and staying on track for an auction in the fall, BOEM is showing that it's serious about advancing floating offshore wind, to drive economies of scale and realize the very substantial clean power, climate, and jobs benefits that offshore wind can deliver for our state and the nation.

We look forward to working with BOEM and other federal and state agencies to make offshore wind power a reality. The key steps include the lease auction for the Humboldt and Morro Bay wind energy areas this fall and further planning for ports, transmission, energy procurement, workforce development, a sustainable supply chain, and additional call areas off California's coast. Offshore wind can be a key part of the California's diverse clean power portfolio, while also protecting marine and coastal resources.

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