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Offshore Wind California Joins Broad Coalition of 110 Advocacy Organizations and Firms Backing Biden Administration Initiative to Kickstart US Offshore Wind Sector

Menlo Park, CA, April 5, 2021—[Offshore Wind California](#) (OWC), a group of wind industry leaders, announced it has joined a [broad coalition](#) of U.S. nonprofits, labor unions, developers, and environmental justice organizations in supporting the [Biden Administration's initiative](#) to significantly expand offshore wind leasing and investment, and generate 30 gigawatts (GW) of U.S. offshore wind power by 2030.

"This is exciting news for U.S. offshore wind power and jobs on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts," said [Adam Stern](#), Executive Director, OWC, a trade group of offshore wind developers and technology firms. "We welcome the Biden Administration's commitment to jumpstart America's offshore wind industry by advancing new lease sales and permitting, investing in port and transmission infrastructure, and setting a 30 GW national goal by 2030 to drive economies of scale and supply chain build-out.

"California has enormous potential to be a leader in environmentally responsible development of offshore wind, which can generate thousands of family-wage jobs, at least 10 GW of clean electricity by 2040 (with an interim target of 3 GW by 2030), and help the Golden State meet its ambitious climate goals. We urge the Departments of Interior and Defense – with help from the White House – to move rapidly to resolve California sea space issues on the Central Coast and announce a lease auction schedule by the end of this year. Full speed ahead!"

Established in October 2019, *Offshore Wind California's* founding members include [Aker Offshore Wind](#), [Equinor](#), [Magellan Wind](#), [Mainstream Renewable Power](#), [Ørsted](#), [Principle Power](#), and the [Pacific Ocean Energy Trust](#).

The [broader coalition](#) declared its backing of Biden's offshore wind plan in a [unity statement](#): "We are united in our belief that done right, offshore wind power will create thousands of quality, family-sustaining jobs in manufacturing, construction, operations, and maintenance, and in the development of port facilities and associated infrastructure. We agree that offshore wind power can and must be developed in a manner that protects coastal and marine ecosystems and advances social and racial equity and environmental justice."

For California, the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#) (NREL) estimates the state's technical potential at [112 GW](#) for offshore wind, including up to [8.4 GW](#) in the federal [Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's](#) current designated call areas. While deeper West Coast waters require floating technologies, these are now being [deployed](#) in various [markets](#) around the world. [NREL](#) estimates that building 10 GW of offshore wind power in California would create thousands of jobs and generate [\\$20 billion](#) in GDP by 2050.

About OWC – *Offshore Wind California* is a coalition of industry partners with a shared interest in promoting policies and public support for responsible development of offshore wind power in California. Its members are dedicated to providing an independent voice and industry expertise to facilitate offshore wind deployment off California's coast. OWC will undertake public education and advocacy of this renewable resource as part of a comprehensive solution to California's energy needs. OWC is a nonprofit, 501(c)(6) organization. For more, go to www.offshorewindCA.org. Follow us [@offshorewindCA](#).

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