



**Statement by *Offshore Wind California* on Appointment of Elizabeth Klein as the Biden-Harris Administration's new Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**

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We want to congratulate and welcome Elizabeth Klein on her [appointment](#) as the Biden-Harris Administration's new Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). We look forward to her leadership in advancing, indeed accelerating, the Administration's national goals of deploying 30 gigawatts (GW) of U.S. offshore wind by 2030 and 15 GW of floating offshore wind by 2035.

We also want to thank and commend Amanda Lefton for the tremendous progress made during her tenure as BOEM Director to spur America's offshore wind industry and jobs, including the very successful and first-ever auction of floating offshore wind leases off California's coast. Last month's auction was the most consequential milestone yet for the Golden State's efforts to make offshore wind a key part of its diverse clean energy future, and meet its ambitious [planning goals](#) to generate up to 5 GW by 2030 and a nation-leading 25 GW by 2045.

California – and the U.S. as a whole – have a remarkable opportunity to establish global leadership by going big on floating offshore wind. California has committed to moving forward on offshore wind at speed and scale, to realize this clean energy resource's very substantial climate, clean energy, and jobs benefits.

As an industry, we're committed to working closely with BOEM, state agencies and other key stakeholders on the essential [next steps](#) to make California offshore wind a reality, including investments in transmission and port infrastructure, a clear roadmap on permitting, procurement, a robust supply chain, workforce training, and more call areas to reach the state's 25 GW goal.

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For more information, see OWC's [California Offshore Wind Industry Report – November 2022](#)