

Statement by *Offshore Wind California* on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) Completion of an Environmental Review for the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area for California Offshore Wind Leasing October 6, 2022

This is more good news for floating offshore wind in California. We're glad to see that BOEM's <u>environmental</u> <u>review</u> found 'no significant impact' from offshore wind leasing activities for the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (WEA) on California's Central Coast, as it did for the Humboldt WEA on the state's North Coast this past spring.

As an industry, we're committed to ensuring that floating offshore wind has a minimal impact on the environment and coexists well with local communities, marine life, and all other ocean users. This environmental review marks another important step forward for offshore wind in California and sets the stage for BOEM to proceed with its initial lease auction at the Morro Bay and Humboldt WEAs later this fall.

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