



Statement by *Offshore Wind California* on Proposed Update of Rules and Regulations for Developing Offshore Wind Energy by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

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Offshore Wind California welcomes the Department of Interior's [announcement](#) of a proposed rule to update and modernize regulations by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for leasing and developing clean energy on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.

These proposed changes would mark an important step and significant progress in helping the offshore wind industry to meet the ambitious planning goals set by [California](#) and [federal](#) policy makers to responsibly develop offshore wind energy at both speed and scale.

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 expeditiously to realize this clean energy resource's very substantial climate, clean energy, and jobs benefits.

The Biden-Harris Administration has set national goals to deploy 30 gigawatts (GW) of U.S. offshore wind by 2030 and 15 GW of floating offshore wind by 2035. Last month's successful and first-ever auction of floating offshore wind leases off California's coast 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 [planning goals](#) to generate up to 5 GW by 2030 and a nation-leading 25 GW by 2045.

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 for 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](#)