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Douglas P. Boren, Pacific Regional Director  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
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Office of Environmental Programs, Division of Environmental Assessment  
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Camarillo, CA 93010

Dear Regional Director Boren,

The Grays Harbor County Board of County Commissioners opposes the Trident Winds project, Olympic Wind. The Olympic Wind project has submitted an unsolicited lease request to develop a floating wind project off the coast of Grays Harbor, Washington. The Quinault Indian Nation states this project will severely impact the Nation's Treaty which secures fishing access, certain rights and resources. Equally as important are the many local businesses, employees, and communities that will be adversely affected by the project.

Just a few businesses we have heard from in opposition are the Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association in Westport which has estimated that the most valuable single species of crab fishery on the west coast which garnered income in excess of \$100,000,000 this season expects it would see a deep decline based upon diminished access; Englund Marine Supply with multi-state stores knows that their business cannot sustain the displacement of open fishing otherwise protected by the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone of 200 miles of ocean (which would also displace fishing fleets); the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries has voiced a united concern over the loss of access to seafood that supports our coastal communities, loss of jobs and the expectation that the cost of electricity from this source will greatly exceed the current cost sustained by our community; and other support businesses such as boat yards, small manufacturers, marine electricians, welders, hydraulic specialists, painters, fiberglass workers, refrigeration specialists, machine shops, net builders, and others who would suffer the trickle-down effect of lost fishing revenue.

The Quinault Indian Nation, Pacific County and citizens in Grays Harbor County are all opposing this project for these reasons as well as the potential for damage to marine life and seabirds.

The Grays Harbor Board of County Commissioners support the Citizens of Grays Harbor, Coastal Coalition of Fisheries, Columbia River Crabbers, Ocean Companies, Ocean Gold, Quinault Indian Nation, Washington Crab Association, Washington Trollers, in addition to local, regional, commercial and recreational fisheries' opposition to the Trident Wind proposal.

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Sincerely,

JILL WARNE , Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Grays Harbor County  
State of Washington

cc: Guy Capoeman, President  
Quinault Indian Nation