



# PORT OF BANDON

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## PORT OF BANDON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

### A RESOLUTION MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT (BOEM) AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REGARDING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Bandon is a public port district, organized and operated under the provisions of ORS Chapter 777, and has the authority to adopt resolutions; and

**WHEREAS** the Port of Bandon Commission recognizes that offshore wind energy may be an important component to our state's transition to cleaner energy; and

**WHEREAS** the Port of Bandon highly values the commercial and recreational fishing industry along the coast, and recognizes their significant economic contributions to the national, state, regional and local economy; and

**WHEREAS** there are significant biological ocean resources off the coast of Oregon created by the unique conditions of the California Current and corresponding nutrient rich upwelling; and

**WHEREAS** the Port of Bandon believes certain necessary steps must be taken to ensure that existing ocean resources, users and stakeholders are protected from adverse impacts and has the following recommendations:

1. Require state and federal agencies to be transparent about the process of identifying and implementing offshore wind developments by embracing the "Oregon Way" public process that includes the Oregon fishing industry, environmentalists, coastal communities, and our state and federal political and congressional delegations, working with BOEM as equal partners.
2. Move all Oregon call areas outside of 1,300 meters to avoid displacing current sustainable fishery activities, which have great economic importance on the coast, and reduce the impact on the California Current and Upwelling zones.
3. Enact a moratorium on developing large scale wind turbine farms until all the risks to marine mammals, sea birds, fisheries and the marine environment are clearly understood.
4. Meet all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and conduct a comprehensive programmatic EIS before leases are granted instead of at the end of the process. The EIS should include cumulative impacts and transmission line impacts, including an analysis of electromagnetic impacts to marine life, and should

include impacts from the transmission lines that will bring the energy to shore. The EIS should also include an examination of the cumulative impacts to current ocean users from adjacent wind energy developments in Northern California and Washington.


5. Prioritize the best use of the areas in terms of economic benefit to Oregon and the Oregon Coast. The seafood industry plays a huge part in our coastal communities and is an important economic driver for our entire state. Reduction in the ability of the commercial fishing fleets to access fishing grounds also reduces the public's access to a publicly held resource.
6. Given the considerable fishery values generated from the call areas, the productivity of the California Current System, and the potential impacts to marine species and ecosystems/habitats, slow down the process to fully assess the significant risks and uncertainties.
7. Develop a meaningful compensatory mitigation program to fully compensate for environmental harm to wildlife caused by the construction and ongoing maintenance of offshore wind facilities, including cable landing and port/terminal sites.

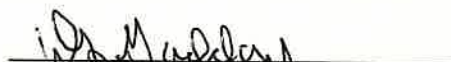
**NOW THEREFORE, THE PORT OF BANDON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The General Manager of the Port is directed to send this resolution to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) containing the above listed recommendations.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** and made effective the same day by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Bandon this 23rd day of June 2022.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Reg Pullen, President**

  
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**Donny Goddard, Vice-President**