



Quinault Indian Nation

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Douglas P. Boren, Pacific Regional Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
US Department of the Interior
Office of Environmental Programs, Division of Environmental Assessment
760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102
Camarillo, CA 93010

Dear Regional Director Boren,

The Quinault Indian Nation (“Quinault” or “Nation”) strongly opposes the unsolicited lease request by Trident Winds for a site to develop a floating offshore wind project, Olympic Wind, off the coast of Grays Harbor, Washington. This proposed project will severely impact the Nation’s Treaty fishing access, rights and resources.

We request government-to-government consultation as soon as practicable to discuss the impacts to our Treaty-protected fishing rights and resources and how the BOEM will fulfill its trust fiduciary duty to protect the Nation’s rights and interests.

While the Nation discussed a prior proposal with Trident Winds, we determined an offshore wind project will negatively impact our Treaty-reserved fishing rights in and near Grays Harbor. We have not discussed this proposal with Trident Winds, despite claims to the contrary in its request. We were surprised to see a potential route for a cable landing through land held in trust for the Nation, to which we do not consent.

Please contact our Executive Assistant, Brittany Bryson at bbryson@quinault.org to schedule a virtual government-to-government consultation as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Guy Capoen, President
Quinault Indian Nation

cc: Parker McWilliams, Tribal Liaison