



Exploring the Feasibility of Offshore Wind Energy for the California North Coast

Session 4: Community Perspectives on Regional Impacts and Opportunities

Monday, October 5, 2020 | 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM PST

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Session Goals

- Continue to engage with the north coast community and others interested in renewable energy about the feasibility of offshore wind energy for the California north coast.
 - Share key findings from a north coast community perspectives analysis conducted by the Schatz Center and research collaborators on the potential impacts and opportunities of offshore wind energy. This research was carried out from 2018-2020, and included interviews with community members as well as input from public meetings and workshops held during this period. The Schatz Center also conducted a literature review of lessons learned from other communities around the world that have engaged with offshore wind.
 - Moderate a panel discussion with community members who represent a range of perspectives and interests in the topic of regional offshore wind.
 - Facilitate a Q&A and discussion with the participants to help address priority questions and concerns, and learn of additional knowledge and perspectives related to the prospect of a floating wind farm off the California north coast.
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Agenda

Welcome & Recap Previous Webinar Highlights (2:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

Introduce the Schatz Center and project partners, and welcome participants. Review the webinar goals and format in order to create a shared understanding of intentions and anticipated outcomes. Present a brief overview of topics discussed in previous webinars.

Opening Remarks: Mike Wilson, 3rd District Supervisor, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors; Arne Jacobson, Director, Schatz Energy Research Center, Humboldt State University

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Explore Research Findings on Community Perspectives Between 2018-2020 (2:30 pm - 3:15 pm)

Share community perspectives of offshore wind energy development based on a review of a series of public meetings and 40 interviews conducted between 2018-2020 with north coast community members. Hear from a panel of local community members about their thoughts on the prospects for a regional wind farm.

Presentation: Laurie Richmond, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science & Management, Humboldt State University

Panelists: Jeff Hunerlach, Operating Engineers Local #3; Jennifer Savage, Surfrider Foundation; Mike Anderson, Commercial Fisherman; Harrison Ibach, Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association; Jana Ganion, Blue Lake Rancheria

Community Q&A and Discussion (3:15 pm - 4:25pm)

Facilitate a Q&A to address general questions about offshore wind energy and the Schatz Center's research findings. Invite participants to share questions and insights regarding wind farm development in the Humboldt Bay region.

Next Steps and Participant Feedback (4:25 pm - 4:30 pm)

Share information about next steps, and details on the upcoming final webinar. Receive feedback from participants about their experience.

Notes

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