



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

Session 5: Reflections and Next Steps

Monday, October 19, 2020 | 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM PST

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Session Goals

- Review key findings of research completed by the Schatz Energy Research Center at Humboldt State University and collaborators during 2019-2020, and discuss next steps in the Schatz Center's feasibility studies.
 - Share next steps for state and federal agencies in relation to offshore wind feasibility analyses and/or development on California's north coast.
 - Reflect on community perspectives heard from both panelists and participants, as well as the webinar experience surveys. Provide an opportunity to learn additional insights through Q&A and participant comments.
 - Help to ensure the north coast and broader renewable energy communities have the resources and communication channels necessary to meaningfully engage in discussions of regional offshore wind energy development.
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Agenda

Welcome & Goals (2:00 pm - 2:15 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.

Opening Remarks: Jared Huffman, U.S. Congressman, California's 2nd District

Webinar Series Recap and Next Steps in Schatz Center Research (2:15 pm - 2:35 pm)

Share reflections on the Schatz Center's research findings to date, and on the webinar series discussions with presenters, panelists and attendees. Outline the current and upcoming offshore wind studies being conducted by the Schatz Center, and share the timeline of forthcoming reports and analyses.

Presentation: Arne Jacobson, Director, Schatz Energy Research Center, Humboldt State University

Next Steps for California North Coast Offshore Wind Energy Exploration (2:35 pm - 3:35 pm)

Facilitate a panel discussion with state and federal agencies to learn of next steps for exploring offshore wind energy development on the north coast. Learn how community members and other interested parties can continue to stay informed and participate in these processes.

Panelists: Chris Potter, Program Manager, Ocean Protection Council; Necy Sumait, Chief, Renewable Energy, Pacific Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Eli Harland, Advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas, California Energy Commission

Community Q&A (3:35 pm - 4:15pm)

Invite attendees to ask questions of speakers and panelists, and also to share their own desired next steps in the north coast offshore wind conversation.

Thank You & Webinar Series Next Steps (4:15 pm - 4:30 pm)

Invite attendees to reflect on this webinar series. Share information on ways to stay engaged in discussions of offshore wind energy for the north coast, and thank participants for a collaborative dialogue during this five-part webinar series.

Notes

[Strategic Earth Consulting](#), funded by the Schatz Center, will provide third-party, neutral facilitation of the webinar series and support webinar summary development. Webinar agendas may be updated at the discretion of the facilitation team based on the needs of the participants and discussion. For more information about these webinars or to download copies of the study reports, please visit schatzcenter.org/wind or contact windstudies@schatzcenter.org.

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