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please see the attached letter

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



California Energy Commission

October 3, 2025

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RE: Item #9 on the 10/8/25 CEC agenda, "Waterfront Improvement Program for Offshore Wind Energy Development"

Dear California Energy Commission,

Who we are

The Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries ("ACSF") is a 24-year-old 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization, founded for the purposes of educating the public on fisheries issues, connecting fishing men and women ("fishermen") with their communities, and to represent fishing interests in state and federal processes. The ACSF is a regional organization, comprised of commercial fishing leaders representing Monterey, Moss Landing, Santa Cruz, Morro Bay, Pillar Point, Port San Luis, and Santa Barbara, on our Board of Directors. Port communities, several recreational fishing organizations, and the California Wetfish Producers Association (squid, sardines, etc.), also have representatives on our Board. Thus, the ACSF represents a large cross-section of fishing and community interests for the Central Coast of California.

Comments and Concerns

The staff report asserts:

"An O&M terminal at Port San Luis would offer an efficient and less invasive infrastructure footprint, with operations designed to align with community and environmental priorities. As such, Port San Luis has been identified by multiple independent studies as a high-potential location for O&M facilities."

We believe that communities near the proposed offshore wind (OSW) developments, including port development in support of OSW, are deeply skeptical of OSW and the likely harmful effects of these projects. This includes disruption/displacement of fisheries but also includes numerous environmental and socioeconomic harms. Floating OSW turbines in very deep water greater than three-thousand feet is an unproven technology. Experienced mariners familiar with offshore conditions openly wonder if the turbines, some 20-25 miles offshore, will stay upright, and/or on-station. Maintenance costs alone could sink these projects.

In the last election for Port San Luis Harbor Commission a "pro-OSW" incumbent commissioner was defeated by an individual more skeptical of OFW, tilting the commission towards skepticism. There will be another Port Commission election in November, with another OSW skeptic on the ballot. The CEC would be wise to wait for that election outcome before it awards the Harbor District planning grant funds.

Additionally, the ACSF has deep concerns about creating major new structures (piers, breakwaters, dredging, etc.) in the face of this unproven technology. This is true for the Port San Luis area, and true for the Humboldt project, where that proposed project will certainly substantially and irreversibly harm the great Humboldt estuary. We hope the Energy Commission shares these concerns.

Thank you for considering comments from the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries.



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