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Offshore wind lease areas in California: criteria for site selection in the near term

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Offshore wind projects delivering up to 1100 MW

* All capacity figures on 100% bas







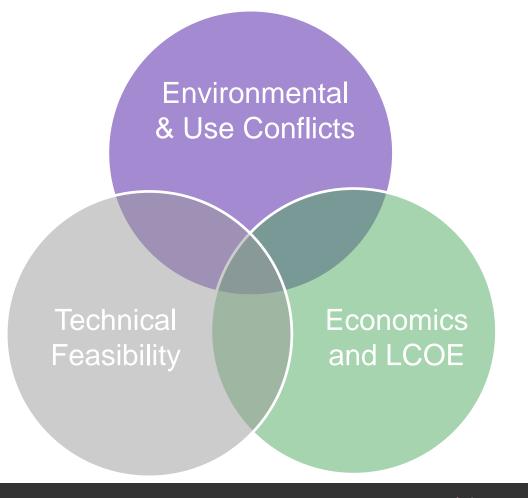




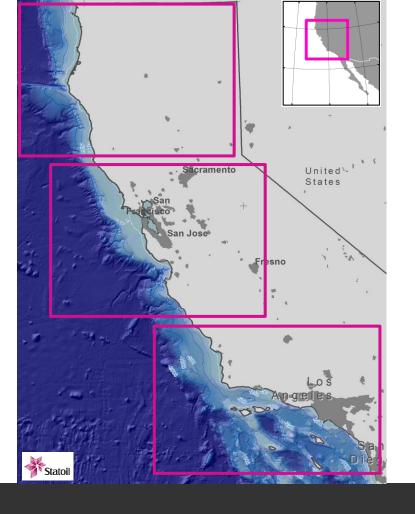


Site selection criteria

- Safe to construct and operate
- Safe for other users
- Lowest environmental impacts and use conflicts
- Lowest technical challenges
- Acceptable wind, economics and Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE)
- Grid connection and Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) opportunities







Phased 'zone appraisal' approach

Northern California

- Very good wind resource, suitable water depths
- Smaller market, limited grid to other markets
- Potential for the longer term

Central California

- Good winds, close to markets
- Potential permitting challenges
- Potential for medium term

Southern California

- Good wind resource in places
- Close to the market and grid infrastructure
- Permitting opportunities in the right areas



Environmental

- Ornithology
- Marine mammals
- Fish & shellfish
- Benthic ecology
- Marine ecology
- Marine protected areas, protected species
- Marine physical processes
- Marine sediment & water quality

Use conflicts

- Shipping & Navigation
- Military
- Recreational shipping, fishing, tourism, visual
- Commercial fisheries
- Oil & gas, aggregates, mining, renewables
- Aviation
- Tribes, cultural
- Radar

Hard constraints, technical

- Water depth
- Wind resource
- Distance from shore
- Geology,
- Wrecks, UXO, archaeology
- Cables, pipelines, installations



MarineCadastre data and mapping tool



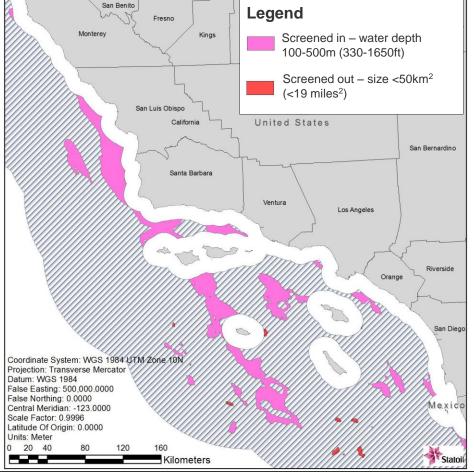




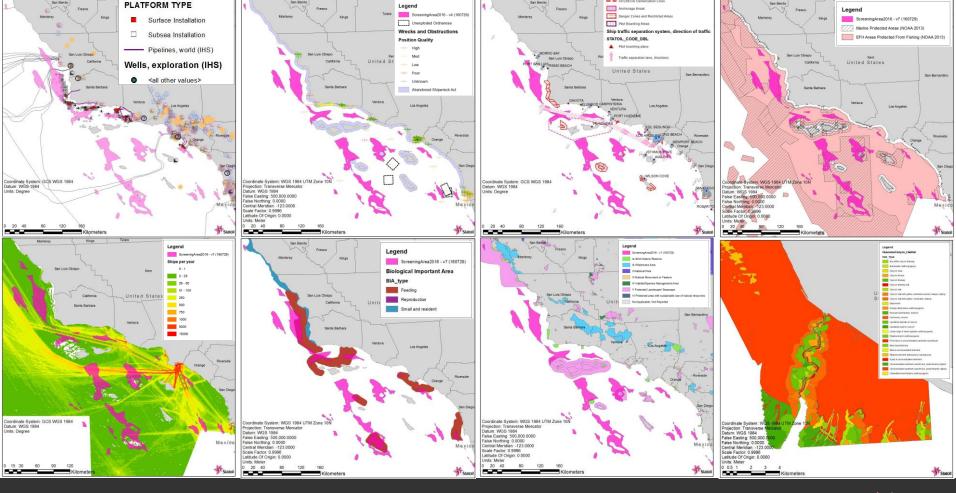




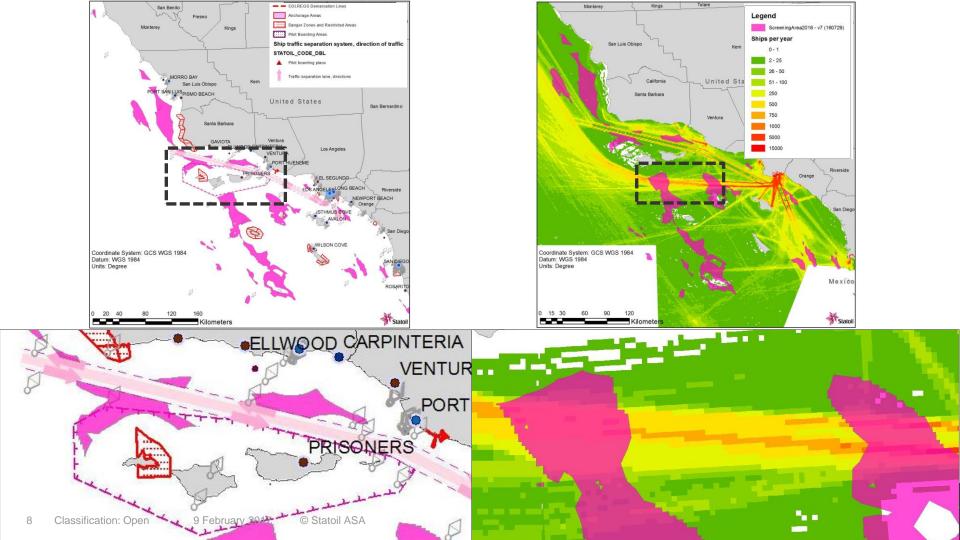














Protected species



Military, radar



Experiences from site selection and EIAs in Europe and US



Shipping & Navigation

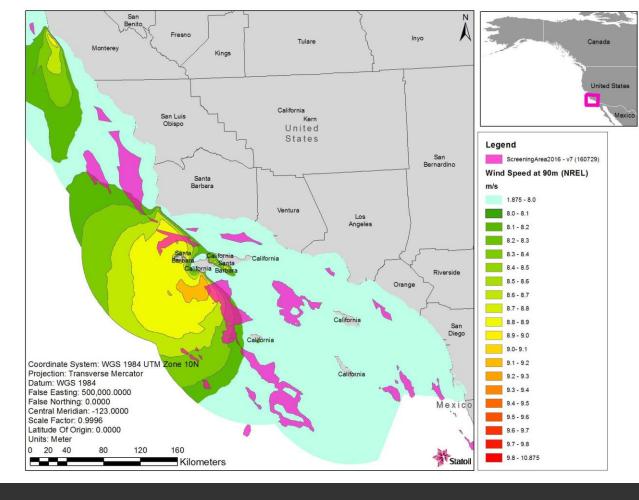


Civilian Aviation



Protected areas



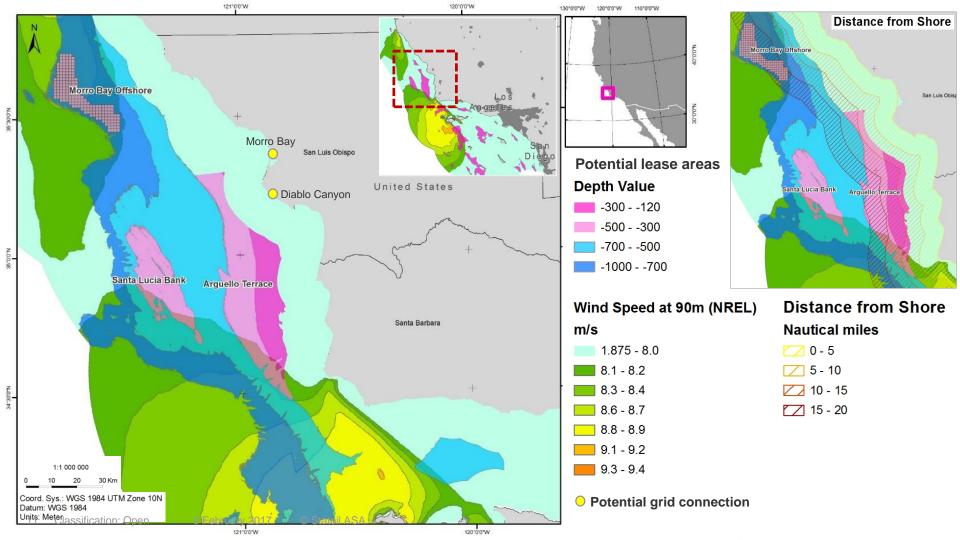


Technical Appraisal

Included, but not limited to:

- Wind resource (modelled)
- Export cable route:
 - Distance
 - Complexity
 - Landfall & grid connection
- · Water depth:
 - Inter-array cables
 - Moorings
 - Installation complexity;
- Metocean conditions:
 - Installation
 - O&M
- Distance from landfall / grid connection:
 - O&M accessibility
 - Transmission losses
 - Transmission solutions
- Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE)
 - Comparison of sites
 - Comparison on phased approach





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California 'near-term'

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