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This is Tom Hafer, I am President of the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization of ~ 90 members. At the webinar today July 1, Chris Potter said that he was willing to meet with the fishermen to discuss the call areas off of Morro Bay and Avila. We appreciate that and think this is a critical step for BOEM to be successful in having both a sustainable fishing industry and a wind farm in the same area. We have grave concerns that need to be addressed. BOEM has to realize that California has put in 29 MPA on the Central Coast, one large one right off Piedras Blancas, and also the Rockcod Conservation Area and Essential Fishing Habitat restricting fishing, with all those areas gone, and now a growing wind farm proposed, where are we going to fish? Especially with these new north and south areas, we will be squeezed into < 10 mile corridors. We have worries that the noise and electrolysis will greatly affect our fisheries in those areas including; rockfish, spot prawns, black cod, salmon, albacore, and wet fish. What studies have been done that will absolutely prove that this will not cause these fisheries to avoid this area? Making it a 'dead zone'. Especially if it is as big as the wind industry desires.

We have laws protecting fishing as the 'highest priority use' under the California Coastal Act and Federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The fishermen need guaranteed protections in writing from BOEM that insures that these wind farms will be limited in scope (not the 500 wind turbines proposed by the wind industry) and that whomever is given a lease that there is a required memorandum of understanding with the fishermen mitigating their loss of fishing area and other impacts to our industry.

We look forward to meeting with you. My cell is (805) 610-2072.

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