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Comments to the CA Energy Commission on future OSW planning goals

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My name is Steve Scheiblaue. I am a retired Harbormaster, having working in that position over a 42-year period at Santa Cruz and Monterey Harbors. I now have the business Marine Alliances Consulting, providing advice and services on harbor management and commercial fishing issues.

I urge the Commission to stay within the development goal of 10 GW from OSW by 2045.

I respectfully recommend that a second, critical planning goal should be to monitor and learn from the five OSW leases that are likely to be awarded by BOEM this Fall.

These five leases will eventually throw as many as 500 large, industrial turbines into our ocean. As today's testimony pointed out, there are enormous environmental, economic, and cultural unanswered questions about this massive and rapid industrialization of our ocean.

The State should use these first five OSW developments as demonstration projects, carefully and independently monitored for their effects on protected species, upwelling, the California Current large ecosystem, fisheries and shipping displacement, and community-wide impacts. The State should not support more leases and developments to move forward until better information is in hand and adaptive management can actually be practiced. To rush forward with more OSW development in the face of these questions and uncertainties would be, frankly, reckless, in my opinion. It would certainly be contrary to California's long-established thoughtful care of its ocean environment.

Secondly, I must point out to the Commission the injustice that is unfolding onto fishermen and their communities. This injustice primarily comes from BOEM's methods of doing business. It's ironic that this is occurring given the President's stated goal of increasing environmental and economic justice...goals that are strongly shared by California's leadership. BOEM's actions, as distinguished from its public statements, communicate disinterest in the fate of the state's fisheries

and small coastal communities. I hope that the Commission will keep this in mind as it sets future planning goals for OSW.

Regarding specifically the Diablo Canyon Call Area, please do not include this area in the State's planning goals. The loss of this area will devastate the region's commercial fisheries. Further, it is within the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, and is of high importance to the Department of Defense for training.

Last, the idea of a new "energy port" in the Central Coast (presumably at Diablo Canyon) was mentioned several times. As someone with decades of port and harbor experience, I find this idea is much less than half-baked. There are no natural features to support a deep-water port. Without such features, building jetties, etc, will set up the "human structures verses natural forces" battle, which much experience shows us humans will not win. Further, new structures will alter the coastwide sand flows and create mostly negative changes downcoast. There are many other engineering and environmental issues with this idea.

Thank you for considering my comments.