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Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan - MORRO BAY

Dear Commissioners, with all due respect, I beg of you to vote against using the Morro Bay Harbor for a service and maintenance area for the proposed offshore wind plan. Lifestyles and ecosystems will be impacted and in many cases cease to exist. Here are examples of our potential losses.

Mother's Beach at Coleman- families will no longer be able to introduce their young children to sea water and ocean sports in this calm, safe and unpolluted cove.

Children learning to sail their small optis will no longer be safe in the north area of the Bay.

Morro Bay residents and tourists will no longer be safe paddling boards and kayaks out to Target Rock.

The north section of the sand spit will be excavated to accommodate the wide berth of the vessels used, taking away valuable eel grass and sea life.

Excessive fuels will be added to our harbor waters, polluting and building up over the years and working their way to the back estuary.

ESTUARIES BLUE CARBON CAPTURE-Our Estuary's ability to combat carbon will be compromised. Estuaries are extremely valuable to the quality of our air and need to be protected at all costs. More info on this at: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/washington/stories-in-washington/estuaries-blue-carbon-capture/>

Morro Bay will cease to be the calm, quaint and quiet place to visit and enjoy natural ecosystems filled with sea life and wonder.

At age 10 in 1965, I had the joy of experiencing Morro Bay. Two years later my parents, at great sacrifice moved us to Morro Bay. My wonder of this unique area has increased over time and I want everyone to be able to experience Morro Bay as it was, and is today.

Be the one that stands up and says the impact that the Morro Bay estuary plays in protecting our air is greater than offshore wind farms that could be easily replaced by putting solar panels on every house in California.

Please help preserve the Morro Bay harbor and estuary.

Blessings,
Judy Lynn Setting