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## **BOEM AB525 Strategic Report Comment**

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Chair David Hochschild  
California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 17-MISC-01  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chair Hochschild:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission (CEC) draft Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525) Strategic Plan (Docket No. 17-MISC-01). The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) appreciates CEC's ongoing partnership as we continue to work together to meet our respective missions and our shared goals of responsible offshore wind development with robust engagement with Tribes, industry, stakeholders, federal, state, and local partners.

In March 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a goal of developing 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy by 2030, creating nearly 80,000 jobs, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. In September 2022, the Departments of Energy, Interior, Commerce, and Transportation launched initiatives on floating offshore wind, including a goal to deploy 15 GW of floating offshore wind by 2035. These federal goals align with the State of California planning goals of 2-5 GW of offshore wind energy by 2030 and 25 GW by 2045.

As the federal agency responsible for authorizing offshore renewable leases on the Outer Continental Shelf, BOEM appreciates the publication of sea space areas and recommendations discussed throughout the plan. BOEM agrees that collaboration and engagement with Native American and Indigenous peoples, underserved communities, fishing groups, governmental agencies, and other potentially impacted entities is essential for any possible future offshore wind development. BOEM supports continued research on offshore wind development and seeks to minimize potential impacts to communities and ecosystems alike. BOEM will also continue to pursue effective coordination with government partners on offshore wind permitting and in the identification of advancement opportunities in workforce development.

BOEM looks forward to continuing work with the State of California to meet both federal and state offshore wind energy planning goals. BOEM is confident that through continued partnership, we can achieve our shared vision of creating a responsible and effective California offshore wind industry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Blazek, Renewable Energy Specialist, at [matthew.blazek@boem.gov](mailto:matthew.blazek@boem.gov) or 805-384-6299 if you have any questions regarding our response to the draft AB 525 Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

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