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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Re: Comments on June 1, 2022 Workshop on AB 525 - Identifying Additional Suitable Sea Space and Assessing Impacts and Mitigations

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the recent June 1, 2023 AB 525 workshop on Identifying Additional Suitable Sea Space and Assessing Impacts and Mitigations. We are highly appreciative of also being invited to participate in two panels during the workshop and share the perspectives and concerns of the commercial maritime industry. PMSA is a nonprofit trade association which represents owners and operators of U.S. and foreign flagged vessels operating along the U.S. West Coast. The commercial maritime industry has an interest in offshore wind energy development; our vessels import the turbines and components, our members have entered the offshore support vessel space and the industry is a major ocean space user.

As such, we wish to take this opportunity to formally request the establishment of a California Offshore Wind Energy Maritime Working Group that was proposed during the afternoon panel on impacts and mitigation. We envision the working group could be comprised of the California Energy Commission, California Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, the United States Coast Guard, PMSA and others. The purpose of the working group is to establish a formal forum for open discussion and coordination to ensure offshore wind energy projects avoid and minimize impacts to the safe navigation of oceangoing vessels to the maximum extent possible.

No other forum exists today for the industry. Current legislation and the California Coastal Commission's Federal Consistency Determination created various Communication Plans or similar work groups for all other stakeholders; the maritime industry is simply seeking that same consideration. Mitigation of various impacts is likely possible, but we all must work together to see it through to fruition. As current and future sea space areas are being contemplated, it is of critical importance that issues of navigational safety and maritime commerce, along with all other shared activities and waterway stakeholder impacts, be appropriately considered.

Again, PMSA is very appreciative to have been invited to participate in the June 1st workshop. We look forward to collaborating with CEC to ensure the most feasible and least impactful offshore

wind energy projects. To be clear, establishing a California Offshore Wind Energy Maritime Working Group will ensure safety of the maritime industry as a whole and is necessary to ensure success of offshore wind energy development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience should there be any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline M. Moore". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Jacqueline M. Moore
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