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While we fully understand the need to reach zero-carbon electricity and our state's™ commitment to reach this crucial goal by 2045, we feel it is extremely important to complete the necessary studies to ensure we cause no further harm to the environment. We at SPI appreciate that identifying potential impacts and mitigating and minimizing those impacts through strategies on coastal resources, fisheries and Native American Indigenous Peoples is addressed in the plan, we are concerned that the need to meet goals is the overarching priority and mapping, though extremely important, does not take the place of long-term scientific studies.

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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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