

Offshore Wind Energy and the Oregon Coast

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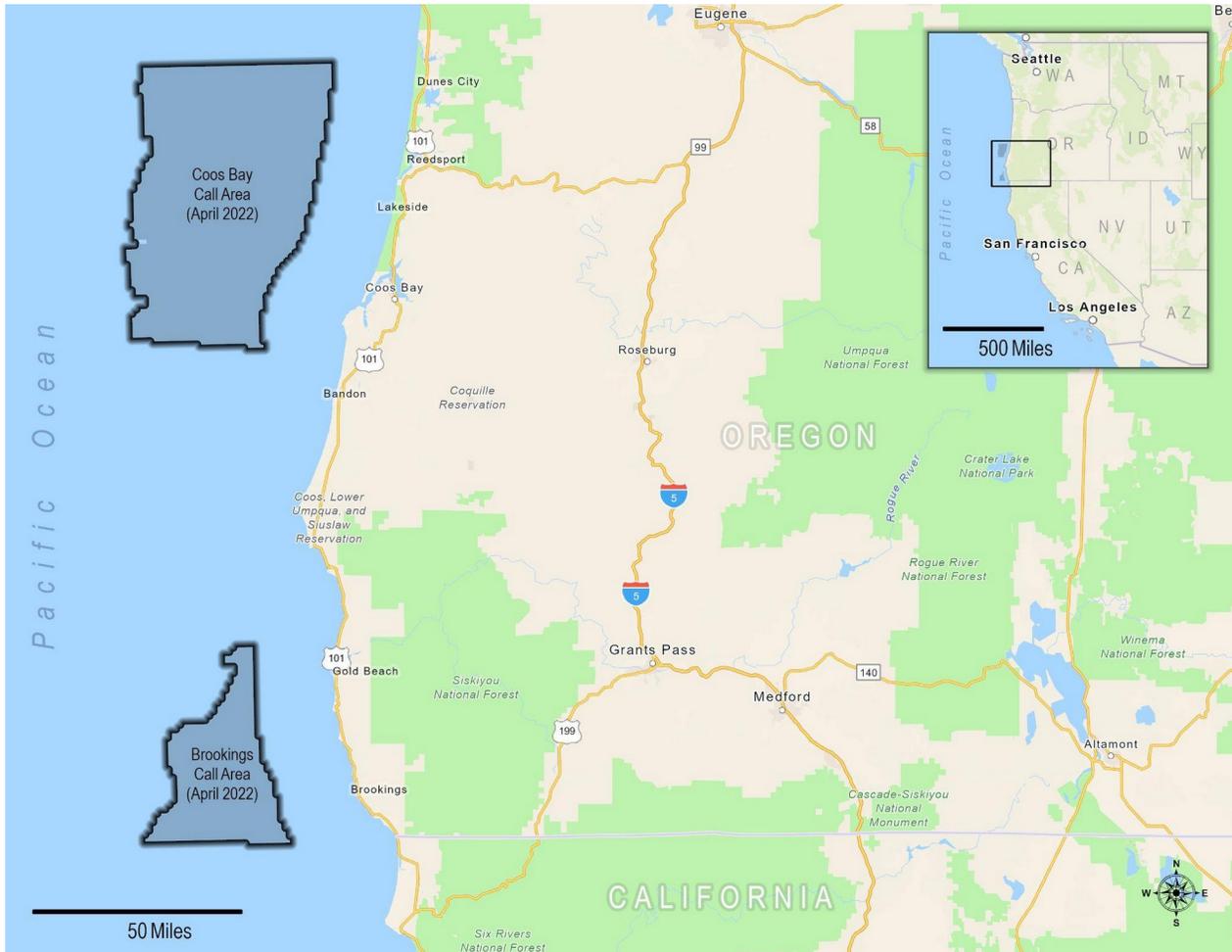
Floating offshore wind energy has recently been proposed off Oregon's southern coast (see map on the next page) by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). This survey is one of several studies funded by BOEM to collect information to inform their decision-making process. We are interested in learning about your opinions related to floating offshore wind energy. Your responses will help BOEM understand the potential human and social impacts from floating offshore wind energy development off the Oregon coast.

By completing the survey, you are consenting to participate in this research. Although we hope that you will answer every question, you are free to skip any questions. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. You will not be individually identified, and your responses will be used for statistical purposes only.

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This is a map of the southern Oregon coast and two areas offshore that are currently being considered for future wind energy projects.



1. Before today, had you heard about the potential for offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?
 - Yes
 - No, but I had heard about offshore wind energy, in general
 - No, and I hadn't heard about offshore wind energy before today

2. How knowledgeable do you feel about offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?
 - Not at all knowledgeable
 - Somewhat knowledgeable
 - Very knowledgeable
 - Extremely knowledgeable

3. Given what you currently know about offshore wind energy, have you formed an opinion about its potential off the Oregon Coast?
 - I support offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast ? SKIP to Q5
 - I oppose offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast ? SKIP to Q5
 - I have not yet made up my mind ? CONTINUE to Q4

4. [IF Q3=3] Even though you have not yet made up your mind about offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast, which way are you leaning?

- To support development
- To oppose development

- I don't know

5. Given what you currently know about offshore wind energy, do you think offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast will have an impact on the following items for your community?

	Very negative impact	Negative impact	No impact	Positive impact	Very positive impact	Not Sure
Electricity rates	<input type="radio"/>					
Reliable electricity grid	<input type="radio"/>					
Access to commercial fishing grounds	<input type="radio"/>					
Coastal community livelihoods	<input type="radio"/>					
Marine recreation	<input type="radio"/>					
Views of the ocean	<input type="radio"/>					
Coastal habitats	<input type="radio"/>					
Marine life	<input type="radio"/>					
Seabirds	<input type="radio"/>					
Tribal way of life	<input type="radio"/>					

6. Looking at the same list of items, please tell us how important each item is to you in terms of your quality of life on the Oregon Coast.

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
Electricity rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reliable electricity grid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to commercial fishing grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coastal community livelihoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marine recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Coastal habitats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marine life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seabirds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tribal way of life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. How important do you think it is to pursue offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Very important
- Extremely important

8. How important is it for the electricity generated from offshore wind energy to stay...

	Not at all important	Somewhat	Very important	Extremely
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		important		important
in Oregon?	•	•	•	•
on the Oregon Coast?	•	•	•	•

9. Which of the following fuel sources would you prefer to produce electricity?

	Yes	No
Hydropower (dams)	•	•
Coal	•	•
Natural gas	•	•
Offshore wind	•	•
Land-based wind	•	•
Nuclear	•	•
Solar	•	•
Biomass (organic plant and animal materials)	•	•
Marine hydropower (wave, tidal, current)	•	•
Geothermal	•	•

10. Do you believe that climate change is happening?

- Yes
- No ? SKIP to Q12
- I don't know ? SKIP to Q12

11. Do you believe climate change is mainly caused by human activities or natural forces?

- Human activities
- Natural forces
- I don't know

12. Do you believe offshore wind energy could be an effective way to reduce climate change?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

The next several questions will ask about your past experiences, intentions, and preferences related to public participation in local issues on the Oregon Coast.

13. In the last 12 months, have you done any of the following in response to either any environmental issue off the Oregon Coast or offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast? (select all that apply)

	Any environmental issue on the Oregon Coast	Offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast	Neither
Signed a petition	●	●	●
Written a letter to the editor	●	●	●
Contacted a public official	●	●	●
Joined or renewed membership to an advocacy group	●	●	●
Attended a public meeting sponsored by a government agency	●	●	●
Attended a public meeting sponsored by an advocacy group	●	●	●
Attended a demonstration	●	●	●
Contributed money to an organization	●	●	●
Voted in a federal, state, or local election	●	●	●
Displayed your position, such as with a bumper sticker, clothing, or yard sign	●	●	●
Tried to change a friend's or relative's mind	●	●	●
Tried to influence others using social media	●	●	●

14. In the next 12 months, how likely are you to do any of the following in response to offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?

	Not at all likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
Sign a petition	●	●	●	●
Write a letter to the editor	●	●	●	●
Contact a public official	●	●	●	●
Join or renew membership to an advocacy group	●	●	●	●
Attend a public meeting sponsored by a government agency	●	●	●	●
Attend a public meeting sponsored by an advocacy group	●	●	●	●
Attend a demonstration	●	●	●	●
Contribute money to an organization	●	●	●	●
Vote in a federal, state, or local election	●	●	●	●
Display your position, such as with a bumper sticker, clothing, or yard sign	●	●	●	●
Try to change a friend's or relative's mind	●	●	●	●
Try to influence others using social media	●	●	●	●

15. How important is it for members of the public to provide input on offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Very important
- Extremely important

16. How influential do you think public input is on offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?

- Not at all influential
- Somewhat influential
- Very influential
- Extremely influential
- I don't know

17. How important to you are the following goals of public participation?

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
Identify what is most important to the public	●	●	●	●
Incorporate public preferences into decisions	●	●	●	●
Create opportunities for fair discussion	●	●	●	●
Allow all interested individuals to have a say	●	●	●	●
Enlighten decision makers to public needs	●	●	●	●
Identify public preferences for potential solutions	●	●	●	●
Incorporate local knowledge into decisions	●	●	●	●
Incorporate Indigenous knowledge into decisions	●	●	●	●
Provide information to the public	●	●	●	●

18. How influential do you think the results of this survey will be on offshore wind energy off the Oregon Coast?

- Not at all influential
- Somewhat influential
- Very influential
- Extremely influential

19. Are you aware that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has hosted public meetings or asked for public comments related to offshore wind energy development off the Oregon Coast?

- Yes
- No

This is the final section of the survey. The following questions ensure that all groups are fairly represented.
All answers are confidential.

20. Are you (select all that apply)

- Male
- Female
- Transgender, non-binary, or another gender

21. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes

- No

22. What is your race? (select all that apply)

- White/Caucasian
- Black/African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Other, please specify _____

23. In what year were you born? _____

24. Is English your primary language?

- Yes
- No

25. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than 9th grade
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma
- High school graduate (includes equivalency)
- Some college, no degree
- Occupational, technical, or vocational program
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

26. Are you a seasonal or year-round resident of the Oregon Coast?

- Seasonal resident (I live on the Oregon Coast only part of the year)
- Year-round resident (I live on the Oregon Coast all year)

27. How many years have you been a resident of the Oregon Coast? _____

28. Do you own or rent this residence (where this survey was mailed to)?

- Own
- Rent
- Other

29. How many people, including yourself, live in your household? _____

30. How many of these people are at least 18 years old? _____

31. Which best describes your current employment status? (select all that apply)

- Unemployed
- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Retired
- Student
- Homemaker

32. Are you or anyone in your household currently employed in one of the following industries? (select all that apply)

- Fishing or fishing related (such as seafood preparation or wholesalers)
- Generation, transmission, or distribution of renewable energy
- Extraction, transmission, or distribution of non-renewable energy
- Port management or operations
- Marine construction
- Utility systems construction
- Real estate, rental, or leasing
- None of the above

33. What was your annual household income in 2022?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete our survey. If you have any additional comments, please feel free to include them in the space provided below.

*Thank you! That's our last question. Please place this completed questionnaire in the **postage-paid** envelope provided and drop it off in the mail.*