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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ACSF AIS	Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries Automatic identification system
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BNM	Broadcast Notice to Mariners
CCC	California Coastal Commission
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
COP	Construction and Operations Plan
CFSB	Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara
CFSI	California Fisheries and Seafood Institute
CWPA	California Wetfish Producers Association
FCP	Fisheries Communications Plan
FL	Fisheries Liaison
FR	Fisheries Representative
G&G	Geotechnical and Geophysical
GSW	Golden State Wind LLC
JOFLO	Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office
Lease Area	Lease Area OCS-P 0564
LNM	Local Notice to Mariners
MBCFO	Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service
OW	Ocean Winds
PCFFA	Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen Association
PFMC	Pacific Fisheries Management Council
Project	Golden State Wind Project
PSLCFA	Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VHF	very high frequency
WFOA	Western Fishboat Owners Association



## **1. INTRODUCTION**

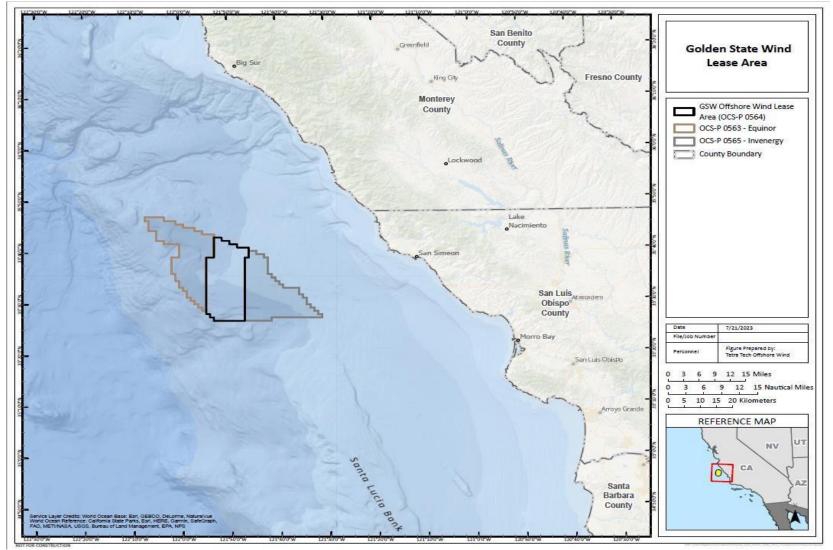
## **1.1 Project Overview**

Golden State Wind LLC (GSW), BOEM Co. No. 15100, is a 50/50 partnership between Ocean Winds (OW) and Reventus Power, managed by OW. GSW obtained rights to Lease Area OCS-P 0564 (Lease Area) in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM's) December 2022 Pacific Wind Lease Sale. The Lease Area is located on the Pacific Coast Outer Continental Shelf and is the central of three lease areas in the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (Figure 1). The Lease Area is approximately 80,418 acres (325 square kilometers), 22 miles (19 nautical miles; 35 kilometers) offshore of California at the closest point, and 53 miles (46 nautical miles; 85 kilometers) offshore of Morro Bay, California. Water depths within the Lease Area range from approximately 3,120 feet (951 meters) to 4,540 feet (1,384 meters). The Morro Bay Wind Energy Area was designated by BOEM following a review of existing and targeted environmental studies as well as significant stakeholder engagement and input. A public copy of Lease OCS-P 0564 is available on BOEM's website (BOEM 2023).

Once constructed, the Golden State Wind Project (Project) will consist of wind turbine generators installed on floating platforms, mooring and anchoring systems connecting them to the seabed, inter-array cables, floating offshore substation(s), offshore export cables, cable landfall(s), onshore export cable(s), onshore substation(s), and onshore interconnection cable(s) to the point(s) of interconnection to the onshore electric grid (Figure 2). If approved by federal, state, and local agencies, activities would include construction, operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of the Project.

To support engineering design and permitting, site assessments to be conducted within the Lease Area include site characterization and survey activities such as vessel-based surveys and deployment of metocean buoys. Site assessments outside of the Lease Area include survey activities along proposed offshore export cable routes and onshore facilities locations.



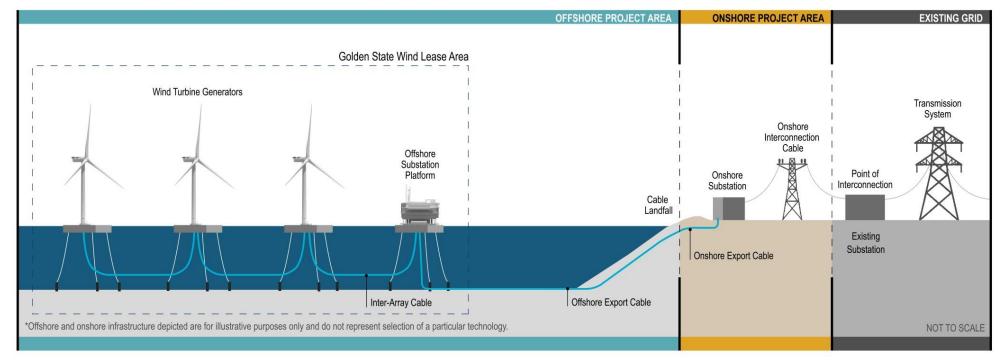




Golden State Wind Lease Area (OCS-P 0564) in the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area



## **GOLDEN STATE WIND PROJECT**



#### Figure 2. Project Schematic



## **1.2 Fisheries Communications Plan**

GSW recognizes that fishing is an integral part of the cultural, historic, and economic fabric of coastal California. GSW believes that responsible development of offshore wind is contingent on early, transparent, and continuous collaboration with the fishing community and that the success of the proposed Project depends on our ability to coexist alongside other oceans users whose use of the Project Area, or whose use of resources harvested from the Project Area, may be impacted by offshore wind development. For the purposes of this plan, the Project Area refers to the Lease Area and offshore export cable corridor(s). The term "fishing community" will be used throughout this document and is defined in the Magnusen-Stevens Act as "a community which is substantially dependent on or substantially engaged in the harvest or processing of fishery resources to meet social and economic needs, and includes fishing vessel owners, operators, and crew and United States fish processors that are based in such community." (Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1802.)). GSW's Fisheries Communications Team, including a dedicated Fisheries Liaison (FL) and other GSW staff, guided by this Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP), will engage, and build relationships with the fishing community with the intent of fostering productive collaboration.

This FCP establishes the guiding principles that drive GSW's outreach and engagement with the region's fishing community. The FCP is a "living document," which allows for continuous improvement and adaptability with regular feedback and guidance from the fishing community and regulatory agencies . This FCP is consistent with the requirements included in Addendum C of the Lease and incorporates the relevant minimum components for Communications Plans as identified within "Guidelines for Providing Information on Fisheries Social and Economic Conditions for Renewable Energy Development on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Pursuant to 30 CFR Part 585" (2020). This includes identification of a FL who will be the primary point of contact at GSW for the fishing community, communication methods with the FL, coordination with Fisheries Representative(s) (FR), and proposed stakeholder identification and outreach methods. This FCP also includes a description of the regulatory background, a list of principles and objectives, a discussion of the Fisheries Communications Team, stakeholder engagement strategies and timelines, and notifications regarding Project key phases. The FCP is available on the GSW Project webpage (www.goldenstatewind.com) under the *Information for Mariners* tab.

Ongoing, two-way communication with the fishing community and its representatives is essential to building relationships among users of the Project Area. Continual engagement will help to inform Project planning activities and Project design while also facilitating authentic engagement to support understanding of other users' activities.

The process of gathering fisheries information to support this effort will be iterative and continuous. GSW is developing a separate, detailed Fisheries Characterization Report that will provide a comprehensive foundation of knowledge of fishing activity in the Project and surrounding areas. This document will be informed by direct engagement with the fishing community combined with the best available data from various Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs). Communications strategies and methodologies may be refined as GSW coordinates

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with and receives feedback the fishing community and regulatory bodies. GSW recognizes that credible information received from different sources may be contradictory and is committed to treating all information provided in confidence as Confidential. Ultimately, the engagement conducted, feedback received, and strategies devised as described in this FCP will inform plans for future shared use of the Project Area.

## **1.3 Regulatory Background**

The FCP is developed to be compliant with and provided to the fishing community in accordance with the terms of Lease OCS-P 0564, Addendum C, Stipulation 6.2. It includes a discussion of the strategy that GSW intends to use for communicating with fishing communities, communications protocols, other outreach that to be conducted, and a process for filing to seek the replacement of or compensation for gear lost as a direct result of GSW site assessment activities . The FCP specifically targets both commercial and recreational fishing industries and stakeholders, as stipulated by Addendum C, Stipulation 3.1.1.

GSW understands the burden that development of several offshore wind projects along similar timelines can put on stakeholders in terms of communication and meeting fatigue. GSW is committed to coordinating engagement activities with other regional lessees to decrease the communication and consultation burden, per Addendum C, Stipulation 3.1.4, and believes that engagement with the fishing community.

Per Condition 7c of the California Coastal Commission's (CCC's) Consistency Determination on BOEM's lease sale, a working group, referred to as the 7c Fisheries Working Group, has been established by the CCC to develop a statewide strategy for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of impacts to fishing and fisheries that prioritizes fisheries productivity, viability, and long-term resilience (Statewide Strategy; CCC 2022). GSW is participating in the 7c Fisheries Working Group and is updating the FCP based on engagement in the working group.

The California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group was established in Senate Bill 286 (Chapter 386, McGuire, Statues 2023) which the California Legislature approved, and the Governor signed in October 2023.

As stated in Senate Bill 286, the California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group is composed of:

- Representatives of CCC, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the California State Lands Commission, the Ocean Protection Council, and the California Energy Commission;
- Representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing industries;
- Representative of the offshore wind energy industry;
- Representatives of BOEM and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and
- Representatives of California Native American Tribes with affected Tribal fisheries, and other stakeholders, as determined by the CCC.

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The bill requires the CCC, in coordination with CDFW, to convene the working group for the purpose of developing a statewide strategy for ensuring that offshore wind energy projects avoid and minimize impacts to ocean fisheries to the maximum extent possible, avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to fishing and fisheries in a manner that prioritizes fishery productivity, viability, and long-term resilience, and fairly and reasonably compensate persons engaged in the commercial and recreational fishing industries and tribal fisheries for economic impacts to ocean fisheries resulting from offshore wind energy projects." The statewide strategy must be completed on or before January 1, 2026, and the CCC must adopt the statewide strategy on or before May 1, 2026. Applicants seeking approval or concurrence from a state agency for an offshore wind energy project are required to comply with the terms, recommendations, and best practices established in the statewide strategy.

The FCP was initially prepared in August 2023 and was submitted to BOEM in November 2023, prior to the start of GSW's site characterization activities and kickoff of the 7c Fisheries Working Group. The FCP will continue to be updated throughout the Project lifecycle based on engagement with the fishing community and participation in the 7c Fisheries Working Group/California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group and the "statewide strategy" that will be developed. Communication practices that have been discussed within the 7c Fisheries Working Group are incorporated throughout the FCP.

## 2. FCP PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

GSW's Principles of Engagement are to have clear, efficient, and timely two-way communication and information sharing that will benefit both GSW and stakeholders within the fishing community, allowing each to understand the plan for the changing needs of the other throughout Project development, implementation, and decommissioning. Sharing information on fishing locations, survey activities, planned infrastructure locations, construction work areas, safety zones, and other Project elements will help to reduce and/or prevent the potential for conflicts detrimental to fishing and the Project.

The GSW FCP has been developed based on Lease stipulations and BOEM guidelines. The objective is to define outreach and engagement strategies for fisheries interests that may be affected during the planning, construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of the Project. These strategies will be enhanced with input received from the fishing community and updated as the Project progresses.





#### Figure 3. BOEM Stakeholder Communication Approach

Development of the Project within the Lease Area and along the export cable route(s) will occur in several phases including surveys and assessments, design and siting, permitting, construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning. The 'adaptive' nature of the FCP will allow it to be updated over time as inputs are received and through different phases of Project development and implementation.

The Project will require the development and submission of a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) to BOEM that will be subject to stakeholder comment, regulatory review, and approval. Additional opportunities for stakeholder input will occur prior to construction during federal, state, and local permitting efforts. Fisheries information from GSW's Fisheries Characterization Report will be used to inform the COP is based on the best available and most credible information from government sources, nongovernmental researchers, fishermen and fishermen's associations, and direct observation from Project vessels engaged in offshore activities.

## 2.1 FCP Guiding Principles

GSW is dedicated to building long-lasting partnerships with the region's coastal communities and ocean users, based on a foundation of transparency, collaboration, and trust. GSW seeks to establish trust and accountability with our stakeholders including the fishing community through transparent and collaborative communications processes. We seek to actively listen to understand all stakeholders' concerns and tailor solutions to local needs.

The fundamental principle of the FCP is facilitation of an open, ongoing dialogue among users of our shared Outer Continental Shelf so that we may coexist in the responsible utilization of our nation's offshore resources striving to ensure safety as the highest priority of all ocean users. This will be achieved by focusing the FCP around the following, more defined set of principles:



- Facilitate timely, coordinated, efficient, accurate and transparent two-way communications to promote Project awareness and mariner safety.
- Seek out and utilize diverse expertise and knowledge of the c fishing community early on to build a relationship built on trust to facilitate collaboration and joint problem solving.
- Acknowledge and respect the concerns, issues, and interests by striving for equitable inclusivity by tailoring needs vocalized by the fishing community.
- Systematically categorize fisheries engagement and information availability via the following methods:
  - General updates: General Project announcements or updates to be shared in advance via email/listservs, port bulletins, website postings, Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs), etc.
  - Day-to-day communications: Communicating with fishermen and other ocean users in port or on the water via real time, via cellular phone, very high frequency (VHF) radio channels 16 and 13, interactive applications, etc.
  - Emergency communications: Immediate action or information required to/from fishermen or other ocean users in the area via Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM), phone calls, text, email, etc.
  - Fishing condition changes: Comments from fishermen to the Fisheries Liaison relaying changes in fishing over the duration of the Project to be shared internally and externally with neighboring Fisheries Liaison Officers to keep all Leaseholders up to date.
- Capture and share these categorized communications internally to the fisheries communication team to meaningfully analyze and incorporate feedback for continuous improvement and adaptability.
- Being responsive by addressing comments/concerns at the time of vocalization, if possible, and keep an organized record of comments/concerns to be addressed at a later time, if necessary.

Both positive and negative feedback will be captured in the FCP.

## **2.2 FCP Objectives**

The primary objective of this FCP is to detail GSW's plans for timely outreach, engagement, discussion, and collaboration with the fishing communities about Project activities while also building reliable and cooperative working relationships between GSW and fishing communities. These relationships will be critical to identifying, avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating, to the extent possible, any potential challenges that come with shared use of the Project Area. To realize this overall objective, GSW has identified a sub-set of defined objectives, which include:



- Promote the safety of fishermen, offshore survey crews, and construction crews transiting, working, and fishing in the area.
- Seek out fishermen and fishermen organizations and their inputs to provide additional details, filling in any of GSW's data gaps regarding the historic, existing, and potential opportunities and/or impediments and constraints to fishing activities in the Project Area to update and develop an informed Fisheries Characterization Report as necessary.
- Identify potential adverse impacts to fishermen and cooperatively make informed decisions on how to avoid impacts where possible and/or minimize and/or mitigate the extent of the effects.
- Provide a pathway to quickly and fairly resolve fisheries-related conflicts that may develop during the life of the Project.
- Build a productive working relationship with the fishing community built on honesty and mutual respect via purposeful, two-way communication, to inform the responsible design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project.
- Demonstrate how input received from the fishing community via the FCP has informed the evolution of the Project as well as the FCP and feed that information back to BOEM and the fishing community via required regular reporting.
- Communication strategies are designed to effectively meet the specific needs of the fishing community at each project phase (planning, construction, operation, decommissioning). It is expected that they may be quite different at different phases of development.
- Implement the following processes to avoid and minimize potential issues at sea:
  - o Outreach
  - Communications and Planning
  - Fisheries Briefing
  - Filing a Claim
  - Claim Review

BOEM finalized guidelines for compensation and mitigation on fisheries by offshore wind development in January 2025 and the claims process described in Appendix C is consistent with the finalized guidelines.

## **2.3 Fisheries Communications Team**

GSW has established a Fisheries Communications Team to assist in communicating and engaging with the fishing community. The FL is an individual who has experience working with the local and regional fishing community. The FR(s) will be representative(s) of the fishing industry who broadly represents the interests of the fishing community to GSW. GSW has identified a FL and is committed to working with representatives of fishing organizations and



fishing community to identify FR(s) that have the institutional knowledge and working relationships to accurately and authentically represent fishing community opinions and perspectives to GSW.

## 2.3.1 Fisheries Liaison

The FL is responsible for implementing and executing the FCP. The FL serves as the primary public outreach representative from the developer to the fishing community. The FL will obtain information about the fishing community's interests, concerns, and complaints via the FR(s), fishing associations, and individual fishermen and will communicate that information to GSW management and leadership to help facilitate Project development and communication process improvements.

## 2.3.2 Fisheries Representative(s)

The FR(s) are responsible for representing the fishing community's interests and concerns to the FL and GSW. The FR(s) must be vetted and accepted by local fishermen's organizations and fishing community and must provide unbiased representation of their opinions and positions. The FR(s) must have extensive experience working within the fishing industry and will represent a fishery, fishing association, gear type, region, port, or other component or sector of the fishing community to the project, as appropriate.

## 2.3.3 Fisheries Communications Team Contact Information

GSW's Fisheries Liaison is:

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## **3. ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND TIMELINES**

## **3.1 General Engagement Strategies**

The GSW Fisheries Communication Team will use an array of general outreach strategies designed to engage the fishing community. These strategies will offer various opportunities to access and/or receive timely updates on Project activities and stress the need for feedback from fishing communities. Feedback from the fishing community is strongly encouraged. The methods and opportunities to provide that feedback will be clearly identified and readily available.



## General outreach strategies to be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A virtual meeting to discuss the FCP guiding principles, objectives, and engagement strategies was held on February 7, 2024. The FCP has been updated to reflect feedback received during the meeting. The FL invited fishermen, fishermen's associations, fishing clubs, fisheries liaison offices, and seafood processors.
- Establish and maintain a dedicated webpage on the GSW website, specifically for the fishing community with the latest Project information, including relevant information on surveys, locations and timing, Project timeline, and other activities such as metocean buoy deployment. This website includes the contact information of the FL for fishermen to have opportunities to submit feedback. Recognizing different accessibilities/preferences from fishermen, tailor communication methods, ensuring information is available, respect and inclusivity, and equitable participation by producing communication materials in plain language, to help ensure materials are accessible to a broad audience.

Establish and continuously update a Project-specific information line as well as a comprehensive email distribution list to provide regular Project updates and other important Project notices.

- Regularly distribute updated asset and operational awareness bulletins showing the development area, depicted on local nautical charts, with a description of the assets in the area, the activities taking place, anticipated timelines, and relevant contact information.
- Schedule and hold meetings, roundtables, open houses, and/or webinars to share Project information and solicit the fishing community's feedback on Project activities, ideally to be held in collaboration with other developers or industry events.
- Engage the communications networks of the federal management agencies (e.g., BOEM, the National Marine Fisheries Service [NOAA Fisheries], and others), the regional fisheries management councils (e.g., the Pacific Fisheries Management Council [PFMC], and others), state agencies (e.g., California Energy Commission, and others) and local commercial fishing organizations and provide links to the same.
- Publish announcements and share Project updates with print and online industry publications and local news outlets.
- Distribute phone numbers for communications with the FL and support personnel to address any real-time operational conflicts and/or safety issues.
- Establish specific methods for communicating with fishermen while they are at sea, which may include, but not be limited to, VHF radio transmission, cell phone, satellite telephone, and/or automatic identification system (AIS). GSW is also exploring the idea of using interactive applications or other methods to streamline communications between developers and fishermen.



• Work with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to issue LNMs and BNMs ahead of any offshore activities, as required.

## **3.2 Commercial Fisheries Engagement Strategies**

In all cases, early identification of the commercial fisheries in the Project Area and engagement with specific users is paramount to the success of this FCP. GSW will engage with existing commercial fishermen's organizations, local leaders that represent various gear types used in the area, and individual fishermen, and seafood processors. The following is a list of organizations associated with commercial fisheries GSW has been in contact with or plans to reach out to for the duration of the Project:

Commercial fishermen's fishing associations:

- Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries
- American Albacore Fishing Association
- Bodega Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association
- Bolinas Community Fishing Association
- California Fishermen's Resiliency Association
- California Coast Crab Association
- California Fisheries and Seafood Institute (CFSI)
- California Wetfish Producers Association
- Carmel River Steelhead Association
- Central Coast Women for Fisheries Inc.
- Coastal Troller's Association
- Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara
- Crescent City Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Fishermen's Alliance
- Golden Gate Fishermen's Association
- Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association
- Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association
- Marine Fish Conservation Network
- Midwater Trawler's Cooperative
- Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust
- Monterey Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Moss Landing Commercial Fishermen's Association



- National Coalition for fishing communities
- Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen Association
- Pillar Point Commercial Fishermen Association
- Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Responsible Offshore Development Alliance
- Santa Cruz Commercial Fishermen's Marketing Association
- Salmon for all
- Salmonaid
- Salmon Troller's Marketing Association of Noyo
- San Diego Fishermen's Working Group
- San Francisco Crab Boat Owner's Association
- San Francisco Community Fishing Association
- Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen's Association
- Shelter Cove Fishing Preservation Association Inc
- Southern California Trawler's Association
- Trinidad Bay Fishermen's Association
- United Catcher Boats
- Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association
- West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group
- Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association
- Western Fishboat Owners Association

Seafood Processors:

- Alioto-Lazio Fish Company
- Bornstein Seafoods
- Caito Fisheries
- California Shellfish/Hallmark Fisheries
- Catalina Offshore Products Inc
- FishHawk Fisheries
- Giovanni's Fish Market-Morro Bay
- Pacific Seafood
- Safe Coast Seafoods
- Sea Q Fish Limited

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- Trident Seafood
- West Coast Seafood Processors Association
- Westport Seafoods
- World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers

#### Additional entities:

- California Association of Harbormasters and Port Captains
- Central California Joint Cable/Fisheries Liaison Committee
- Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office
- Moss Landing Harbor District
- Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Piller Point Harbor
- Port San Luis Harbor District
- Santa Cruz Port District

Additional engagement strategies used by the FL specific to commercial fishermen of the Lease Area include:

- Engage fixed gear fishermen to establish a set of guiding principles for:
  - o The identification and/or temporary relocation of active fixed gear;
  - ${\rm o}$  Professional communication via VHF between the GSW vessel(s) and fishermen
  - with active gear in the water; and
  - o The process for filing a claims form associated with lost or damaged gear (Attachment D).
- Schedule meetings with local fishermen (e.g., port meetings, webinars, etc.) when offshore activity plans and dates are confirmed to discuss the activity and identify any potential conflicts.

Attend and participate in Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings.

Establish and support regular "port hours", which will be coordinated with neighboring developers when possible, with an open-door policy in local ports to encourage regular local engagement to help identify and characterize important local details regarding fisheries operations and practices.

 Conduct informal or formal surveys (to be determined what is most effective for fishermen by the FL) during or after port hours periodically, to gauge input from fishermen focused on the following elements, including, but not limited to:



o Topics of interest so that GSW could provide more information;

o Concerns to be addressed before the next meeting takes place;

Need for updates to the communication methods to best fit the individual or organization;

o The value of port hours, and whether they should be held more or less often.

- Recommendations of additional groups or individuals that GSW should reach out to minimize certain groups or individuals "slipping through the cracks" and ensure they are included in communications.
- Participate in commercial fishing conferences, trade shows, fisheries management meetings, and other events to provide additional points of engagement.
- Listen and document fishermen's plans for their future usage of the Lease Area.
- Address comments/concerns at the time of identification, if possible, and keep an organized record of comments/concerns to be addressed at a later time. Both positive and negative feedback will be captured in the FCP.
- Notify fishermen of engagement opportunities as well as upcoming Project activities.
- Proactively seek additional ways to communicate most effectively with specific fisheries—direct contact, port visits, various social media outlets, email, website, fish buyers, restaurants, local universities, WhatsApp, etc. Different groups of fishermen require different modes of communication.
- Develop and maintain an active list of seafood processors, markets, buyers, fishmongers, and community supported fisheries along with which fishermen/company they buy from and keep them informed with pertinent Project updates.

## **3.3 Recreational Fisheries Engagement Strategies**

Recreational fishermen that may be impacted by operations in the Lease Area are also represented by national organizations local organizations, fishing clubs, sportfish landings, and individual sportfishing charter businesses. The following is a list of organizations associated with recreational fisheries GSW has been in contact with or plans to reach out to for the duration of the Project:

- American Sportfishing Association
- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
- Coastal Conservation Association: Morro Bay Chapter
- Coastside Fishing Club
- Central Coast Fishing Charters
- Morro Bay Landing



- Pacific Charters Sportfishing
- Patriot Sportfishing
- Recreational Fishermen of America
- Sportfishing Association of California
- Virg's Landing

Additional engagement strategies used by the FL specific to recreational fishermen of the Lease area include:

- Engage the local Sportfish Landings in port representing the Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel fleet of party and charter boats; schedule meetings to share information and obtain feedback.
- Identify and engage local offshore fishing clubs, attend meetings, deliver educational presentations, and solicit feedback.
- Identify offshore fishing tournaments and dates; engage with tournament organizers, share operational plans, and contact information; identify and monitor VHF channel used by tournament.
- Participate in recreational fishing trade shows and have a presence during fishing tournaments.
- Proactively seek additional ways to communicate most effectively with specific fisheries. Different groups of fishermen and different ports require different modes of communication.

## **3.4 Meeting Strategies**

GSW's communications and engagement approach relies heavily on both virtual and in-person meetings. Meetings allow direct engagement and provide opportunities for collaboration, information sharing, and ongoing, meaningful, two-way communication.

In addition to the meetings required under Lease OCS-P 0564, GSW intends to host multiple, regular meetings with a wide variety of fishing community stakeholders throughout the Project lifecycle. Meeting scheduling will be held at locations and times appropriate and beneficial to the fishing community. Meetings hosted by or participated in by GSW will be tracked in a consolidated internal Meeting Tracker, where comments and concerns will also be documented thoroughly, and will be reported every six months in the Project's semi-annual report, which is submitted to BOEM and made public on BOEM's website. The identities of individuals participating in meetings will be treated confidentially.

## **3.5** Coordination with Other Lessees

Wherever possible, GSW will strive to work with other lessees to avoid duplicative outreach and engagement by coordinating communications and events, as required by Lease OCS-P 0564 Stipulation 3.14. GSW and the other Central California Leaseholder Fisheries Liaisons are engaging with one another with the common goals to streamline communication from

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fisheries stakeholders and agencies, share project updates, and work together to identify strategies to best avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to fisheries. Methods to implement our common goals include and are not limited to the following:

- Biweekly check-ins between the Central California Fisheries Liaisons to provide respective project updates and discuss feedback from the fishing community, agencies, and fishery management councils, and identify future meetings or events to attend jointly.
- Monthly check-ins between all five California Leaseholder Fisheries Liaisons to discuss lessons learned, issues at hand, provide Project updates, share new information, and foster relationships for future coordination.
- Coordinate the startup of port hours with the fishing community to engage in productive two-way communication with fishermen about offshore wind and specific Project updates.
- Coordinate to minimize meeting fatigue by combining future engagement meetings and/or presentations.
- Continue to participate alongside other California leaseholders in California Coastal Commission's (CCC) 7c Fisheries Working Group to establish a statewide strategy to avoid, minimize, and mitigate offshore wind development's potential impacts to fisheries.
- Continue to participate in American Clean Power's (ACP) California Fisheries Working Group, which is a meeting of representatives of the five California Leaseholders to connect on fisheries topics.

## **3.6 Coordination with Disinterested or Unresponsive Stakeholders**

GSW will strive to engage and solicit feedback from all fishing community stakeholders potentially affected by the Project. Notwithstanding, it is expected that some fishing community stakeholders will either be uninterested in participating, or unresponsive to solicitations for feedback.

Should a fishing community stakeholder indicate they do not wish to participate in or provide feedback for the Project, GSW will request that the stakeholder express their preference in writing for record-keeping and documentation purposes.

Should a fishing community stakeholder be unresponsive to attempts to solicit their feedback or engage them in the Project, GSW will continue to communicate and invite the stakeholder to meetings as planned, until such a time when a request is received to be removed from communications.



## **3.7 Notification Regarding Project Key Phases**

GSW acknowledges the Project will take place in several overlapping phases—including surveying, permitting, design and siting, construction, operations and maintenance, and eventually decommissioning—and that ongoing engagement and communication will be critical throughout. The FL and Fisheries Communication Team will coordinate with BOEM and interested parties to hold the FCP review meeting as required by Lease OCS-P 0564 Stipulation 6.2. GSW will also update the FCP as necessary throughout the Project lifecycle to ensure the strategies discussed herein continue to best meet the needs of the fishing community.

#### **3.7.1** Surveys and Assessments

GSW's FL will coordinate primarily with appropriate fishing community representatives prior to and during Project surveys which will include geophysical and geotechnical (G&G), and benthic surveys. Specifically, the FL will keep relevant officials and affected fishermen and organizations up to date on Project surveying activities by submitting LNMs and BNMs to the USCG and distributing information and updates on surveys including via email and phone.

The FL will establish Project communication channels and the Project's digital presence and provide regular Project updates during surveying. The FL may also engage in initial introductory activities more broadly, including updating the Project website with survey information, conducting dock walks in Morro Bay and Port San Luis engaging with fishermen directly in person, performing individual calls to local fishermen and fishermen associations with members who currently or historically have fished the proposed survey area, followed up by an email blast with all details of activities before site assessment surveys commence, to help establish working relationships with fishing community stakeholders, and to help collect baseline data regarding fishing community needs, interests, concerns, and expectations.

The FL will compile the information acquired from public fishing effort data and fishing industry consultations into a presentation to brief the survey vessel crew on anticipated gear types, prime fishing locations, proper communication with fishermen at sea, and documentation of fishery observations and/or gear entanglement. The FL will be in direct contact with the survey vessel relaying current fishing activities and vice versa with at sea gear monitoring. GSW will continue to conduct surveys during permitting, design and siting, construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning of the Project, and the FL will continue to keep relevant officials and affected fishermen up to date on Project surveying activities throughout all phases.

#### 3.7.2 Design and Siting

GSW's FL will solicit public feedback during the design and siting process, much of which will occur in coordination with Project permitting. The FL will continue to host regular port meetings and port hours sessions, provide Project updates, and coordinate with key stakeholders and external communication channels.



In support of Project design and siting, the FL will host meetings to solicit specific feedback regarding elements of Project design and development and its potential impacts from jurisdictional and fishing community stakeholders. The FL will advise GSW of needs, concerns, interests, and expectations expressed at the meetings and port hours sessions and will make recommendations as to how to implement fishing community stakeholder's requests, insofar as possible.

## 3.7.3 Permitting

GSW's FL will continue to coordinate with appropriate jurisdictional representatives and the fishing community during Project permitting. The FL will begin attending key stakeholder meetings and events and regularly coordinating with identified key stakeholders and key external communication channels during this time.

As GSW advances Project permitting, the FL will continue hosting regular port meetings and port hours sessions.

## 3.7.4 Construction

GSW will solicit continuous feedback about the Project during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning.

Throughout pre-construction and construction phases of the Project, the FL will continue to host meetings to solicit feedback about impacts to the fishing community associated with the Project. The FL will also continue to maintain Project communication channels and to host regular meetings and port hours through the construction phase to help ensure feedback is received and improvements are made on an ongoing basis.

Construction will be the most visible portion of the Project as construction vessels are present in the Lease Area and along the offshore export cable routes. Temporary exclusion zones are likely to be implemented around active construction zones for the safety of mariners and construction vessels. Proactive and ongoing communications will be important during this phase to ensure stakeholders are informed throughout the process, with an increased effort at the onset of construction. The Project website and communication materials will be updated, and the FL will also keep relevant jurisdictional officials and affected fishermen up to date on Project construction activities via LNMs.

## **3.7.5 Operations and Maintenance**

GSW recognizes operations will be the longest phase of the Project. The FCP will be updated as needed throughout the operations and maintenance phase. Occasional surveys and scheduled maintenance in the Lease Area and along the offshore export cable routes will be expected, and unscheduled maintenance may also be required. GSW will continue to inform the fishing community of offshore activities during this phase through LNMs and updates on the Project website and will engage in ongoing communication with stakeholders throughout the Project lifespan.



## 3.7.6 Decommissioning

The final phase of the Project is decommissioning. Similar to during construction, GSW will engage in proactive and ongoing communications prior to and during Project decommissioning to inform affected stakeholders of the presence of decommissioning vessels and exclusion zones, and any other potential impacts.

## 4. FUTURE UPDATES

As previously stated, the FCP will evolve over the life of the Project. This evolution will be based on shared experiences of GSW and the fishing communities and requires the continued engagement and dedication of all to be effective.

We invite members of the fishing community and interested stakeholders to contact GSW with questions or concerns at any stage of Project development.

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## **Appendix A: Fisheries Liaison Roles and Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities of the Fisheries Liaison (FL) include but are not limited to:

- Serve as Golden State Wind LLC's (GSW's) public outreach representative and principal contact to the fishing community in coordination with GSW Staff and the Fisheries Communications Team.
- Investigate and provide follow-up for complaints or concerns regarding issues experienced by the fishing community, including those regarding gear conflicts/interactions with GSW operational vessels.
- Effectively implement the Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP), with support from GSW's Fisheries Communications Team.
- Produce and distribute timely and accurate communications to the fishing community regarding all relevant Project activities.
- Develop effective messaging to support the production of accessible, plain language communication materials.
- Organize meetings with the fishing community and the public to solicit information about needs, interests, concerns, and expectations, and communicate information to GSW management.
- Develop and maintain a comprehensive stakeholder database of the fishing community participants operating within the Project Area throughout the Project lifecycle.
- Record Project information and communications, including presentations and individual conversations, in a tracking log, maintaining confidentiality as necessary.
- Share, present, discuss, refine, and update this FCP in coordination with the fishing community, appropriate agencies, and government entities.
- Participate in meetings hosted by the fishing community, agencies and government entities, policy makers, contractors, and other developers to foster positive working relationships.
- Develop, recommend, and/or comment on potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for use during Project site survey activities, design, construction, and operation.
- Meet with the fishing community in person or via digital means at times convenient for them, including outside of regular business hours and on weekends.



# **Appendix B: Fisheries Representative Roles and Responsibilities**

The typical roles and responsibilities of the Fishing Representative (FR) may include but are not limited to:

- Serve as a main point of contact for the fishing community representing a port, region, fishery, gear type, association, or some other component of a fishery sector, and represent their views to the Fisheries Liaison (FL) and Golden State Wind LLC (GSW) accurately and without bias.
- Liaise with the FL, other members of the Fisheries Communications Team, and GSW to ensure the objectives of the Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP) are achieved.
- Share information from the fishing community with GSW, and vice versa, in a timely and inclusive manner.
- Provide the Project with expert guidance on fishing activity in the area, including regarding potential sensitivities, and promote responsible mitigation, minimization, and avoidance measures.
- Monitor fishing activities and fleet movements in the Project Area in real time and keep the Fisheries Communications Team informed of same.
- Advise the fishing community of construction, development, and operation activities and any associated safety measures.
- In coordination with the FL, assist in organizing meetings with the fishing community to solicit information about their needs, interests, concerns, and expectations regarding the Project.
- Participate in negotiations regarding appropriate and responsible mitigation, minimization, and avoidance measures during construction, operation, and decommissioning.
- Communicate complaints or concerns regarding issues identified from the fishing community, including those regarding gear conflicts/interactions with GSW operational vessels, to the Fisheries Communications Team, and assist in follow-up as necessary.
- Meet with the FL and Fisheries Communications Team in person or via digital means on a regular basis.



## **Appendix C: Fishing Gear Damage or Loss Claim Process**

#### Fishing Gear Damage or Loss Claim Process

Golden State Wind (GSW) recognizes that fishing interests and the Project will share common space in the offshore waters of California, and both fishing interests and the Project will harvest a resource to benefit of the citizens of the United States. GSW also recognizes shared use of the Project area may result in interaction between GSW's survey activities and commercial fishing gear. GSW will update Appendices C and D prior to commencement of construction to include a claims process pertaining to construction and operations activities.

GSW believes that with proper planning, outreach, regular communication, and training, fishing gear loss and/or damage from interactions can be avoided or minimized. The following outlines GSW's approach to managing unintentional interactions, as well as GSW's claim process should an unintentional interaction occur:

#### Outreach

The Fisheries Liaison (FL) will serve as the primary point of contact for issues related to the fishing community and unintentional interactions. The FL conducts extensive outreach according to GSW's Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP) and interacts with commercial and recreational fishermen and fishermen's organizations, management authorities, and support services to identify fishing community stakeholders that operate in areas where project activities are planned.

#### **Communications and Planning**

GSW, through the FL, will implement the FCP, providing Mariner Updates, Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs), and Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs) to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to share operational updates, names of active vessels, activities being conducted and the specific areas of operations. This information will be posted on GSW's website once it is available.

If gear is located within the work area, GSW will attempt to identify and contact the owner. Each offshore vessel contracted by GSW will also communicate early and often with fishing vessels operating in the area of survey activities, while following the USCG "Rules of the Road" (International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, and U.S. Inland Navigation Rules).



#### **Fisheries Briefing**

GSW's contractors, including survey vessel Masters, bridge officers, survey crew, Protected Species Observers (PSOs), and their support staff are briefed on local fisheries, their respective seasons and gear types, how to identify, record, and avoid fishing gear, and the importance of coordinating with local and regional fishermen and fishing associations. Onboard personnel observe and record fishing activities and the location of fixed fishing gear for future reference and avoidance. Fishing vessel sightings and gear information are communicated to the FL for follow up, as necessary.

Should an unintentional interaction occur, GSW's contractors and onboard Client Representatives (GSW's direct point of contact on survey vessel) are briefed in how to respond to the event safely and responsibly, document the interaction, and report it to the FL. The FL will then follow up with the vessel operator and gather feedback to improve communications on vessel activities going forward.

#### Filing a Claim

If you experienced gear loss or damage that you believe was caused by or the result of GSW's survey activities, please follow the instructions below to submit a claim:

1. Report the incident as soon as it is safe to do so via phone or email to the FL listed below:

Rachel Mahler Fisheries Liaison rachel.mahler@oceanwinds.com 805-680-8138

- 2. Complete the Gear Loss Claim Form Sections 1 through 3 in Appendix D.
  - Section 1: Complete Gear Loss Claim Form for reimbursement for gear repair or replacement.

• Section 2: Select from the following options for additional compensation for time and revenue/income loss directly associated with the gear damage/loss event.

i Option 1: an additional settlement of 50% of the cost to repair or replace gear damage/loss to account for lost revenue. This option does not require any additional documentation.

ii Option 2: If the claimant does not feel the additional 50% covers compensation for lost time and/or revenue/income lost, the claimant can select this option and provide additional documentation supporting the claim.

- Section 3: Provide supporting documentation from the checklist and include in the final claims package.
- 3. Within 90 days of the incident, submit a complete, legible, executed Claim Form with supporting documents to the FL (contact info listed above).



#### **Claim Review**

All Claim Forms will be reviewed by the FL and GSW. Within 30 days of receipt of a complete Claim Form, the Applicant will receive a written response, which may include a request for additional information. If the claim is confirmed, payment will be arranged with the Applicant. If a claim is denied, a written explanation will be provided to the Applicant.

Gear interaction prevention methods should be followed by all parties. Once the Project has begun survey activities, when either compensation has been received by an applicant for gear loss caused by a known permanent or hazard in a given area, or GSW has shared the coordinates of the known hazard with pertinent fishermen and/or fishing associations, the owner of the gear is considered to be aware of the potential hazard. GSW reserves the right to deny claims for subsequent gear loss by the same applicant from the same hazard. This reservation does not apply to gear losses caused by temporary hazards during survey and construction. Any payment in connection with a filed claim will be considered a full release. GSW reserves the right to request additional information to support the review of the claim.

Please note that GSW has updated this claims process to align with (1) BOEM's Finalized Guidelines for mitigating impacts on fisheries by offshore wind development, (2) the claims process used by other California Lessees, and (3) feedback from the fishing community. Additionally, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) has established the 7c Fisheries Working Group to develop a statewide strategy for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of impacts to fishing and fisheries. This strategy will include but isn't limited to protocols for communication and a framework for compensatory mitigation. GSW will continue to evaluate the need to update the claims process.

#### [CLAIM FORM APPEARS IN NEXT APPENDIX]



## Appendix D: Fishing Gear Damage or Loss Claim Form

#### Gear Loss Claim Form (Section 1 of 3)

Name:	Business Name:	
Address:	Phone Number:	
Homeport:	Email:	
Vessel Name:	Vessel Documentation #:	
State Permit(s) #:	Federal License #:	
Gear Type:	Date of Incident: Beaufort:	
Date/Time Gear was Set and Date/Time	Gear Haul Began:	

Specific Gear Location(s) (Lat/Long or Loran):

Gear Description (Distinct markings, flags, buoys, anchors, buoy lines, groundlines, hooks, gangions, floats, pots, traps, gillnets, etc.):



Description of Incident Causing Damage/Loss:
Was any of the gear retrieved? If so, which parts of the gear was able to be retrieved and in what condition? (Attach photos):
Quantity of lost tubs of gear, pots (rigid or slinky), buoys, anchors, floats, bites, hooks, lures, lights, gillnet etc. were lost or damaged:
Was another vessel(s) observed in the area? If so, list the vessel name(s):
Describe Normal Gear Configuration and Fishing Activity:

Total Claim Amount	\$



#### Gear Loss Claim Form (Section 2 of 3)

Select only one box from the following options to claim additional compensation for time and revenue/income lost due to gear damage/loss event:

- □ Option 1: Additional compensation settlement of 50% of the cost of gear repair/replacement. This option does not require additional documentation.
- Option 2: Additional compensation settlement requesting an exact amount of compensation for time and revenue/income lost. This option requires additional documentation supporting the claim amount.

#### Complete this section only if Option 2 is selected.

Complete the following table and provide necessary documentation listed below:

Amour	nt of claim for additional compensation for time and revenue/income lost due to gear
damag	ge/loss event:
Explan	nation of claim amount directly from this gear loss event:
1	
1	
Suppo	rting documentation such as:
	Fish landing history
	Sales records
	Operating Expenses (fuel, ice, bait, etc.):
	$\circ$ 30-day period before gear loss event; or
	• A 30-day period in the prior year with similar fishing conditions, seasonality,
	etc.



#### Gear Loss Claim Form (Section 3 of 3)

#### Additional Information Required to Process Claim Form

- □ Copy of valid Fishing Permit
- Proof of landing history through fish tickets and/or logbooks, sales slip, or similar type of documentation that the vessel was fishing in the area for period of gear loss/damage, sales slip, or similar type of documentation that the vessel was fishing in the area for period of gear loss/damage.
- □ Proof of ownership of the vessel capable of fishing area of loss, including photos.
- □ Sales slip or gear invoice for replacement or repair gear (must be substantively like gear that was lost/damaged).
- □ Location of gear loss/damage, either as GPS coordinates and/or photo of chart plotter. Completed IRS Form W-9.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, as the Applicant hereunder authorize Golden State Wind to make whatever reasonable inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify my application and request for reimbursement. Applicant understands that submitting this Application does not guarantee payment. Applicant further agrees that if this claim is accepted and paid in its entirety, that acceptance of such payment constitutes full, final and complete payment for this particular claim and that neither Golden State Wind, nor any of its affiliates shall have any further outstanding or ongoing obligation with respect to this particular claim and Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, assert any claim, or commence, join in, prosecute, participate in, or fund any part of, any suit or other proceeding of any kind against Golden State Wind, or any of its affiliates, based upon this particular claim. If a claim is denied in part, Applicant may accept payment for the undisputed part without waiving Applicant's right to appeal the disputed part of the claim. Applicant recognizes that submission of this Application does not affect Applicant's rights concerning matters other than those specifically identified in this particular Application.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Application is true and correct.

SIGNATURE

DATE



Please return this form and all required information, including a completed W-9 form, by one of the following methods:

- Deliver an electronic copy via email to the FL, Rachel Mahler at <u>rachel.mahler@oceanwinds.com</u>, with a copy to Golden State Wind Staff: Erica Crawford, Community Liaison at <u>erica.crawford@oceanwinds.com</u>.
- Mail a copy to Golden State Wind, 3 Center Plaza, Suite 205, Boston, MA 02108.

Please note that payment cannot be processed without a signature and W-9 form.



## **Appendix E: FCP Outreach Summary**

Golden State Wind LLC (GSW) began circulating the draft Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP) to stakeholders the week of August 23, 2023. Since the draft FCP was circulated, GSW has gathered feedback on the draft FCP through meetings, emails, and individual calls and communication with stakeholders. This engagement has been both coordinated with the two other Morro Bay Leaseholders and completed individually by GSW's Fisheries Liaison (FL). GSW collaborated with the other Morro Bay Leaseholders to hold an in-person meeting on September 12, 2023, in Morro Bay where the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization (MBCFO), the Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman Association (PSLCFA), and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) were invited to participate to review and provide feedback on the draft FCP. GSW submitted a Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) request to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) on September 19, 2023, and the LNM was posted on October 11, 2023, notifying of the availability of the draft FCP for public comment. GSW has also joined larger meetings hosted Vineyard Offshore and RWE on October 10, 2023, and by Invenergy California Offshore LLC (known as Even Keel Wind) on October 23, 2023, to listen to concerns raised and incorporate relevant feedback into the GSW FCP. Since the initial submittal of the FCP to BOEM on November 2, 2023, additional engagement has occurred, including the first 7c Fisheries Working Group meeting on December 6, 2023. In response to BOEM comments, GSW cohosted a virtual meeting February 7, 2024, with Equinor's Atlas Wind and invited all fishery stakeholders to participate to give feedback on both leaseholder FCPs. That feedback was incorporated into Revision 003. GSW will continue to engage with fishermen and fishermen associations which will result in updating the FCP.

Table E-1 summarizes the outreach conducted by GSW to fisheries stakeholders to gather feedback during drafting of this FCP.

Date	Stakeholders(s)	Participant(s)	Торіс
9/11/2023	Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC)	PFMC Marine Planning Committee, Representatives from the Morro Bay Leaseholders	FCP feedback
9/12/2023	Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization (MBCFO), Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association (PSLCFA)	GSW, Equinor, CM Public Affairs, BOEM	In-person meeting for FCP feedback from local port associations
9/12/2023	California Coastal Commission (CCC)	CCC and GSW	FCP Feedback
9/15/2023	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	CDFW and GSW	FCP Feedback
9/20/2023	Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries (ACSF)	ACSF and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP

Table E-1.Outreach Summary



Date	Stakeholders(s)	Participant(s)	Торіс
9/20/2023	California Fishermen Resiliency Association (CFRA)	CFRA and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA)	CWPA and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	Central California Joint Cable/Fisheries Liaison Committee	Cable Fisheries Liaison and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	Central Coast Women for Fisheries	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	MBCFO	MBCFO President and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen Association (PCFFA)	PCFFA President and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	South Bay Cable Committee	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	Western Fishboat Owners Association (WFOA)	WFOA rep and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	Sportfishing Association of California (SAC)	SAC North President	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/20/2023	MBCFO	MBCFO director and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/22/2023	Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara (CFSB)	CFSB President and GSW FL	Addressing the challenges ahead, FCP feedback
9/26/2023	American Albacore Fishing Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP



Date	Stakeholders(s)	Participant(s)	Торіс
9/27/2023	Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association (WDCFA), Pacific Seafood/Ocean Gold Seafood/West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group, West Coast Seafood Processors Association	WDCFA, Pacific Seafood, Ocean Gold, WCSPA reps and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
9/27/2023	Virg's Landing, Pacific Charters Sportfishing, Morro Bay Landing	Virg's Landing, Pacific Charters Sportfishing, Morro Bay Landing reps and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/6/2023	Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/6/2023	California Commercial Crab Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/6/2023	Golden Gate Fishermen's Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/6/2023	Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen's Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/6/2023	American Sportfishing Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/9/2023	MBCFO and PSLCFA	GSW, Invenergy, Equinor, MBFCO, PSLCFA and legal counsel	Discussion of the MBC, Points of agreement and concern. Survey mitigation methods and expectations
10/11/2023	ACSF	ACSF President and GSW FL	Intros, FCP feedback, chat about West Coast Fisheries in general
10/11/2023	MBCFO	MBCFO Board member and GSW FL	Followed up with concerns about Survey activity, no mitigation in place before it starts, losing fishing grounds

10/12/2023	MBCFO and PSLCFA	MBFCO, PSLCFA and their Legal Counsel	Follow up from Monday's meeting with a link to BOEM's EA of the Morro Bay Lease Area
10/17/2023	Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office (JOFLO)	JOFLO and GSW FL	JOFLO agreement/history

Date	Stakeholders(s)	Participant(s)	Торіс
10/18/2023	CWPA	CWPA GSW FL	Receive FCP feedback
10/18/2023	CFSB	CFSB President and GSW FL	Receive FCP feedback
10/18/2023	Pacific Seafood, Ocean Gold, West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group	Pacific Seafood President and GSW FL	Setup a call for 10/19 to receive FCP feedback
10/18/2023	PCFFA	PCFFA President and GSW FL	Intros, follow up from emails, FCP feedback
10/19/2023	Pacific Charters and Whale Watching (Morro Bay), Patriot Sportfishing, Morro Bay Sportfishing	Pacific Charters, Morro Bay, Patriot Sportfishing reps and GSW FL	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/19/2023	Pacific Seafood	Pacific Seafood President and GSW FL	FCP feedback, Gear Loss form feedback
10/19/2023	West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA), Giovanni's Fish Market and Galley	WCSPA, Giovanni's Fish Market and Galley	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/19/2023	Monterey Fishermen's Marketing Association and Moss Landing Marketing Association	N/A	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/20/2023	RODA	RODA West Coast Director and GSW FL	Phone follow up for Intros and FCP feedback
10/23/2023	California Fishermen's Resiliency Association	CFRA President	FCP feedback
10/24/2023	Bodega Bay Commercial Fishermen's Marketing Association	Bodega Bay Commercial Fishermen's Marketing Association President	Fisheries Liaison Introduction, requesting feedback of the FCP
10/24/2023	Monterey Fishermen's Marketing Association	Monterey Fishermen's Marketing Association President	Intros, FCP Feedback follow up via phone



10/24/2023	Moss Landing Marketing	Moss Landing Marketing	Intros, FCP Feedback follow
	Association	Association board member	up via phone
11/8/23	South Bay Cable Committee	South Bay Cable Committee President	Intros, followed up with FCP and G&G one pager to send to members

Date	Stakeholders(s)	Participant(s)	Торіс
1/11/24	All Fisheries Contacts	GSW and Equinor FLs	Sent survey poll for best times to host FCP outreach meeting
1/18/24	South Bay Cable Committee, PCFFA, WFOA	GSW FL	Follow-up for FCP meeting

Date	Stakeholders(s)	Participant(s)	Торіс
1/18/24	CCA	CCA President and GSW FL	Invited to participate in FCP meeting, adding email to listserv list
1/24/24	All Fisheries Contacts	GSW and Equinor FL	Formal invitation to virtual FCP outreach meeting
2/7/24	All Fisheries Contacts	GSW and Equinor FLs	Joint FCP outreach meeting
2/7/24	CCA and Bodega Bay Commercial Fishermen's Marketing Association	GSW FL and association members	Debrief for FCP outreach meeting
2/8/24	American Sportfishing Association	American Sportfishing Association West Coast and GSW FL	Introductions, request FCP feedback

To date, GSW has responded to and/or incorporated feedback on the FCP from the organizations listed above, as applicable. The FCP is a living document and GSW will continue to update the FCP as feedback is received.

In addition to the above outreach table, GSW submits a Semi-Annual Progress Reports to BOEM providing details of all stakeholder engagement during 6-month reporting periods. The Semi-Annual Progress Reports are available on BOEM's website at: <u>Golden State Wind LLC</u> (OCS-P 0564) | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.