



## How to Provide Helpful Comments

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is conducting a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), which will analyze potential impacts of Federal offshore wind energy development activities in California. Public input on the California Offshore Wind PEIS assists BOEM in refining the analysis of potential impacts of offshore wind development in the five renewable energy lease areas offshore California. BOEM will consider the comments received and incorporate further analyses as necessary into the Final PEIS.

**BOEM encourages commenters to follow the guidelines below.** Comments in support of or opposition to the PEIS, including form letters that repeat the same language, generally lack specificity or substance BOEM needs to be able to evaluate potential impacts.

### Helpful Comments

- Are fact based.
- Include links to data or research and are supported by methodologies and/or assumptions.
- Provide specifics regarding potential impacts to the ocean, land, coasts, plants, animals, historic properties, and people.
- Accurately describe potential impacts to the affected region, affected interests, and localities.



### Examples of Helpful Comments

- **Fact & Location Specific:** "One nautical mile north from the Morro Bay lease area, at 200-meter water depth, is a shipwreck that is considered a historic property. Please consider this in your review."
- **Data/Research & Impacts:** "The California Coast is an important habitat for blue whale populations. Experience with this species suggests that offshore wind vessel activity and noise disturbance could negatively impact them. Research on this topic, including potential avoidance or mitigation measures, is available at [link]."
- **Fact, Impacts & Location Specific:** "I manage a commercial fishing company that operates near the California renewable energy lease areas. These areas have been productive spots for fisheries for many years. The productive spots are [number] miles from [lease area number] in the California lease area. We are concerned about offshore wind activity close to our waters and possible effects on our fishing operations."



For more information, visit [BOEM.gov/California](https://www.boem.gov/California)

To learn more about the California Offshore Wind Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, scan here:





## Learn More



### Visit BOEM's Website

Additional background information, details about the California lease areas, and more can be found on the BOEM website at [BOEM.gov/California](https://www.boem.gov/California).

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### Attend a Public Meeting

Public meetings will be scheduled in 2025 to provide information on the environmental review process and collect public comments.

To find out more or to register for these meetings, please visit [The BOEM California website](https://www.boem.gov/California).



Example of a floating turbine.



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