

Ocean Policy Advisory Council
Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap
Key Information Update – January 2026

House Bill 4080, passed by the 2024 Oregon Legislature, directed the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to develop an Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap to “define standards to be considered in the processes related to offshore wind energy development and approval.”

Built through broad engagement from November 2024 to June 2026, the Roadmap is a comprehensive guide for Oregon to responsibly evaluate, plan, and manage potential offshore wind energy development while addressing the needs, concerns, and interests of the many people and communities who could be affected. It outlines the opportunities, challenges, and alternatives to offshore wind energy with a thoughtful, inclusive, and adaptable approach to evolving industry and policy conditions.

Rather than focusing solely on developing offshore wind energy, the Roadmap identifies four future scenarios—ranging from large-scale development and pilot projects to economic participation without wind turbines, or opting out entirely. To navigate these complex choices, the Roadmap offers policy recommendations, investment ideas, and actions the state can take now to prepare. It provides clear expectations on the decision points and process steps for each phase of potential development—from leasing and permitting, through construction and operation, to eventual decommissioning.

This short summary reflects the status of the Roadmap as of January 2026 and is intended to support discussion at the OPAC meeting on January 29th.

Current Roadmap Status

- Roundtable Draft #1 (September) - ~600 comments reviewed
- Roundtable [Draft #2](#) (November) - ~400 comments reviewed
- Draft #3 (Public Review Draft) undergoing internal review
- Tribal consultations (2 Tribes responded so far)

Public Review Process Status

- Public comment period February 10 – March 27 (tentative)
- DLCD setting up public comment portal and input survey
- Public meeting planning (2 virtual meetings and 5 in person).
- Information about the public release of the Roadmap and public meetings will be posted on the DLCD Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap page when available: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OCMP/Pages/Offshore-Wind-Roadmap.aspx>

Dates (Tentative)	Activity
February 10	Roadmap public review draft release
February 25	Virtual Public Meeting
Week of March 2	Public Meeting: Newport
Week of March 9	Public Meetings: Coos Bay, Reedsport, Brookings
Week of March 15	Public Meeting: Astoria Virtual Public Meeting
March 27	Public comment period ends

Youth Engagement

- Youth Voices on the Future of Wind invites teams of high school students to envision Oregon's future with or without floating offshore wind energy, and generate proposals to address important social, environmental, and economic issues for a future A) with wind turbines and B) without wind turbines.
- During February and March 2026, teams will collaborate to craft their vision and proposals.
- The Project will provide each team an adult guide to help teams craft proposals.
- Each team will receive a \$500 stipend for participating, and judges will select two teams to present their proposals in person at the Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap Roundtable meeting on April 20, 2026.
- Applications close February 6th.