

OPAC Territorial Sea Plan - Offshore Wind Workgroup
Draft Meeting Summary
April 6, 2026

PARTICIPANTS

Working Group Members:

Joe Liebezeit, Working Group Chair
Andy Lanier, DLCD, OPAC Staff
Cynthia Smidt, DLCD
Jeff Burrignt, DLCD
Jamie Fereday, Coos Bay resident
Justin Ainsworth, Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Nataliya Stranadko, Dept. of State Lands

Public Attendees:

Amanda Macnab
Julie Siestreem
Kate Sullivan
Lucy Lefkowitz
Ross Tyler
Rick Osborn

MEETING AGENDA

2:00 pm Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview – Joe Liebezeit, Chair & Jeff Burrignt, DLCD Roadmap Coordinator
2:15 pm Offshore Wind Roadmap Roundtable Process Update – Jeff Burrignt, DLCD
2:30 pm OSW Roadmap Recommendations – Joe Liebezeit, Chair
3:30 pm Public Comment
4:00 pm Adjourn

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commenters: Ross Tyler, Julie Siestreem

MEETING SUMMARY, ACTIONS TAKEN, OR ISSUES DECIDED

The meeting focused on discussing the Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap and potential recommendations for OPAC to consider when updating the Territorial Sea Plan (TSP). DLCD staff, Jeff Burrignt, provided an update on the roadmap process, including community meetings, public comments, and upcoming virtual meetings. The group also discussed TSP update timelines and actions, including updating TSP Parts 1 and 2 with DLCD Director Brenda Bateman transmitting a letter to OPAC leadership requesting consideration of amendments over the next 18 months. The work group discussed the need for additional capacity and studies to inform amendment of the TSP, including marine spatial planning, cable routing, and visual resource impacts, which would be supportive of future amendments to TSP Parts 4 and 5. Lastly, the work group discussed offshore wind energy research science collaboration options, deciding to initially focus on participating in the West Coast Science Collaborative rather than creating an Oregon-specific group. The group recognized that Oregon’s participation in the regional efforts would likely change if future development proposals off Oregon are considered.

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Public comments were provided by Ross Tyler and Julie Seastrom, raising questions about industry engagement and the 3-mile territorial limit. The conversation ended with agreement on draft recommendations for OPAC regarding TSP amendments and science collaboration.

Draft OPAC Recommendations for consideration:

- The OPAC supports initiation of rulemaking for TSP Part I and II, with an approximate timeline of 18 months to generate draft amendment recommendations.
- The OPAC supports DLCD leading study efforts to inform future rulemaking amendments, including a marine spatial planning effort, cable routing study, and visual resources management standards. The completion of these studies is important to inform amendment recommendations to Parts 4 and 5 of the TSP.
- The OPAC recommends that the state of Oregon participate in the West Coast Science Collaborative being established by the California Ocean Protection Council. Potential additional guidance on a representative from Oregon's STAC member participation was considered.

MEETING RECORDING

A recording of the meeting is available via the agency YouTube Channel on the OPAC Playlist: <https://youtu.be/bG3lC9tikp0?si=2dXN35fpzEfeNnD5>

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