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1. Introduction

California North Floating LLC ("California North Floating" or "Company"), an affiliate of Vineyard Offshore, has prepared this Agency Communication Plan ("ACP") in accordance with Addendum C, Section 3.1.3 of Lease OCS-P 0562 (the "Lease"). The Company has a long history on the East Coast of engaging early, often, and transparently with federal, state, and local agencies which we believe is essential to successfully developing offshore wind energy. We have begun that process on the West Coast. Our goal is to achieve a development plan that avoids potential impacts to resources, communities, and tribal nations to the greatest extent possible through siting and design measures.

The Lease requires California North Floating to develop a publicly available ACP that describes the strategies that California North Floating intends to use for communicating with federal, state, and local agencies (including harbor districts). The objective of the ACP is to ensure early and active information sharing, focused discussion of potential issues, and collaborative identification of solutions. To this effect, the ACP outlines specific methods for engaging with and disseminating information to agencies related to development of the lease area. Tribal and fisheries communication will be addressed separately in the Native American Tribes Communication Plan and the Fisheries Communication Plan.

2. Company Background and Lease Description

California North Floating is an affiliate of Vineyard Offshore, which is the development team for Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners' ("CIP") offshore wind leases in the United States. CIP is the world's largest renewable energy investment fund with over 5,000 MW of floating offshore wind development. Vineyard Offshore is currently constructing Vineyard Wind 1 (Lease Area OCS-A 0501), the nation's first commercial-scale offshore wind project. In addition to Vineyard Wind I, Vineyard Offshore leads the development of two lease areas along the US East Coast - Lease Area OCS-A 0522 (also known as Vineyard Northeast) and Lease Area OCS-A 0544 (also known as Vineyard Mid-Atlantic).

Lease Area OCS-P 0562, is a 69,031-acre site located approximately 32 to 56 kilometers (km) northwest of Humboldt Bay in water depths of 580 to 1,150 meters (m) on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS; Figure 1). Lease Area 562 is adjacent to and west of Lease Area OCS-P 0561, obtained by RWE Offshore Wind Holdings, LLC ("RWE").

Although the Lease Area boundary is clearly defined, there is a high level of uncertainty associated with the location of other infrastructure required to deliver offshore wind power to Northern California. At this time, the transmission infrastructure needed to integrate the power into the grid does not exist. As a result, the locations of the offshore export cable corridors ("OECC"), cable landfalls, and points of interconnection ("POI") are unknown. In addition, other significant development needs such as the methods and means by which energy will be procured and the development of ports capable of receiving and assembling offshore wind structures are still being advanced. Given these uncertainties, the ACP will

be updated and adaptively managed as project details solidify. Communication with some agencies are premature at this early stage in project development.



Figure 1: Northern California offshore lease areas.

3. Lessee Contacts

Agency coordination and engagement will be led by the Company's Western permitting lead, who will be the primary agency point of contact (POC) for permitting matters and agency engagement. Contact information is provided below.

Table 1. Lessee Contacts		
Name/Title	Email	Role
Laura Nagy Permitting and Environmental Lead - West	lnagy@vineyardoffshore.com	Primary POC
Geri Edens Head of Permitting and Environmental Affairs	gedens@vineyardoffshore.com	Secondary POC

4. Involved Federal, State and Local Agencies

At the Federal level, BOEM serves as the lead agency for the multi-year development process for offshore wind and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review (Figure VO-562-ACP Rev. 0.

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2). Currently, the development process includes submitting a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) and Construction and Operations Plan (COP) and conducting geophysical, geotechnical, and biological surveys to support the technical and NEPA reviews. Throughout this process, BOEM will initiate consultations with NMFS and USFWS, as well as coordinate with cooperating agencies and solicit public comment.

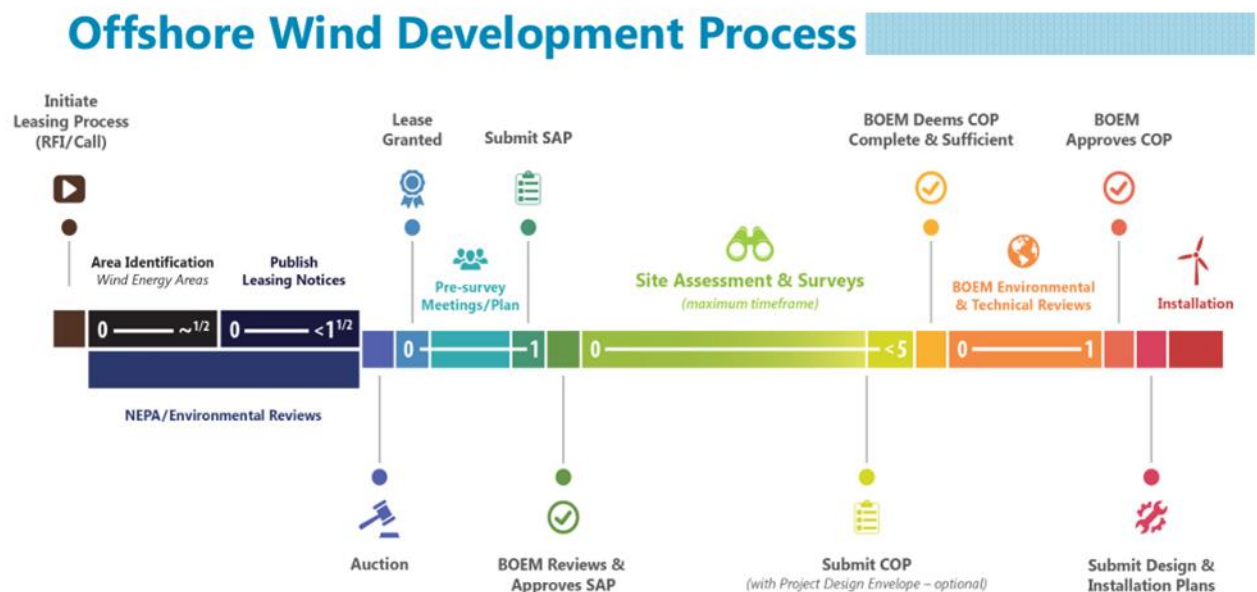


Figure 2 - BOEM's Offshore Wind Development Process

At the state level, Assembly Bill 525 required the California Energy Commission (CEC) to coordinate with state and local agencies to develop a permitting roadmap to ensure coordinated, comprehensive, and efficient permitting for offshore wind energy in California. This permitting roadmap is currently in draft form and is expected to be finalized by end of the 2023 calendar year.

Agency communication has been ongoing since the lease was issued and will be summarized as required in the lease Progress Report submissions. To date, we have focused our communication on those agencies involved in the early-stage development. As the project progresses through the development stages and uncertainties are clarified, the Company will update the communications plan and reach out to additional agencies as appropriate for the developmental stage and project infrastructure locations (i.e., federal waters, state waters, onshore). Engagement with state, county, and local agencies will increase as the potential locations of project infrastructure in state and local jurisdictions are known. Examples include infrastructure such as cable corridors, cable landfall, and points of interconnection in the nearshore and upland environments.

Table 2. Federal, State and Local Agencies with Potential Jurisdiction or Interest		
Agency	General Areas of Oversight	Primary Point of Contact
Federal		
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)	Development of renewable energy on the Outer Continental Shelf.	Carlos Gomez juan.gomez@boem.gov 202-361-3812
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/ National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Ocean resources and habitats, including protected fish and marine mammals.	Lilah Ise jennifer.ise@noaa.gov 562-505-7304
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)	Conservation and management of fish, wildlife and their habitats	Tracy Borneman tracy_borneman@fws.gov
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)	Maintenance of Federal navigation channels, regulation of activities in navigable waters and Waters of the U.S.	TBD
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Regulation of air emissions on the Outer Continental Shelf and discharges to water resources.	Po-Chieh Ting Ting.PoChieh@epa.gov 415-972-3191
U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)	Maritime safety and security.	CDR William J. George william.j.george@uscg.mil (510) 289-6733
U.S. DOD (DOD) Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Site Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse)	Protection of DOD mission capabilities from incompatible energy development to prevent, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts on military training, testing, and readiness operations.	TBD
U.S. National Park Service (NPS)	Management of national park system; Keeper of National Register of Historic Places.	TBD
Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC)	Overseas projects pursuant to FAST-41.	TBD
Federal Aviation Authority (FAA)	Air navigation safety.	TBD

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Agency	General Areas of Oversight	Primary Point of Contact
Potential State Agencies/Commissions		
California Coastal Commission (CCC)	Plans and regulates the use of land and water in the coastal zone.	Holly Wyre Holly.wyre@coastal.ca.gov
California Energy Commission (CEC)	Developing energy policy and planning agenda for 100% clean energy	Eli Harland Eli.harland@energy.ca.gov
California State Lands Commission (CSLC)	Provides stewardship of the state lands, waterways, and resources	Amy Vierra Amy.vierra@slc.ca.gov
California State Historic Preservation Office (CSHPO)	Administers federally and state mandated historic preservation programs	Julianne Polanco Julianne.polanco@parks.ca.gov 916-445-7000
California Ocean Protection Council (COPC)	Protects California's coasts and oceans	Yi-Hui Wang yi-hui.wang@resources.ca.gov
California Department of Conservation (CDC)	Manages California's working lands.	TBD
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Manages and protects the state's wildlife, vegetation, algae (kelp and seaweed) and native habitats	TBD
California Department of Water Resources (CDWR)	Manages California's water resources, system and infrastructure	TBD
California Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA)	Implements and enforces environmental laws that regulate air, water and soil quality, pesticide use and waste recycling and reduction	TBD
California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	Leads efforts to steward California's natural environment	TBD
California State Parks (CSP)	Preserve the state's biological diversity, protects natural and cultural resources, and creates opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation	TBD
California State Water Resources Control Board (CSWRC)	Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water	TBD

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Agency	General Areas of Oversight	Primary Point of Contact
County, Local Agencies/Authorities		
Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District	Oversees and promotes port development projects and programs.	Larry Oetker loetker@humboldtbay.org 707-443-0801
Crescent City Harbor District	Oversees and promotes port development projects and programs	Wes White wes.white@charter.net 707-957-4059
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors	Serves as the legislative and executive body of county government	Kathy Hayes khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us 707-476-2390
Humboldt County Workforce Development Board	Administers programs and initiatives relevant to the County of Humboldt's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	Scott Adair sadair@co.humboldt.ca.us 707-445-7745
City of Arcata	Administers city services and programs	Karen Diemer CityMgr@CityofArcata.org 707-822-5953
City of Eureka	Administers city services and programs	Miles Slattery mslattery@ci.eureka.ca.gov 707-441-4184
Redwood Coast Energy Authority	Joint Powers Authority	Matthew Marshall (707) 269-1700 mmarshall@redwoodenergy.org

5. Strategies and Tools

The Company's approach is to communicate and engage early, often, and transparently to allow us to address agency's informational and regulatory needs. The specific approach for agency communication will be based on the sequence of key lease development and construction activities to ensure to engage the agencies at the relevant times. These activities include:

- Site survey activities
- Survey strategy and planning
- Preliminary project design meetings
- Pre-COP submission agency consultations
- COP review meetings
- Permit coordination federal and state
- State, regional, and local permitting coordination

As mentioned above, our first step, Initial Outreach/Introduction has been ongoing since the lease was awarded and will be summarized in our lease-required Progress Report (see Appendix A). As the project advances, agencies will have different levels of involvement

depending on the phase and the milestones such as submission of survey plans, a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) and a Construction and Operation Plan (COP). Where relevant, the Company will leverage agency guidance such as BOEM's Notice Of Intent (NOI) checklist. Meetings (in person and virtual) will be sought/scheduled in coordination with these milestones as summarized in Table 3. California North Floating will also communicate with the agencies by email, video conferences, and direct phone calls as needed.

Table 3. General Engagement Strategy					
	Meeting or Communication Topic	Agency(ies)	Purpose	Frequency/Timing	Types of Engagement Activities and Meeting Locations
1	Initial Outreach/ Introduction	BOEM, NMFS, USFWS, USACE, CEC, SLC, CCC	• Introduce California North Floating. • Discuss preliminary thoughts with respect to development of the lease area. • Determine appropriate points of contact and interest in follow-up meetings.	Within 120 days of lease effective date or as soon as possible thereafter based on applicability and interest.	In-person meetings at agency offices or virtual platforms
Early Lease Development: Site Assessment and Site Characterization					
2	Survey Strategy and Planning	BOEM, NMFS, USFWS, USACE, CEC, SLC, CCC	• Provide preliminary timeline and overview of planned surveys. • Identify survey objectives and methods. • Obtain agency feedback	At least 3 months before first survey plans are submitted to BOEM. Additional meetings as needed based on feedback and survey scope(s) change.	In person meetings and/or virtual platforms
3	Pre-Development Coordination	BOEM, NMFS, USFWS, USACE, CEC, SLC, CCC	• Regular check ins with agencies regarding survey data and study design. • Obtain agency feedback.	Bi-monthly or as needed	In person meetings and/or virtual platforms
4	Preliminary Project Design Meetings	BOEM, NMFS, USFWS, USACE, CEC, SLC, CCC	• Share development parameters, preliminary layouts, OECCs and POIs.	As early as possible in project development planning phase	In person meetings and/or virtual platforms

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	Meeting or Communication Topic	Agency(ies)	Purpose	Frequency/Timing	Types of Engagement Activities and Meeting Locations
			- Obtain agency feedback and guidance. - Identify key factors that could influence project design. - Identify avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures. - Identify potential project alternatives.	Multiple meetings may be appropriate as new data are collected and project design planning progresses	
5	Pre-COP Submission Consultations	All relevant federal, state, regional, and local agencies.	- Present proposed project to be evaluated in the COP. - Summarize deconfliction efforts and incorporation of agency, Tribal, fisheries, and stakeholder feedback. - Provide schedule for COP submission.	1 to 3 months before COP is submitted	In person meetings and/or virtual platforms
COP Submission by Applicant					
6	COP Review Meetings	BOEM	- Summarize the project and project evolution. - Overview of proposed avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures included. - Address comments; meet with SMEs as needed.	Bi-Weekly initially becoming weekly as review matures.	In person meetings and/or virtual platforms

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			Provide information as requested.		
7	Permit Coordination Federal & State (interagency)	BOEM USACE EPA FPISC Relevant state agencies	- Discuss permitting requirements and schedule. - Obtain feedback on draft permit applications.	As needed	In person meetings and/or virtual platforms
8	State, Regional, and Local Permit Coordination	TBD	- Share project updates. - Identify issues and concerns of interested agencies.	TBD	TBD
NOI Issued					

6. Information and Data Sharing

California North Floating will provide all relevant and required data in electronic format to BOEM as required by the Lease and applicable regulations (30 CFR Part 585). BOEM will provide relevant data as required or requested to NMFS and USFWS to support the consultation processes. For State and local permitting, California North Floating will provide relevant data to permitting agencies in the form required. In all cases, confidential information will be identified.

Vineyard Offshore has established a dedicated webpage for the California North Floating project at <https://www.vineyardoffshore.com>. This webpage will be updated regularly and will contain information such as:

- Project description
- Project benefits information
- Key reports, documents or links, as appropriate
- Key contact information

BOEM also maintains a document repository for all California projects at the following location:

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/california>

BOEM periodically updates this webpage with project specific information documents.

7. Coordination with Other Lessees

California North Floating welcomes the opportunity to coordinate with other offshore wind leaseholders. California North Floating has been coordinating with adjacent leaseholder RWE and is committed to continually seek opportunities for collaboration to reduce burdens on resource limited agencies and stakeholders. Examples of coordination could include joint meetings, plans, or forums where appropriate to discuss issues of general applicability.

8. Tracking Plan Efficacy & Reporting

California North Floating will maintain records of meetings and other key communication with each agency which will be captured in our lease-required Progress Report (Appendix A). The following information will be captured for each meeting or engagement:

- Meeting Date
- Agencies Participating
- Meeting Purpose/Topic
- Meeting Summary
- Key Actions/Next Steps

The efficacy of this ACP will be measured by the consistency of communications, constructive feedback/guidance/or concerns raised, and ability to incorporate feedback and/or resolve issues.

Appendix A - Example agency engagement summary table to be used in the lease-required Progress Report.

Date	Entity	Purpose/Topic	Meeting/Correspondence Summary	Key Actions/Next Steps
2023				
2024				

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