



Statewide Strategy for the Coexistence of California Fishing Communities and Offshore Wind Energy

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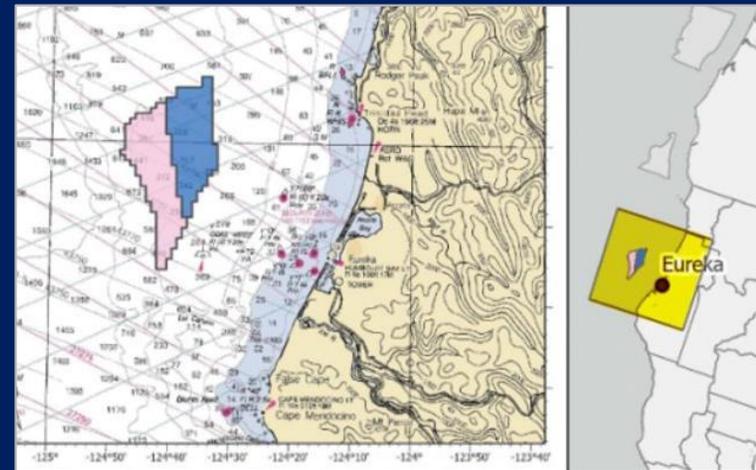
FISHING COMMUNITY BRIEFING

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

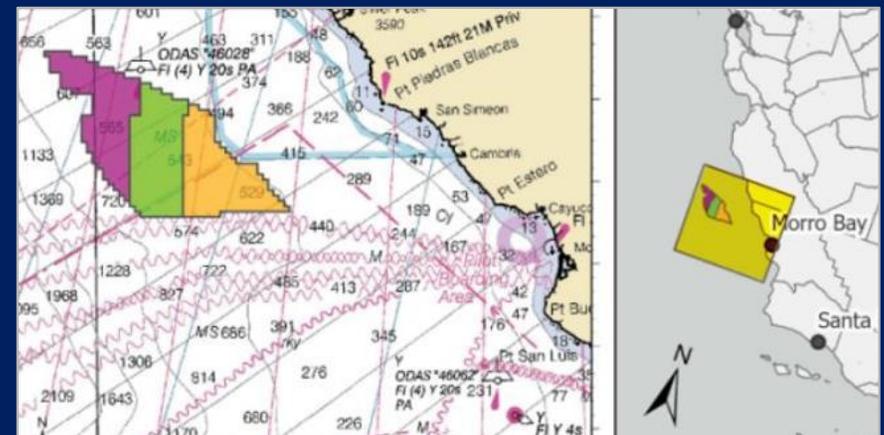
WHY A STATEWIDE STRATEGY?

- Offshore Wind Energy, renewable energy goals
- Shared ocean space
- Five current leases
- Call for a Strategy
 - Lease condition
 - Senate Bill 286 (McGuire)
 - Completed by Jan 1, 2026
 - CCC adoption May 1, 2026

Northern California Leases



Central California Leases



KEY GOALS

- Support coexistence from planning to decommissioning
- Avoid and minimize impacts to fisheries and fishing communities
- Provide fair and reasonable compensation for remaining impacts that were not avoided, minimized or mitigated
- Prioritize fishery productivity, viability, and resilience

DEVELOPING THE STRATEGY

Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group

Representatives

- 8 Fishermen
- 3 Fisheries Association
- 3 Tribal Members
- 5 Wind Lessees

Support

- Facilitation Team
 - Kerns and West
 - Consensus Building Institute
- Government Agencies
 - CCC, CDFW, OPC, CEC, SLC
 - BOEM, NMFS (1st year)

DEVELOPING THE STRATEGY

- 2 years
- 8 multiday Working Group meetings
- More than 60 subgroup meetings
- Hundreds of combined hours from Working Group members

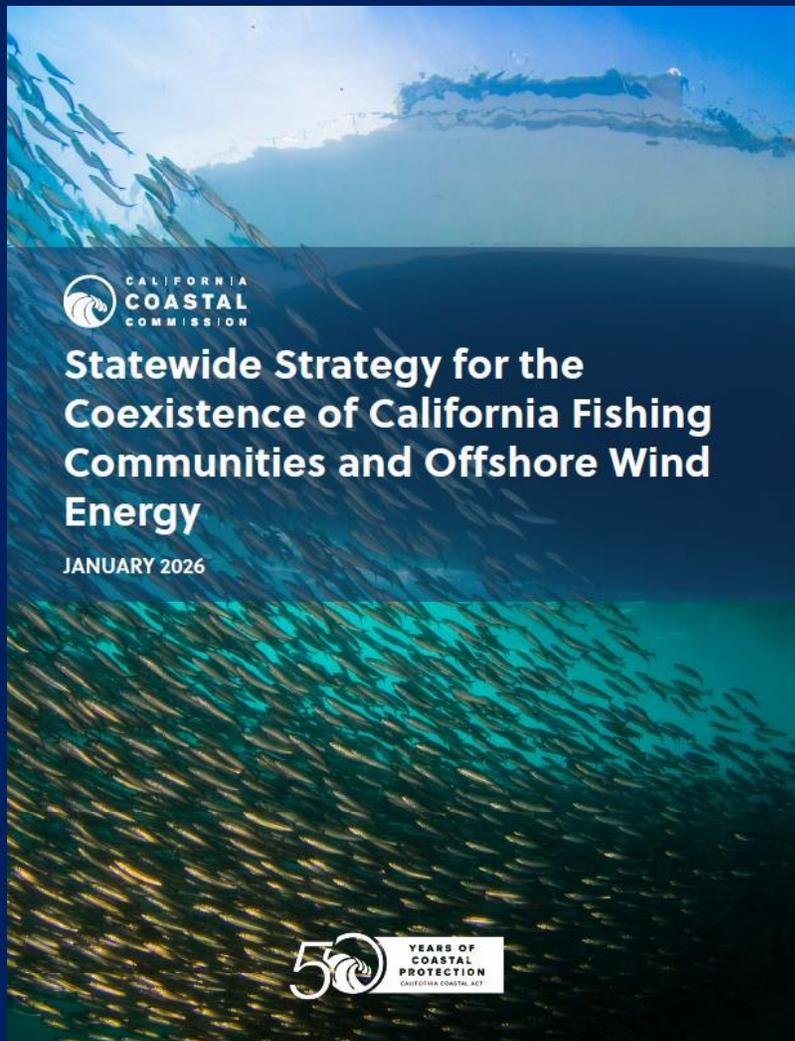


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ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES

- Statewide approach that gets implemented at the project scale
- Guidance, not regulatory
- Targeted at lease development
- Living Document

CORE COMPONENTS



- Communication Best Practices
- Best Practices for Surveys & Data Collection
- Avoidance & Minimization Measures
- Socioeconomic Impact Analysis
- Compensatory Mitigation Framework
- Unique Considerations for Tribal Fisheries
- Agreement Templates (Appendix)

CHAPTER 5: SOCIOECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF FISHERIES IMPACTS

Method

- 1 – Estimate potential impacts to income
- 2 – Understand dependence on area
- 3 – Explore uncertainty, refine estimates

Process

Developers- lead and incorporate feedback

Agencies- review and evaluate, facilitate structured engagement

Fishing community-

- Local knowledge
- Identify data gaps
- Review assumptions, findings

Fishermen's Task Force

CHAPTER 6: COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FRAMEWORK

Direct Compensation

- Losses experienced by fisheries businesses

Resiliency Funds

- Broader, community level impacts

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Direct Compensation

- Claims-based
- Guidance on
 - Eligibility
 - Selecting fund administrator
 - Transparent reporting, and appeals
- Fair, efficient, accessible

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Resiliency Funds

Resiliency Administrative
Entity (RAE)

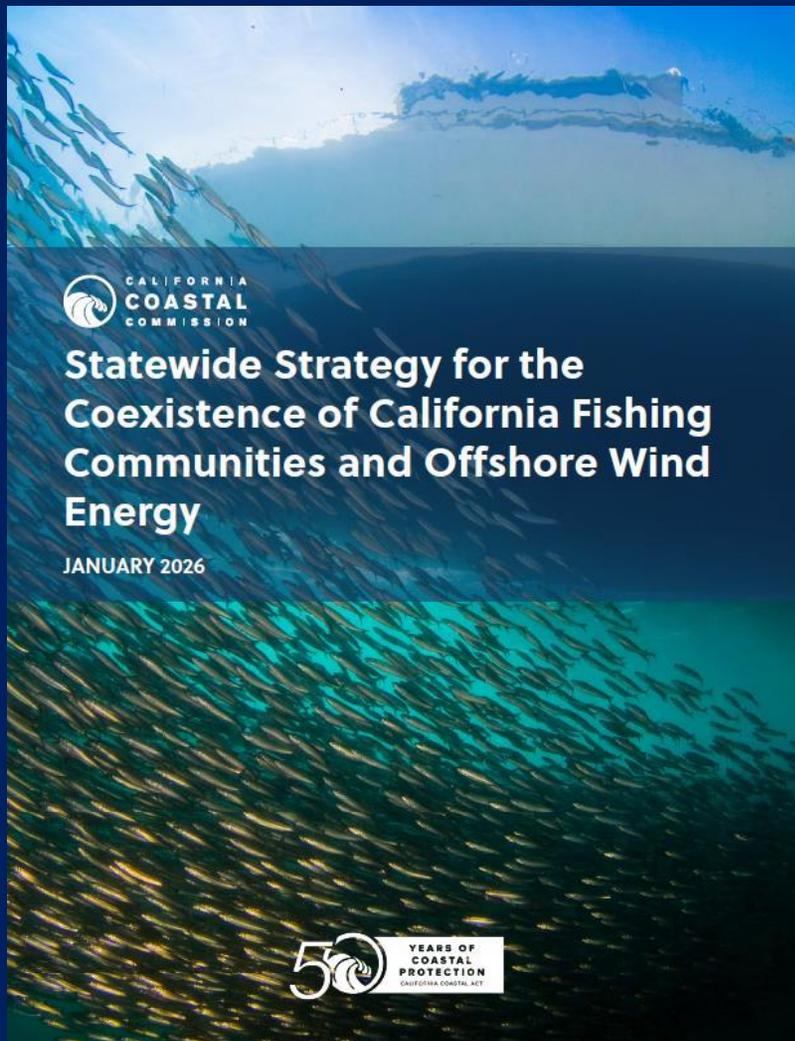
Regional Resiliency
Committee (RRC)

Framework outlines:

- Potential uses of resiliency funds
- Program structure
- Selection and operation of RAE and RRC

Emphasis on community-led decision making, fiscal transparency, effective and equitable fund use

KEY TAKEAWAYS



- Strategy = roadmap for coexistence
- Not regulatory, but critical for guiding project design & review
- Supports Coastal Act policies protecting fishing & marine resources
- Promotes equity, resilience, collaboration

NEXT STEPS

Written Comments – February 23

Tribal Consultation – March 6

Materials drafted for April meeting

Beginning ~2 weeks before April meeting

- Written Public Comment
- Registration for oral comment

April Coastal Commission Meeting – Consideration of Adoption



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