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Blue Wind Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this document is to provide a formal agreement between signatories of their commitment to participate in the Leadership Committee of the Maritime Blue Wind Supply Chain Collaborative (Blue Wind) in accordance with the operating principles outlined in the "Operating Procedures of the Maritime Blue Wind Supply Chain Collaborative" and dated October 16, 2023.

Background:

The offshore wind (OSW) market is rapidly growing across the globe as nations and regions increase their renewable energy targets to combat climate change. In the US, the Biden-Harris administration has set a goal of 30GW of OSW deployed in US waters by 2030 and a goal of 15GW of floating OSW by 2035. This target, paired with goals in both California and Oregon of 2-5GW and 3GW of OSW by 2030, respectively, is signaling the coming of OSW power to the West Coast. As the development of these projects progress, the Bureau for Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has begun setting targets for investment in the regional supply chain, workforce development, and community benefit through bidder credits. Achieving these development goals, as well as investment goals, will require a regional approach that empowers the states to work collectively to build the supply chain, fill gaps, and ensure the maximum benefits to our underserved communities and US-based businesses.

Mission:

Blue Wind is a nonregulatory coalition whose mission is to support strategic development and activation of Washington's participation in the West Coast-wide Floating OSW supply chain through a collaborative and community benefits approach.

Goals:

Using a stakeholder-driven approach of intentional convening and inclusive collaboration, The Maritime Blue Wind Supply Chain Collaborative (Blue Wind) will work to better understand the economic, community, and workforce development opportunity for WA's ecosystem to engage in the OSW supply chain through a regional Blue Economy triple bottom line lens that ensures the supply chain develops in a way that is equitable, sustainable, and profitable. Blue Wind will likely have added benefits for other adjacent sectors, including maritime, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and technology. Blue Wind will execute workshops, facilitate studies, report findings, and, as needed, be available as a first point of contact for Washington entities interested in engaging in the OSW industry as well as out-of-state entities interested in partnering with Washington's ecosystem.

Blue Wind will:

? Promote development of a broader West Coast and Floating OSW Supply Chain Strategy and enhance WA's ability to effectively engage in West Coast-wide convenings around West Coast OSW supply chain.

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? Promote data-driven, targeted, and results-oriented projects that lead to active participation by Washington-based and other entities in the West Coast and Floating OSW supply chain.

? Hold the highest level of respect for treaty rights and coordinate actions with Washington State tribes.

? Meaningfully engage diverse labor unions that represent workers throughout the West Coast and Floating OSW supply and value chains.

? Promote voluntary participation and encourage engagement with the most likely impacted groups from the growing offshore wind industry: tribal nations, coastal communities, and fishermen and their surrounding communities.

? Leverage relationships with public, private, and non-profit sector partners to ensure cost-effective and coordinated utilization of resources.

? Employ "best available science" in decision-making and support data collection to fill gaps as necessary.

? Be transparent and well-documented.

? Reflect equity, diversity, and inclusion in hiring, contracting, participation, and implementation.

Objectives

? Convene the Cluster of activity, stakeholders, and partners

? Seek to understand the economic, community, and workforce development opportunity for our region through focused convenings/workshops
? Identify and map WA's supply and full value chain available to support floating offshore wind along the West Coast of US
? Facilitate a series of Community Benefits from Supply Chain participation discussions through the triple-bottom line lens of OSW in a way that is: Equitable, Sustainable, Profitable
? Support the development of a West Coast-wide Floating OSW supply chain and, as needed, provide a mechanism for WA's engagement in this conversation
? Provide a mechanism for WA's ecosystem to convene, strategize, and activate engagement in the West Coast and Floating OSW industry and, as needed, be a first point of contact for Washington entities interested in engaging in the OSW industry as well as out of state entities interested in partnering with Washington's ecosystem.

The signatories below will be recognized and act as the Blue Wind Leadership Committee according to the Operating Procedures of the Maritime Blue Wind Supply Chain Collaborative.

Organization _Washington Maritime Blue_ Organization _Climate Solutions_
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Organization _Washington State Organization _Washington Public Ports
Department of Association _____
Commerce _____
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Organization _Renewable NW_ Organization _BlueGreen Alliance_
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Organization _Business Network for Organization _International Longshore &
Offshore Wind _____ Warehouse Union _____
Title _____ Title _____
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Organization _WA State Labor Council_ Organization _Port of Seattle_
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Organization _Pacific Northwest National Organization _International Association of
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Organization _Inland Boatman's
Union _____

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