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Dear Governor Brown,

The Ocean Policy Council met in October of 2019 and agreed to provide a letter of advice on the issue of offshore wind energy planning as it relates to the State of Oregon and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management led Intergovernmental Task Force. The Council wishes to make two recommendations of advice for proceeding with the issue of offshore wind energy planning on the outer continental shelf:

- that the State choose to engage with BOEM in a planning process to consider areas on the outer continental shelf that may be selected for ascertaining industry interest in offshore wind energy development; and,
- 2) That a member of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council be allowed to serve on the Intergovernmental Task Force, in some capacity.

Proactive planning to efficiently use the ocean resources that provide ecological and economic benefits to the State is consistent with Oregon's Ocean Resources Planning Goal 19, and acting consistent with the two recommendations would further that goal.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues,

Chair Walter Chuck and Vice-Chair Jena Carter

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