

Notice of Measure Election County

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Notice		
Date of Notice	Name of County or Counties CURRY	Date of Election NOVEMBER 5, 2024
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.		
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.		
QUESTION: SHOULD THE BOEM OFFSHORE FLOATING WIND TURBINE PROJECT STOP?		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
SHOULD OFFSHORE FLOATING WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE CURRY COUNTY, OREGON COAST BE STOPPED?		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
<p>This advisory question seeks to determine if Curry County voters want to stop floating offshore wind turbine development along the southern Oregon coast. It is needed because the current Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) plans may not adequately protect Curry County citizens from possible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harm to both Coastal Ocean and Inland Environments . 2. Collapse of Local Commerce. 3. Reduction of Aesthetic and Visual Beauty. 4. Higher Taxes and Increased Utility Rates. 5. Hazardous Coastal Navigation. 6. Instability Within the Cascadia Subduction Zone. 7. Noise Pollution. 8. Devaluation of Residential, Commercial, Agricultural, and Forest Property. 9. Harmful Changes in Weather, Wind, and Wave Patterns. 10. Degradation of Oregon Southern Coast Living. 		
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.		
<p>If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:</p> <p>→ any measure referred by the county governing body; or Explanatory Statement Attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.</p>		
Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.		
Name	Title	
Mailing Address	Contact Phone	
<p><i>By signing this document:</i></p> <p>→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and</p> <p>→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.</p>		

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 Curry County Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ADVISORY QUESTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT (BOEM) PLAN FOR OFFSHORE FLOATING WIND TURBINE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE CURRY COUNTY, OREGON COAST.

We, the citizens of Curry County, recognize the need for energy solutions that protect and advance the dignity, interests, and diversity of our Southern Oregon Coast ecosystem, economy, and communities. However, for the following reasons, we conclude that our Federal Government's effort, through its Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), to lease 194,995 acres of Southern Oregon Coastal waters for offshore floating wind turbine energy development inadequately protects us from harm and fails to advance our Curry County wellbeing:

1. **Environmental Impact:** BOEM fails to provide conclusive evidence that the proposed construction, operation, maintenance, life cycle management, or decommissioning of offshore floating wind turbines do not cause catastrophic disruption and pollution to our Southern Oregon marine ecosystems. Also, BOEM fails to be transparent with Curry County citizens regarding the devastating environmental impact of offshore wind turbine installations located on the Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. **Local Commerce Constriction:** BOEM fails to adequately protect Curry County families from the constriction or collapse of locally owned businesses during the offshore floating wind turbine Developers' 3--5-year Site Assessment Planning period and the Construction and Operations Planning cycle.
3. **Aesthetic and Visual Impact:** BOEM's plan fails to effectively protect both the Curry County Tourism industry plus its scenic ocean views and pristine natural setting from degradation.
4. **Cost and Feasibility:** BOEM fails to satisfactorily protect or advance the economic interests of Curry County citizens. In fact, the BOEM plan provides that local communities shoulder both added taxes and increased electric utility rates to offset the cost for expensive offshore floating wind turbine development and operations.
5. **Navigational Hazards:** In its offshore floating wind turbine plans, BOEM fails to adequately protect our coastal waters and communities from the negative consequences of increased activity and competition within the ocean navigation lanes, plus any financial risks associated with these hazards.
6. **Subterranean Vibration along the Cascadia Subduction Zone:** BOEM fails to sufficiently evaluate and protect Curry County from the potential risk of fault movement triggered by large scale offshore floating wind turbine development and operations possibly resulting in earthquakes.
7. **Interference and Conflict with Fishing Grounds and Fishing Industry:** BOEM fails in its offshore floating wind turbine development and operations plans to properly protect and advance the wellbeing, maintenance, management, and sustainability of the area fishing grounds and industries.
8. **Maintenance and Reliability:** BOEM fails to define and mitigate the coastal community economic and environmental jeopardy associated with the development, construction, operations and maintenance of offshore floating wind turbines during the Southern Oregon Coast harsh winter weather conditions.
9. **Electric Power Transmission and Distribution:** BOEM fails to protect and advance the economic wellbeing and quality of life in Curry County from hazards associated with both the shoreline and inland construction and operation of large industrial scale electric transmission and distribution systems.
10. **Curry County Community Concerns:** BOEM fails to satisfactorily evaluate and protect Curry County from the unintended negative impacts of noise pollution, changes to local weather, wind, and wave patterns, economic damage from property devaluation, and the overriding degradation in the perceived desirability of south coast Oregon living. Again, BOEM fails to be transparent with Curry County citizens regarding the harm to oceanic aviary birds plus fish and marine mammals due to the offshore wind turbine installations located along the Atlantic Coast and Gulf of Mexico.

Therefore, knowing of these failures and adverse consequences of the Federal Government's BOEM southern coastal Oregon offshore floating wind turbine project, we seek to immediately stop this Federal effort. As a result, we request the Federal Government to stop the leasing process for ocean waters designated by BOEM as wind energy areas OCS-P-0566 and OCS-P-0567, situated along the southern Oregon coast between Brookings and Reedsport, Oregon. As well, we request BOEM to suspend further offshore floating wind turbine planning and development in these areas.

There are no direct financial implications or costs associated with this non-binding advisory question.

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