

1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2 COUNTY OF COOS  
3 STATE OF OREGON

4 IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING THE ) PROCLAMATION  
5 BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT (BOEM) ) # 1  
6 COOS BAY OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT )

7 NOW BEFORE the Board of Commissioners, sitting for the transaction of County  
8 business on the 24th day of October, 2023, is the matter of Proclaiming that Coos County, Oregon  
9 is opposed to The Coos Bay Offshore Wind Project by BOEM. The Board of Commissioners  
10 makes the following findings:

11 **WHEREAS**, there is a potentially devastating project looming approximately 14 miles off  
12 the Coast of Coos County. It is a floating wind energy project being pushed by  
13 promoters, various green groups and BOEM (Federal Ocean Energy Management),  
14 AND;

15 **WHEREAS**, electro-magnetic radiation disrupts migration patterns of marine mammals  
16 and migrating salmonids which has not been studied by BOEM. What studies and actions  
17 has BOEM taken to ensure that the migrating marine mammals and salmonids are not  
18 disrupted in their migration patterns in the area to be leased? AND;

19 **WHEREAS**, NOAA Chief of Protected Species sent letter to BOEM on May 13, 2022  
20 expressing concerns about the turbine wave effect on plankton, which leaves the plankton  
21 feeders with no food, AND;

22 **WHEREAS**, Blue whales and Pacific Northern Right Whales feed on plankton (krill), per  
23 NOAA Fisheries, AND;

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2       **WHEREAS**, Blue whales and Pacific Northern Right Whales are listed as endangered  
3 under the Endangered Species Act and the lack of plankton will harm the whales. What  
4 studies and actions has BOEM taken to ensure the safety of the whales in the areas to be  
5 leased? AND;

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7       **WHEREAS**, the Short-tailed Albatross habitat is along the west coast of the United States  
8 and is listed as endangered throughout its range under the Endangered Species Act (U.S.  
9 Fish and Wildlife Service), The windmill blades rotate at speeds of 100 mph or greater  
10 which kill sea birds, and it is already documented that land-based windmills kill eagles,  
11 geese, bees, bats, butterflies. What studies and actions has BOEM taken to ensure the  
12 safety of the Short-Tailed Albatross in the areas to be leased? AND

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14       **WHEREAS**, Offshore wind farms can interfere with ship radar and navigation, says a  
15 new report February 22, 2022 Published in the National Academies Sciences,  
16 Engineering and Medicine. “ A particular concern is interference with marine vessel  
17 radar, which is a critical instrument for navigation, collision avoidance, and use in  
18 search and rescue missions” What studies and actions has BOEM taken to not have  
19 marine vessel radar interference, collision avoidance and not have rescue mission  
20 interference in the areas to be leased?  
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAIMS:

Coos County, Oregon is opposed to the BOEM Offshore wind project, which could  
potentially have drastic impacts on the ocean based Endangered Species Populations.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2023.

Approved as to form:

Coltan Dattland  
Office of Legal Counsel

...BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Robert Bob Mann  
Chair  
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Commissioner  
Jack W. Stewart  
Commissioner