

West Coast Port Use and Infrastructure Survey

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Email Introduction:

Date
Name, Title
Organization
Address

Dear [name]:

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this survey. Hamer Environmental LP has been engaged by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to help understand how offshore energy activities may affect commercial, recreational, subsistence/ceremonial and other fishing activities along the West Coast, particularly in ports and harbors.

Understanding the interactions between these industries is crucial, as they have the potential to be synergistic or cause space-use conflicts and understanding these potential interactions will help inform BOEM and other agencies' local harbor planning and permitting decisions, and enhance inter-industry negotiations, mitigation decisions, and mutual benefits.

Our team is currently identifying, collecting, and analyzing available data relevant to the study from multiple sources and developing maps that describe existing port infrastructure and services to port-dependent industries with an emphasis on commercial and recreational fishing. This survey is one component of those activities. Your responses will help us understand the potential impacts of future offshore energy activities on port-based industries, particularly commercial and recreational fishing.

The following questions are mainly focused on fisheries, but we also ask about other facilities and stakeholders. Your responses will be used solely for research and statistical purposes and will not be shared in any way that could identify you individually. However, aggregate results may be published in peer reviewed literature. We anticipate it will take you no more than 30 minutes to complete this survey, and your input will be invaluable for our research.

If you have any questions about this survey or how your information will be used, please contact Cayce Salvino (cayce@hamerenvironmental.org). Thank you in advance for your participation!

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Signature

NOTICES

PRIVACY NOTICE: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is conducting this survey to obtain reliable data and information about the use of U.S. West Coast port infrastructure and how offshore energy activities may affect port-based industries, especially those related commercial and recreational fishing. BOEM seeks to establish connectivity between fishing and the greater community of fishers to obtain baseline data and help guide and manage these activities along the U.S. West Coast.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are confidential. This survey does not collect any data that will allow anyone to associate responses you provide back to you. Anonymized, aggregated data will be shared in a final report. Only approved personnel will have access to the complete data we collect from you. We take the appropriate steps to secure data and prevent any threats to data confidentiality.

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BURDEN ESTIMATE STATEMENT: BOEM estimates this survey will take you 30 minutes to complete. Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form may be submitted to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166.

Participant Information

- 1. Name:**
- 2. Email:**
- 3. Phone Number:**
- 4. How would you describe yourself in relation to the port you are addressing? (Please check one.)**

Manager	
Regulator	
User	
Interested Party	
Other (write in)	

- 5. How long have you been involved with the Port in your current or past roles? (Please check one.)**

Less than a year	
1-5 years	
6-9 years	
10-20 years	
More than 20 years	

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Section 1: Current Port Infrastructure and Services

6. Port Name:

7. How adequate is the fishery-related infrastructure at your port? (Please check one response per row. Check Not Applicable if not present at your port.)

Fishery-related Infrastructure	<i>Not adequate</i>	<i>Somewhat adequate</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Very Adequate</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Commercial Fishing Docks					
Recreational Fishing Docks					
Boat Ramps					
Cold Storage Facilities					
Fish Processing Facilities					
Maintenance and Repair Facilities					
Marine Fishing Supply Stores					
Marine Storage Facility or Yard					
Ice Machines					
Fish Pumps					
Hoists					
Forklifts					
Other (please specify):					

8. How adequate is the other port infrastructure at your port? (Please check one response per row. Check Not Applicable if not present at your port.)

Fishery-related Infrastructure	<i>Not adequate</i>	<i>Somewhat adequate</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Very Adequate</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Commercial Shipping					
Military Support Facilities					
Coast Guard/Public Safety Facilities					
Scientific Research Facilities/Docks					
Tourism/Recreational Activities/Docks					

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Small recreational (non-fishing) boating facilities					
Other (please specify):					

9. How adequate is transportation-related infrastructure at your port? (Please check one response per row. Check Not Applicable if not present at your port.)

	<i>Not adequate</i>	<i>Somewhat adequate</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Very Adequate</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Trucking-Related Infrastructure					
Dock height compatibility for efficient truck loading					
Sufficient space for truck turning and maneuvering					
Docks designed to support heavy truckloads					
Designated loading bays					
Truck staging areas					
Clear access road to and from port					
Oversized truck space					
Railway-Related Infrastructure					
Access to Railways					
Other (please specify):					

10. How frequently are the following fishery-related and other facilities used at your port? (Please check one response for each item. Check Not Applicable if not present at your port.)

Facility Type	Never	Rarely	Monthly	Weekly	Daily	Not Applicable
Commercial Fishing Docks						
Recreational Fishing Docks						
Boat Ramps						
Cold Storage Facilities						
Fish Processing Facilities						
Maintenance and Repair Facilities						

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Marine Fishing Supply Stores						
Marine Storage Facility or Yard						
Ice Machines						
Fish Pumps						
Hoists						
Forklifts						
Commercial Shipping						
Military Support Facilities						
Coast Guard/Public Safety Facilities						
Scientific Research Facilities/Docks						
Tourism/Recreational Activities/Docks						
Small recreational (non-fishing) boating facilities						
Other (please specify):						

11. Are there federally, state, or locally subsidized facilities (e.g. commercial slips, fuel docks) in the port where increased use and associated fees might reduce the need for such subsidies?

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

If Yes, Please Describe:

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Section 2: Historical Trends, Future Upgrades, and Benefits

12. What, if any, change in level of use have you observed for each facility listed below at your port over the past TEN years? (Please check one response for each facility, select Not Applicable if the facility is not present at your port.)

Facility Type	Large Decrease greater than 25% loss	Small Decrease 5 -25% loss	No Change less than 5%	Small Increase 5-25% gain	Large Increase greater than 25% gain	Not Applicable
Commercial Fishing Docks						
Recreational Fishing Docks						
Boat Ramps						
Cold Storage Facilities						
Fish Processing Facilities						
Maintenance and Repair Facilities						
Marine Fishing Supply Stores						
Marine Storage Facility or Yard						
Ice Machines						
Fish Pumps						
Hoists						
Forklifts						
Commercial Shipping						
Military Support Facilities						
Coast Guard/Public Safety Facilities						
Scientific Research Facilities/Docks						
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Other (please specify):						
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13. What are your expectations for the future use of each facility listed below at your port over the next TEN years? (Please check one response for each facility, select Not Applicable if the facility is not present at your port.)

Facility Type	Large Decrease greater than 25% loss	Small Decrease 5-25% loss	No Change less than 5%	Small Increase 5-25% gain	Large Increase greater than 25% gain	Not Applicable
Commercial Fishing Docks						
Recreational Fishing Docks						
Boat Ramps						
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Tourism/Recreational Activities/Docks						
Small recreational (non-fishing) boating facilities						
Other (please specify):						

14. How does the use of your port facilities change seasonally? Describe the level of use for port facilities during each season using H (High = above 75% use), M (Medium = between 50% to 75% use) or L (Low = below 50% use). (Please complete for each season. Check Not Applicable if the facility is not present at your port.)

Facility Type	Winter (Dec-Feb)	Spring (March - May)	Summer (June-Aug)	Fall (Sept-Nov)	Not Applicable
Commercial Fishing Docks					
Recreational Fishing Docks					
Boat Ramps					
Cold Storage Facilities					
Fish Processing Facilities					
Maintenance and Repair Facilities					
Marine Fishing Supply Stores					
Marine Storage Facility or Yard					
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Commercial Shipping					
Military Support Facilities					
Coast Guard/Public Safety Facilities					
Scientific Research Facilities/Docks					
Tourism/Recreational Activities/Docks					
Small recreational (non-fishing) boating facilities					
Other (please specify):					

15. Are there any planned upgrades to the port within the next 5 years? (If yes, please briefly describe the upgrade.)

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

If Yes, Please Describe:

16. Please think of any upgrades or additions to port infrastructure that would benefit existing industries utilizing the port or enable new industries. Please describe.

17. Are there any facilities in the port that are planned to be decommissioned, removed, or repurposed within the next 5 years? (If yes, please briefly describe what facility and why.)

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

If Yes, Please Describe:

18. What facilities, if any, can you think of or recommend that could be decommissioned or repurposed to benefit existing industries and/or enable new industries to utilize the port?

19. What unique characteristics of the port are important to the local economy, community and culture, and/or environment? (Please provide specific examples. e.g. environmental awareness/restoration, social gathering space, preservation of maritime heritage, etc.)

Section 3: Impacts of Offshore Energy Activities

20. To what extent are you concerned about the potential impacts of future offshore energy activities on commercial, recreational, and/or subsistence/ceremonial fishing activities and other users? (Please check one response for each and describe specific concerns below.)

	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Concerned	Very Concerned	Extremely Concerned
Commercial					
Recreational					
Subsistence/ Ceremonial					
Other:					

Describe specific concerns:

21. What potential conflicts do you foresee, if any, between future offshore energy activities and existing port infrastructure, fishing operations, or other associated users at the port?

22. What opportunities do you see, if any, for collaborations or cooperation between future offshore energy activities and other port-based industries?

Section 4: Impacts on Communities and Tribes

23. What specific port infrastructure or services are used by Tribal communities in your area? (e.g. Ceremonial, Docks, Boat ramps, Maintenance and Repair facilities, Tourism Activities, Recreational (non-fishing) boating facilities, Event space, etc.)

24. Does your port currently have any formal partnerships, agreements, or other forms of regular engagement with Tribal communities?

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

If Yes, Please Describe:

25. Are there current or recent efforts at your port to increase or improve engagement with specific communities including, but not limited to, Tribal communities? (If yes, please describe with whom and what are the specific opportunities or issues addressed by these initiatives?)

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

If Yes, Please Describe:

Section 5: Additional Comments

26. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the impact of future offshore energy development or oil and gas decommissioning on port authorities and stakeholders? If so, please use the space below to tell us.

That's it! Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or additional observations/information.