# ODFW's considerations regarding OSW impacts

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# What does ODFW (MRP) do?

**Our mission is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generation.**

**In OSW context:**

- **Assess F&W populations and their habitats**
- **Provide expertise regarding effects**
- **Authorities are in take of F&W**

# How has ODFW participated?

## Communication

**Conveying information**

- Commenting
  - Call Areas, WEAs, scientific studies
- Public process
  - Open houses, outreach, forums.
- Outreach to users

## Coordination

**Synchronizing interactions**

- Interagency work
- National colleagues
- Participation with stakeholders

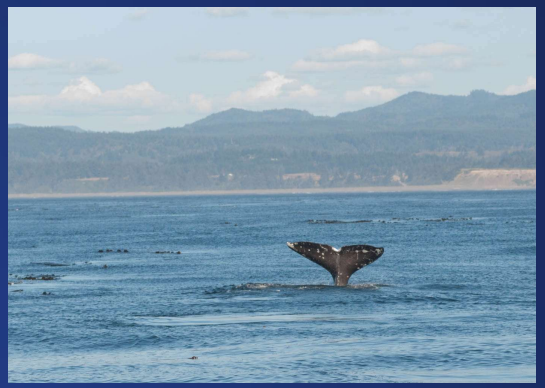
## Collaboration

**Working collectively to solve problems**

- NCOSS modeling
- Fishery participants
- Data output
  - OR wind map, coastal atlas, etc.

# ODFW concerns?

1. **Habitats**
   - Direct (cables/anchors)
   - Indirect (CC changes)
2. **Effects to F&W**
   - Migrations/take
   - benthos/surveys
3. **Economic effects**
   - Loss/congestion of fishing grounds
   - Cabling/inland effects
4. **Capacity issues**
   - Breadth / overlap of ODFW mission



# ODFW and Offshore Wind (parting thoughts)

1. ODFW is supportive of responsibly sited renewable energy
2. ODFW has ongoing collaborations with many relevant groups
3. ODFW needs additional capacity to provide expertise.
4. Fisheries are sustainable, OSW could adds complexity
5. The headwinds of commercial fisheries-> perhaps this "problem" could provide "solutions"