



Blue Wind 2025 Mid-Year Update

News on the West Coast Offshore Wind Supply Chain: July 2025

WHAT'S NEW AT THE COLLABORATIVE?

Though it may seem like we've been quiet, it's been a very newsworthy year so far here at the Blue Wind Collaborative. While the East Coast offshore wind supply chain has ramped up and turbines rise in states like Virginia, executive orders have halted or slowed other projects. The federal administration's hostile stance to renewable energy, including solar and wind, have dimmed any national hopes of opening new lease areas - that said, the West Coast is keeping the course on a climate future that has renewables in a considerable part of state portfolios.

In California, the state legislature, ports, and communities have continued to support offshore wind development, offering the opportunity for our state to engage in this work. We're here to break down what this means for Washington, where we're seeing continued state investment in investigating and activating the offshore wind supply chain.

Here's some news, updates, and more from the collaborative.

Federal Challenges to Offshore Wind

The federal administration's goal of curbing most renewable industries has put offshore wind in a difficult spot. Positions across federal agencies and laboratories that support renewable energy research and development, particularly those focused on offshore wind, have been cut, and an executive order has been issued to stop all new offshore wind permitting. As of last week, the administration has doubled down by rescinding all Wind Energy Areas designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

And while 17 states and the District of Columbia are fighting back in a joint lawsuit to stop the administration's overreach into state energy plans, a legal victory in court may not be adequate to fully restart investment and planning into new facilities and projects.

Even so, sites that have already been permitted are continuing on their path to development, including all California lease areas. Californians still strongly support offshore wind, with 78 percent of adults in California in favor of offshore wind according

to a 2024 Public Policy Institute survey. **This means that Washington will continue to have an opportunity to activate our potential supply chain opportunity alongside California and potentially other states or regions in the future.**

2025 Supply Chain Study Underway

Last year, Blue Wind competed for funding to complete an offshore wind supply chain study for Washington state. Though we weren't ultimately awarded the funding, we're pleased to have the opportunity to work with the firm Moffatt and Nichols to bolster the study, and therefore the state's, understanding of the potential of Washington's offshore wind supply chain.

For those of you who participated in the Supply Chain Mapping Working Group, we will not be reactivating the working group, but we hope to offer several ways to stay involved and offer your feedback to be included in the study. We also plan to take everything we've learned together and channel it into new events and activities:

Workforce Workshop

For our friends and labor partners in manufacturing, installation, shipbuilding, and other trades, Maritime Blue is hosting a joint Workforce Workshop with supply chain study contractor Moffatt and Nichols. This will be a two-part event, starting with an in-person Lunch and Learn on Monday, September 8 from 11:30 to 1pm in the Seattle area. Attendees from the labor community or labor employers will have the opportunity to hear from union speakers involved in offshore wind in the U.S., learn more about what's going on in the offshore wind supply chain federally and on the East and West Coasts, and be briefed on what work is going on in Washington to investigate and activate our state's floating platform supply chain.

The feedback portion of the workshop will take place virtually on Tuesday, September 9. Participants will get the chance to see the current state's offshore wind study scope and provide feedback and expertise on what Washington workers and labor can provide for the offshore wind supply chain.

If you're interested in attending this two-part session, please send an email to [stephanie\[at\]maritimeblue.org](mailto:stephanie@maritimeblue.org) and we'll send you additional details.

Aviation and Aerospace Workshop

With the state's supply chain study results due in November, Blue Wind is planning a winter workshop for aviation and aerospace suppliers to learn more about how they can diversify their business with new manufacturing opportunities for the West Coast offshore wind supply chain. We'll review results from the state's offshore wind supply chain study, with specialized speakers to talk specifics about manufacturing components for floating platforms. We'll follow up with more details as we get closer to these dates.



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CONNECT WITH THE WEST COAST OFFSHORE WIND HUB

If you're looking for more regular opportunities to learn and engage with offshore wind development, supply chain, workforce, and news, Blue Wind has been helping to develop the West Coast Offshore Wind Hub. The Hub aims to collaboratively share information, resources, and best practices among member organizations to foster stronger connections and coordinated efforts as it relates to offshore wind policy development and community engagement across the West Coast.

We host a one-hour monthly meeting on the latest news on offshore wind for the West Coast as well as a quarterly in-depth workshop on issues like supply chain, community engagement, tribal rights, workforce development, and more. We also host a Google group with low-volume updates on what's happening in offshore wind in Washington, Oregon, California, and across the country.

As a steering committee member of the Hub, we're excited to continue expanding opportunities to connect and learn, especially in California as we understand more about what the West Coast supply chain there could look like. **If you're interested in joining, please send an email to [stephanie\[at\]maritimeblue.org](mailto:stephanie@maritimeblue.org) with your name and organization and we can send you the group charter and instructions on how to join the Google group.**

WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON AT THE BLUE WIND COLLABORATIVE?

Last but definitely not least, Blue Wind has spent the first six months of the year traveling and speaking at different conferences. It remains our mission to share with manufacturers, suppliers, developers, communities, and others what Washington is capable of in building out the West Coast Supply Chain. We've been thrilled to have the opportunity to speak at and attend the following events in the last 6 months:

- Northwest OSW Conference, February 17 - 19 (Speaker)
- Oceantic State of the State, February 27 (Speaker)
- OSW Transmission West, March 24 - 26 (Speaker)
- International Partnering Forum, April 28 - May 1 (Speaker)
- Pacific OSW Conference, May 19 (Attendee)



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One Ocean Week: Learning and Networking

Speaking of events, Maritime Blue is proud to host [One Ocean Week Seattle](#) from October 20-26, a region-wide, international gathering of ocean leaders, innovators, researchers, startups, policymakers, artists, educators, and communities to accelerate solutions for a sustainable, inclusive maritime future.

Hosted by Washington Maritime Blue, the week features summits, cultural events, community activities, youth and workforce development programs, and global delegations, all with the aim of catalyzing the Blue Economy while leading on climate action, ecosystem health, and equity.

To ring in the occasion, Blue Wind will be hosting a **Renewable Ocean Energy Happy Hour**. We'll be sending more details soon, and you can learn more about our programming and attendance details for the week [here](#).

Winter Delegation Trip

Blue Wind is also convening to bring a delegation of Seattle-area businesses right to the action of where offshore wind is being deployed in the U.S. Our goal is to connect potential suppliers, especially women- and minority-owned businesses, with original equipment manufacturers, developers, and other supply chain participants who would be looking to hire them and other Washington companies for the upcoming work in the West Coast offshore wind supply chain. We're currently in the planning stages, but if you own a relevant business in the region or know of someone who does, please send an email to [stephanie\[at\]maritimeblue.org](mailto:stephanie[at]maritimeblue.org) to register your interest. There is limited capacity to send all who may want to attend, but we will be following up with eligible businesses to learn more and chat about the opportunity.

That's all the news and updates we have for you so far this year. As mentioned, it's been a year packed with ups and downs, but we're ultimately optimistic about how the offshore wind supply chain will fare in the long term, and we look forward to engaging more closely in Washington with all of you on how we make that happen.

Until the next update,

Stephanie and the team at Maritime Blue



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