

## **STATEMENT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS ON CANCELLATION OF WIND ENERGY LEASE AUCTION**

“The Tribe commends the decision of both the Governor and BOEM to cancel the October 15 lease sale,” said Tribal Council Chair Brad Kneaper. “The Tribe will now have an opportunity to focus on working with the State, commercial fishing interest, coastal communities, and others to understand what impacts and benefits offshore wind development before leases are sold. The Tribe intends to work with the State on its Roadmap process and engage with the federal government to ensure that Tribal concerns are addressed before future lease sales are considered.”

“Cancelling the lease sale makes sense. The Tribe, elected officials, commercial fishing interests, and others have consistently urged that BOEM delay moving forward with wind energy development until a better understanding is made of the impacts to fish, wildlife, the marine environment, and cultural resources important to the Tribe.” said Kneaper. “The Tribe looks forward to working collaboratively to determine where the best places are to develop wind energy, minimizing the impacts to the Coast and our people. With this action, the Tribe will reconsider the litigation pending against BOEM.”