

Jacqueline Piero

Marine Policy Seminar

9 November 2006

Abstract: Policy Implications of Offshore Wind Development

As the offshore wind industry develops in the United States, it is important to consider financial, regulatory, and environmental implications of the full life of the project, including decommissioning. Lacking precedent in the specific area of offshore wind decommissioning, we may examine other related fields to determine the best policy. The California land-based wind industry, offshore oil and gas decommissioning issues, and the European plans for decommissioning their existing offshore wind facilities can all contribute to the formulation of US policy regarding offshore wind development. This paper points out some of the issues we will face, and how the resources mentioned above can prepare us to manage our offshore wind resources in a responsible manner.