

Tolowa Dee-ni oppose Windmill Energy

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The Tolowa Dee-ni Nation announced it has passed a Resolution opposing offshore wind energy. The Nation covers Del Norte County and much of The southwest Oregon, urges the Department of Interior and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to halt all scoping and permitting for offshore wind projects, until a comprehensive and transparent procedure is developed.

The Tolowa Dee-ni is a federally recognized Indian Nation, one of 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States that depend on traditional places, foods and lifestyles. The Tolowa states observed and future impacts from climate change threaten access to traditional foods, marine foods offer sustenance as well as cultural, economic, medicinal and community health for future Tolowa Dee-ni' generations.

The offshore wind energy project lacks tribal involvement and research, according to the Resolution. The Tribe states the (wind energy project) lacks studies or research about the environmental impacts the windmills will have on the ocean floor and marine species.

“The Federal government has a legal obligation to consult with Tribal Nations on any activities that may affect the lands and resources. We ask the Administration to incorporate the essential value of tribal co-stewardship, co-decision making and co-management of tradition lands and waters,” according to the Resolution.

