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General Comment

Vote AGAINST near shore wind farms. These usurp free public use of shallow water near shore areas from private boaters, and fishermen for the advantage of For Profit Companies getting tax subsidies.

Problems: The energy they produce does not alleviate the need for fossil fuel electric plants since there are often times of flat calm with no wind.

Problem: Homeland Security would like declare a security zone around windmill towers and further prevent public usage of public waters.

Wind farms should be sited 20 miles offshore out of visibility of land and NOT in shipping lanes or fishing grounds. Technology is there to do this.

Wind farms should be sited on public lands along the shore line. Small distributed wind generation could be mounted atop every utility pole and the distribution grid would already be in place.
