

## **Ocean Ranch Restoration Project Draft Environmental Impact Report**

### **How to Participate in the Public Hearing and Provide Comments on the Draft EIR**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Ocean Ranch Restoration Project (Project), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The public review period for the Draft EIR began on September 17, 2020 and will end November 2, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. A copy of the Draft EIR is available at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Notices>. Comments on the Project and Draft EIR may be submitted to CDFW in writing, by email, or orally at a virtual Draft EIR public hearing scheduled for October 13, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This document provides guidance on how to participate in the public hearing, including how to provide oral comments during the hearing, and how to provide written comments on the Draft EIR.

#### **How to Join the Public Hearing (to watch or participate)**

Please note: When you join the meeting using any of the following options, you will be muted automatically and your video will not be displayed.

#### ***Option 1: Microsoft Teams with Computer Audio***

We highly encourage you to join the meeting on your computer via the link below, and to use your computer audio to participate. You can join using the Microsoft Teams app or on the web using your browser.

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) (using the downloaded app on your computer)

- Open public hearing URL (click on hyperlink above).
- Click “Join Webinar” (Note: if prompted, the Conference ID is 542 558 411#)

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) (using your browser)

- Open the public hearing URL (click on hyperlink above) in Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome. Your browser may ask if it’s okay for Teams to use your microphone and camera. Click OK if you intend to provide oral comments.
- Click “Join Webinar” (Note: if prompted, the Conference ID is 542 558 411#)

To Download Microsoft Teams App:

1. Website URL: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/video-conferencing>.
2. You will be prompted to provide an email and to create a password

#### ***Option 2: Teleconference Only***

If you are not able to join using your computer or mobile device, please join via phone. The phone number to participate in the public hearing is (901) 602-7766. When prompted, the Conference ID is 542 558 411#.

### **How to Participate in the Public Hearing**

**Viewing Presentations** – If you join via Microsoft Teams on your computer or mobile device, you will be able to see the speaker and presentation being displayed. If you join via teleconference, you can download a copy of the presentation here: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Notices>. A copy of the presentation will be available by October 9, 2020.

**Oral Comments** – If you wish to provide oral comments on the Project or Draft EIR during the public hearing, please follow these guidelines:

1. If you are participating using Microsoft Teams, click on the “raise your hand” icon. NOTE: If you are participating using teleconference only, you will be prompted by the moderator after other comments have been received to unmute yourself by pressing “\*6” on your keypad. Once you are unmuted and have been recognized by the moderator, you can provide your comment.
2. Once recognized, please begin by giving your name and affiliation (if any).
3. Each commenter will be allowed up to 5 minutes to provide their comment(s) on the Project, Project Alternatives, or Draft EIR analysis. The time limit is intended to ensure everyone has the opportunity to provide input at the hearing.
4. All oral comments will be recorded during the public hearing.
5. CDFW may ask for clarification on a comment at the hearing but will not provide responses to comments. All substantive comments specific to the Project, Project alternatives, or Draft EIR analysis, will be responded to in writing in the Final EIR.
6. The public comment portion of the hearing will end at 7:30 p.m., or after all oral comments have been received and recorded.

### **How to Provide Written Comments**

(1) Written comments may be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
619 2nd Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Attention Gordon Leppig, Project Manager

Please put “Ocean Ranch Restoration Project Draft EIR Comments” in the Subject Line

(2) Written comments may be emailed to: [orurestoration@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:orurestoration@wildlife.ca.gov).

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