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## Statement re Siting an Offshore Wind Manufacturing, Assembling and Launch Facility

The Islesboro Select Board applauds our State Government's vigorous response to climate change and offshore wind research. Bills currently before the Maine Legislature, including LD1895 and others, recognize that responsible offshore wind projects should proceed without further ecological harm that would exacerbate climate change (and thereby undermine the central offshore wind goals of reducing carbon emissions, producing affordable electrical energy and providing workforce benefits).

Proposed offshore wind projects require manufacturing, assembling and launching the turbines at a dedicated, purpose-built facility, sometimes referred to as an offshore wind marshalling hub.

The Islesboro Select Board understands the crucial importance of applying strong, proven environmental standards and existing state and federal policies to siting and construction of manufacturing, assembling and launching facilities, or offshore wind marshalling hub.

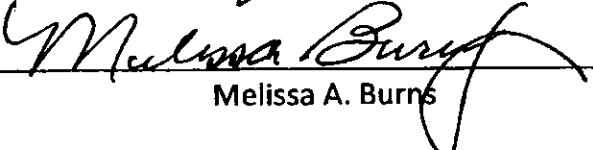
Applying the above, developers of any offshore wind marshalling hub, including any project by the State of Maine, must (1) ensure that the least environmentally damaging plan is pursued, (2) favor repurposing outdated industrial and/or energy sites for the proposed facility, (3) avoid damaging undeveloped and ecologically significant locations, and (4) consider impacts on wildlife and fisheries.

This leads the Islesboro Select Board to conclude that, if any such offshore wind facility is to be built in Penobscot Bay, it should be built at Mack Point. .

  
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