



*Responsible Offshore Development Alliance*

## **WEST COAST POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA) is seeking to expand our capacity to work with the fishing industry on West Coast offshore development.

### **About RODA**

RODA is a membership-based coalition of fishery-dependent companies and associations with the mission of improving the compatibility of new offshore development with their businesses. Our approximately 230 members comprise major fishing community groups, individual vessels, and shoreside dealers operating in federal and state waters of the New England, Mid-Atlantic, and Pacific coasts. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., RODA employs three full-time staff and engages in scientific research and advocacy in support of our members.

### **Position Summary**

We are seeking an individual to support the organization's advocacy, communications, and cooperative research work on behalf of our members. This is a half to full time, mostly remote position, through employment or by contract depending in part on the preference of the selected candidate. This position reports to the Executive Director and will engage directly with members, fishery managers, scientists, and others to understand and represent a broad cross-section of fishing industry members' perspective and experiences. This is a mid- to senior-level, remote/work from home position with expected travel along the west coast for in-person meetings as needed.

### **Anticipated Tasks:**

#### **Advocacy and Strategic Planning:**

- Work directly under the guidance of, and take direction from, Executive Director and coordinate with existing staff on position statements and other public documents in order to maintain consistent messaging on behalf of organization
- Proactively develop strategic positions, consensus "asks" to influence and educate federal and state decision makers
- Coordinate with/build support from Pacific Fisheries Management Council and NOAA Fisheries staff and leadership
- Build coalitions with other groups, organizations, and sectors, as appropriate
- Review environmental, project or other public analyses/information and provide responses following RODA's strategic mission in a timely manner
- Submit verbal and written comments using input from members
- Prepare and distribute talking points to inform members own comment letters, prepare to provide public comment, etc.

#### **Membership Coordination and Growth:**

- Work with members to identify key issues, concerns, areas to find common ground solutions, and other strategic efforts
- Assist with organizational fundraising
- Build relationships with and solicit prospective members
- Convene membership meetings
- Track and update members on offshore development plans in the Pacific
- Contribute to biweekly membership updates and organizational calendar
- Communicate upcoming meetings, due dates, and other important events

**Public Outreach:**

- Develop press releases, cultivate relationships with media, conduct interviews
- Develop regional content for website and/or in person events
- Represent fishermen at offshore wind meetings
- Participate in interviews and other educational opportunities

**Science and Research:**

- Work with Research Director to develop scientific grant proposals and assist with existing RODA research projects, as appropriate
- Participate in scientific symposia, working groups, and related activities
- Collect fishing industry input for scientific and other projects
- Network with industry-trusted scientists and partners - academic, agency, etc.

**Desired Background and Skills:**

- Strong reading comprehension and writing skills
- Experience coordinating fishing industry coalitions
- Ability to respect multiple viewpoints and personalities (e.g. fishermen & OSW developers)
- Experience with media
- Strong advocacy strategizing experience (such as legislative, agency, and/or community organizing)
- Existing relationships with fishing industry and fisheries scientists/managers
- Strong knowledge of fisheries management, regulations, science, and policy processes
- Familiarity with BOEM's and state OSW processes preferred
- Experience with cooperative research or coordinating cooperative research partners

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**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Interested parties should submit the following to [info@rodafisheries.org](mailto:info@rodafisheries.org) with the subject line "RODA Pacific Position" no later than **June 8, 2022**.

- Statement of Interest, addressing the following:

- Familiarity with RODA and the organization’s work – nationally or in any region
- Familiarity with the status of offshore wind development on the west coast
- Previous experience that speaks to your ability to complete any of the “anticipated tasks”
- Previous experience that aligns with the “desired background and skills”
- Requirements on time commitment (part-time, full-time), availability (when you would be able to start this position), and compensation (including hourly rate or salary requirements)
- Any additional information the hiring committee should know
- Current resume
- Contact information for three professional references

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidates located on the west coast are preferred, re-location package is not available. RODA is an equal opportunity employer. Members of traditionally underrepresented communities are warmly encouraged to apply.