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## Perkins Coie Attorneys Quoted in Energy Central—Ocean Conservancy: U.S. Offshore Wind Energy Faces Headwinds

Perkins Coie Attorneys quoted in, "Ocean Conservancy: U.S. Offshore Wind Energy Faces Headwinds," an article in Energy Central, regarding the combination of policy changes and regulatory updates that can take U.S. offshore wind energy from potential to power.

"Our analysis found that key federal agencies like Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) can enhance their collection of information, interagency coordination, and address the high demand for efficient environmental review and authorization decisions," said Ted Boling, a partner with Perkins Coie who co-authored the report and previously served at the President's Council on Environmental Quality and as the country's top National Environmental Policy Act attorney. "None of these obstacles are insurmountable and our recommendations lean heavily on adaptation of existing legal and regulatory tools for this emerging clean energy industry."

The report, that was also co-authored by Perkins Coie partners Don Baur and Laura Morton, calls for an integrated management approach that includes an efficient and effective planning and permitting process, evidence-based decisions, an adaptive monitoring framework as well as robust stakeholder engagement.

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