

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN
RESOLUTION
40-2018**

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic air gun blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic air guns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean, every ten to twelve seconds for days, weeks, or months on end; and

WHEREAS, seismic air gun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage which would adversely effect the Borough of Manasquan; and

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines and/or refineries, which would harm the character of the New Jersey Coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations along the entire New Jersey Coast including the Borough of Manasquan, which are an intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide important essential habitats for recreational and commercial fisheries, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manasquan recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to the Jersey Shore; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manasquan endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the east coast of New Jersey will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of the United States; and


WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic air gun blasting in the Atlantic Ocean in close proximity to New Jersey's shoreline would put New Jersey's environment, beaches, marine resources, and local economies at risk;

*Mailed to all
recipients
1-18-18*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ROSOLVED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan that:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan oppose offshore oil and gas drilling, exploration, and development, including seismic air gun blasting, in the Atlantic Ocean off the East Coast of New Jersey.
2. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan urge the United States government not to pursue or allow offshore oil and gas drilling, exploration, and development, including seismic air gun blasting, in the Atlantic Ocean off the East Coast of New Jersey.
3. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan recommends the government of the United States forego and forbid offshore oil and gas drilling, exploration, and development in the Atlantic Ocean off the East Coast of New Jersey.
4. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan recommends the use of non-polluting sources of renewable energy, such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the sensitive coastal environment and economic health of the area before using the uncertain method of seismic air gun blasting in the pursuit of offshore oil and gas deposits.
5. The Borough Clerk is directed to send copies of this Resolution to members of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, our New Jersey State Legislators, and our United States Congressional Delegation.

I, Barbara Ilaria, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council at the January 16, 2018 meeting.



 Barbara Ilaria, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
LEE			X			
WALSH	X		Y			
MANGAN		X	Y			
OLIVERA			Y			
READ			Y			
BOSSONE						X
ON CONSENT AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO						