

BOROUGH OF AVALON
CAPE MAY COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 166 -2016

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the proposed seismic air gun blasting is utilized to search for oil and gas reserves deep beneath the sea floor; and

WHEREAS, such blasting is proposed for the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the seismic air seismic use extremely loud blasts of air, 100,000 times more intense than a jet engine and repeated every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day for days to months on end; and

WHEREAS, the blasting can cause permanent hearing loss, injury and even death to whales, dolphins and larval fish when used at shore distances; and

WHEREAS, the air gun noise has been shown to decrease the catch rates within certain fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the commercial and recreation fishing in New Jersey supports over 63,000 jobs, all of which would be threatened by seismic blasting and the offshore drilling that would follow; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean-based tourism and recreation generates nearly 3.1 billion in GDP (Gross Domestic Profit) for the state and sustains over 79,000 jobs and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration could decide in the next weeks to allow companies to use seismic air guns to search for oil and gas deposits in the Atlantic Ocean within the next few weeks; and

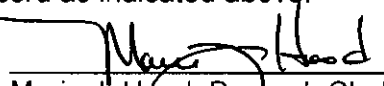
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon that it offer its plea to New Jersey State Governor Chris Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all Cape May County Mayors, the Honorable Chris Christie and President Obama.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Burns		✓	✓			
Covington			✓			
Dean	✓		✓			
Hudanich			✓			
McCorristin			✓			


Nancy M. Hudanich, Council President

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon, New Jersey at the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, with the voting record as indicated above.


Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk