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NOTICE

RESOLUTION #74-2016 OF THE TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND, DELAWARE, IN OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is currently in the process of accepting applications from companies wishing to conduct seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean, off of the coast of Delaware and other coastal areas of the Mid-Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, seismic testing is a precursor to actual oil and natural gas exploration, including drilling, in the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, should oil and natural gas exploration occur off of the coast of Delaware or other coastal areas of the Mid-Atlantic region, the possibility of a disastrous oil spill, such as the BP oil spill that occurred in the Gulf of Mexico and countless others, poses a significant and real danger to the beaches and marine life of the Atlantic Ocean, as well as the economies and quality of life of the Town of Fenwick Island and its neighbors in the Mid-Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, seismic testing is also potentially devastating to the fish and marine life of Delaware's coastal communities and our neighbors in the Mid-Atlantic region, as the testing process involves firing a seismic air-gun into the ocean every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for multiple weeks at a time, with the sounds emitted during testing being two (2) times louder than that of a 747 jet engine; and

WHEREAS, such seismic testing has been shown to harm fish, driving them from traditional feeding and breeding habitats, and to injure and kill marine mammals, such as dolphins, sea birds and whales; and

WHEREAS, the risks associated with oil and natural gas exploration, and the precursor activity of seismic testing, far outweigh the potential benefits that will be received from these activities and the residents, workers, property owners, businesses, and recreational visitors (which number in the millions each year for Delaware's coastal communities alone) of the Town of Fenwick Island and its neighbors should not have to face the threat of an oil spill and should not have to face the impact that such an oil spill and/or that seismic testing will have on the local habitat, property values, quality of life and local economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fenwick Island, Delaware, in session met, a quorum pertaining at all times thereto, that the Town of Fenwick Island, Delaware, opposes the proposed oil and gas exploration and development activities, including but not limited to seismic testing, off of the coast of Delaware and other coastal areas of the Mid-Atlantic region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolutions shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Delaware and to our Federal and State Congressional Representatives.

Attest: *Linda M. Poole*
Linda M. Poole, Town Clerk

Eugene N. Langan
Gene Langan, President of Council

Diane B. Tingle
Diane B. Tingle, Council Secretary

I, Diane B. Tingle, Secretary of the Town Council, of the Town of Fenwick Island, Delaware, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the President and Council at a meeting on April 24, 2015, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and the same is still in force and effect.

January 22, 2016
Date

Diane B. Tingle
Diane B. Tingle, Council Secretary

