

# City of Kingsland



## Proclamation *Protesting Seismic Air Gun Testing Along the Coast of Georgia*

**WHEREAS**, The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes seismic airgun testing along 403 miles of the Atlantic Ocean (encompassing 350,000 square miles) from Delaware to Florida's Cape Canaveral; and

**WHEREAS**, Seismic airgun testing involves loud blasts of compressed air through the ocean and miles under the seafloor; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed tests may cause destructive impacts to marine wildlife, coastal ecosystems and coastal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOEM acknowledges that seismic airgun testing may negatively impact all marine mammals including the critically endangered Right Whales; and

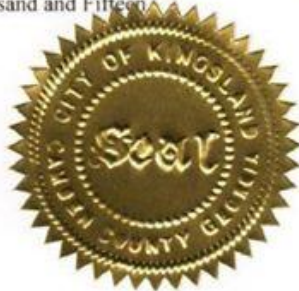
**WHEREAS**, the estimated impacts to fisheries and commercial fishing possess the potential to cause irreparable harm to fishing economies which generates \$11.8 billion annually and supports 222,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the enormous distances sound can travel in the ocean, the noise from this activity cannot be confined to the waters off individual states, since impacts --- particularly on the great baleen whales--- could extend many hundreds of miles, potentially affecting states along the east coast. Fish and fisheries could be affected for tens of miles around every seismic ship; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated oil reserves in the testing area have not been proven sufficient to offset the potential destruction of oil spills along the Atlantic coast -- the proven off-shore Atlantic reserves would be the equivalent of just over seven years' of Gulf oil.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY** Mayor Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., City of Kingsland, Georgia, that I firmly opposed to seismic air gun testing along the Atlantic Coast.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord Two-Thousand and Fifteen.



**City of Kingsland**

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Linda O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk