

CITY OF NORTH WILDWOOD

Cape May County, New Jersey

RESOLUTION

OPPOSING SEISMIC AIRGUN TESTING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the blasting of seismic airguns is utilized in the search for oil and gas reserves deep beneath the ocean floor; and

WHEREAS, such seismic airgun blasting is being proposed for the East Coast of the United States; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the airgun blasts have been shown to decrease catch rates within certain fishing areas; and

WHEREAS, the commercial and recreational fishing industries in New Jersey provide over 63,000 jobs, all of which would be threatened by seismic airgun blasting and the offshore drilling that could follow; and

WHEREAS, the tourism and recreation industries in New Jersey generate nearly \$3.1 billion in gross domestic profit for the State of New Jersey and provide thousands of jobs for our residents, which could also be threatened by seismic airgun blasting and the offshore drilling that may follow; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of North Wildwood are aware of these hazards associated with seismic airgun testing and the offshore drilling that could follow, and feel that the risks involved do currently outweigh the potential benefits of said testing and drilling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of North Wildwood, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The City of North Wildwood hereby expresses its opposition to seismic airgun testing off the coast of the State of New Jersey.
2. The Federal and State Governments are hereby urged to consider the hazards and risks involved that may detrimentally affect the fishing, tourism and recreational industries in the State of New Jersey that provide employment for thousands and entertainment for millions each year.
3. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Climate and Energy Campaign of OCEANA, which seeks to protect the world's oceans.
4. The City Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to appropriate Federal and State officials.

OFFERED BY: KOEHLER **SECONDED BY:** DEL CONTE
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

I, W. Scott Jett, City Clerk of the City of North Wildwood, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of North Wildwood at a meeting duly held on the 16th day of August 2016.

Dated: August 16, 2016

Signed: 
 W. Scott Jett, City Clerk

Approved: 
 Patrick T. Rosenello, Mayor

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tolomeo	X				Koehler	X			
Rullo				X	Bishop	X			
Kane	X				Zampirri	X			
Del Conte	X								