

**RESOLUTION #153-2014**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BEACH HAVEN OPPOSING THE USE OF SEISMIC AIR GUN USE OFF NEW JERSEY'S COAST**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the seismic air guns use extremely loud blasts of air, 100,00 times more intense than a jet engine and repeated every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day for days or 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 short distances; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the commercial and recreational 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 for the state and sustains over 79,000 jobs; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Beach Haven urge Governor Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the New Jersey coast.

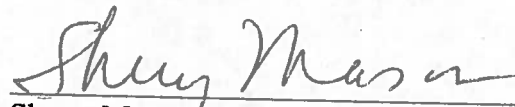
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Beach Haven that it offers its plea to the New Jersey State Governor Chris Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all County of Ocean municipalities, Oceana, and the Honorable Governor Chris Christie.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Sherry Mason, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Beach Haven, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Beach Haven at a regular meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
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Sherry Mason, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 8/11/14