

**RESOLUTION 2014-268
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSAL 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, 100,000 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 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 within the next few weeks; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough of Beachwood Mayor and Council 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 Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all County of Ocean municipalities, Oceana, and the Honorable Governor Chris Christie

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Clayton</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Feeny</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Komsa</i>						X
<i>Councilman LaCrosse</i>						X
<i>Councilman Miserendino</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Zakar</i>	X		X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the aforementioned resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of Beachwood Borough on July 16, 2014


Susan A. Minock, RMC

Municipal Clerk – Beachwood Borough