

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 30

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Bonita Springs endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, residents have an expectation of a quality of life and demonstrate a concern for our environment in the City of Bonita Springs; and

WHEREAS, seismic air-gun testing is being proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for the exploration of oil and natural gas off the mid-Atlantic coast and Eastern Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the type of seismic air-gun testing used to search for oil and gas is incredibly harmful and could injure or possibly kill thousands of marine mammals and fish; and

WHEREAS, the seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air – almost as loud as explosives every 1-12 seconds twenty-four hours a day for days to weeks on end; these loud air-gun blasts can be heard for many hundreds of miles in the ocean and can drive whales to abandon their habitats, go silent and cease foraging over vast areas; and

WHEREAS, at shorter distances, air-guns can cause permanent hearing loss, injury, and even death for whales, dolphins and fish; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonita Springs is located on the Eastern Coast of the Gulf of Mexico and the environmental and economic vitality of communities on the Gulf of Mexico affects the economic vitality of Florida and all of its cities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA opposes seismic air-gun testing and urges the President's Administration to stop this process and focus on ensuring the vitality of vulnerable local environments and economies along the Atlantic Coast and the eastern Gulf of Mexico because we cannot continue to put our ocean environment, beaches, marines resources and local economies at risk;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Obama.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Bonita Springs City Council.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida, this 1st day of April, 2015.

AUTHENTICATION:



Mayor



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

City Attorney

Vote:

Nelson	Aye	Slachta	Aye	Lonkart	Aye
McIntosh	Aye	Simmons	Aye		
Martin	Aye	Gibson	Aye		

Date filed with City Clerk: 4-7-15