

March 11, 2014

RESOLUTION 2014- 72
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN
TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN**

Mayor Engelstad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, President Obama's Administration is currently considering a proposal to allow Seismic air-gun testing in the Atlantic Ocean to search for oil and gas; and

WHEREAS, the use of air-guns to conduct these seismic tests threatens fish populations and profitable fisheries; 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 including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale; and

WHEREAS, the seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air – almost as loud as explosives every 10-12 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. At shorter distances, air-guns can cause permanent hearing loss, injury and even death for whales, dolphins and fish; and

WHEREAS, the proposed seismic air-gun testing will result in serious negative impact to our marine resources which form the foundation of economic vitality for communities all along the Atlantic Coast.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach urge the President's Administration to stop this process and focus on ensuring the vitality of vulnerable local economies along the Atlantic Coast as we cannot continue to put our ocean environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk.

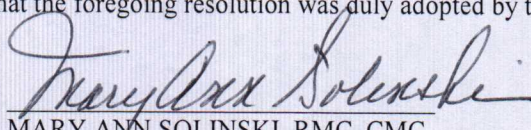
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Obama.

Seconded by Councilman Cotler and adopted upon the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Cotler	X			
Mr. Volante	X			
Mr. Goldfarb	X			
Mr. Galassetti	X			
Mayor Engelstad	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Ann Solinski, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the March 11, 2014 meeting.



MARY ANN SOLINSKI, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk