

City of Brigantine

Resolution 2015-59

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the proposed seismic air gun blasting is utilized to search for oil and gas reserves deep beneath the sea floor; 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 (Gross Domestic Profit) for the state and sustains over 79,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration could decide in the next 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 City of Brigantine, Mayor and Council urge Governor Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor, Council and City of Brigantine 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 Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all Atlantic County Mayors, the Honorable Governor Chris Christie and President Obama.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND
LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, COUNTY
OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

AT ITS MEETING OF March 18, 2015

Lynn Sweeney
LYNN SWEENEY, RMC
CITY CLERK

RECORD VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Y	N	NV	AB
GUENTHER	✓			
SIMPSON	✓			
SERA	✓			
BEW	✓			
McCLAY	✗	✓		
PICARDI	✗	✓		
DeLUCRY	✓			

X=INDICATES VOTE NV=NOT VOTING AB=ABSENT