

Town of Emerald Isle

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC TESTING OFF THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST

Whereas, seismic testing activities associated with offshore oil and gas exploration have the potential to harm marine life; and

Whereas, seismic testing has the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle is a municipality in Carteret County, where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and

Whereas, the full impacts of seismic testing are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, Federal and State regulatory agencies, and the general public; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and options for mitigation of those impacts; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle does not believe seismic testing as currently proposed is the safest way to map oil and gas deposits off the North Carolina coast;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners is opposed to seismic testing activities associated with offshore oil and gas exploration until such time as all testing options are evaluated and proper assurances for the protection of marine life are established.

Adopted this the 14th day of April, 2015.

Eddie Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ferebee, Town Clerk. CMC

