



**Resolution 20140-03 of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Manteo, North Carolina  
Expressing opposition to seismic testing as proposed in the  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)  
Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) - Option A and Option B**

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to harm marine life; and

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Manteo is a municipality in Dare County where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Manteo endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B are not yet fully understood by scientists, the Oil & Gas industry, or BOEM, and

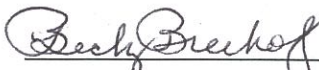
WHEREAS, the Town of Manteo believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and options for mitigation those impacts; and

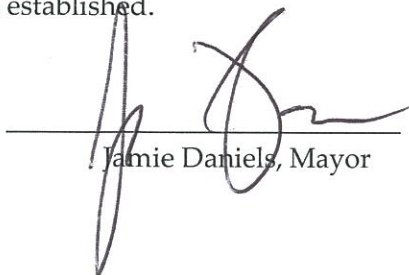
WHEREAS, the Town of Manteo does not believe seismic testing as currently proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is the safest way to map oil & gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Manteo, North Carolina, is opposed to seismic testing as proposed in in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement until such time as all testing options are evaluated and proper assurances for the protection of marine life are established.

This resolution adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.

ATTEST:

  
Becky Breiholz, Town Clerk

  
Jamie Daniels, Mayor

