



**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN
TO SEISMIC TESTING
AS PROPOSED IN BOEM PEIS
ALTERNATIVE A and ALTERNATIVE B**

WHEREAS, seismic testing, as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) 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 Oak Island is a municipality in Brunswick County where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oak Island 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 and gas industries, or BOEM; and

WHEREAS, many in the Town of Oak Island believe 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 Oak Island is concerned that seismic testing, as currently proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, may not be the safest way to map oil and gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Oak Island, North Carolina, that the Town will remain concerned about the potential effects of seismic testing, as proposed 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 the 29th of April, 2014.



Betty W. Wallace, Mayor

Attested:



Lisa P. Stites, CMC
Town Clerk

