

RESOLUTION 2014-02
RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED SEISMIC AIRGUN
TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (EOEM) 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 St. James wants to be good stewards 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 industry, or BOEM; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. James believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and all options to mitigate those impacts; and

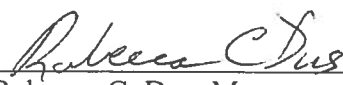
WHEREAS, the Town of St. James is concerned that seismic testing, as currently proposed in Alternative A and Alternative B of BOEM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, may not be the safest way to map oil and gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of St. James, North Carolina, that the town is concerned about the potential impacts of seismic airgun testing, as proposed in Alternative A and Alternative B of BOEM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and requests that such testing be delayed until such time as all testing options are evaluated and assurances are established for the protection of marine life and the local fishing industries.

This the 6th day of May, 2014

ATTEST:


Joann A. Campanello, Town Clerk


Rebecca C. Dus, Mayor

