



1 WHEREAS, seismic air gun blasting to explore for oil and gas deposits has been proven  
2 to injure, disrupt, displace, and even kill marine life, such as whales which rely on their  
3 hearing to find food and mate, and can impair the health of many fish species, including  
4 those of commercial importance; and,

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6 WHEREAS, the Cascadia Subduction Zone makes the Oregon coast highly volatile for a  
7 catastrophic seismic event that would further expose the risk and increase the impacts  
8 of oil spills; and,

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10 WHEREAS, offshore hydraulic fracturing and other unconventional oil extraction  
11 techniques such as acid fracturing, matrix acidizing, gravel packing, and cyclic steam  
12 injection collectively referred to as "fracking and other well stimulation," provide  
13 another means to expand offshore oil and gas extraction; and,

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15 WHEREAS, offshore fracking and other well stimulation release harmful toxic pollutants  
16 into the marine environment; and,

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18 WHEREAS, the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program is in violation  
19 of the Endangered Species Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the National Marine  
20 Sanctuaries Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act over oil and gas exploration  
21 using seismic air guns; and,

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23 WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln City recognizes that our communities, businesses, and  
24 industries depend on a healthy coastal environment for the benefit of current and future  
25 residents, property owners, and visitors;

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
28 **LINCOLN CITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

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30 SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by  
31 this reference.

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33 SECTION 2. The City of Lincoln City finds that offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic oil  
34 and gas exploration, and offshore fracking and other well stimulation unnecessarily risk  
35 our economic and ecological health, individually and cumulatively, and therefore  
36 opposes any plan or legislation which encourages any oil and gas development,  
37 exploration, or fracking and other well stimulation offshore, that would impact the  
38 citizens of Oregon.

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40 SECTION 3. The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Department of Interior  
41 Secretary Zinke; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter

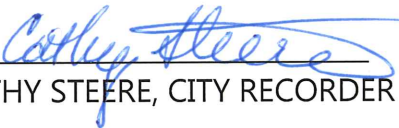
1 Cruickshank; Oregon Governor Kate Brown, U. S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden;  
2 U.S. Representative Kurt Schrader; State Senator Arnie Roblan; State Representative  
3 David Gomberg; and any other interested parties.

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5 Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

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7 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln City this 9th day of  
8 July, 2018.

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13 SUSAN WAHLKE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 ATTEST:

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CATHY STEERE, CITY RECORDER

# Offshore Drilling in Oregon: What's at Stake

## **Background:**

On January 4, 2018, the Trump administration released the Draft Proposed Program for offshore oil and gas lease sales from 2019 to 2024. It would open 90% of U.S. waters—including Oregon's entire coast—to oil and gas drilling. This would undermine decades of bipartisan coastal protection. No one has drilled off Oregon's coast since 1964. The proposal has met with steep opposition, with nearly every coastal governor voicing concern. On February 1, 16 Northwest Congress members from both parties calling drilling off the Northwest coast "a waste of time, government resources and taxpayer dollars." Cities and Ports in Oregon have joined in opposition passing resolutions to oppose oil and gas drilling in Oregon's ocean and in support of their local fishing, tourism and recreational communities: These include: City of Newport, City of Toledo, Port of Newport, Port of Toledo, City of Port Orford, City of Yachats, and the Siletz Tribal Council. It's clear based on other states and messaging from the Department of Interior that local municipalities opinions matter and resolutions have carried strong weight in decision-making with previous administrations.

Oregon's coast is an economic powerhouse. According to the National Ocean Economics Program, Oregon's ocean economy is worth \$2.5 billion annually, and supports 33,000 jobs. More than 25,000 of those jobs are in tourism, recreation and fishing, the sectors that stand to lose the most from an oil spill. Drilling off of the Oregon coast jeopardizes the strong ocean economy that exists today.

## **By the numbers**

- \$2.5 B ocean economy in Oregon
- 33,000 total ocean-related jobs, with 25,000 in tourism, recreation and fishing
- 1964: last offshore drilling in Oregon
- 21 oil spills expected from Oregon/Washington lease sale (per Center for Biological Diversity analysis based on historical data and federal records)

A 2015 survey by DHM research found that the coast is one of the things Oregonians value most about our state. Seventy percent of respondents said the state should focus on maintaining a quality environment to attract people and companies, rather than relaxing environmental protections to make it easier for companies to do business. Oregonians are not alone in wanting the coast protected. Gallup's annual polls show that Americans increasingly want to prioritize environmental health over energy production. In 2017, 59% said we should prioritize the environment versus 34% that want more focus on energy production.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management accepted public comments on the draft plan through March 9 and more than 30,000 people weighed in online in Oregon alone. After the comments are received and environmental reviews conducted, the Proposed Program will be released, triggering another comment period. The Final Proposed Program is expected by 2019, with lease sales to follow. The Oregon/Washington lease sale is proposed for 2021.