**SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Legislative Summary**

Res 31834

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**Record No.:** Res 31834  
**Type:** Resolution (Res)  
**Status:** Adopted  
**Version:** 1  
**Ord. no:**  
**In Control:** City Clerk  
**File Created:** 08/14/2018  
**Final Action:** 09/14/2018

**Title:** A RESOLUTION expressing The City of Seattle’s opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic airgun blasting.

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**Notes:**

- Filed with City Clerk: 9/14/2018
- Mayor's Signature: 9/14/2018
- Vetoed by Mayor:
- Veto Overridden:
- Veto Sustained:

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**Sponsors:** O'Brien

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**Attachments:**

- **Draftor:** adan.schaefer@seattle.gov

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**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

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**History of Legislative File**

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**Legislative Summary Continued (Res 31834)**

**Action Text:** The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

- **In Favor:** 2  Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Johnson
- **Opposed:** 0

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**Notes:**
CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31834

A RESOLUTION expressing The City of Seattle’s opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic airgun blasting.

WHEREAS, in Washington State hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of the state’s gross domestic product depend on clean, oil-free water and beaches and abundant fish and wildlife; and:

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Washington State’s ocean wealth stems from fishing, aquaculture, tourism, and recreation, all of which benefit from a healthy ocean and coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling places coastal communities at risk from oil spills and the pollution brought by onshore industrialization, threatening the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fisherman and small businesses that rely on a clean and healthy ocean and beaches; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of Washington State’s coastline and could exacerbate wetlands loss and storm surge and sea level rise impacts; and

WHEREAS, the harmful impacts from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration anywhere along the Pacific coastline could extend far beyond immediately surrounding areas and severely impact communities that rely on the robust economy of the marine industry; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling and exploration perpetuates dependence on dirty carbon pollution and contributes to climate change and the resulting sea level rise and extreme weather; and
WHEREAS, the Trump administration has expressed interest in opening the Pacific Ocean to
offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including the use of seismic airguns, which
fire intense blasts of compressed air that rank just behind military explosives as the
loudest source of noise in the ocean, every ten to 12 seconds, 24 hours a day, for months
on end; and
WHEREAS, seismic airgun blasting to explore for oil and gas deposits has been proven to
disrupt and displace marine life, such as whales and orcas that rely on sound to find food
and mates, and can impair the health of many fish and shellfish species, including those
of commercial importance like rockfish, crab, and oysters; and
WHEREAS, The City of Seattle recognizes that its communities, businesses, and industries
depend on a healthy coastal environment for the benefit of current and future residents,
property owners, and visitors; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Seattle finds that offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration
unnecessarily risks economic and ecological health and therefore opposes any plan or legislation
that encourages oil and gas development and exploration offshore that would impact the
residents of Washington State.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council firmly oppose offshore oil and gas drilling and
exploration, and call on the Governor of Washington, the state legislative delegation, and the
federal congressional delegation to take all steps possible to prohibit and prevent such actions.
The City further calls on the Trump Administration, including the federal Bureau of Ocean
Energy Management, to halt such activity.
Adopted by the City Council the 10th day of September, 2018,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 10th day of
September, 2018.

[Signature]
Brenda A. Amundson
President of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 14th day of September, 2018.

[Signature]
Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this 14th day of September, 2018.

[Signature]
Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)