



Permanent Protections from Offshore Drilling Benefit California's Economy & Help Fight Climate Change

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CALIFORNIA HAS
3,427 MILES
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

654,000
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

\$54.3 BILLION
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

Californians Need a Clean Coast

California's abundant ocean and coast are major attractions for millions of tourists every year. Rugged rocky cliffs, tide pools, sandy spits of shore with popular surfing spots, and pristine state parks dot California's 3,400 miles of spectacular coast. The vibrant ocean environment off California's coast supports ecosystems with everything from colorful anemones and lush kelp forests to playful sea otters, sea lions, dolphins, and whales.

Pods of humpback, blue, gray, fin, minke, and sperm whales, as well as orcas, provide ample whale-watching opportunities off the California coast, drawing locals and tourists alike year-round. Pacific waters also sustain California's robust commercial and recreational fisheries – bringing in large catches of Dungeness crab, market squid, sablefish, rockfish, Chinook salmon, tuna, swordfish, and California halibut – that contribute substantially to the state's ocean economy.

What's at Risk?

Offshore drilling threatens coastal businesses and economies that depend on a clean and healthy ocean. We can fight the climate crisis and safeguard our coastal economy by advancing clean energy and permanently protecting our coasts from offshore drilling.

A Bad Deal for California

A catastrophic oil spill, like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout or the 2010 BP *Deepwater Horizon* disaster, would pose a great risk to California's coastal economies that depend on a healthy ocean. When toxic oil is spilled, it poisons marine wildlife, causes beach closures, and disrupts lucrative fishing areas. Permanently protecting California's coast from offshore drilling will safeguard its coastal economies from the next oil disaster.

Offshore drilling for oil and gas is dirty and dangerous and threatens California's fishing, tourism, and recreation industries, which depend on a healthy ocean and provide consistent revenue year after year when sustainably managed. Oil and gas are finite resources; when the oil runs out, so do the jobs.

Protecting California's Coast from Offshore Drilling Helps Combat the Climate Crisis

The climate disaster is already wreaking havoc across the United States and here in California. As a result of increasingly intense and extreme weather, dangerous storm surges push farther inland, expanding their deadly and costly impact. Sea levels are rising and destructive flooding is becoming more frequent and severe. Increased flooding and saltwater intrusion stress coastal wildlife and threaten critical infrastructure, including roads and drinking water supplies.

PERMANENTLY PROTECTING

all federal waters from offshore drilling can prevent **more than**

19 BILLION TONS of greenhouse gas emissions



EQUIVALENT TO

taking every car in the nation off the road for



15 YEARS

Protecting our coast from new oil development can prevent over

\$720 BILLION
IN DAMAGES TO



PEOPLE

PROPERTY

ENVIRONMENT

THIS WOULD BE LIKE

losing the **entire economy** of a major city, like **Washington, D.C.**, **San Francisco**, or **Seattle**, for a year

**Our ocean
can be a
major part
of the clean
energy
solution.**

**RESPONSIBLY SITED
OFFSHORE WIND**
has the potential to play
A VITAL ROLE
in meeting our nation's
ELECTRICITY DEMANDS



Learn More:

We must permanently protect California's coast from the threat of offshore drilling.

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