



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

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CONNECTICUT HAS
618 MILES
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

54,000
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

\$4.2 BILLION
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

Off Connecticut's coast, the
economically **recoverable oil and gas**
resources would only **meet demand**
for roughly

11 DAYS OF OIL
AND
9 DAYS OF GAS

Connecticut Needs a Clean Coast

The atmosphere and lifestyle of seaside towns in Connecticut are directly tied to healthy coasts and clean sandy shores. Many of Connecticut's coastal towns face the Long Island Sound, a unique tidal estuary that supports a thriving ecosystem of hard clams; scallops; mussels; and fish like flounder, sea bass, and porgy.

Steeped in history, the Connecticut coast has old shipbuilding villages like Mystic, quiet beach towns like Madison, and scenic locales like the pink granite Thimble Islands. Commercial fishing is a part of the culture of coastal Connecticut and brings in catches of lobster, scallops, crabs, squid, scup, and bluefish.

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 Connecticut

A catastrophic oil spill, like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout or the 2010 BP *Deepwater Horizon* disaster, would pose a great risk to Connecticut'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 Connecticut'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 Connecticut'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 Connecticut's Coast from Offshore Drilling Helps Combat the Climate Crisis

The climate disaster is already wreaking havoc across the United States and here in Connecticut. 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

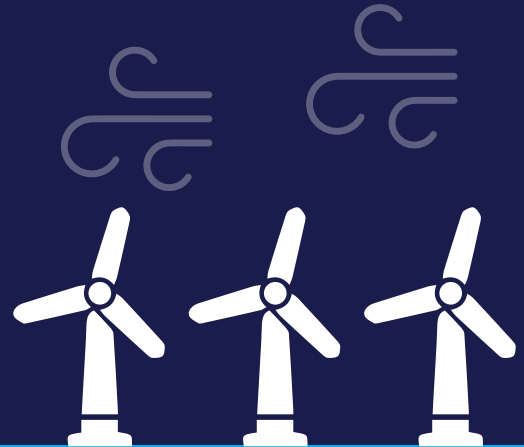
THIS WOULD BE LIKE

losing the **entire economy** of a
major city, like **Washington, D.C.**,
Boston, or **Atlanta**, for a year

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

**RESPONSIBLY SITED
OFFSHORE WIND**

has the potential to generate
MORE ELECTRICITY
than our nation currently demands



Learn More:

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

For sources and methodology, please visit:
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