



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

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FLORIDA HAS
8,436
MILES
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

659,000

AMERICAN JOBS

AND

\$43.2 BILLION

in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

Floridians Need a Clean Coast

With more coastline than any other state in the continental United States, healthy and thriving coastal resources provide livelihoods for hundreds of thousands of Floridians. Florida has unique characteristics that make it a diverse paradise for locals and tourists alike. The Atlantic side has picturesque sunrises, rolling dunes, and crashing surf, while the Gulf side has warm breezes, gently lapping waves, and stunning sunsets. Among some 8,400 miles of shoreline exist a variety of busy beaches full of tourists, popular surf spots, fishing meccas, quiet barrier islands, and protected natural areas like the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Clean Florida waters are home to thriving manatee populations and calving grounds of the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. Florida is known for its incredible fishing, and these productive waters support booming commercial and recreational fishing industries. Recreational fishermen flock to the Florida coast for prize catches of mahi mahi, cobia, grouper, snapper, and billfish. Commercial fishing boats land substantial catches of shrimp, stone crab, grouper, wahoo, mackerel, and swordfish.

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 Florida

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

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

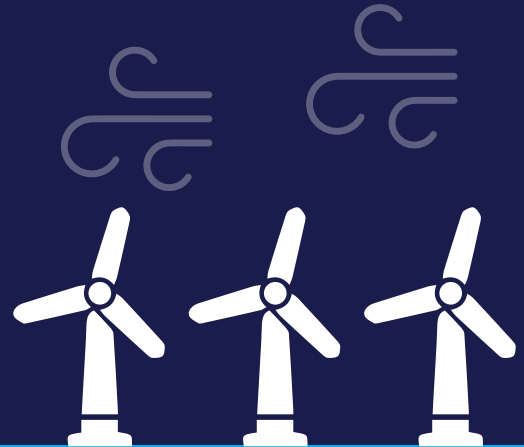
THIS WOULD BE LIKE

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
Florida's coast from the threat of
offshore drilling.

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