



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

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MAINE HAS
3,478 MILES
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

60,000
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

\$3.8 BILLION
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

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

10 DAYS OF OIL
AND
8 DAYS OF GAS

Mainers Need a Clean Coast

A healthy ocean and vibrant coastal ecosystems are prominent features in Maine, whose rocky shores and robust seafood industry draw millions of visitors each year. The way of life in Maine's iconic beachside communities is defined by bountiful salt waters that lap the shore, forging an important tie between locals and the pristine Atlantic. With nearly 3,500 miles of coastline, Maine is home to beautiful Acadia National Park, smooth sandy beaches, rugged bluffs of coast, and charming seaside towns.

Clean ocean waters support many species of whales and dolphins as well as important nesting and breeding grounds for wading birds, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Maine's productive marine environment also fosters a commercial fishing industry that contributes significantly to the state's economy with landings of lobster, clams, scallops, halibut, and herring.

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 Maine

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

The climate disaster is already wreaking havoc across the United States and here in Maine. 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
Maine's coast from the threat of
offshore drilling.

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