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# **Permanent Protections from Offshore Drilling Benefit New Hampshire's Economy & Help Fight Climate Change**

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NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS  
**131 MILES**  
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY  
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

**12,000**  
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

**\$844.6 MILLION**  
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

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

**10 DAYS OF OIL**  
AND  
**8 DAYS OF GAS**

## New Hampshire's Need a Clean Coast

Despite a relatively small shoreline, New Hampshire's coasts are an important driver for the state's economy. Vibrant New England waters have sustained the local fishing industry for over 400 years, with catches of lobster, cod, haddock, and shrimp.

Interspersed along New Hampshire's coast are small crescents of sandy beach, rocky outcrops of shore, stretches of ideal surfing conditions, lively lobster shacks, and charming historic towns. Healthy ocean waters off the New Hampshire coast make for common wildlife sightings of harbor seals, harbor porpoises, and dolphins.

## 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 New Hampshire

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

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

For sources and methodology, please visit:  
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