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

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OREGON HAS  
**1,410 MILES**  
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY  
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

**44,000**

AMERICAN JOBS

AND

**\$2.7 BILLION**

in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

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

**8 DAYS OF OIL**

AND

**7 DAYS OF GAS**

## Oregonians Need a Clean Coast

The Oregon coast is a major draw for both tourists and locals – lined with rugged bluffs, secluded beaches, and scenic towns that offer breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. The vibrant coastal environment supports seaside activities with everything from pristine state parks and historic lighthouses to popular kiting, kayaking, and surfing spots.

Wildlife sightings are common on the offshore rocks, reefs, and islands that dot the Oregon coast, which are important for puffins, harbor seals, California sea lions, and pelicans. Gray whales can be seen spouting during their annual migrations. Oregon's clean ocean ecosystem helps drive the coastal economy, in large part through its thriving recreational and commercial fishing industries, which produce substantial catches of Dungeness crab, pink shrimp, Dover sole, rockfish, sablefish, and salmon. Prized recreational fish, like steelhead and salmon, which migrate from the ocean back to freshwater streams need clean waters to survive.

## 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 Oregon

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

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

For sources and methodology, please visit:  
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