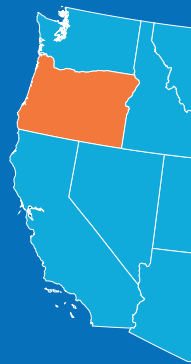


Oregon's Clean Coast Economy



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 light houses 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. Not only coastal fishers rely on healthy oceans. 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?

New offshore drilling and exploration proposals pose a direct threat to coastal tourism and other local businesses that depend on a healthy and clean marine environment.

FISHING, TOURISM & RECREATION

along Oregon's coast:

SUPPORT

**38,868
JOBS**

GENERATE

**\$1.9 BILLION
IN GDP**

Offshore drilling threatens

NEARLY 39,000 JOBS

and roughly

\$1.9 BILLION IN GDP

in Oregon for only

8 DAYS'-WORTH OF OIL

and

7 DAYS'-WORTH OF GAS



A Bad Deal for Oregon

Risking Oregon's clean coast economy for very little offshore oil and gas would be a shortsighted and permanent mistake. Based on resources that are economically feasible to extract, Oregon's entire supply of undiscovered economically recoverable offshore oil and gas would only meet domestic oil demand for roughly eight days and gas demand for roughly seven days, at current national consumption rates.

A catastrophic spill like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout off California is too great a risk to Oregon's healthy ocean resources and thriving coastal economies. That disaster, combined with the Refugio Beach spill of 2015 and chronic leaks from decades of everyday oil rig and pipeline activities, have released more than 4 million gallons of oil into the Pacific Ocean. Oil spills in the Pacific have affected at least 935 square miles of ocean, an area over six times the size of Portland. Communities along the Pacific have felt the devastation caused by spreading slicks and the lasting consequences, which include substantial economic hardships from lost fishing and beachgoing opportunities, human health impacts and disturbing effects on marine ecosystems.

Currently, 27 oil platforms stand off the coast of California. The expansion of offshore drilling in the Pacific would further increase the risk of a spill. Offshore drilling for oil and gas is a dirty and dangerous venture that threatens abundant Pacific Ocean resources, which bring in consistent revenue for Oregon year after year. Oil and gas are finite resources; when the oil runs out, so do the jobs.

TAKE ACTION

Oppose New Offshore Drilling

History has taught us — when we drill, we spill. Help protect our oceans by stopping the expansion of offshore drilling and exploration.

The time to act is now. We must protect our coast, living ocean resources and local economies from the threat of expanded offshore drilling.

For sources and methodology, please visit:

[Oceana.org/CleanCoastEconomy](https://oceana.org/CleanCoastEconomy)

#ProtectOurCoast

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IT'S NOT WORTH IT.



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