



Town of Calabash, NC

Resolution No. 2018-01

Date Adopted: March 13, 2018

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC TESTING AND OFF SHORE DRILLING

WHEREAS; the Town of Calabash is committed to be a sound steward of the unique coastal environment, including the rare maritime forest, estuaries, marshes, historical shipwrecks and nearby pristine beaches around Calabash; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Calabash recognizes our economic survival solely depends on the sustainability of the existing environment; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Calabash has visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the natural beauty of our clean, salt and freshwater marshes, inlets, estuaries and tributaries; and

WHEREAS; North Carolina's coastal waters and natural habitats provide the world with some of the best wild-caught seafood, renowned for its freshness and exceptional quality, and our pride in being the Seafood Capital of the World, because of our "Calabash-Style" seafood restaurants; and

WHEREAS; exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of spill and offshore drilling requires substantial onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines and refineries, which will further risk the health and safety of the environment, character and natural beauty of the North Carolina's coast; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Calabash is opposed to seismic testing and the exploration and development of oil and gas resources in the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Board of Commissioners stands in solidarity with North Carolina coastal communities and other communities who may be affected by the onshore infrastructure supporting offshore exploration and drilling and may suffer long-term social, economic and environmental impacts from offshore exploration and production of petroleum resources on the continental shelf off the coast of North Carolina.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2018



TOWN OF CALABASH

Mary L. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk