



The Town of Sunset Beach

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A RESOLUTION OF SUNSET BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA TOWN COUNCIL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AS PROPOSED IN BOEM PEIS OPT A AND OPT B.

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to harm marine life; and,

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach is a municipality in Brunswick County where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and,

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B are not yet fully understood by scientists, the Oil & Gas industry or BOEM; and,

WHEREAS, Town of Sunset Beach believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and options for mitigation of those impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach does not believe seismic testing as currently proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is the safest way to map oil and gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, is opposed to seismic testing as proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact until such time as all testing options are evaluated and proper assurances for the protection of marine life are established.

This Resolution adopted the 30th day of June, 2014.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Ron Watts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

