

CITY OF YACHATS

RESOLUTION 2018-04-11

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF YACHAT'S OPPOSITION TO
OFFSHORE OIL, GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES,
INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING**

WHEREAS, in Oregon hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of the state's gross domestic product depend on clean, oil-free waters and beaches and abundant fish and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Oregon's ocean wealth stems from our fishing industry, tourism and recreation sector which benefits from a healthy ocean and coast; and,

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration places coastal communities at economic and ecological risk from oil spills and the pollution brought by routine drilling operations and onshore industrialization, threatening the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fisherman and small businesses that rely on a clean and healthy ocean and beaches; and,

WHEREAS, offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of Oregon's coastline and could exacerbate wetlands loss and storm surge and sea level rise impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the harmful impacts from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration anywhere along the Pacific coastline could extend far beyond immediately surrounding areas severely impacting communities that rely on the robust economy of the marine industry; and,

WHEREAS, offshore drilling and exploration perpetuates our ties to dirty carbon pollution and contributes to climate change and the resulting sea level rise and extreme weather; and,

WHEREAS, the current administration has expressed interest in opening the Pacific Ocean to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, which includes the use of seismic airguns which fire intense blasts of compressed air that rank just behind military explosives as the loudest source of noise in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds, 24 hours a day, for months on end; and,

WHEREAS, seismic airgun blasting to explore for oil and gas deposits has been proven to

disrupt and displace marine life, such as whales which rely on sound to find food and mate, and can impair the health of many fish and shellfish species, including those of commercial importance like salmon, Dungeness crab, and pink shrimp; and,

WHEREAS, the Oregon Coast is vulnerable to both earthquakes and tsunamis, offshore drilling, exploration, and seismic airgun blasting coupled these natural events shall lead to disastrous consequences to our ocean, marine wildlife, and coastline: and

WHEREAS, the City of Yachats recognizes that our communities, businesses, and industries depend on a healthy coastal environment for the benefit of current and future residents, property owners, and visitors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YACHATS, OREGON THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Yachats finds that offshore oil, gas drilling and exploration unnecessarily risk our economic and ecological health and therefore opposes any plan or legislation which encourages oil and gas development and exploration offshore that would impact the citizens of Oregon.

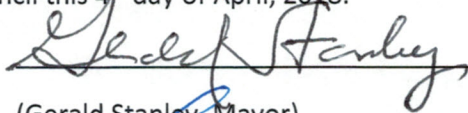
SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by Mayor Gerald Stanley, and Council Members, Greg Scott, Barbara Frye, Max Glenn, and Jim Tooke.


SECTION 3. The City Manager, Shannon Beaucaire shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Oregon Governor Kate Brown, U. S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley; U.S. Representative Kurt Schrader; State Senator Arnie Roblan; State Representatives David Gomberg and Caddy McKeown; and any other interested parties.

Signature

Passed by the City Council this 4th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:


(Gerald Stanley, Mayor)


(Shannon Beaucaire, City Manager)