

**CITY OF ILWACO
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ILWACO, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING
OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION
ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING**

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

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Washington State's ocean wealth stems from fishing, aquaculture, tourism and recreation 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 Washington State'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 and severely impact 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 and orcas 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 rockfish, crab, and oysters; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ilwaco 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, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ILWACO, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Ilwaco finds that offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration unnecessarily risks 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 Washington State.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution, being an exercise of power specifically delegated to the city legislative body, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after passage by the City Council.

Section 3. The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Washington State Governor Jay Inslee; U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell; U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera-Beutler; and any other interested parties.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ILWACO, AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

Gary Forner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Beller, Treasurer

VOTE	Oakes	Bageant	Marshall	Lessnau	Vacant	Forner
Ayes	X	X	X	X		
Nays						
Abstentions						
Absent						

EFFECTIVE: February 17, 2018