



DELAWARE'S OFFSHORE ENERGY

Delaware is known for its beautiful beaches, like Bethany and Rehoboth Beach, both of which are popular tourist destinations in the summer months. Commercial fishing also helps drive Delaware's coastal economy, boasting large catches of blue crab, striped bass and eastern oyster.

WHAT'S AT RISK?

Fishing, tourism and recreation support roughly 24,000 jobs and generate over \$1 billion in GDP in Delaware.

OCEAN SECTOR	JOBS	GDP
Living Resources*	452	\$23,201,936
Tourism & Recreation	23,150	\$977,177,771

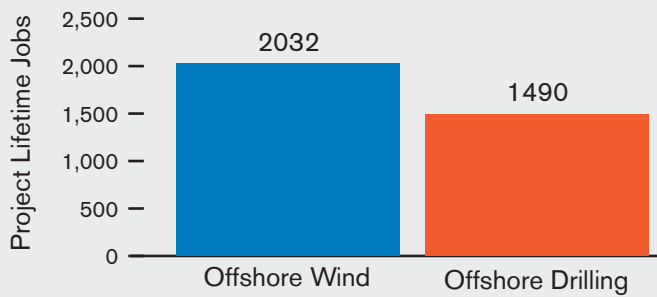
Source: Oceana using Census Bureau and NOAA data

* Fisheries, aquaculture and seafood markets

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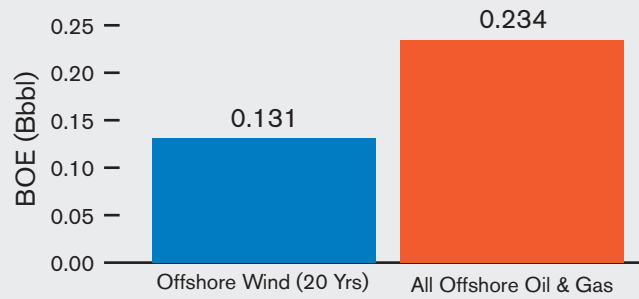
In Delaware, offshore wind power has the potential to generate more jobs, produce more power, and lead to a higher degree of energy independence from foreign sources than drilling for oil and gas. When oil and gas run out, so do the jobs, but Delaware will never run out of wind. Our analysis demonstrates that the development of offshore wind benefits the economy and coastal communities more than the development of offshore oil and gas. Offshore wind produces clean and renewable power that helps cut carbon pollution and does not run the risk of a catastrophic oil spill that could threaten fishing, tourism and recreation.

Offshore Wind Creates More Jobs than Offshore Drilling in Delaware



Source: Oceana

Offshore Wind Could Create Nearly as Much Energy as Offshore Drilling in Delaware



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DOES OFFSHORE WIND OR OFFSHORE DRILLING CREATE MORE JOBS?

- A modest and gradual development of offshore wind would create over 2,000 jobs for Delawareans, or about 500 more jobs than would be created by offshore oil and gas drilling over the project lifetime.
- Offshore wind has the potential to create over 1.5 times the jobs as offshore drilling over the project lifetime.

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WHICH ENERGY SOURCE IS BETTER FOR ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE?

- At current consumption rates, Delaware's endowment of economically recoverable offshore oil and gas would only meet domestic demand for oil for five days and gas for 12 days.
- Offshore oil and gas would not even be produced until 2026 at the earliest based on industry's own projections.
- It would only take 32 years of offshore wind production to generate more energy than that contained in all of the economically recoverable offshore oil and gas.

TAKE ACTION

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Seismic airgun blasting is the first step to offshore drilling, and as history shows—when we drill, we spill. Seismic airguns also endanger wildlife and put coastal communities who depend on healthy oceans at risk. Help protect our oceans by stopping East Coast offshore drilling before it starts. Reach out to Governor Jack Markell and your local elected officials and say “NO!” to seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean.

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