



# GEORGIA'S OFFSHORE ENERGY

Georgia has a beautiful coast, spanning over 100 miles, which supports whale and dolphin watching, numerous resorts and thriving recreational and commercial fishing industries. Savannah, Brunswick and Sea Island are visited by thousands of tourists annually. Commercial fishing also helps drive Georgia's coastal economy, boasting large catches of shrimp, blue crab, conch and clams.

## WHAT'S AT RISK?

Fishing, tourism and recreation support roughly 21,000 jobs and generate over \$1.1 billion in GDP in Georgia.

OCEAN SECTOR	JOBS	GDP
Living Resources*	1,267	\$114,225,227
Tourism & Recreation	19,389	\$991,369,238

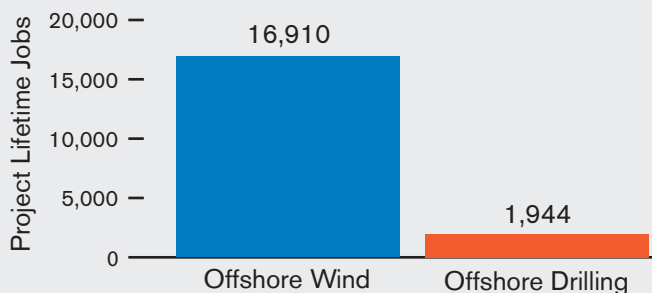
Source: Oceana using Census Bureau and NOAA data

\* Fisheries, aquaculture and seafood markets

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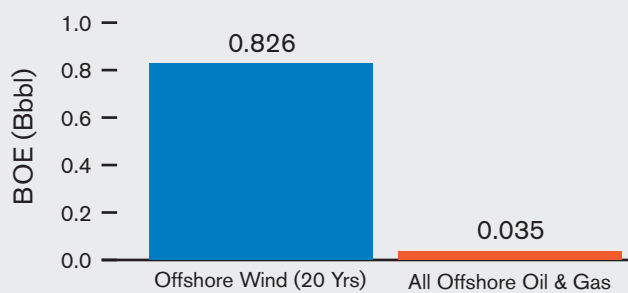
In Georgia, offshore wind power has the potential to generate more jobs, produce more power, and lead to a higher degree of energy independence from foreign sources than drilling for oil and gas. When oil and gas run out, so do the jobs, but Georgia will never run out of wind. Our analysis demonstrates 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 Georgia



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## DOES OFFSHORE WIND OR OFFSHORE DRILLING CREATE MORE JOBS?

- A modest and gradual development of offshore wind would create about 17,000 jobs for Georgians, or about 15,000 more jobs than would be created by offshore oil and gas drilling over the project lifetime.
- Offshore wind has the potential to create about nine times the jobs as offshore drilling over the project lifetime.

*In Georgia, offshore wind has the potential to create nearly nine times as many jobs as offshore drilling.*

## WHICH ENERGY SOURCE IS BETTER FOR ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE?

- At current consumption rates, Georgia's endowment of economically recoverable offshore oil and gas would only meet domestic demand for both oil and gas for one day.
- Offshore oil and gas would not even be produced until 2026 at the earliest based on industry's own projections.
- It would only take four years of offshore wind production to generate more energy than that contained in all of the economically recoverable offshore oil and gas.
- In 20 years, offshore wind would generate the equivalent of about one billion barrels of oil more than all of Georgia's economically recoverable 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 Nathan Deal and your local elected officials and say “NO!” to seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean.

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