



MARYLAND'S OFFSHORE ENERGY

Maryland, a state famous for its blue crab, depends on a healthy ocean and bay. Sixteen of 23 counties border tidal water, for a total of over 3,000 miles. The Eastern Shore, including Ocean City, as well as the major port cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, attract millions of visitors and bring billions of dollars annually. Commercial fishing also helps drive Maryland's coastal economy, boasting large catches of blue crab, striped bass, clams, white perch and menhaden.

WHAT'S AT RISK?

Fishing, tourism and recreation support roughly 90,000 jobs and generate over \$5.4 billion in GDP in Maryland.

OCEAN SECTOR	JOB	GDP
Living Resources*	4,358	\$203,804,670
Tourism & Recreation	85,424	\$5,225,481,061

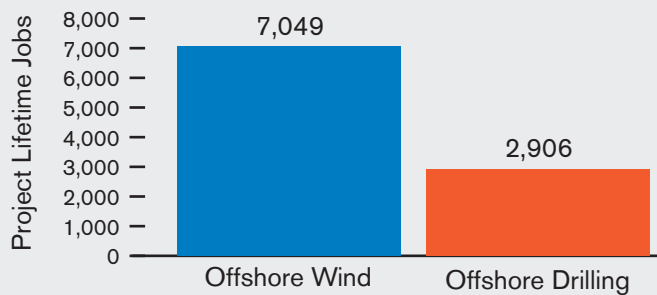
Source: Oceana using Census Bureau and NOAA data

* Fisheries, aquaculture and seafood markets

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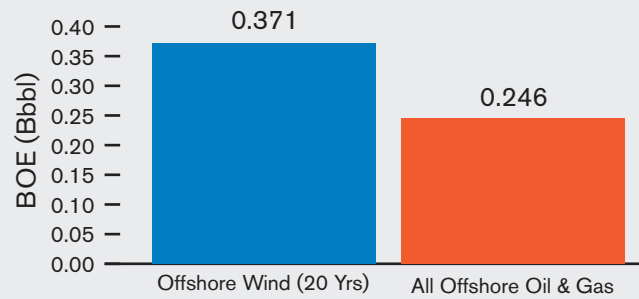
In Maryland, offshore wind power has the potential to generate more jobs, produce more power, and lead to a higher degree of energy independence from foreign sources than drilling for oil and gas. When oil and gas run out, so do the jobs, but Maryland will never run out of wind. Our analysis demonstrates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



Source: Oceana

Offshore Wind Could Create More Energy than Offshore Drilling in Maryland



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DOES OFFSHORE WIND OR OFFSHORE DRILLING CREATE MORE JOBS?

- A modest and gradual development of offshore wind would create over 7,000 jobs for Marylanders, or over 4,000 more jobs than would be created by offshore oil and gas drilling over the project lifetime.
- Offshore wind has the potential to create 2.5 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, Maryland'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 15 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 over 100 million barrels of oil more than all of Maryland'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 Larry Hogan and your local elected officials and say “NO!” to seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean.

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