



SOUTH CAROLINA'S OFFSHORE ENERGY

South Carolina's white sandy beaches and coastal towns are crucial for the state's economy, recreation and culture. Charleston, Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head each attract millions of visitors annually. Commercial fishing also contributes greatly to South Carolina's coastal economy, boasting large catches of shrimp, blue crab, oysters, snapper and swordfish.

WHAT'S AT RISK?

Fishing, tourism and recreation support roughly 79,000 jobs and generate about \$4.4 billion in GDP in South Carolina.

| OCEAN SECTOR | JOBS | GDP |
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| Living Resources* | 1,049 | \$14,755,947 |
| Tourism & Recreation | 78,180 | \$4,375,125,233 |

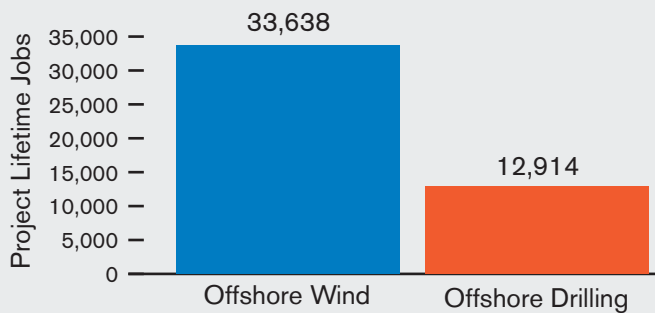
Source: Oceana using Census Bureau and NOAA data

* Fisheries, aquaculture and seafood markets

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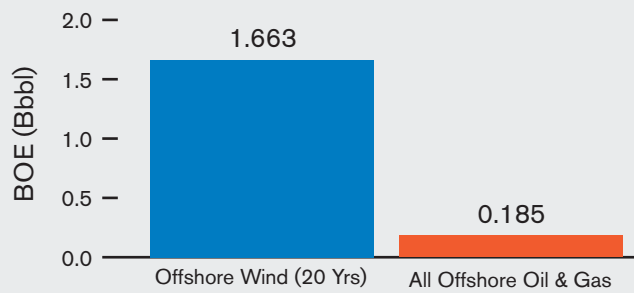
In South Carolina, offshore wind power has the potential to generate more jobs, produce more power, and lead to a higher degree of energy independence from foreign sources than drilling for oil and gas. When oil and gas run out, so do the jobs, but South Carolina will never run out of wind. Our analysis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



Source: Oceana

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DOES OFFSHORE WIND OR OFFSHORE DRILLING CREATE MORE JOBS?

- A modest and gradual development of offshore wind would create about 34,000 jobs for South Carolinians, or about 21,000 more jobs than would be created by offshore oil and gas drilling over the project lifetime.
- Offshore wind has the potential to create nearly three times the jobs as offshore drilling over the project lifetime.

It would take only six years of offshore wind production in South Carolina to generate more energy than that contained in all of the economically recoverable offshore oil and gas.

WHICH ENERGY SOURCE IS BETTER FOR ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE?

- At current consumption rates, South Carolina's endowment of economically recoverable offshore oil and gas would only meet domestic demand for both oil and gas for six 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 six 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 and a half billion barrels of oil more than all of South Carolina'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 Nikki Haley and your local elected officials and say “NO!” to seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean.

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