



VIRGINIA'S OFFSHORE ENERGY

Virginia has over 3,000 miles of coastline and is home to thousands who make their living from coastal resources. The Hampton Roads region, including Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Newport News, attracts millions of tourists and contributes billions of dollars annually. Commercial fishing also helps drive Virginia's coastal economy, boasting large catches of sea scallops, menhaden, blue crab, flounder and croaker.

WHAT'S AT RISK?

Fishing, tourism and recreation support over 91,000 jobs and generate about \$5 billion in GDP in Virginia.

OCEAN SECTOR	JOBS	GDP
Living Resources*	4,953	\$1,093,656,995
Tourism & Recreation	86,139	\$3,884,430,575

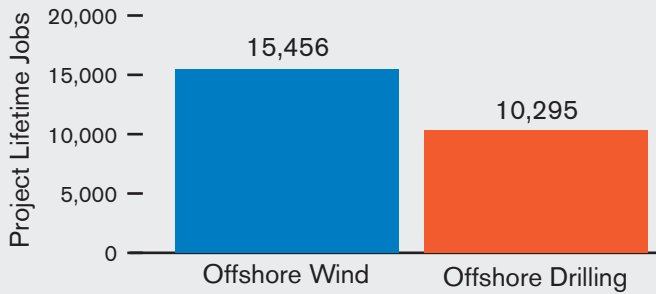
Source: Oceana using Census Bureau and NOAA data

* Fisheries, aquaculture and seafood markets

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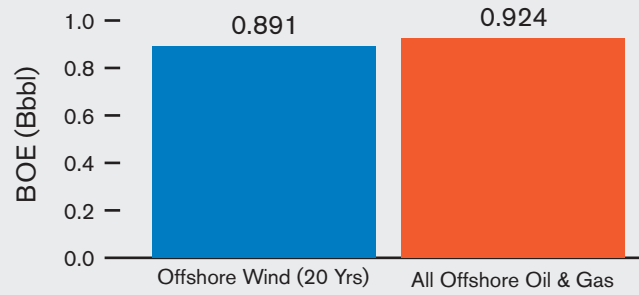
In Virginia, offshore wind power has the potential to generate more jobs, produce more power, and lead to a higher degree of energy independence from foreign sources than drilling for oil and gas. When oil and gas run out, so do the jobs, but Virginia will never run out of wind. Our analysis demonstrates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



Source: Oceana

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



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DOES OFFSHORE WIND OR OFFSHORE DRILLING CREATE MORE JOBS?

- A modest and gradual development of offshore wind would create over 15,000 jobs for Virginians, or over 5,000 more jobs than would be created by offshore oil and gas drilling over the project lifetime.
- Offshore wind has the potential to create about 1.5 times the jobs as offshore drilling over the project lifetime.

Offshore wind has the potential to create 1.5 times as many jobs in Virginia as offshore drilling.

WHICH ENERGY SOURCE IS BETTER FOR ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE?

- At current consumption rates, Virginia's endowment of economically recoverable offshore oil and gas would only meet domestic demand for oil for 18 days and gas for 46 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 21 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 nearly the equivalent of all of Virginia'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 Terry McAuliffe and your local elected officials and say “NO!” to seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean.

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