

The Soroptimist International of Mendocino-Sonoma Coast (SI-MSC) - an international service organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, girls, and our communities - strongly opposes off-shore oil drilling on the Mendocino Coast as there is too much of a risk of destroying our environment and economy to permit this type of industry. Experiences with off-shore drilling in other regions here in California have demonstrated the detrimental risk to the environment. Furthermore, as fishing is an important part of the economy of Mendocino County, off-shore drilling potentially can disrupt the natural cycle associated with marine life. This includes the migration of whales that travel year round up and down the coast, within the expected scope of the off-shore drilling. Please oppose this proposed regulation. Deloras Jones, Corresponding Secretary, SI-MSC