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Pacific Marine Mammal Center is in opposition of any offshore drilling for oil or other natural resources. These activities generate a significant amount of noise disturbance that is detrimental to most marine species and particularly marine mammals who rely upon sound to detect their prey, communicate with cohorts, and evade predators. This type of acoustic disturbance can interfere with a number of other critical life activities such as resting, nursing young, and socializing. It can also cause significant stress on the animals and force them to abandon critical habitat that provides them with essential needs that may not be able to be met elsewhere. Imagine an active jackhammer operating 24 hours a day right outside your bedroom window--that is the kind of distubance these activities create.

Further, drilling for oil creates the potential for leaks and/or spills which are toxic to marine life and people.

Efforts should be spent on sustainable, renewable, clean energy technology such as solar, wind, etc.

Thank you,
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