



# **Permanent Protections from Offshore Drilling Benefit Massachusetts' Economy & Help Fight Climate Change**

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MASSACHUSETTS HAS  
**1,519 MILES**  
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY  
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

**124,000**  
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

**\$10.3 BILLION**  
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

Off Massachusetts' coast, the  
economically **recoverable oil**  
resources would only **meet demand**  
for roughly

**17 DAYS OF OIL**  
AND  
**14 DAYS OF GAS**

## Bay Staters Need a Clean Coast

A healthy ocean is a defining feature for coastal communities in Massachusetts, whose history is inextricably tied to clean salty waters and vibrant coastal ecosystems. Popular coastal spots like Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, the Boston Harbor, and Cape Cod draw millions of visitors each year. The Massachusetts seashore is a major attraction with numerous iconic lighthouses, a variety of sandy beaches, popular surfing areas, a string of quiet harbor islands, charming harbor and seaside communities, and historical maritime sites.

As they feed off Massachusetts' coast, pods of humpback, fin, minke, and North Atlantic right whales make for popular whale watching opportunities. Massachusetts is also renowned for its robust fishing industry, with seas that can support substantial catches of oysters, lobsters, scallops, butterfish, monkfish, flounder, mackerel, and herring.

## What's at Risk?

Offshore drilling threatens coastal businesses and economies that depend on a clean and healthy ocean. We can fight the climate crisis and safeguard our coastal economy by advancing clean energy and permanently protecting our coasts from offshore drilling.

## A Bad Deal for Massachusetts

A catastrophic oil spill, like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout or the 2010 BP *Deepwater Horizon* disaster, would pose a great risk to Massachusetts' coastal economies that depend on a healthy ocean. When toxic oil is spilled, it poisons marine wildlife, causes beach closures, and disrupts lucrative fishing areas. Permanently protecting Massachusetts' coast from offshore drilling will safeguard its coastal economies from the next oil disaster.

Offshore drilling for oil and gas is dirty and dangerous and threatens Massachusetts' fishing, tourism, and recreation industries, which depend on a healthy ocean and provide consistent revenue year after year when sustainably managed. Oil and gas are finite resources; when the oil runs out, so do the jobs.

## Protecting Massachusetts' Coast from Offshore Drilling Helps Combat the Climate Crisis

The climate disaster is already wreaking havoc across the United States and here in Massachusetts. As a result of increasingly intense and extreme weather, dangerous storm surges push farther inland, expanding their deadly and costly impact. Sea levels are rising and destructive flooding is becoming more frequent and severe. Increased flooding and saltwater intrusion stress coastal wildlife and threaten critical infrastructure, including roads and drinking water supplies.

PERMANENTLY PROTECTING

all federal waters from offshore  
drilling can prevent **more than**

**19 BILLION**  
TONS of greenhouse  
gas emissions



EQUIVALENT TO

taking every car in the nation off the road for



**15 YEARS**

Protecting our coast from new oil  
development can prevent over

**\$720 BILLION**  
IN DAMAGES TO



PEOPLE



PROPERTY



ENVIRONMENT

THIS WOULD BE LIKE

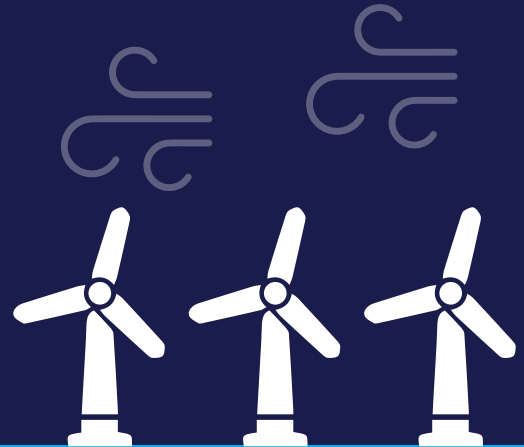
losing the **entire economy** of a  
major city, like **Washington, D.C.**,  
**Boston**, or **Atlanta**, for a year



**Our ocean  
can be a  
major part  
of the clean  
energy  
solution.**

**RESPONSIBLY SITED  
OFFSHORE WIND**

has the potential to generate  
**MORE ELECTRICITY**  
than our nation currently demands



# Learn More:

We must permanently protect  
Massachusetts' coast from the  
threat of offshore drilling.

For sources and methodology, please visit:  
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