

## RESOLUTION NO.

Declare the City of Portland's opposition to the offshore drilling of oil and gas and exploration activities off the Oregon Coast (Resolution)

**WHEREAS**, Oregon residents and visitors to this state enjoy Oregon's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial and educational activities, all of which support our coastal economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the current federal administration has expressed an interest in opening the Pacific Ocean to offshore oil and gas drilling, and associated exploration, in its 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, seismic air gun blasting for oil and gas exploration has been proven to disrupt and displace marine life; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration places coastal communities at economic and ecological risk from oil spills, chronic leaks, and pollution brought by routine drilling operations and onshore industrialization, threatening the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fishers and small businesses that rely on tourism and clean and healthy ocean waters and beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling and exploration perpetuates our ties to greenhouse gas pollution and contributes to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 Portland was the first U.S. city to create a local action plan for cutting carbon, and Portland's Climate Action Plan (CAP) is a strategy to put Portland and Multnomah County on a path to achieve a 40 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050 (compared to 1990 levels); and

**WHEREAS**, the harmful impacts from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration anywhere along the Oregon coastline could extend far beyond immediately surrounding areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portland recognizes that Oregon's coastal communities, industries and marine life depend on a healthy coastal environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2018 the City of Newport passed a Resolution opposing offshore oil and gas drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portland is committed to and supports the Oregon Legislature and coastal jurisdictions' efforts to protect the communities, marine life and waters of the Oregon Coast, and the Pacific Ocean.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Portland finds that offshore oil and gas drilling, gas exploration, and offshore fracking and other well stimulation unnecessarily risks the Oregon Coast's economic and ecological health, and therefore opposes any current or future plan or legislation that encourages any oil and gas development, exploration, or fracking and other well stimulation offshore, which would impact the communities of the Oregon Coast, the City of Portland, and the State of Oregon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Portland is opposed to the inclusion of any offshore drilling tracts in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) planning areas off the Pacific Coast in the pending 2019-2024 OCS leasing program and any future National OCS leasing program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Portland supports a ban on new oil and gas activities in federal and state waters off the Oregon Coast; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this Resolution will be sent by the Office of Government Relations to Department of Interior Acting Secretary David Bernhardt; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank; Oregon Governor Kate Brown, U. S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden; U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici, Greg Walden, Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio, and Kurt Schrader; and any other interested parties.

Adopted by the Council:

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