



# Town of Caswell Beach

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2014-002

### RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN TO SEISMIC TESTING AS PROPOSED IN BOEM PEIS ALTERNATIVE A and ALTERNATIVE B

**WHEREAS**, seismic testing, as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) alternative A and alternative B, has the potential to harm marine life; and

**WHEREAS**, seismic testing, as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B, has the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caswell Beach is a municipality in Brunswick County where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caswell Beach endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the full impacts of seismic testing, as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B, are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industries, or BOEM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caswell Beach believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and options for mitigation of those impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caswell Beach is concerned that seismic testing, as currently proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, may not be the safest way to map oil and gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Caswell Beach, North Carolina, that the Town is concerned that seismic testing, as proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, until such time as all testing options are evaluated and proper assurances for the protection of marine life are established.

Adopted this the 31<sup>ST</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
Harry Q. Simmons, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda C. Bethune, NCCMC, Town Clerk

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