

Protect Our Nation's Clean Coast Economy

The Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coast of Florida support over 2.6 million American jobs and roughly \$180 billion in GDP. Tourism, recreation and fishing, as well as the associated markets they support, are major drivers of coastal economies. If fisheries are properly managed and coastlines are continuously protected, these jobs can be sustained for generations to come. This stands in stark contrast to offshore drilling for oil and gas resources, which are extremely limited and finite, especially in new areas.

Offshore drilling proposals threaten the continued prosperity of coastal communities and states whose economies are inextricably linked to clean, oil-free beaches and shorelines. In fact, from Florida to Maine and California to Washington, over 42,000 miles of shoreline have been untainted by new offshore drilling for decades.

What's at Risk?

New offshore drilling and exploration proposals pose a direct threat to coastal tourism and other local businesses that depend on a healthy and clean marine environment. Oceana's estimates of ocean-dependent tourism, fishing and recreation draw upon National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) ocean economy data and incorporate the latest economic multipliers to estimate the broader impacts of those jobs and revenue on the U.S. economy.

FISHING, TOURISM & RECREATION

along Atlantic, Pacific and Florida's Gulf coasts

SUPPORT

**2,609,765
JOBS**

GENERATE

**\$180 BILLION
IN GDP**

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OVER 2.6 MILLION JOBS

and roughly

\$180 BILLION IN GDP

for only

2 YEARS'-WORTH OF OIL

and

1 YEAR'S-WORTH OF GAS



A Bad Deal for Coastal States

Risking our clean coast economy for very little offshore oil and gas would be a shortsighted and permanent mistake.

At current national consumption rates, the supply of undiscovered economically recoverable offshore oil and gas in the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coast of Florida would only meet domestic oil demand for roughly two years and gas demand for just over one year. Estimates of oil and gas resource potential are based on recent economic factors and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) resource assessments. Healthy, diverse and abundant oceans support our nation's clean coast economy and offshore drilling could jeopardize coastal communities and local economies with dirty and dangerous oil spills.

The threat of another catastrophic spill like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout or the 2010 BP *Deepwater Horizon* disaster is too great to risk thriving coastal economies and healthy ocean resources. Oil spills have far reaching consequences, including enormous economic losses, human health impacts and disturbing effects on marine ecosystems.

Spills also do not recognize state boundaries and spreading slicks could wreak havoc on our marine environment and all the industries that rely on a healthy ocean like tourism, fishing and recreation. Finally, the industrialization required to move, pump and process oil from new offshore drilling would dramatically alter the character of America's coasts. Adding large scale oil refineries and associated pipelines would transform our beach towns into places forever changed and scattered with drilling infrastructure.

Offshore drilling for oil and gas is a dirty and dangerous venture that would threaten our abundant ocean resources, which bring in consistent revenue year after year. Oil and gas are finite resources; when the oil runs out, so do the jobs.

Off America's Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coast of Florida, the economically recoverable

OIL & GAS

resources would only meet demand for roughly

2 YEARS

and

1 YEAR

respectively.



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IT'S NOT WORTH IT.

TAKE ACTION

Oppose Offshore Drilling and Seismic Airgun Blasting

Seismic airgun blasting is an extremely loud and harmful technology used to explore for oil and gas deep below the ocean floor. Seismic airgun blasting is the first step towards offshore drilling, and as history has taught us – when we drill, we spill. Seismic airgun blasts put marine life and coastal communities who rely on healthy oceans at risk, in addition to all the dangerous consequences of offshore drilling. Help protect the health of our oceans by stopping the expansion of offshore drilling and seismic airgun blasting.

The time to act is now. We must protect our coast, living ocean resources and local economies from the threat of new offshore drilling and exploration.

For sources and methodology, please visit:
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