

RESOLUTION NO. 18-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM FOR 2019 – 2024 (FR DOC NO: 2018-00083, COMMENT DEADLINE MARCH 9, 2018)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, hereby submits this resolution in response to the call for comments on the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program (DPP) for 2019 through 2024 as proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as referenced in Federal Register Volume 83, Number 5 (Monday, January 8, 2018) Notices, Pages 829-834, FR Doc No: 2018-00083; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach values our State's ocean water and coasts, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife that depend on a healthy and clean environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach's residents and visitors enjoy our ocean, beaches, mountains and abundance of diverse resources for recreation, exploration, and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, tourism is important to our City's economy and our tourism industry is reliant on a healthy ocean and pristine coastal environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach has a long history of caring for our coastal waters, bay, and environment by adopting City policies and practicing environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence confirming that intense sound produced by human generated noise such as acoustic testing used in oil and gas exploration negatively impacts marine mammals, fish, squid, and crab; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, a well failure off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters with an estimated 100,000 barrels of crude oil and caused catastrophic environmental damage, helping launch the modern environmental movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, with bipartisan support, President Nixon signed the National Environmental Policy Act on January 2nd, delivered a call to make "the 1970s a historic period when, by conscious choice (we) transform our land into what we want it to become" in his State of the Union Address, and ended the year with the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, an independent agency to regulate the environment; and

WHEREAS, oil drilling presents a clear and ever-present danger to the health and safety of residents, businesses, and economies, with the threat of an oil spill potentially wreaking havoc on ecosystems, human health, and economic activities; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 BP Deep Water Horizon disaster spilled an estimated 4.9 million barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico and shores of the Gulf Coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms burst and fouled the coast north of Santa Barbara with an estimated 3,400 barrels of crude oil, damaging wildlife and coastal recreation; and

WHEREAS, there have been no new offshore oil and gas leases in California since the 1969 disaster; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, President Obama signed an executive order that banned any new oil and gas drilling off the coast of California under Section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order called, "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy", which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and restarts the 2017-2022 five-year lease program potentially opening up Arctic waters and millions of coastal acres off U.S. shores to oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation, putting California's coastal resources at risk of more oil spills, increased greenhouse gas emissions, dependence on fossil fuels, and a delay in the movement toward greater reliance on renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission, and numerous cities, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, have called for no new federal offshore leases in the Pacific Ocean.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grover Beach City Council adopts this resolution opposing the inclusion of any portion of the Pacific Coast in BOEM's Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these comments and other relevant supporting documentation be duly mailed to arrive prior to March 9, 2018 in an envelope labeled, "Comments for the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed National Oil and Gas Leasing Program" and mailed to:

Ms. Kelly Hammerle, Chief
National Oil & Gas Leasing Program Development & Coordination Branch,
Leasing Division, Office of Strategic Resources, Bureau of Ocean Energy
Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, VA 20166-9216

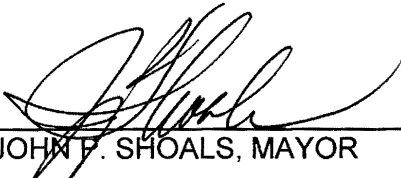
and/or be submitted via the online portal provided at:
<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=BOEM-2017-0074>.

FURTHER, copies of these comments will also be submitted to our local representatives for the California State Legislature, to the Office of the Governor, and our local Congressional representatives.

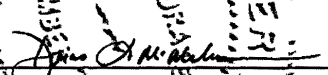
On motion by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Shah, and on the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES:	Council Members Nicolls, Peterson, Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and Mayor Shoals.
NOES:	Council Members – None.
ABSENT:	Council Members – None.
ABSTAIN:	Council Members – None.

the foregoing Resolution was **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California this 5th day of March, 2018.



JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:


DONNA E. McMAHON, CITY CLERK

