

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR GUN EXPLORATION  
OFF THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST

Whereas: The petroleum industry has proposed exploring off coastal North Carolina for new resources; and

Whereas: Said industry proposes to use seismic, air gun testing as its primary mode of exploration; and

Whereas: The waters of coastal North Carolina provide a home for a wide variety of marine species; and

Whereas: Many migratory species of fish and marine mammals utilize these waters as their main migratory routes; and

Whereas: There is as of yet no reliable scientific proof that such technology will not cause irreparable harm to these species; and

Whereas: Such harm could endanger the delicate balance of the ecological systems of these waters; and

Whereas: The far reaching impact of such imbalance on the future health of our waters cannot be predicted; and

Whereas: The economies and health of coastal communities are largely dependent on maintaining the health of their waters and resources and would suffer severe damage should such damage occur; and

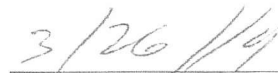
Whereas: The economies of coastal North Carolina communities have not yet recovered from the recent economic downturn; and

Whereas: The economic benefits from such exploration cannot be guaranteed beyond vague promises:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

The Democratic Party of New Hanover County opposes such irresponsible exploration methods until substantial guarantees can be made that the above mentioned negative effects of these methods will not occur.

  
Wrightsville Beach Precinct Chair

  
Date

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