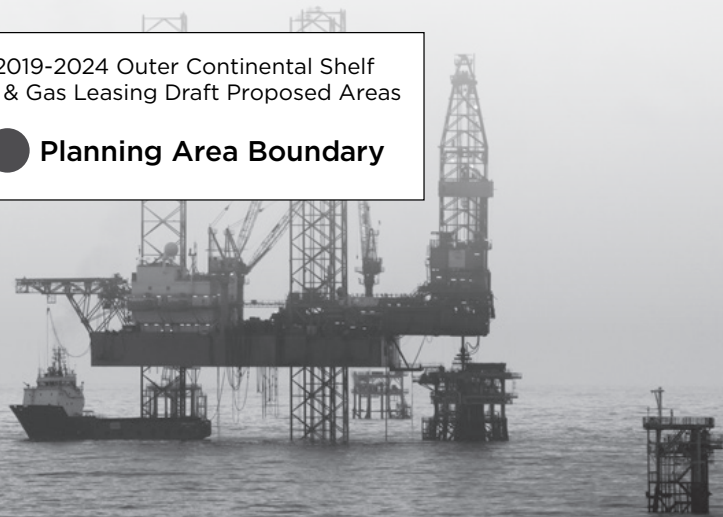


# OUR COASTS ARE UNDER THREAT

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The Trump administration has announced plans to expand offshore oil drilling to over 90% of U.S. waters. The [Draft Proposed Program](#) for 2019-2024 released by the Department of Interior includes new oil drilling in the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico, and Arctic Ocean.



# IMPACTS OF OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

There are serious impacts associated with each stage of offshore drilling.

## Oil Exploration

Seismic blasts from oil exploration stun and deafen marine life, including whales and dolphins, fatally disrupting communication, navigation and life cycle patterns.

## Drilling & Processing

Rigs emit toxic drilling muds onto the seafloor, continuously polluting our oceans with heavy metals and petroleum derivatives able to accumulate up the food chain.

## Oil Spills

Oil spills are an inevitable part of drilling, and cause long-term damage to entire ecosystems, harming fish, marine mammals, birds and other species for years to come.

## Onshore Impacts

Oil production leads to the industrialization of our coastlines, including infrastructure for transportation, storage, processing and delivery.

## Climate Change

The oil and gas sector is the second largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the US. Instead of reducing risks, new drilling will exacerbate the dangerous effects of climate change.

## Threatened Coastal Economy

The ocean dependent tourism and recreation sector provides 12 times more jobs than offshore oil production, and contributes over \$107 billion each year in national GDP. Expanding offshore oil and gas production puts this entire sector at risk.

## LEGISLATION TO PROTECT OUR COASTS

Surfrider Foundation supports federal legislation to prohibit new offshore oil and gas development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). We also support stronger safety and environmental regulations for OCS leasing.

### Please Co-Sponsor the Following Bills

- HR 205 - Protecting & Securing Florida's Coastline Act
- HR 279 - California Clean Coast Act
- HR 286 - Florida Coastal Protection Act
- HR 287 - New England Coastal Protection Act
- HR 291 - Coastal Economies Protection Act
- HR 309 - Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act
- HR 310 - West Coast Ocean Protection Act
- HR 337 - Defend our Coast Act (Mid-Atlantic)
- HR 341 - COAST Anti-Drilling Act (East Coast/ E. Gulf)
- HR 1149 – Atlantic Coastal Economies Protection Act
- TBD – Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act

