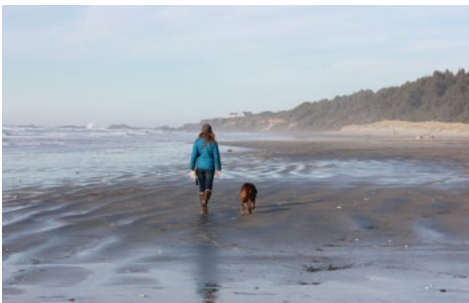




## Protecting Oregon's coast from an oil spill through legislative solutions



### The Oregon coast: an economic powerhouse

Oregon's beaches and ocean are world-renowned for their beauty. Not only do they draw tourists and retirees, but they are also an economic powerhouse. Fishing, tourism and recreation provide precious jobs and a way of life for our rural, coastal communities from Brookings to Astoria, and Oregon's fisheries, rugged coastline and public beaches are a major part of the entire state's identity.

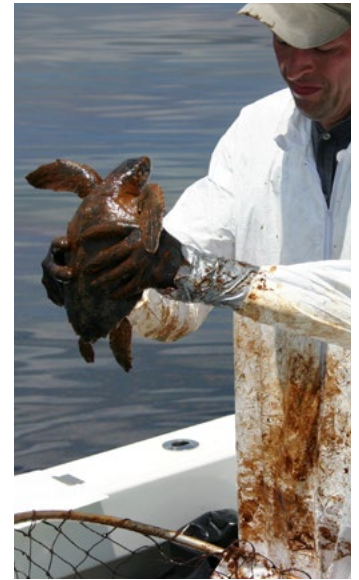
#### The risk of an oil spill

In January 2018, the federal government released a proposal to open 90% of U.S waters—including Oregon's entire coast—to oil and gas drilling. This would undermine decades of bipartisan coastal protection. In 2019, Oregon's statutory moratorium on oil and gas drill in our nearshore will also expire. This, on top of the federal proposal, threatens the

many coastal businesses and industries that depend upon a healthy ocean and clean, oil-free beaches for survival. An oil spill would shut down commerce in fishing, tourism, and recreation, which support more than 27,500 jobs in Oregon and generate approximately \$2 billion in gross domestic product. We must act now to protect our jobs, livelihoods, and the place we call home from the threat posed by drilling off our coast.

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### A solution through legislative action

To protect Oregon's coastal businesses and residents from the devastating impacts of an oil spill, the state must ensure oil and gas drilling will never happen off our coast. That's why legislation has been introduced to limit drilling activities and infrastructure within state waters.

#### Specifically, this legislation will:

1. Repeal the sunset on the moratorium on oil, gas and sulfur leasing in Oregon's territorial sea, and
2. Prohibit the Oregon Department of State Lands from leasing any of the submerged and submersible lands within the territorial sea for:
  - (a) the exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in the territorial sea; or
  - (b) activities in furtherance of the exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur within federal waters adjacent to the territorial sea.

### The case for acting now

A **2015 survey** by DHM research found that the coast is one of the things Oregonians value most about our state. Oregon's beaches are the pride of our state, and the ocean is a major economic engine—from a bait and tackle shop to a bed and breakfast to a whale watching charter boat owner. The federal proposal has met with steep opposition, with over a dozen cities and Ports in Oregon passing resolutions to oppose oil and gas drilling. Extending Oregon's moratorium on oil and gas drilling will prevent undue risk to tribes, coastal fishing, tourism and recreation industries, and Oregon's world-class marine ecosystem.

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