

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 790**

Sponsored by Senator DECKERT; Representatives BOONE, COWAN, GREENLICK (at the request of Nadine Lefkowitz)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to leasing of ocean resources.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 274.705 to 274.860 or 520.240, any form of leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur is prohibited in the territorial sea.

(2)(a) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to exploration for scientific or academic research purposes, or geologic survey activities of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

(b) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section also do not apply in the event the Governor determines that an oil embargo substantially affects the supply of oil to the United States.

(3) Any exploration for oil, gas or sulfur in the territorial sea allowed under ORS 274.705 to 274.860 and 274.885 to 274.895 by the State Land Board or the Department of State Lands must conform to standards of the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Program established under ORS 196.405 to 196.515.

(4) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Gas" means all natural gas, gas hydrates and all fluid hydrocarbons not defined as oil in this subsection. "Gas" includes condensate originally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir.

(b) "Oil" means crude petroleum oil and all other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, that are produced in liquid form by ordinary production methods. "Oil" does not include liquid hydrocarbons that were originally in a gaseous phase in the reservoir.

(c) "Territorial sea" has the meaning given that term in ORS 196.405.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on January 2, 2010.

**Passed by Senate May 11, 2007**

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

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Speaker of House

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