

To: Senate Committee on Business & Transportation

Re: Support of -1 Amendment to SB 867

The undersigned organizations urge your **support for the -1 Amendment to SB 867** to continue to protect Oregon's coast from dangerous offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction.

Home to more than 120 bird species, 200 fish species and thousands of migrating whales, the Oregon coast is an ecological and cultural treasure. That's why, for good reason, Oregon law currently prohibits offshore exploration, development, or production of fossil fuel resources. SB 867, without amendment, would explicitly include oil and gas development as an area of study for the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development, potentially opening the door for such activities should the current moratorium on offshore drilling expire.

The potential economic risk of a spill or leak, an inherent risk in offshore fossil fuel extraction, is enormous. The combination of tourism, recreational, and commercial fishing contribute millions of dollars each year to Oregon's economy. We can't afford to jeopardize this natural and economic treasure.

Please support the -1 Amendment to SB 867.



Oregon Coast Alliance