

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF TOLEDO, OREGON IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OFF OF OREGON COAST

WHEREAS, the Port of Toledo is a Special District of the State of Oregon, authorized by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 777, with a mission that states that we are stewards of the public trust who strive to create economic development and quality jobs, maintain and add waterborne and land transportation infrastructure, protect and enhance the special quality of place and quality of life for our citizens, and make the best use of our assets, and;

WHEREAS, the maritime industry is vital to our region, the Port of Toledo's boatyard, and the jobs it provides is dependent on the Yaquina Bay's robust commercial fishing fleet. Leasing prime fishing areas for oil and gas exploration would put the Lincoln County's fishing industry at risk, and;

WHEREAS, the Oregon Coast is a tourist destination because of its unspoiled natural resources, with recreational fishing a popular activity and whale watching during the migration seasons for gray whales, Orcas, and Humpback whales. Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center is located on the Yaquina Bay with convenient access to the Pacific for research of marine ecology. Marine research and tourism are major contributors to the region's economy and are dependent on the natural resources of the Oregon Coast, and;

WHEREAS, the Cascadia Subduction Zone runs beneath the ocean floor along the Oregon Coast and the State has been warned to prepare for a catastrophic seismic event that could happen at any time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the Port of Toledo, Oregon, that:

1. The Port of Toledo finds that offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration unnecessarily risks our economic and ecological health and therefore opposes any plan or legislation which encourages oil and gas development and exploration offshore that would impact the citizens of Oregon State.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Commission of the Port of Toledo.


3. The Commission of the Port of Toledo shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Oregon State Governor Kate Brown, Oregon's federal and state legislators, and any other interested parties.

ADOPTED by the Commission of the Port of Toledo, Oregon, at an open public meeting on this 20th day of February 2018.



Commission President, Rick Graff,

Attest:



Commission Secretary/Treasurer, Zack Dahl