

**WELLFLEET NATIONAL SEASHORE  
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (WNSHA)  
Post Office Box 1100  
Wellfleet, MA 02667**

TO: Governor Charlie Baker; Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren; Representatives William Keating and Sarah Peake; and CCNS Superintendent Brian Carlstrom

**WNSHA POSITION STATEMENT AGAINST  
OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN**

The Wellfleet National Seashore Homeowners Association (WNSHA) opposes opening areas of the outer continental shelf in the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans to oil and gas exploration and exploitation.

Our local communities rely on revenue from fishing and tourism. Millions of vacationers visit Cape Cod every year, enjoying the beaches, fishing, hiking, boating, and visiting the CCNS.

The fragile environment on Cape Cod depends on the quality of our coastal waters. The Cape's shoreline supports delicate ecosystems that provide crucial habitat for many species of plants and animals, including endangered shorebirds.

The Atlantic Ocean waters along the Cape Cod coast provide habitat for fish populations that support the Northeast's commercial fishing industry and refuge for endangered species such as the North Atlantic Right Whale.

An accidental oil spill that reached the Cape Cod shoreline would cause devastating economic, commercial, environmental and cultural damage. Expanding offshore oil and gas drilling would recklessly endanger our coastline and our way of life.

Sincerely,

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