



PACIFIC COAST OCEAN SANCTUARY PETITION

TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA:
WHEREAS THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA finds itself the target of a US Navy training range expansion, offshore oil and gas lease sales by the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydrokinetic energy pilot projects;

WHEREAS the Northwest Training Range expansion would transform our peaceful coast into a warfighting asset, bringing the conflict in South Central Asia into our front yard and cause significant and permanent disruption of fisheries and marine life, decimate our tourism economy and ruin our quiet enjoyment of the ocean;

WHEREAS oil and gas drilling on our outer continental shelf would create decades of acute environmental risk and permanent deterioration of the quality and integrity of the marine environment for only a few weeks of national petroleum consumption;

WHEREAS FERC has rushed into the business of granting hydrokinetic permits on a case by case basis with no regard for due process and

objective rulemaking, and the environmental impacts of wave buoy array deployment are unknown, and would require significant industrial development onshore which is being ignored in its permitting process;

WHEREAS: The cumulative impact of these projects are not considered by any of these agencies and would militarize and industrialize our coast to a vast extent in undesirable ways with which we profoundly disagree;

WHEREAS: We the people, our needs our feelings, our unique culture, economy and ecology are being ignored by the federal government in pursuing these projects;

WE, THE HEREIN SIGNED WEST COAST VOTERS URGENTLY INSIST YOU POSTPONE ALL THESE PROJECTS indefinitely for further study as Bush 41 postponed OCS lease sales off California in 1989.

FURTHER we ask you to work with Congress to promulgate OCEAN SANCTUARY legislation to permanently protect coastal areas off California, Oregon and Washington in order to preserve for posterity significant natural characteristics such as deep ocean upwellings which provide a large portion of the nutrients on which our fisheries and planet depend.

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