



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31834

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION expressing The City of Seattle's opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic airgun blasting.

<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Filed with City Clerk:</b>	<u>Date</u> 9/14/2018
	<b>Mayor's Signature:</b>	9/14/2018
<b>Sponsors:</b> O'Brien	<b>Vetoed by Mayor:</b>	
	<b>Veto Overridden:</b>	
	<b>Veto Sustained:</b>	

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** adam.schaefer@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File**

**Legal Notice Published:**     Yes     No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	08/21/2018	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	08/21/2018	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	08/28/2018	sent for review	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	City Council	09/04/2018	referred	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			
1	Sustainability and Transportation Committee	09/07/2018	adopt				Pass

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**Action Text:** The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).  
In Favor: 2 Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Johnson  
Opposed: 0

1 City Council 09/10/2018 adopted Pass

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution  
In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant  
Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 09/14/2018 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 09/14/2018 Signed

1 Mayor 09/14/2018 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 09/14/2018 attested by City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.  
**Notes:**

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31834

A RESOLUTION expressing The City of Seattle’s opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic airgun blasting.

WHEREAS, in Washington State hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of the state’s gross domestic product depend on clean, oil-free water and beaches and abundant fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Washington State’s ocean wealth stems from fishing, aquaculture, tourism, and recreation, all of which benefit from a healthy ocean and coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling places coastal communities at risk from oil spills and the pollution brought by onshore industrialization, threatening the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fisherman and small businesses that rely on a clean and healthy ocean and beaches; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of Washington State’s coastline and could exacerbate wetlands loss and storm surge and sea level rise impacts; and

WHEREAS, the harmful impacts from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration anywhere along the Pacific coastline could extend far beyond immediately surrounding areas and severely impact communities that rely on the robust economy of the marine industry; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling and exploration perpetuates dependence on dirty carbon pollution and contributes to climate change and the resulting sea level rise and extreme weather; and

1 WHEREAS, the Trump administration has expressed interest in opening the Pacific Ocean to  
2 offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including the use of seismic airguns, which  
3 fire intense blasts of compressed air that rank just behind military explosives as the  
4 loudest source of noise in the ocean, every ten to 12 seconds, 24 hours a day, for months  
5 on end; and

6 WHEREAS, seismic airgun blasting to explore for oil and gas deposits has been proven to  
7 disrupt and displace marine life, such as whales and orcas that rely on sound to find food  
8 and mates, and can impair the health of many fish and shellfish species, including those  
9 of commercial importance like rockfish, crab, and oysters; and

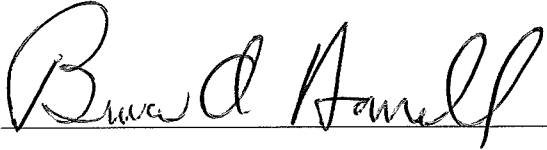
10 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle recognizes that its communities, businesses, and industries  
11 depend on a healthy coastal environment for the benefit of current and future residents,  
12 property owners, and visitors; NOW, THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
14 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. The City of Seattle finds that offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration  
16 unnecessarily risks economic and ecological health and therefore opposes any plan or legislation  
17 that encourages oil and gas development and exploration offshore that would impact the  
18 residents of Washington State.

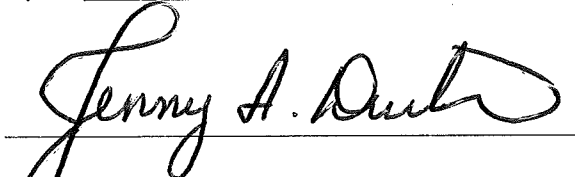
19 Section 2. The Mayor and City Council firmly oppose offshore oil and gas drilling and  
20 exploration, and call on the Governor of Washington, the state legislative delegation, and the  
21 federal congressional delegation to take all steps possible to prohibit and prevent such actions.  
22 The City further calls on the Trump Administration, including the federal Bureau of Ocean  
23 Energy Management, to halt such activity.

1           Adopted by the City Council the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018,  
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
3 September, 2018.

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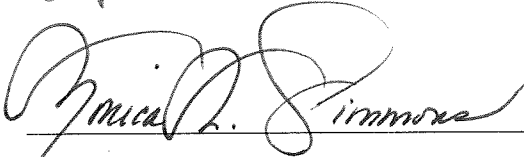
5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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8 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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