

FACT SHEET

The Realities of Offshore Drilling

Coastal Governors Remain Strongly Opposed to Lifting OCS Moratorium

A bipartisan group of eight coastal governors are reiterating concerns about offshore drilling as Congress actively considers proposals that would revoke a 27-year moratorium on the practice.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R): “California’s coastline is an international treasure. I do not support lifting this moratorium on new drilling off our coast.” June 18, 2008, *U.S. News and World Report*

New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine (D): “Our \$35 billion economy is driven by tourism and the use of the shore.” June 18, 2008, Associated Press

North Carolina Governor Mike Easley (D): “It’s just too much squeeze for the juice when you’re looking at the real estate market that’s on the coast, recreational fishing, the tourism, and other economic interests that would be adversely affected by some problem that could easily arise from offshore drilling.” June 18, 2008, MSNBC

Oregon Governor Theodore Kulongoski (D): Lifting the ban would be “a short-sighted response to a long-term issue of creating a sustainable and secure domestic energy economy.” June 18, 2008, Associated Press

South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford (R): “We would certainly have some hesitation just based on tourism and the natural beauty along the coast. We certainly wouldn’t want to do anything that would kill the goose that laid the golden egg,” Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said. June 18, 2008, *Greenville News*



A loggerhead sea turtle approaches the water

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Washington Governor Christine Gregoire (D): “For 26 years, our coasts have been protected by that moratorium and I believe that it should remain in place in perpetuity. With soaring gas prices, there is no better time to end our dependence on oil. As a country, we should be pursuing clean energy sources and investing in alternative energy technologies.” June 16, 2008, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

Maine Governor John E. Baldacci (D): “We need an energy policy that looks to the future for answers, not to the past,” Democratic Governor John Baldacci’s spokesman, David Farmer, said in a statement. “We need to cut consumption and develop renewable, clean sources of energy.” June 19, 2008, *Morning Sentinel*

Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley (D): The Governor’s spokeswoman, Christine N. Hansen, said in a statement, “the governor supports efforts to reduce our dependence on foreign oil by investing in cleaner, alternative and renewable sources of energy, but does not support lifting the moratorium because of environmental concerns regarding our coastal bays, Chesapeake Bay and our critical areas.” June 22, 2008
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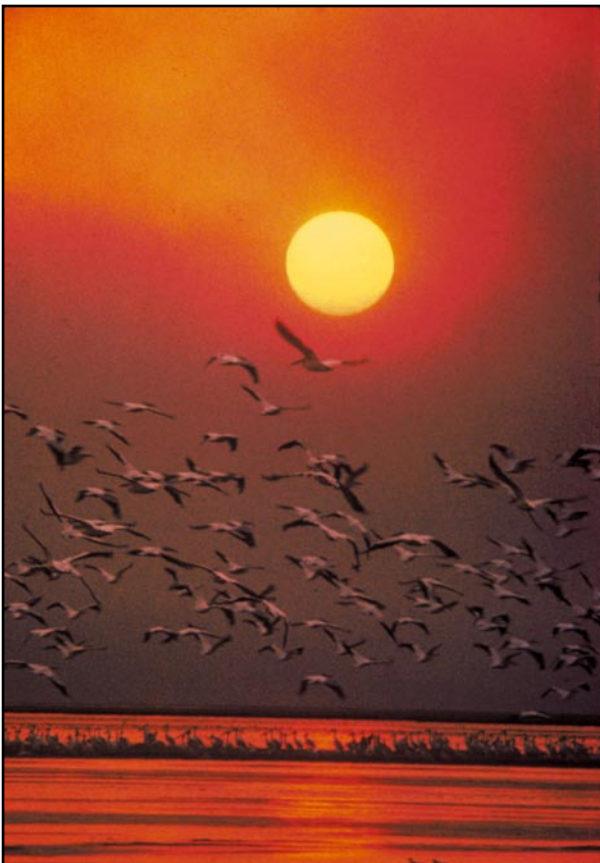


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White pelicans fly over the water



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