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Atlantic Highlands Arts Council
Bayside Regional Watershed Council
Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders
Belford Seafood Co-op
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Citizens Conservation Council of Ocean County
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Clean Water Action
Coalition Against Toxics
Coalition for Peace & Justice/Unplug Salem
Coastal Jersey Parrot Head Club
Communication Workers of America, Local 1075
Concerned Businesses of COA
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Concerned Citizens of COA
Concerned Citizens of Montauk
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Fishermen's Conservation Association, NJ Chapter
Fishermen's Conservation Association, NY Chapter
Fishermen's Dock Cooperative, Pt. Pleasant
Food and Water Watch, NJ
Friends of Island Beach State Park
Friends of Liberty State Park, NJ
Friends of the Boardwalk, NY
Garden Club of Allenhurst
Garden Club of Bay Head and Mantoloking/Seaweeders
Garden Club of Bndle/Bayberry
Garden Club of Englewood
Garden Club of Fair Haven
Garden Club of Long Beach Island
Garden Club of RFD Middletown
Garden Club of Morristown
Garden Club of Navesink
Garden Club of New Jersey
Garden Club of New Vernon
Garden Club of Oceanport
Garden Club of Princeton
Garden Club of Ridgewood
Garden Club of Rumson
Garden Club of Sea Girt/Holly
Garden Club of Short Hills
Garden Club of Shrewsbury
Garden Club of Spring Lake
Garden Club of Terra Nova
Garden Club of Washington Valley
Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association
Green Party of Monmouth County
Green Party of New Jersey
Highlands Business Partnership
Hudson River Fishermen's Association
Jersey Shore Captains Association
Jersey Shore Parrot Head Club
Jersey Shore Partnership
Junior League of Monmouth County
Keyport Environmental Commission
Kiwanis Club of Shadow Lake Village
Leonardo Party & Pleasure Boat Association
Mantoloking Environmental Commission
Marine Trades Association of NJ
Monmouth Conservation Foundation
Monmouth County Association of Realtors
Monmouth County Audubon Society
National Coalition for Marine Conservation
Natural Resources Protective Association, NY
NJ Beach Buggy Association
NJ Environmental Lobby
NJ Friends of Clearwater
NJ Marine Education Association
Nottingham Hunting & Fishing Club, NJ
NYC Sea Gypsies
NY Marine Education Association
NY/NJ Baykeeper
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Piscataway Saltwater Sportsmen Club
Rantan Riverkeeper
Religious on Water
Rotary Club of Point Pleasant
Rotary District #7540—Interact
Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County
Sandy Hook Bay Anglers
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Save the Bay, NJ
SEAS Monmouth
Shark Research Institute
Shark River Cleanup Coalition
Shark River Surf Anglers
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Sisters of Charity, Maris Stella
South Monmouth Board of Realtors
Staten Island Tuna Club
Strathmere Fishing & Environmental Club
Sunrise Rod & Gun Club
Surfers' Environmental Alliance
Surfrider Foundation, Jersey Shore Chapter
Surfrider Foundation, South Jersey Chapter
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Viking Village
WATERSPIRIT
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Women's Club of Keyport
Women's Club of Long Branch
Women's Club of Merchantville
Women's Club of Spring Lake
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COA Applauds Governor Chris Christie's Leadership and Steadfast Opposition to Offshore Oil Drilling in the Atlantic

Sandy Hook, NJ — Governor Chris Christie's Administration submitted formal comments today to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Movement (BOEM), opposing natural gas and oil exploration in the Atlantic Ocean waters off New Jersey.

"COA applauds Governor Christie's leadership and steadfast opposition to offshore drilling anywhere in the Atlantic where it could harm the Jersey Shore" said Cindy Zipf, Executive Director of Clean Ocean Action.

"We urge all officials, candidates, and citizens to do the same and submit letters to oppose offshore oil drilling. The comment period ends on August 17th at midnight. The clock is ticking to tell Secretary of Interior Zinke that offshore drilling is unacceptable," she added.

A copy of NJ DEP Commissioner Martin's letter to BOEM can be found at:
www.nj.gov/dep/docs/njdep-boem-letter-220170816.pdf

Background: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is seeking information and comments by Thursday, August 17th from the public on a NEW five-year National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019-2024 pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act. The new plan includes the entire Atlantic Ocean from Maine to Florida, **including the waters off New Jersey**. With our local ecology and economy at stake, all eyes are on Governor Christie, gubernatorial candidates and elected officials to speak out against offshore oil drilling in the Atlantic.

The last five-year plan was just completed in January 2017, which was to be in effect from 2017-2022. This redundant new, over-lapping plan is an effort to expand drilling in areas that were rejected by the Obama Administration due to public opposition as well as economic or environmental concerns. This will waste tax-payers dollars and require the public to repeat the process just completed and which started in 2010.

Call to Action: COA is calling on all citizens, elected leaders and those that want to be elected to take action by submitting comments to the Federal Register's " Request for Information and Comments on the Preparation of the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program MAA104000" before the August 17th deadline. For a complete list of links and instructions for taking action visit CleanOceanAction.org.

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