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# American Littoral Society Says NO to Fossil Fuel Exploration and Seismic Testing Off the Atlantic Coast

**December 4, 2018 – [Asbury Park, NJ]** – The American Littoral Society has fought to protect New Jersey’s coast since 1961. Today, we are here to reiterate this commitment – loud and clear – this time in opposition to the federal government’s most recent reckless decision to allow seismic testing off the Atlantic coastline, which will harm marine mammals and other wildlife.

The Society is greatly concerned about the impacts of climate change on our ocean and coast. We lived through Sandy and have felt these impacts first-hand. We should not be exploring for new fossil fuel development off the Atlantic Coast.

We recognize that the impacts of climate change, both current and future, instead require us to explore the development of renewable offshore wind energy while at the same time protecting our vulnerable marine ecosystems.

We have an immediate obligation to show that we can protect our marine habitats, which provide us with food, recreation, and enjoyment.

We have been crystal clear: New Jersey is not open for business to new offshore oil and gas development, and that includes seismic testing.

There should be no doubt that from the halls of Trenton to the beaches of Sandy Hook New Jersey's citizens want our ocean protected, not opened to industrialization and noise pollution from seismic testing that will harm thousands of marine mammals and other wildlife.

We will continue to work with our elected representatives and partners to protect our New Jersey coast, communities, economies, and way of life.

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*Leaders in coastal conservation since 1961, the American Littoral Society, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, promotes the study and conservation of marine life and habitat, protects the coast from harm, and empowers others to do the same.*

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