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## **President Trump Withdraws Florida, Georgia and South Carolina From Dirty and Dangerous Offshore Drilling for 10 Years**

*Overwhelming bipartisan opposition secured a partial win in the fight against offshore drilling*

**JUPITER, Fla.**– President Trump [issued a memorandum](#) Tuesday withdrawing the waters off Florida, Georgia and South Carolina from offshore oil and gas leasing for 10 years. The memorandum seems to respond to the overwhelming bipartisan opposition from coastal communities and business, as well as state and federal lawmakers to President Trump’s proposed drilling plan.

Oceana Action campaign director Diane Hoskins released the following statement in response to the announcement:

“After years of overwhelming opposition from coastal communities, business owners and elected officials from both political parties, President Trump finally acknowledged the harm associated with dirty and dangerous offshore drilling. While we welcome the withdrawal of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina from offshore drilling for 10 years – it was President Trump’s plan that threatened these states in the first place. Other East and West Coast states remain vulnerable and deserve the same protections. What President Trump deems good enough for Florida should be good enough for North Carolina and other states. It’s time for the president to formally withdraw his entire reckless offshore drilling plan and permanently protect our coasts.”

As of today, opposition and concern over efforts to expand offshore drilling activities in U.S. waters includes:

- Every East and West Coast governor, including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, California, Oregon and Washington
- More than 380 [East](#) and [West](#) Coast municipalities
- Over 2,300 local, state and federal bipartisan elected officials
- East and West Coast alliances representing over 56,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families
- New England, South and Mid-Atlantic fishery management councils
- More than 120 scientists
- More than 80 former military leaders
- Commercial and recreational fishing interests such as Southeastern Fisheries Association, Snook and Gamefish Foundation, Fisheries Survival Fund, Southern Shrimp Alliance, Billfish Foundation and International Game Fish Association
- California Coastal Commission, California Fish and Game Commission and California State Lands Commission
- Department of Defense, NASA, U.S. Air Force and Florida Defense Support Task Force

To learn more about Oceana Action’s efforts to stop the expansion of offshore drilling, please visit [www.OceanaAction.org](http://www.OceanaAction.org).

*Oceana Action, the advocacy partner of Oceana, protects our oceans from threats like overfishing and pollution, while building political support for advancing Oceana’s goals.*