



# Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No.

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Meeting Date:

1/17/06

**Item Title:** RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFF-SHORE GAS OR OIL EXPLORATION

**Item Summary:**

Commissioner Byrd will present the resolution.

*(Use additional Paper if necessary)*

Number of Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Will your presentation require audiovisual equipment?** Yes  No

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**Specific Action Requested:**

Adoption of Resolution.

**Submitted By:** Comm. Cheryl Byrd

*Date:* 12/5/05

**Dept. Head**

*Comments:*

*Signature*

*Date:*

**Finance**

*Comments:*

*Signature*

*Date:*

**County Attorney**

*Comments:*

*Signature*

*Date:*

**County Manager**

*Approval:*

*Signature*

*Date:*

**Commission Action:**

**RESOLUTION  
OPPOSING OFF-SHORE GAS OR OIL EXPLORATION**

WHEREAS, the Dare County Land Use Plan (2003 Update) states that: "Dare County is opposed to development of any aspect of the petrochemical industry within its jurisdictional lands or waters. This includes both off-shore and on-shore facilities and activities associated with the exploration for or production of petrochemical facilities of any kind." And

WHEREAS, Dare County expressed its opposition to off-shore exploration for gas or oil in a resolution to state and federal agencies in February 1998; and

WHEREAS, no evidence has been uncovered since then to demonstrate any benefits to Dare County or to the surrounding region; and,

WHEREAS, no proof has emerged to convince us that such exploration can be done safely and without harm to the environment and the North Carolina and Virginia coastline, our property, our businesses, our livelihood, or our quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dare County Board of Commissioners continues to be opposed to any exploration for gas or oil on the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina or Virginia and urges the inclusion of the waters off North Carolina and Virginia in the long-term moratorium on off-shore exploration that protects sister states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dare County does support research and development of non-fossil fuel alternatives for energy production and measures to promote energy conservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dare County urges Congress and the President of the United States to require that vehicular and industrial use of fossil fuels be cut in half by the year 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these positions be made known to our representatives at the state and federal level, including the President of the United States, and that the US Department of Interior be urged to instruct the Mineral Management Service to take no further action to open more off-shore sites to leases for gas or oil exploration

This, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

**DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK