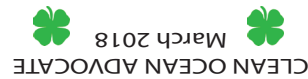




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March 2018

United Voices Declare, "Not in Our Ocean, Not on Our Watch!"



NJ Senator Linda R. Greenstein flanked on left by Amy Goldsmith, CWA, Cindy Zipf, COA and on right by Assembly Members Houghtaling & Downey

On Wednesday, February 14, 250 citizens representing NJ's leading environmental, fishing, business, and public interest organizations, along with Jersey Shore advocates rallied and testified at a press conference and Citizen's Hearing to reject President Trump's offshore oil and gas plan which opens 90% of US ocean waters to within 3 miles of beaches. The event coincided with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) Public Meeting held in an adjacent room.

Citizens brought signs, cheered and spoke to show "Ocean Emotion" at the Valentine's Day event, packing the Anti-Offshore Oil Coalition's Advocacy Room.



Hundreds of citizens rallied at the Valentine's Day Press Conference in Hamilton, NJ

Kicking off the press conference was a host of NJ state legislators who were amplified by Governor Murphy, First Lady Tammy Murphy, US Senators Menendez and Booker, and US Representatives Pallone and Smith. State representatives also included Assembly Members Pinkin and Zwicken. This was the first time FaceTime connected leaders to a real time ocean action rally in NJ.



NJ Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy via Facetime

"I am proud to stand with you all and Senators Booker and Menendez, Congressman Pallone and others to say to the Trump administration, you will NOT drill off our precious shores!" - NJ Governor Phil Murphy

Immediately following the Press conference the excited crowd swarmed the BOEM Public Meeting en masse where they were given vague answers to their many questions and concerns, viewed outdated fact sheets and posters, and had the opportunity to submit comments online via laptops provided by BOEM. The meeting did not allow for spoken testimony to be submitted.

Over 70 citizens signed up to speak for three minutes each and shared passionate and important testimony which was recorded by the professional transcriber. Clean Ocean Action will submit the transcript to BOEM for the record which was recorded by a professional transcriber.

Mark Your Calendars!

33rd Annual Beach Sweeps
April 21, 9am, Sandy Hook, NJ

Run the Hook
May 13, 10am, Sandy Hook, NJ
Run for Mother Ocean this Mother's Day!

Two Rivers Festival
June 2, Marine Park, Red Bank, NJ

March for the Ocean
June 9, Washington D.C.
The ocean is rising and so are we!

SHORE STORIES



Six Short Films to Stop Offshore Drilling.

Thursday, March 8th
Doors open at 6:30pm
Film starts at 7pm
The Downtown, Red Bank, NJ



Tributes

Photo courtesy of Joe Reynolds

In Memory of:

Zada Aldarelli
Steve Atkins
Beeze & Harry Douty
Betty Provence Iannelli
Smauel Karinja
James MacDonald
Carol Anne Ross
John Quinn
Andrew Thompson

In Honor of:

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POLICY

Cindy Zipf, Executive Director, Zipf@CleanOceanAction.org

NY/NJ Elected Officials Take Action Against Drilling

Many regional elected officials of all political stripes are fighting back against the Trump Administration to open 90% of U.S. Coastal Waters to Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling—especially in the Atlantic Ocean. This is just the tip of the melting iceberg...here are some highlights:



New Jersey:

- NJ Assembly Bill A839: the STOP (Shore Tourism Ocean Protection) from Offshore Oil and Gas introduced by District 1 and co-sponsored by many, would prohibit drilling and infrastructure in NJ waters and would also allow NJ to review any proposals beyond our waters that could cause harm to NJ resources. The bill has already passed the Assembly 71 to 2 – almost unanimously. An identical bill (S29) is moving.
- Over 23 towns, 4 counties and 2 Chambers of Commerce in NJ have passed resolutions opposing offshore drilling.
- About 25 elected officials at the federal, state and local level rallied in Ocean City, NJ, to oppose drilling. The effort was led by Vicki Clark of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce.



Congressman Frank LoBiondo speaking at the Cape May press conference on February 26

New York:

- NY Assembly Members Anthony D’Urso, Steve Englebright, Christine Pellegrino, Fred Thiele, Steve Otis and Jaime Williams held a state hearing in Long Island in defiance of the BOEM meeting held in Albany which is hundreds of miles from the coast.
- 26 Members of the NY’s Congressional delegation signed a letter to oppose drilling off New York waters.
- Gov. Andrew Cuomo opposes the plan and calls it “yet another federal assault on our environment.”

SCIENCE

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Rally for the Navesink – Good News, Bad News & Two Rivers Fest!



Tow River Water Reclamation Authority on the case of a broken sewer line

lower levels of poo-llution. Unfortunately, two new areas with high levels after rainstorms have been identified by the NJDEP in Rumson near the Oceanic Bridge. They are being investigated by the Rumson Borough Council.

Red Bank Primary Schools Seek to Soak Up the Rain: COA had coordinated with Red Bank Borough and Rutgers Cooperative Extension to initiate an impervious cover assessment (ICA) and a restoration action plan (RAP), which was completed in Dec 2017. This assessment recommended green infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding and impervious cover in the Red Bank Primary School which suffers from routine flooding.

Two Rivers Fest! Save the Date: June 2, 2018, at Victory Park in Rumson! Join river friends to celebrate the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers with alliance partners. Great education and kids crafts are planned.

If interested in any of the above, attend the next Rally for the Navesink meeting on March 29, 2018, at Bingham Hall (Rumson, NJ) at 6:30pm or contact outreach@cleanoceanaction.org.

Friends of the Ocean Gather “Under the Sea” in Celebration of Clean Ocean Action’s 34th Birthday



On February 25th, friends of the ocean, the tall and the small, gathered at Bahrs Landing in Highlands, NJ, for an Under the Sea Family Brunch celebrating Clean Ocean Action’s 34th Birthday. Parents and grandparents enjoyed delicious fare and the smiling faces of children who dressed as sea creatures and created crafts from upcycled materials, enjoyed face painting by MAST student volunteers and played with live sea creatures at the Jenkinson’s Aquarium touch tank.

“Today we brought a lot of local species [Horseshoe Crabs, Sea Urchins, Starfish, and the NJ State Shell - The Knobbed Whelk] which are wonderful for the kids to see up

close and alive. It’s great for the children to know that the ocean is not just a place to swim and play but that it is also the animals’ home,” said Linelle of Jenkinson’s Aquarium.

When Willow, a child dressed as a Green Leafy Sea Dragon who plans to attend Clean Ocean Action’s Beach Sweeps this Spring, was asked why she wants to help support a clean ocean, she responded, “I want to help because if we don’t help protect it there may be less and less animals in the ocean.”

“Over the last 34 years we’ve made a big splash and water quality has vastly improved, but there is much work ahead. The fact is, a clean ocean future is always in the hands of the next generation,” said Cindy Zipf, Executive Director, Clean Ocean Action.

Clean Ocean Action looks forward to celebrating its 35th birthday next year with plans for another Under the Sea Family Brunch in 2019! Read the full story on COA’s blog!



OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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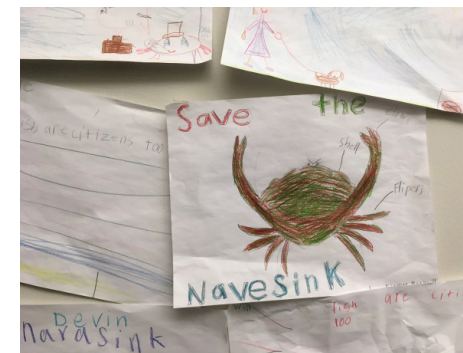
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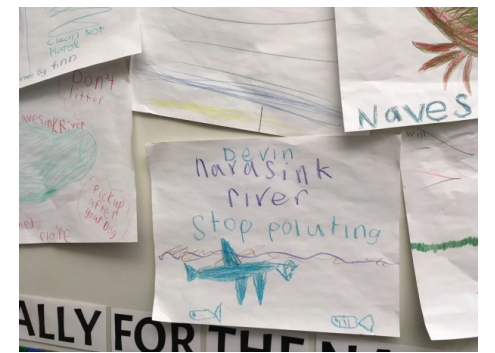
A hearty crew of ocean lovers on a wet and wild Sunday came out to the Interpretive Center in Island Beach State Park to hear Clean Ocean Action discuss current ocean issues, successes, problems and solutions. Many thanks go to the Friends of Island Beach State Park for the invitation to join their Conservation Talks Lecture Series. Visit their website or information about upcoming talks.



Troop 50 in Shrewsbury is bringing a group of Beach Sweepers to the Spring Beach Sweeps on April 21, 2018. Thanks for the opportunity to share Beach Sweeps data and ways that kids can make a big difference in our marine environment at a recent COA presentation.



The Media Center at Sickles School in Fair Haven, NJ is decorated with posters made by Ms. June Sustick’s 3rd grade Watershed Defenders! Great job! Clean Ocean Action is looking forward to our next visit!



Attention Teachers: The Spring Student Summit Application Deadline is March 30th!



**Saturday, April 21
9am-12:30pm**

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