Workshop 1: Protecting the Protected

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Protecting the Protected

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Ocean Protection Council’s Role

OPC is a division of the California Natural Resources Agency.
Our mission and how we work

*Ensuring healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems in California.*
Priority Programs

- Climate Change
- Marine Protected Areas
- Marine Pollution
- Sustainable Fisheries
- Emerging Uses
Formula for success

• Improve ecosystem health
• Strengthen governance
• Leverage partnerships
• Cultivate ocean stewards
California’s MPA Network

124 MPAs covering 16% of state waters
Defending against threats
Unprotecting the protected
California’s National Marine Sanctuaries, a brief history

1966-2015: Much good happens!

• 1980 – Channel Islands National Marine Marine Sanctuary
• 1981 – Point Reyes-Farallones National Marine Marine Sanctuary
• 1989 – Cordell Bank National Marine Marine Sanctuary
• 1992 – Monterey Bay National Marine Marine Sanctuary
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2017: Many bad things happen!
• April – “America First” Executive Order
• November – Secret report filed

2018 – More bad ideas!
• January – New draft five-year offshore oil & gas leasing plan announced
DRILLING IS KILLING

The Trump Administration plans to open the Atlantic, Pacific, Eastern Gulf, and Arctic to new offshore oil drilling. Offshore drilling is a dirty and destructive business that will harm our ocean and coastal communities. We are witnessing the largest assault on our ocean in American history.
1. Raise awareness
2. Direct advocacy
3. Generate media
4. Build coalitions
5. Local government resolutions
6. Collect business opposition
Defending the California coast from offshore drilling

• Nearly 1,100 clean energy companies, fishermen and seafood businesses, outdoor industry members, and surfing companies have joined BAPPC, including Vissla and Bureo.

Join at defendthepacific.org

*Comments due this Friday, March 9.*
NEW OIL DRILLING OFF OUR COAST?

ANOTHER BAD IDEA FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.