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H. R. 2849

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit oil and gas exploration, development, and production on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. CHU, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MIN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CORREA, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit oil and gas exploration, development, and production on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “West Coast Ocean Pro-
5 tection Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DE-**
2 **VELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION ON THE**
3 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST**
4 **OF CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON.**

5 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
6 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION,
9 DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF
10 THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of this section or any other law, the Sec-
13 retary shall not issue a lease or any other authoriza-
14 tion for the exploration, development, or production
15 of oil or natural gas in the planning areas described
16 in paragraph (2).

17 “(2) PLANNING AREAS.—The planning areas
18 referred to in paragraph (1) are the following, as de-
19 picted in the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental
20 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program
21 published on September 29, 2023, by the Bureau of
22 Ocean Energy Management (as announced in the
23 notice of availability of the Bureau of Ocean Energy
24 Management entitled ‘Notice of Availability of the
25 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil
26 and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program and Final

1 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement’
2 (88 Fed. Reg. 67798 (October 2, 2023))):

3 “(A) The Washington/Oregon Planning
4 Area.

5 “(B) The Northern California Planning
6 Area.

7 “(C) The Central California Planning
8 Area.

9 “(D) The Southern California Planning
10 Area.”.

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