



SUPPORT THE "NJ/NY CLEAN OCEAN ZONE"

Stop Ocean Pollution in the New York/New Jersey Bight

We, the undersigned, vehemently object to any activities that pollute our ocean. The ecological richness of this region generates crucial and sustainable economic and intrinsic values to millions of people. Existing laws and regulations are insufficient to protect the vast value of this ocean region and its living marine resources from habitat-destructive activities.

We support *H.R. 2854: "The NJ/NY Clean Ocean Zone,"* and will hold our elected officials accountable to permanently protect the NY/NJ Bight from polluting and habitat-destroying activities. *H.R. 2854 will:*

The waters off the New York/New Jersey coasts were once so contaminated they were the joke of the nation. Our waters were known as the "Ocean Dumping Capital of the World" due to eight ocean dumpsites. Today, thanks to the hundreds of thousands of citizens defending the ocean, ocean dumping has ended and water quality has greatly improved. It is time we act to lock-in this tremendous path of progress for our ocean and lock-out future environmentally harmful activities.

REDUCE POLLUTION:

1. Prohibit new ocean dumpsites
2. Mandate capping of the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS) -- formerly the Mud Dump Site -- with progressively cleaner material to ensure the remediation of the HARs and to protect against adverse ecological effects.
3. Prohibit new point sources of pollution and increases of discharge capacity (e.g., wastewater discharge outfalls, industrial discharges). Encourage environmentally protective beneficial reuse of wastewater.
4. Reduce pollution from stormwater and sediments. (This will be accomplished through state initiatives.)

PROTECT MARINE ECOSYSTEMS:

5. Prohibit the permanent extraction (e.g. strip-mining) of natural non-renewable resources, including sand and gravel.
6. Prohibit industrial and non-renewable energy facilities and infrastructure, including oil and gas exploration and development.
7. Require the development of responsible regulations for renewable energy sources. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 delegates this to Minerals Management Service. In the COZ, the National Marine Fisheries Service will have concurrence with the permitting of activities.

SUPPORT MARINE RESOURCES:

8. Support recreational and commercial fishing by acknowledging that federal and state laws for fisheries exist. Prohibit the COZ legislation from being used to adopt or enact fisheries management actions. The COZ legislation shall not be used to restrict or limit recreational or commercial fishing.
9. Support federal and state approved artificial reefs, and allow underwater research and exploration, but not projects that will adversely affect the ecosystem.
10. Support, celebrate, and sustain maritime activities that depend on a healthy and clean ocean, such as: boating, underwater diving, fishing, surfing, swimming, and the enjoyment of the sea. The COZ legislation will not be used to restrict or limit these activities.

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Please send completed petitions to: **Clean Ocean Zone** ★ c/o Clean Ocean Action ★ POB 505 ★ Sandy Hook ★ Highlands, NJ 07732.

For more information visit: www.CleanOceanZone.org or call (732) 872-0111.

The Clean Ocean Zone is a project of Clean Ocean Action (COA).

COA copies and sends petitions to the most influential individual(s) to ensure protection of the ocean.

COA keeps the original petitions to gather the voices of people for the ocean. Petitions are not used for any other purpose.

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