

FORT BRAG PUBLIC HEARING on **Pacific Coast Oil Drilling Proposal**

Susan B. Anthony and her husband Edwin M. Brashear both were extended the courtesy of a complimentary stay at the Fort Brag Bed and Breakfast Inn as a guest of the community of Fort Brag. Sue and Ed joined the community of Fort Brag and attended their Public Assembly to speak out against the PROPOSED PACIFIC COAST OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE.

Susan B. Anthony of Vallejo California submits the following comments to MMS during the Fort Brag Public Hearing:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished guests and Honorable Representatives.

My name is Susan Brashear Anthony. I live at 900 Carolina Street in the City of Vallejo, and Third Vice President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 195, also of Vallejo.

In behalf of the seventy three percent of Californians who are investing billions of dollars in protecting our environment, we would appreciate the special consideration of the following topics.

1. Have the oil companies even thought about terrorist acts targeting these oil platforms and what kind of security will they have to guard against these types of incidents both to the platform and to the oil tankers?
2. Will the lease agreement between the Federal Government and the Oil Company have conditions enabling the Government to shut down the oil drilling operation and will the oil company so stated be allowed to have a fictitious name preventing lawsuits against main Oil Companies involved.
3. Millions of tax payers dollars are at stake in the salmon restocking program of California's rivers and streams and The People of California wish to have a summary of The Economic Value of Striped Bass, Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout of the Sacramento and San Joaquin River System of 1985 by Phill Meyers Resources Incorporated, located in the City of Davis, California, included in the final decision.
4. Who will pay for the clean up of an oil spill when it happens? Will it be the Oil Company, the Federal Government or the State of California and Will the taxpayers of California have responsible representation with our government ruling out processing facilities on floating factory ships.
5. Will the Oil Companies use any old tanker they can find or new modern tankers to transport the oil.
6. With the San Andreas fault in mind will this project be built to earthquake standards; specifically, the underwater web of pipelines that would carry the oil back to the platform.

7. Does the Endangered Species Act of California cover the Pacific North West shore, coastal wildlife inhabitants and species of fish found no where else, and if it does, the tax payers of California wish to include counsel on this issue from an independent marine biologist as to specific endangered habitat.
8. Will these oil platforms be able to give humanitarian assistance to a distressed fishing boat.
9. Each oil platform can house seventy men, what government agency will be regulating and inspecting the handling of raw sewage generated on these platforms.
10. What is their intended route of travel into the San Francisco Bay Area? Will they be restricted to the Central Shipping Lane that swings around past the Farallon Islands or will they be allowed to use the Northern route which cuts between the fisheries of the Farallon Islands and Fannysholes.
11. A traffic study should be done of the Northern and Central shipping lanes regarding: Barge, Tanker, Sport and Commercial Fishing traffic as it is today and its ability to handle any more safely.
12. Are our local refineries in Benicia, Martinez, Rodeo, and Richmond going to maintain their present capacity or will they be allowed to enlarge and increase the refining which will further pollute the environment.
13. Are the platforms under International, Federal or State Law? The People of California would like to see that California's environmental laws are enforced.

The Potential for damage far outweighs the benefits from opening our California Coast for oil production.

Together we will continue to preserve our environment and the Great Pacific North West Ocean to ensure that it will be here for our future generations as we know it today!

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Brashear Anthony