Don't Let Inappropriate Offshore Oil\Gas Drilling Ruin the Mississippi Coast

We, the undersigned citizens, oppose oil and gas development in the Mississippi Sound and near our national park, the Gulf Islands National Seashore. Oil and gas exploration and development would harm the barrier islands, tourism, and the seafood industry — causing major damage to the Coast economy. Subsidence (sinking) of the barrier islands caused by gas and oil extraction would weaken the vital hurricane protection the islands provide to the mainland. We support a federal purchase of the state's mineral rights to provide compensation to the state while preserving these beautiful and vitally important wilderness islands that are the state's number one tourism attraction. We want any oil and gas development kept at least 12 nautical miles south of our barrier islands.

PLEASE write legibly. Use two lines if needed. Include your email address to receive email updates.

Name	Address	Phone	Email

Plan to attend the public rally on August 21

at 3:00 pm in the Coast Coliseum!

Please return petitions to 12 Miles South Coalition, P.O. Box 1842, Gulfport MS 39502.

For details, updates, bumper stickers, and additional copies of this petition, see these web sites:

12MilesSouthCoalition.com, www.GulfIslandsConservancy.com &

www.Mississippi.SierraClub.org.