

A MOTION relating to oil and gas exploration and/or drilling leases.

1 WHEREAS, the Director of the State Department of Natural Re-
2 sources has announced plans to offer more than 150,000 acres of
3 Puget Sound tidelands, beds and uplands, for oil and gas exploration
4 leases, and

5 WHEREAS, there have been major oil spills due to off-shore well
6 drilling such as the one in Santa Barbara, California, that covered
7 800 square miles of ocean and 40 miles of beach, and the Louisiana
8 spill in excess of 18,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, off-shore platform drilling of oil wells creates a risk
11 of oil leaks which will cause damage to the Puget Sound area, in-
12 cluding the wildlife that exists therein, and

13 WHEREAS, the salmon fishing industry could be endangered by
14 platform drilling for oil in the Puget Sound area, and

15 WHEREAS, one section of the area to be offered for oil and gas
16 exploration leases is adjacent to the King County line off of King
17 County shores from Point Defiance to Alki Point and west to Vashon
18 Island's eastern shore, and

19 WHEREAS, King County has a major and substantial interest in
20 the activity on Puget Sound,


21 NOW THEREFORE, the King County Council urges the State to pass
22 legislation prohibiting off-shore drilling but which will not pro-
23 hibit the possibility of reaching oil and gas by slant drilling
24 from the land if and when techniques improve that will insure
25 preservation of the Puget Sound Area environment.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Motion be sent to
27 the Governor of the State of Washington, the Director of the Depart-
28 ment of Natural Resources, members of the Washington State Senate,
29 members of the Washington State House of Representatives, and the
30 King County Executive.

31 PASSED this 11th day of May, 1970.

32 ATTEST:

Ralph R. Stender, Clerk

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman