

The enclosed letter was sent to the Beach Haven Times and was published by the Times on Wednesday, August 4, 2003.

Words, other than those written by Mary Turner in this letter, cannot address more clearly the value of existing regulations which have given us clean, healthy, beautiful New Jersey coastal waters.

We fellow members of the Long Beach Island Garden Club are proud of Mary's past accomplishments and are awed by her constant care about our environment. We are the largest Garden Club in the state of New Jersey and stand firm, as a club and individually, in support of a clean ocean.

Please give special attention to what she has written!

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Above, Mary Turner, who won the state's environmental trophy for her crusade against toxic pesticides on behalf of the club, gets a rose and a hug from Wini Applegate of Bay Head, state club president, another environmental activist.

### Another attack on the ocean by Washington

Here's some bad, bad news:

The first salvo in a war against our beautiful, clean ocean has just been fired. This is in the form of an attack from power mongers in Washington, D.C. on New Jersey's rights to protect our ocean and coast from federal projects that could result in environmentally destructive activities, such as a return to ocean dumping, sand mining, and horror of horrors, oil exploration.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has proposed devastating changes to regulations in The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that would severely limit states' abilities to review and judge projects or activities impacting their coastal waters or natural resources.

Under present law, coastal states whose coastal resources may be affected by a proposed activity are afforded reasonable opportunities for review of and comment on the proposed activity.

The state can also request additional information. If the state's position is disregarded, the state can appeal the decision and ultimately may sue to stop the activity in court.

The powers that be in Washington are fully aware that coastal states are opposed to oil drilling, and other polluting activities, and they know that the states will fight such activities. This is an effort to make such opposition impossible.

Of one thing I am sure. The residents, and visitors to Long Beach Island and its adjacent communities are very happy with our beautiful clean ocean, for which we have been fighting for many years, and I feel sure that they will take action now to prevent this threat.

Clean Ocean Action and The Garden Club of Long Beach Island suggest that each of us write a short personal letter to NOAA, noting that we strongly object to proposed changes in the CZMA, and want this legislation to remain intact. The address is:

David Kaiser,  
Federal Consistency coordinator,  
Coastal Programs Division,  
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management,  
NOAA,  
1305 East-West Highway,  
11th floor, Silver Spring,  
MD 20910.

It would also be helpful to send a copy of your letter to:

Clean Ocean Action  
PO Box 505,  
Highlands, NJ 07732,  
and  
Gov. Jim McGreevey  
New Jersey State House  
PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ  
08625.

Please do this without delay, as the comment period is over Aug. 25, which is very little time.

The only beneficiaries of these changes are big oil and industry. Are we going to make it easier for them to destroy what we have fought for, for many years? I think not. Get out that typewriter or computer and let the powers-that-be know how you feel.

You can do it.  
We must do it.

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