

Subject: Don't gut the CMZA!  
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Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher

Dear Vice Admiral Lautenbacher,

The proposed changes to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) are ill-conceived and should be abandoned.

The present CMZA has provided much-needed management to coastal areas for 30 years. In that time, population pressure has soared, so now more than ever the precious coastal areas in California and other states need careful management and protection from the short-sighted profit-mongering of the oil and gas industries. These businesses have NO business to be undermining the states' rights to oversee and protect their coastal areas.

The most odious of the proposed changes are those that would:

- exempt from state review certain development activities
- give the Minerals Management Service authority for planning future offshore oil and gas development
- shorten review time lines, which would make it impossible for the states to provide adequate public notice or to receive adequate public comment.
- cut off the states' ability to ask for information from industry, regardless of its importance to informed decision-making.

DON'T sell our precious coastal resources out to extractive industries.

DON'T override the coastal states' rights to oversee and protect their coastal zones.

DO withdraw these proposed CZMA rule changes.

Sincerely,

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