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### **CoastFest: #ProtectOurCoast Family Music & Art Festival**

When: February 11th, 1 – 5 pm

Location: Surfcomber Hotel

#### **Background:**

On Thursday, January 4th, the Department of Interior (DOI) released their plan to lease nearly all US water to offshore drilling, specifically off the coast of Broward, Miami-Dade, and the Florida Keys, in the Straits of Florida. This opens up the coast to Seismic Airgun Blasting and allows oil and gas companies to potentially drill for oil right on our coast.

Offshore drilling near our coast is devastating and has the potential to ruin the entire state, especially those dependent on our oceans. Governor Rick Scott, Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson, as well as the majority of the Florida House of Representatives, have all made statements, opposing offshore drilling in Florida. (see here: <http://floridapolitics.com/archives/52876-rick-scott-donald-trump-odds-offshore-oil-drilling> )

This is an extremely time sensitive issue, as the DOI has opened only a 60 day comment period and it is the opportunity the public has at shutting this proposal down.

Secretary Zinke announced that after a sole conversation with Gov. Scott, he has decided to take FL out of the Oil and Lease Plan (DPP). While many people think this is great news, it only serves to cause more confusion. Not only would Seismic Airgun Blasting (a dangerous and harmful first step to drilling by finding oil deposits) still be allowed off the coast of South Florida, but also we fear this is a smokescreen to allow this to begin with less public awareness.

We cannot let this proceed without making the public aware of what is happening.

**Purpose:** Enlighten South Florida residents on the recent release of the Draft Proposed Program by the Department of Interior and the potential for offshore drilling. These areas include The South Atlantic and at least one in the Florida Straits of Miami. This is a non-partisan, apolitical, issue-focused effort.

- WHAT: CoastFest: Protect our Coast Family Music & Art Festival
- WHO: Expected attendance between 900-1300 People. Coalition of 15+ non-profit organizations, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, coalition of 5 local elected officials. (Mayor Stoddard, Mayor Suarez, Commissioner Ken Russel, Commissioner Daniella LEvine cava, Commissioner Michael G.) more mayors expected to come and participate.
- WHERE: Kimpton Surfcomber South Beach.
- WHEN: Sunday, February 11th 1 pm – 5 pm

- RESULTS: Minimum of 600 public comments submitted, large scale media attention, large public education and public engagement, mobilizing the business community (from local mom and pop shops, to multi-billion dollar hotel chains).

**Event contains three parts:**

- EDUCATION: Local community leaders and elected officials speakers, potential short film screening in background.
- ENGAGEMENT THROUGH ART: Local celebrity musicians, art installations, circus performers all ocean / drilling themed (stilt walkers, fire performers, community dance troupes doing interactive performances).
- OUTREACH: Organizations and business tabling and messaging of this issue affects every single person's life in South Florida.

**Current Coalition members include:**

- OCEANA
- Life is Art
- Surfrider south Florida
- Miami water keepers
- 350 South Florida
- Miami Climate Alliance
- New Florida Majority
- Catalyst Miami
- Florida Immigrant coalition.
- Sachamama
- City of Miami ▪ Commissioner Ken Russell
- City of Miami ▪ Mayor Francis Suarez
- Miami Dade County ▪ Commissioner Daniela Levine-Cava
- City of South Miami ▪ Mayor Stoddard
- Miami Herald
- WLRN
- Radio La Poderosa
- Miami New Times
- New Tropic
- SunSentinel

**Partner Engagement:**

- We are inviting you to be a major partner of CoastFest and the #ProtectOurCoast effort to help raise awareness of this important issue. If you are interested, please contact us so that we can discuss your goals and vision, get your input, answer any of your questions, and discuss how best you can engage with this project. Time is of the essence, so we ask that you give this urgent consideration and contact us as soon as possible. We can turn this around, but only together!

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