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The Honorable Gerry E. Studds
Chairman
Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife
Conservation and the Environment
Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

A former member of ARCO's Prudhoe Bay Management Group has become aware of your written requests to Mr. Dalthorp, Mr. Archie Hardy and Mr. Carl Faust. As part of ARCO's North Slope operating team he attended numerous Management Meetings, commencing in the early 80's, at which the Crude Oil Topping Unit (COTU) problems were extensively discussed. The gentleman states that the problems of particular interest to you and Chairman George Miller were:

1. Continuing fuel tank leaks and the resultant significant fuel losses disappearing into the gravel pad.
2. Misuse of bolted water tanks to store diesel and the associated continuing fuel leaks.
3. The Prudhoe Field Managers and the senior Alaska ARCO Officials were well aware that these uncontrolled losses were disappearing into the gravel pad.
4. The Management was extremely tight-fisted with the funds required to rectify and prevent these and other similar problems. In fact EXXON at times appeared to be even more frugal than ARCO in denying and delaying fund approvals required for proper maintenance, prevention of environmental damage and safety.
5. For example, ARCO/EXXON Management sold their COTU produced diesel into the North Slope market place from Husky Oil's Naval Petroleum Reserve sites to the Flaxman and Gull Island Drilling Operators. It was imperative for Management that all means of storage be pressed into service such as the COTU's bolted water tanks without incurring the expense of installing proper storage, loading and distribution facilities.

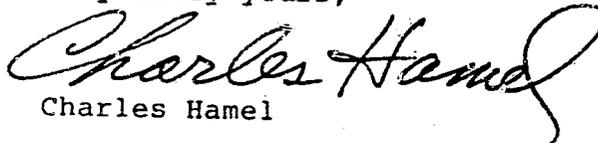
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a) Additionally, ARCO pressed into diesel storage service three 10,000 barrel crude SLOP tanks, one at each of its Flow Station facilities processing crude for the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). This negated the design and operational requirements wherein one tank was required to divert "dirty" crude (high in water content and contaminants) back through the treater system to separate out the water and impurities -- while the second tank was required to hold crude in reserve to release into the TAPS when necessary at day's end to make up for daily production shortfalls. With the one tank blocked off for diesel storage at each Flow Station the second was making up shortfalls into the TAPS with whatever (dirty or clean) crude it contained. For years these circumstances prevented proper operation of each Flow Station and often provided no possibility of diverting identified "dirty" crude from flowing directly into the TAPS.

6. In the mid 1980's personnel reporting to this gentleman advised that they witnessed accumulations of oil in holes bored into the COTU pad for construction purposes.

The gentleman is reluctant to have his name released at this time. He agrees to be interviewed by you or your designated Committee Investigator on these matters and other matters concerning ARCO's questionable operations at Prudhoe during the years of his employment on the North Slope. Also, he is willing to testify to the above in public should you hold Hearings.

Very truly yours,


Charles Hamel

Copy as requested to:

The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources

Battle rages on between Alyeska, environmentalists

By PATTI EPLER
Daily News reporter

Since 1984, government officials have been investigating allegations of widespread environmental pollution by Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., the consortium of eight oil companies that operates the trans-Alaska pipeline and the oil shipping terminal in Valdez.

State and federal environmental officials, lawyers and even congressional investigators have looked for excessive water in the crude oil, excessive crude oil in the water of Port Valdez, tankerloads of chemical waste being shipped up from the Lower 48 barrels of hazardous waste being pumped into the pipeline and toxic hydrocarbons in the air from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

The investigators have spent tens of thousands of dollars on the investigation, and Alyeska has said it has spent more than \$10 million to answer questions raised by the government.

Now, more than three years later, the Alyeska affair is still not over. If anything, a proposed new environmental permit for the Valdez facility has prompted an escalation of the squabble over potential environmental harm.

Moreover, the national environmental battle over oil development in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — hundreds of miles from Valdez — has focused the attention of influential environmental groups in Alaska. For years, the



Charles Hamel

Daily News file photo

The Alyeska affair began in about March 1985. A Virginia oil broker named Charles Hamel captured headlines when he filed a complaint with the Alaska Public Utilities Commission charging Alyeska with selling watered-down oil. Hamel blamed the oil companies for the loss of millions of dollars on a crude oil deal he was engineering and for the loss of his lucrative brokerage business.

Since then, Hamel has been the driving force behind most of the allegations against Alyeska. He readily admits he wants the oil companies to reimburse him for the \$12 million or so he thinks he is owed. Until that happens, Hamel says, he will continue to call on his growing network of Alyeska employees and oil industry sources to feed to government authorities what he believes is evidence of environmental wrongdoing by Alyeska.

The APJC still has not ruled on whether there is excessive water in the oil that comes down the pipeline from the North Slope. The administrative law judge who heard days of testimony in 1985 has given birth to two babies since then but has yet to issue a written decision for the full commission to consider.

Soon after the APUC hearings, Hamel launched an attack on the way Alyeska handled oily ballast water brought to Valdez on tankers from the Lower 48. He said

the company's ballast water treatment plant was not working, that tons of oily sludge and other pollutants were being discharged into Port Valdez.

It has taken the federal Environmental Protection Agency and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation the last three years to sort out those claims. About two years ago, the EPA found that Alyeska had violated its permit and that the plant was not operating as well as anticipated. EPA ordered the company to make substantial changes to the treatment system.

Then the EPA set to work on a new environmental permit for the plant, a permit that the agency promises will address all other environmental concerns.

Jax Hastings, the EPA official working on the permit, said last week the final version is still weeks, perhaps months, away.

The DEC, which must approve the permit, already has expressed concern over the permit and the new treatment method put in place by Alyeska. The state doesn't think the plant as it now stands has the capacity to handle all the wastewater that is run through it when oil production is as high as it is now — more than 2 million barrels a day.

DEC wants Alyeska to build more storage tanks and holding ponds so the wastewater will have more time to be cleansed before it is emptied into the port. And DEC officials have indicated they won't sign off on the environmental permit unless their concerns are addressed.

Alyeska, for its part, has threatened to slow the flow of crude oil from the North Slope — which would cut into the state's treasury as well as the oil companies' — before it will build expensive new facilities.

While EPA and DEC have been addressing the first question of environmental pollution in Port Valdez, Hamel has turned up the heat on Alyeska, its owner companies and other firms connected to the pipeline company in other ways.

Just last week, EPA proposed a \$90,000 fine against one of Hamel's targets — MAPCO Alaska Petroleum Inc. — for mishandling hazardous waste. Hamel had alleged MAPCO was endangering the pipeline by putting hazardous waste into it.

A few months ago, Hamel went to Congress with more allegations, this time that a "vapor recovery system" designed to capture toxic hydrocarbon vapors at pump stations along the pipeline and at the Valdez terminal had been dismantled. Thou-

sands of tons of pollutants are being vented into the air, Hamel said.

Hamel claims the dismantling of the vapor system violates promises the oil companies made to Congress more than a decade ago when Congress approved the construction of the pipeline.

Environmental groups opposing ANWR development have jumped on that allegation saying it shows the oil companies can't be trusted to protect the arctic environment. A flurry of letters from conservation organizations to the Senate Energy Committee recently asked the committee to hold off a decision on ANWR development until the Alyeska allegations could be investigated more thoroughly.

Last week, however, the committee voted 10-8 to continue working on the bill with the majority leaning toward allowing development.

DEC officials have taken the lead on investigating air pollution allegations. They have said they are not satisfied with answers Alyeska has given them so far and are continuing to pursue the matter.

"It's been seven years since I've been on this thing and I'm not giving up," said Hamel, who has now turned part of his attention to a new business venture — selling sophisticated computer software. "I want the truth to get out."

THE TIMES

Australia Changing After 200 Years

LONDON, Jan. 25 — Since arrival of the first cargo of British convicts to Australia 200 years ago the Australians have overcome extraordinary privations to build a productive, adaptive and stable society.

Flexibility will continue to be the key word for Australia as the world moves into the 21st century. The downturn in the world economy has seen a withdrawal of foreign capital. To restore economic growth and living standards, the nation will need to improve its standard of education and encourage an innovative society more likely to succeed in world markets.

Australia is already adjusting to a new geopolitical reality. Just as the United Kingdom turned its back on the traditional ties to embrace its European neighbors, Australia is now coming to the realization its future is in the Pacific.

The danger for Australia is that it will react to the new conditions too slowly. New Zealand has done more to deregulate its economy than its larger neighbor has even attempted. Perhaps it is too dependent on the hope that agriculture or a new rush for minerals will haul it out of trouble.

It is hard, of course, for the mother country to make that particular criticism of its child. She suffered in much the same way herself. The problem may be hereditary. Its identification should not prevent the best of birthday wishes.

ASIAWEEK

The United States' Crude Oil Hypocrisy

HONG KONG, Jan. 15 — No one noticed — or hardly anyone — when, a few weeks ago, a rather special tanker docked in the Republic of China on Taiwan. On board were 400,000 barrels of crude petroleum. The noteworthy thing about the sticky black cargo was its source: the United States.

For many Americans the idea of exporting petroleum is rather unsettling, but if they are able to get used to the idea, it could swiftly do away with one of the crudest hypocrisies in international commerce. The nation that constantly berates others for restricting ex-

ports and imports is itself a big offender. For reasons of "self-sufficiency" — the same argument used by Japan's farm lobby — Washington embargoes resources under the nobler sounding banner of "energy independence."

Gasoline shortages are old memories; handwringing over foreign energy dependence is a worn-out political theme. That the issue survives at all is no doing of the U.S. oil industry, much less of consumers.

The ban is testimony to the political power of U.S. maritime unions. Transporting oil from Alaska to the lower 48 states is about the only thing American seamen have left going for them.

It has always made sound economic sense to sell Alaskan oil to East Asia rather than shipping it down the length of North America, through Panama and up the East Coast.

Seeing that every 100,000 barrels exported reduces the trade deficit by a billion dollars and that production is about 2 million barrels a day, the sale of Alaskan oil in Asia would help restore balance to the huge U.S. trade deficit. But before Americans start entertaining visions of a \$20 billion windfall, it should be remembered that half the crude is refined for the U.S. West Coast market. And Japan, wary of embargoes, says it would take no more than 200,000 barrels if allowed to import.

Though the deficit-reducing angle may be exaggerated, the principle remains. A nation that complains of trade barriers should be lowering its own.

WEST AFRICA

Official Urges Focus on Facts of Life

LAGOS, Nigeria, Jan. 18 — Mr. Kofi Totobi Quakyi, [Ghana's] secretary for information, has asked workers to focus on the hard and often bitter facts and realities of life, bearing in mind that the consequence of managements of certain state enterprises conceding to irrational workers' demands in the past was the price Ghanaians have paid in stiff adjustment policies.

He cautioned them against vain criticism of managements without a full appreciation of the issues and urged workers to obtain and read material on national economic issues to keep informed so that any criticisms they might come up with would not be imaginary, but related to the issues at stake.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

Christian Democrats Fear U.S. Betrayal

MUNICH, West Germany, Jan. 22 — A tense debate over strategy has taken hold in this country with the release of a report ["Discriminate Deterrence"] about the development of U.S. strategy in the next 20 years, by an American expert commission.

The contents of the report mirror the prevailing view of the American strategic community: that the United States must not concentrate on any one particular conflict region, in particular Europe.

The consideration of using "smaller" nuclear weapons as "instruments to deny success to an attacking power" has long been the standard repertoire of this mode of thinking.

The paper has thrown many conservative strategists in West Germany into a fiery fluster. (The few leftist strategic critics, however, see themselves confirmed in their position.)

[State Secretary Lothar] Ruelh warned against the concept of a "limited nuclear war in Europe." [Bundestag member] Alfred Dregger fears a breakup of the "deterrence alliance," and the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the "covert" organ for the government's security policies, is raging daily over the study.

What not so long ago was meant by the label "anti-American" has suddenly taken on new meaning. The reason for this [anti-American] campaign is the fear that America could gradually slither away from Europe.

The policies articulated in the experts' study are not those that were put forth in a recent security report from the [U.S.] president, which had quite a different ring to it.

Nevertheless, the confusion is colossal among the most heated defenders of NATO strategy, especially since the important authors of the study, among them, [Henry A.] Kissinger, [former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Fred C.] Ikle and [former U.S. Defense Department official Albert] Wohlstetter, had until now been quoted often as staunch supporters of the flexible response approach.

How will [the Christian Democratic Union] cope with a friend that has turned its back on them? ■



Gathering Center Flare. ADEC May 25, 1983.

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AIR POLLUTION

Air pollutants generated by oil and gas industry operations on the North Slope include oxides of nitrogen, particulates, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and toxic air pollutants. Discussed below are the major sources and environmental effects of air pollutants on the North Slope, the adequacy of requirements designed to control and monitor pollutant levels and impacts, and compliance problems.

MAJOR SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION

Natural Gas Fired Turbines and Heaters

The primary sources of air emissions from North Slope oil and gas facilities are natural gas-fired turbines and heaters.¹ This equipment is used to supply power to produce and transport oil and gas; to separate gas, oil and water; and to inject gas and water into the subsurface oil reservoir.²

ARCO has compiled an emissions inventory for air pollution sources associated with oil and gas development, primarily turbines and heaters, that have been issued permits by ADEC.³ The results of this inventory are reproduced on the next page.

Corrosion leads to leak

The Associated Press

FAIRBANKS — Corrosion has eaten two more small holes in ARCO Alaska's oil collection system at Prudhoe Bay, and the company will replace 10,000 feet of pipe, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation says.

"Not much leaked out," Brad Fristoe, the DEC's district office manager for the North Slope, said Monday. "In one instance about one barrel of crude oil and four barrels of ... water leaked; in the other, four barrels of crude and about 10 barrels of water leaked."

The pipes gather the oil, water and gas produced at a drill site and carry it to flow stations. A drill site frequently contains several wells.

"Right now, ARCO is looking at replacing about 8,000 feet of one 20-inch-diameter flow line and about 2,000 feet of another," Fristoe said. But, he said, the two new leaks occurred in a third flow line and more pipe may need replacing.

The leaks occurred east side of the Sag River. Fristoe said all four drill sites on that side of the river will be inspected for corrosion.

Fristoe said there could be a number of causes, ranging from the water or gas to some other factor.

He said it will take ARCO several months to positively identify the cause of the corrosion.

ARCO has had as many as 70 people working to clean up the leaks, Fristoe said

Group disputes permit

Fishermen ask EPA to halt work

By PATTI EPLER 1-13-88
Daily News reporter

A Cordova commercial fishermen's group has asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to suspend work on a new permit for the Valdez oil-shipping terminal.

The Cordova District Fishermen United is concerned that studies done for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. by a private consulting firm — studies on which EPA is basing the new permit — are scientifically unsound and possibly were prepared illegally.

At the same time, the fishermen have asked the state Department of Environmental Conservation to hire Ihor Lysyj, a highly regarded California chemist, to review numerous pollution-control studies prepared for Alyeska by Woodward-Clyde Consultants, a worldwide environmental consulting firm.

The fishermen said it was Lysyj's methodology Woodward-Clyde used in conducting tests of a new treatment technology, that Lysyj is a recognized expert in wastewater treatment methods and that he has conducted several previous studies of the Alyeska plant for both DEC and EPA.

Additionally, the CDFU noted that Woodward-Clyde is being investigated by the state for practicing chemical engineering in Alaska without a license.

"If Woodward-Clyde overlooked the appropriate legal channels to conduct business within the state, we are concerned they may have overlooked the appropriate scientific protocol as well," said Fredericka Ott, a CDFU board member, in a Jan. 6 letter to EPA.

DEC officials said they had

EPA: Fishermen want permit work to be suspended

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not reviewed the letter and EPA officials could not be reached Tuesday.

State commerce officials, who conducted the Woodward-Clyde investigation, have turned their findings over to the attorney general's office for review and would not comment on the case, saying it is an ongoing investigation.

Bill Pyle, Woodward-Clyde's Alaska manager, was hesitant to talk about the allegations until the state has finished its investigation.

But, he said, the company doesn't believe it violated licensing regulations because the work it did for Alyeska is considered environmental engineering, which the company is licensed for, and not chemical engineering.

"The people on the project were extremely well-qualified to do the work," Pyle said.

EPA has been investigating environmental pollution at Alyeska's ballast water treatment facility in Valdez for nearly three years. The agency is working on a final version of an environmental permit that governs the discharge of oily wastewater into Port Valdez water that has been carried on tankers as ballast and must be cleaned before it can be emptied into the port.

Last year, Alyeska began using what the company says is an improved treatment method, a biological oxidation process in which bacteria essentially eat the hydrocarbons out of the wastewater, according to environmental officials.

The treatment method was started after laboratory tests by Woodward-Clyde showed the method would remove substantially more hydrocarbons.

But the fishermen, citing comments from a University of Alaska scientist and a DEC chemist, say the Woodward-Clyde study is being "contested by the scientific community."

The long-overdue environmental permit is too important to the safety of the marine ecosystem for EPA to fashion the permit without a sound scientific review of the study, the fishermen said.

Ott, a scientist who specializes in oil pollution, said Don Button, a microbiologist with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and David Knuth of DEC challenge the scientific soundness of the tests.

"To me, it is a gross oversight on the part of the regulatory agencies to base a permit upon data which is hotly contested within the scientific community," Ott wrote to DEC Commissioner Dennis Kelso.

In October, Knuth criticized Woodward-Clyde's report on the effectiveness of biological treatment, saying the company reached incorrect conclusions through the use of poor scientific practices. He suggested the toxic hydrocarbons might simply be going into the atmosphere or absorbed by rubber stoppers used in the laboratory studies.

Button has written several letters to EPA about the biological treatment process touted by Alyeska and Woodward-Clyde. Generally, he challenges the effectiveness of the treatment method because bacteria doesn't grow well in cold water. Button also has suggested the toxic compounds might be simply going into the air or being turned into more lethal substances by the treatment method.

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What's News—

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Business and Finance

Mapco Inc. is being investigated by Congress and the EPA on charges its refinery has put hazardous wastes into the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

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Congress, EPA Investigate Charges Against Mapco Inc.

By ROBERT E. TAYLOR
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
WASHINGTON—Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency are investigating charges that a Mapco Inc. refinery near Fairbanks, Alaska has been injecting a trickle of hazardous wastes into the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

Charles Hamel, an oil broker from Alexandria, Va., has charged that the plant injected more than 100 barrels of chemicals, some labeled as hazardous waste or acid, from January to March. He also has said that acidic solutions from a refinery process were pumped into the line.

Mr. Hamel contends that the waste could corrode the pipeline, damage refineries downstream or pollute Prince William Sound near the pipeline terminal at Valdez, Alaska. But neither Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., which operates the pipeline for eight major oil companies, nor West Coast refineries using Alaskan crude, have reported any problems. The Alaska Division of Oil and Gas said that even if the chemicals were injected, they would be so diluted that the pipeline wouldn't be damaged.

Still, the EPA and Congress' General Accounting Office are trying to determine whether waste disposal laws were violated. But Al Ewing, head of the EPA's Anchorage, Alaska, office, said putting hazardous wastes in the pipeline may not violate federal law. He said the agency probably would find minor violations, but nothing "catastrophic."

Ronald Hagen of Fairbanks, Alaska, a former employee of the refinery, said he saw barrels from the plant's storage area being emptied into a tank—the contents of which are discharged into the pipeline. But he said he didn't know what was in the barrels. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D., Ohio), who requested the GAO probe, said another former plant employee claims to have been fired for cooperating with federal investigators.

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In Tulsa, Okla., David Leslie, Mapco's vice president for public affairs, said that the refinery, which is in North Pole, Alaska, is authorized to withdraw crude oil from the pipeline for its refinery operation and to return elements of the oil that it can't sell locally. He said the refinery doesn't generate any toxic waste and hasn't pumped any into the pipeline.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, responding to Mr. Hamel's charges, audited the plant on March 5 for the EPA. Larry Dietrick, head of the EPA's Fairbanks office, said the agency will have to make "some very close calls" in deciding if a violation occurred. An EPA official said the agency recently requested more information from Mapco, and expects to reach conclusions in June.

H.E. Bond, president of Arco Transportation Co., a division of Atlantic Richfield Co., a part-owner of the pipeline, initially said that if true, actions alleged by Mr. Hamel "are likely to endanger human lives and cause harm to the environment and to important facilities."

But Arco and the pipeline reported that they found no hazardous wastes in the nearly two million barrels of crude oil arriving daily in Valdez. John Ratterman, manager of public affairs for the pipeline, said that—based on talks with Mapco—"we have no reason to believe that there's anything at all to the allegations."

The Mendocino Land Trust Inc.

Established 1976

Post Office Box 1094
Mendocino, California 95460

October 26, 1988

California State Lands Commission
Crown Hall
Mendocino, California

Dear Commissioners,

The Mendocino Land Trust wishes to state its support for a decision by the California State Lands Commission to establish a sanctuary in the coastal waters of Mendocino and Humboldt counties which would prohibit offshore oil and gas leasing and development in those waters.

The goal of the Land Trust is to "protect and enhance natural areas, open space, coastal and river accesses as well as productive agricultural lands....to help maintain the unique character and quality of life of our county. To provide citizens with opportunities for scenic, recreational and educational enjoyment in the county."

The impact of offshore oil projects with attendant onshore facilities are diametrically opposed to the purpose of the Land Trust. For the benefit of future generations we urge you to establish the sanctuary.

Sincerely,



Betty Barber
President



Conservation Call, Inc.

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P. O. Box 87 Sea Ranch, CA 95497 (707) 785-2248

October 26, 1988

State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Gentlemen:

We strongly endorse the Commission's proposal to establish an oil and gas leasing sanctuary covering the state tide lands within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. This is particularly gratifying, because Governor Deukmejian recently vetoed similar protective legislation authored by State Senator Barry Keene.

We commend the Commission and hope that similar sanctuaries can be eventually be established in all the coastal areas threatened with oil and gas leasing from Sonoma County all the way down to San Diego County.

Sincerely,

Roscoe A. Poland

Roscoe A. Poland
Director

As we save the natural world, we also save ourselves.

OCEAN SANCTUARY -- An idea whose time has come!

Our oceans are in a state of crisis; we can't delay their protection any longer. Every day, in almost every major newspaper in the United States, there is another story about ocean pollution - caused by oil spills, by dumping of medical wastes, by dumping of sewage or by toxic runoffs. The problem grows larger every day.

And the problem is not ours alone. Almost every country in the world faces problems of ocean pollution. People all over the world are realizing that something must be done, and it must be done quickly.

Here in the small town of Mendocino the grassroots concept of Ocean Sanctuary was born. Ocean Sanctuary is based on the conviction that the oceans belong to everyone and must be permanently protected from exploitation and pollution.

We need Ocean Sanctuary to preserve our oceans as the national treasures they are, just like the Grand Canyon and Yosemite. We need Ocean Sanctuary to protect and enhance environmentally sound commercial uses of the sea.

We need Ocean Sanctuary to assure us that there will be no further offshore oil drilling. The Greenhouse Effect has been recognized as a potentially devastating force to our economy and our environment. The Greenhouse Effect is accelerated by burning fossil fuels. This is the time to be looking for alternative fuels that are safe, non-polluting and renewable. This is not the time to speed up the process of offshore oil leasing.

We need Ocean Sanctuary to protect a major source of food and oxygen for the planet. People everywhere are concerned about the destruction of the rain forests and the resulting loss of oxygen that would occur. Yet the plankton in our oceans are what create up to 70% of the free oxygen that we breathe. Can we afford to allow pollution to destroy this fragile ecosystem?

We need Ocean Sanctuary to assure us that there will be no dumping or burning of toxic wastes and chemicals. We can't let medical and toxic wastes replace driftwood and seashells. *... on beaches*

Once the delicate balance of life in our oceans has been upset by the inevitable oil spills, air pollution, noise and other products of industrialization, our coasts will be gone forever.

This must not happen. This does not need to happen. The solution starts right here, today, in the town of Mendocino. The answer is OCEAN SANCTUARY.

OCEAN SANCTUARY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 498, Mendocino, CA 95460

NIKE ALTERMAN

10-26-88

State Lands Commission
Leo McCarthy
Gray Davis

Re: Ocean Sanctuary in State Waters

From: Valerie Hansen, a resident
speaking as an individual

In favor of protection of this coast from offshore oil development on several grounds:

The threats to the ecology:

→ oil spills are obviously the most dramatic danger & no estimates were made in the MMS' EIS on potential impacts to our communities locally where impacts would be greatest & which are at highest risk.

→ Loss of marine wildlife, fish & birds, which have more aesthetic & recreational values, from not only oil spills & leakages but also from concentrated industrial activity which development would bring. Infrastructure of that development will result in further loss of habitat.

→ air pollutants are measured in tons even in MMS' EIS....

the threats to the economy:

1986

Tourism brought \$120 1/2 million in direct travel expenditure
(+7%) \approx 2700 jobs
\$ 20 1/2 million in payroll

1985

\approx 113 million / \approx 2700 jobs / \$1.7 mil payroll

1989

~~63 million~~

• If San Jose cannot handle the "Puroto Rico" how can we do better?

Calif. Dept. Commerce

About 90% of the co. bed tax in 1987 was produced on the Coast --- i.e. 90% of the co's No. 1 growth industry is related to the pristine Mando. Coast environment.

\$21 million in abalone taken by sport ~~in~~ 1985 according to Fish & Game ~~and~~ that's just the legal catch! ~~f~~

In 1986 more than 10,000 ^{sport} anglers fished N. Coast ocean waters ~~f~~ ^{from} ~~Mount~~ City to J.B. ~~f~~

About 2 million people use the Mendocino Coasts parks & beaches every year, according to State Park figures --- & more use is requested than can be accommodated!

~~Our Flourishing~~

Our Flourishing arts community --- nationally & internationally recognized --- is largely tourism-dependent.

the threats to economic development:

We are geographically isolated, without developed infrastructure either physically or in labor force, without prime "industrial" ~~land~~ ^{sites} in the traditional sense of industry. Our future growth depends upon small entrepreneurs marketing to other areas resource-based endeavors such as using tan oak for hardwood products, ~~the~~ aquaculture & ocean farming,

→ ~~more~~ more local processing of our local products, and
, I believe, ~~we~~

~~we are~~ overstepping even light manufacturing
development to move directly into the information
age of electronic transfers & production. For that,
we are ideal — our isolation &
our natural, unspoiled beauty
are very conducive to creativity, ~~and~~
concentration
individual productivity.

This is not only my belief — the county used the
first of its Rural Renaissance funds to commission a
study by an independent firm
that said practically the same thing!

... the point is that we need our pristine environment
as our base for our future diversification & quality
development. (If want to apply any this to Greenhouse
Effect ... I think some could be said of the whole world!)

I also believe that many of the govt. & industry arguments
for off shore development are specious on the grounds that:

→ Alternative sources of energy can & should be developed

→ We have no "domestic oil industry" in the true
sense of the word & we will see more amalgamation
of U.S. & foreign firms as producers realize
they need to control pump & other final market
prices.

→ Oil prices are a result of ^(global) political & financial
factors — not supply. There is a glut of supply!

The U.S. has wells capped & shale oil recovery programs on hold [P.S. ask Utah & Colorado what believing oil development promises has done for them.]
because we can import oil cheaper than we can produce it — & we have loaned such huge sums to foreign oil producers we must now buy their oil so they can afford to ~~pay~~ ^{meet the interest on} our loans or we'll all go bankrupt!

The cost to the taxpayers of U.S. efforts to protect Mid-East oil are tremendous — in the fall of 1987 they were \$20 million a month! This is in addition to the subsidies granted by our national government in the form of tax breaks granted for oil-related R&D.

... but most of oil we protected in the Persian Gulf went to Japan & Europe!

There are other facets to the global oil market — all of them about as crazy as these — & I have written your office ~~about~~ about them so I will end now &

thank you for being here & being concerned.

California Lands Commission
October 28, 1988

My name is Herb Lobell. I am a member of the Mendocino County Democratic Central Committee and a member of the State Executive board. Two years ago the County Central Committee asked us to take the following resolution to the Democratic State Convention.

WHEREAS, THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA is a place of rare beauty, a national treasure that is visited by millions of people each year from this country and those from foreign lands; and that the well being, health, and livelihood of coastal residents depend upon the the integrity of the marine environment.

WHEREAS, THE PACIFIC OCEAN OFF CALIFORNIA is currently threatened by oil exploration and drilling, deep sea strip mining, and the dumping and burning of toxic wastes and that any of these activities would irreparably damage the marine environment.

WHEREAS, AS CALIFORNIANS, it is necessary that we accept the responsibility and take the initiative to protect this national treasure; and noting that coastal city and county governments, the California Legislature, the Democratic Party, California commercial and sport fishing industries, a broad spectrum of business and community groups, and the great majority of Californians, are all on record as opposing offshore oil development and support permanent protection for California's coastal and marine environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party endorse and support (the principles of) Congresswoman Barbara Boxer's California Ocean Sanctuary Act that will create a zone of permanent protection off the coast of California in areas that are not already developed; that will prohibit the extraction of fossil fuel, the dumping and burning of toxic waste, and will prohibit deep sea strip mining; assure the protection of the marine environment; and protect commercial and sport fishing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the California Democratic Party requests that the Democratic National Committee support and endorse Congresswoman Boxer's California Ocean Sanctuary Act.

Resolution submitted by the Mendocino County
Democratic Central Committee

It was adopted by the State Party and placed on the Democratic State Platform. Earlier this year this resolution was taken to the National Convention and became part of the Platform of the National Democratic Party. I am proud to say that both the Democratic candidate for President and the Democratic candidate for United States Senate has made commitments to implement these Ocean Sanctuary resolutions.

There were bills submitted in the last session of the House and Senate and will be resubmitted at the coming session. An Ocean Sanctuary bill was passed in the State Assembly and Senate and unfortunately vetoed by the Governor. Ocean Sanctuary is no longer a partisan issue as I am sure people from the other side will testify to later this morning. The idea of an Ocean Sanctuary, which started on this isolated, rugged coast, and carried forth by a small, rural County in Northern California has become a national crusade.

Gentlemen, you have a wonderful opportunity today to create an Ocean Sanctuary in State waters, and we Democrats promise this....that the Democratic Representatives in the House, Senate, and White House, will extend that Sanctuary another 197 miles into Federal waters.

Herb Holcomb
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P. O. Box 1117
Quakola, CA 95445
October 26, 1988

The California State Lands Commission
Sanctuary Meeting
1807 Thirteenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95184

Dear Sirs,

I am a 51 year old woman who learned to scuba dive four years ago. I've dived for two weeks on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia; I've dived Little Cayman in the Caribbean; I've dived Fiji; I've done many multi-day boat trips to the Channel Islands of California.

Last week, on October 17, I dived in Mendocino County for the first time, by charter boat out of Point Arena. Spectacular! As beautiful and colorful as any dive I've done anywhere. Meridium fields, conyamaelia that ~~flourished~~ flourished at 80 feet! You could see the pinks & reds with no artificial light. And the nudibranchs! Such size was incredible. My dive partner - has dived in Truk & the Red Sea. She too was amazed.

D. Bar

The four of us who dived that day have talked of little else since. We want to charter that boat again (all praise to Pat Bellw & Second Semester Cruises) and get back to that reef & find others.

Please help Californians preserve and protect these wonders. I feel that as dive equipment becomes more sophisticated cold water diving will become more comfortable and appeal to a larger group of divers. The marvels I saw will surely live them to our coast.

What a privilege it was to dive that unspoiled reef. Please keep it that way for others and for me.

Ocean Sanctuary Now!

Sincerely,

Janet DeBar

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CA State Lands Com. / Sanctuary
1807 13th St. Mevin
SAC, CA 95814

Hello:

10-21-88

I commend GARY DAVIS
& LEO MCCARTHY for this
very important meeting of
consideration. PLEASE
ESTABLISH AN OIL & GAS
LEASING SANCTUARY ZONE
OFF HUMBOLDT & MENDOCINO
COASTS. OUR COASTLINE
NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED
FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

Thank-you DEZH PAGEN



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Dear Commissioners,
I don't know one person

in favor of off shore
drilling. It would definitely
do more harm than good,
Common sense tells me that.

Yes, we should establish an
oil & gas leasing sanctuary
zone, within Mendocino and
Humboldt county!! P. Taylor-Irish
75 Midway Ct.
Arcata, CA



The California State
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Meeting

1807 13th St,
SAC, CA 95814

COASTAL MAJESTY
Clearing fog reveals chunky islands topped by firs in this
picture typical of the Northern California and Southern
Oregon Coasts.

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We need to keep our fishing
industry & our tourist industry
& our beaches for our children.
We could lose it all for our
with off shore drilling - gain
so little!

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The Calif. State Lands Commission /
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1807 13th St.
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Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to create a Sanctuary within the three-mile limit along the Humboldt + Mendocino county coasts. It is a start toward protecting our ocean! I do NOT understand how Deukmejian and the Reagan administration continue to be so unconcerned about our wishes to protect the ocean + coast from oil damage! Thank-you for considering the Sanctuary issue to be of importance!

Sincerely,
Lester B. Hunt

P.O. Box 345

Little River, CA 95456

October 21, 1988

California State Lands Commission
1807 Thirteenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Ray Davis, Chairman

The state Lands Commission's
decision to consider extending
"sanctuary" against oil and gas
drilling in state controlled waters
off Mendocino and Humboldt Counties
is to be commended very highly.
I strongly support the extension
thereby protecting the entire coast
north of Santa Barbara. It surprised
me that two of the counties with
uniquely majestic sections of the
California coast are not protected
while others are.

I was thoroughly discouraged when Gov. Deukmejian vetoed AB 284 after it was passed by the legislature. It hardly seemed possible that the will of those who represent Cal. voters could be ignored.

Why destroy some of the loveliest sections of the California coast standing for oil when the use of petroleum products may damage the world's climate, when the drilling for & extraction of oil may destroy the ecological balance needed for ocean productivity and when new sources of energy need to be developed?

Keep up the good work and extend the sanctuaries to Mendocino and Humboldt Counties' coastlines.

Sincerely,

Theriam Brownson

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October 21, 1988

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Mr. Gray Davis, Chairman
State Lands Commission/Sanctuary Meeting
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Davis:

I support the creation of an oil and gas leasing sanctuary zone in state waters within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. Such a sanctuary exists elsewhere in California, and I believe this has been beneficial to local communities.

Sincerely,

EVELYN DELANY
Supervisor, District 3

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Gregory K. Beard
1291 Anina
Arcata, Ca. 95521

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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

10-18-88

Dear State Lands Commission;

I am writing to address the consideration of an offshore oil and gas leasing sanctuary zone. I am in full support of preserving the state-owned tide and submerged lands as a non-drilling zones. Also, I might say, that I am in support of cancelling lease sale 91 and establishing it as a sanctuary for non-oil and gas exploration.

The ocean off of the coast of California is a large diverse world that should be appreciated for its beauty and diversity in its pristine state. Drilling or exploration would bring about toxics that are lethal to many species in even the most minute traces. We need to protect this as one of the last unmanipulated resource bases remaining. As it is we already are dumping enough unmonitored toxics that have an unknown impact on its environment and ecosystems.

We need to learn from our previous mistakes where drilling is concerned. Our government needs to increase advocacy of a national energy policy and spend less time looking for detrimental fossil fuels. Support the ocean sanctuary.

Thank you.

Gregory K. Beard

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68 Metsko Lane
Trinidad, CA 95570
October 19, 1988

~~STATE LANDS COMMISSION~~

State Lands Commission/Sanctuary Meeting
1807-13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Special meeting for consideration to
establish an oil and gas lease
sanctuary zone in State waters within
Humboldt and Mendocino Counties

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for holding a special meeting in a very special place along our spectacular northern California coast.

Please include the following personal views as part of the formal record of the October 26, 1988 meeting in Mendocino.

As a native Californian (born in the old Hanley Hospital on West Cliff Drive overlooking Monterey Bay at Santa Cruz) I have always considered it a privilege to live near - and enjoy - our ocean waters and rugged coastline for the greater part of my 70 years.

Coastal living and the "pursuit of happiness" in many recreational forms was part of my growing up. A move northward 35 years ago gave me an opportunity to know the northern coastal areas from Sonoma County north to the Oregon border. Presently my husband and I reside above the very popular Moonstone Beach, the northern extension of a long coastal stretch from the Mad River to Little River, which includes Clam Beach County Park and Little River State Beach. Thousands of residents and visitors enjoy this area, plus many nearby so-called pocket beaches along Scenic Drive between Moonstone Beach and Trinidad Bay.

When lease sale 91 was announced as a possibility down the line local residents learned that all our coastal areas and coastal views were threatened with intrusions; that oil platforms could be located just 3 miles off shore in federal waters. Personally, our view would be directly toward an oil rig - or two - if that sale became operational. Along this same stretch of coast we can witness the ~~great~~ California gray whale migration - and we are concerned about the impacts that any developments might have on their well-being.

The current threats of exploration/drilling along the Mendocino and Humboldt County coasts within the Commission's jurisdiction are simply not acceptable. These coastlines are precious and should remain uncluttered. They are certainly precious to us in the late years of our lives, since beach activities now are mostly walking, beachcombing and photographing.

We do not believe that developments resulting from any oil exploration/drilling are compatible with the uses we see on the popular beach fronts. No beach user wishes to encounter oil globs from an accidental oil spill. Here we see the current crop of young people with surf boards, boogie boards, kayaks, sailboats and wind surfers, horseback riders, frisbee players, fishermen, picnickers -----the list could go on and on. I doubt that visits to the beach and other coastal areas would be a pleasurable experience--not with the lurking threat so visible off shore.

What we need is a good conservation/energy policy, not a messed up coastline.

We urge the Commission to approve establishment of a Marine Sanctuary Zone along the Mendocino and Humboldt County coastlines within State waters. This would help allay our fears.

Thank you for considering these views. The decision is yours to provide protection to an unspoiled natural heritage --our coastlines.

Sincerely,



Lucille and
William C. Vinyard

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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

California State Lands Commission/
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1807 13th Street
Sacramento CA 95814

October 19, 1988

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many reasons for establishing a marine sanctuary along the Humboldt and Mendocino Counties' coasts. But they all come to the same thing: **we need our shrinking pristine coastal areas at the same time that we need less oil.** Because our counties are sparsely populated it has been difficult for us to oppose the rich and powerful interests that would like to extract dollars from any and every source. Yet a relatively small number of activists (but a large percentage of the population) has kept the petrochemicals industry at bay year after year. We need to protect these off-shore lands permanently. It is time to free these dedicated people so they can spend their time, energy and money on other projects.

The deteriorating global climate is caused in part by the burning of fossil fuels resulting in an increase of atmospheric CO2. We are already witnessing extremes of heat and cold, wet and dry -with loss of crops; it will get worse. In California we have watched our dry forests burn.

We need to conserve energy. In Worldwatch paper #84, "Rethinking the Role of the Automobile", Michel Renner says, "The major barrier to high fuel economy is not technological but political: How can corporations and motorists be persuaded to produce and use less fuel-thirsty vehicles? Left to their own devices, both industry and consumers will enjoy the free ride afforded by low fuel prices and will neglect fuel economy. Governments need to adopt a strong framework -a set of new standards and taxes -to boost fuel efficiency." And they need to make valuable coast lands unavailable to oil

development.

Most of this country's hazardous waste is generated by the petrochemicals industry. Polluted air, water and soil is having serious effects upon the health of plants, animals and humans. I work daily with people like myself who have environmental illness - who have been poisoned by products and materials made from petroleum. For an excellent assessment of the problem and this illness see the San Francisco Chronicle's series by Elliot Diringer beginning October 17th.

Many environmentally ill people live here on the northern California coast where the air is still relatively pristine. Six or seven are living at this moment on a stretch of coast between Trinidad and Big Lagoon - very few miles. Our health improves here. We are good neighbors: we eat organic food, encouraging non-chemical farming. We live modestly on the land, respecting its beauty and consuming few of its resources. Our numbers are growing; you or someone you love may soon become ill and need the clean air we have managed to preserve here.

Wherever the petrochemicals industry has established itself it has left behind it a trail of devastation: cancer as in Kern County and Louisiana; destruction of valuable coastal wet lands as in Louisiana; financial havoc and sometimes ruin as in Oklahoma, Texas and Mexico; loss of other, sustainable, less destructive industry - again Louisiana.

This is an opportunistic and unscrupulous industry. For seven years Exxon tankers dumped salt water into the Hudson river and took on fresh water which it took for use in its refineries in the West Indies and sold to thirsty islanders - without permission from those who had the rights to the water - and without paying for it.

Humboldt and Mendocino Counties do not have budgets that permit the lawsuits that inevitably occur when cities and counties (and states) must sue (or are sued by) oil companies to

establish jurisdiction over their own lands or to set standards for air and water quality -as happened recently in Santa Barbara.

The supposed need for more oil, for "oil independence" with more and more consumption of our own resources, is a lie. Now, while oil is relatively plentiful and cheap, is the time to learn to conserve what we have, use it more efficiently, develop other sources of energy and give industry the opportunity to devise energy efficient methods of production. If oil is in ever shorter and shorter supply as we are told, all the more reason to use less of it -to make it last.

Clean air and clean water is, on the other hand, already in extremely short supply and vanishing. This is the real problem -and its solution lies in the mining, refining and consumption of less and less oil.

Barbara B. Logan.

Barbara B. Logan
P.O. Box 834
Trinidad, CA 95570



California Chamber of Commerce

October 21, 1988

The Honorable Gray Davis
Controller and Chairman
State Lands Commission
1807 - 13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Davis:

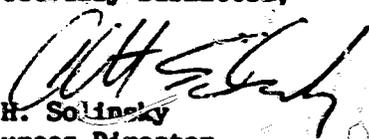
The California Chamber of Commerce requests that the Commission not establish a an oil and gas leasing sanctuary in state tidelands off the coast of Humboldt and Mendocino Counties. The Chamber and numerous other organizations and individuals have participated in hearings throughout the state on the Commission's comprehensive study of offshore development activities and environmental issues.

It would be precipitous of the Commission to short circuit that extensive public involvement by declaring a sanctuary for hundreds of miles of the coast before the comprehensive report is even written.

The Chamber additionally questions the cited statutory references as authority for the proposed sanctuary order. These and other sections of the public resources code do not authorize blanket land withdrawals from lease sales without specific statutory enactment.

The State Lands Commission has a fiduciary duty to manage state tidelands in a prudent manner which includes environmentally sound utilization of the natural resources. Complete withdrawals of large sectors of land from any leasing activity is not prudent particularly when considering the revenue which will be foregone for our public school and college systems.

Respectfully submitted,


C.W.H. Solinsky
Resources Director

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CC: Hon. Leo McCarthy, Member
Hon. Jesse Huff, Member

STATE LANDS COMMISSION

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October 23, 1988

California State Lands Commission
1807-13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commission Members,

I strongly urge you to establish the ocean sanctuary, protecting the waters off Mendocino and Humboldt Counties from oil drilling and exploration.

Too much of California's beauty has been sold to the highest bidder, forever lost to us and to future generations. At some point, some time, some one must say no more.

Please say it now. Thank you.

Sincerely

Karen Wolovton
9057 Oak Avenue
Orangevale, California 95662



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Billie & John Crowley
Cottagers

CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION - SANCTUARY MEETING
1807 Thirteenth Street
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
OCTOBER 24, 1988

DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

PUBLIC INPUT, VERBAL AND WRITTEN, HAS BEEN GROWING AGAINST OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING ALONG THE MENDOCINO AND HUMBOLDT COAST, AS WELL AS OTHER COASTS. YET, PUBLIC INPUT IS CONSTANTLY BEING REQUESTED.

THE FACT REMAINS THE SAME. THERE SHOULD BE NO DRILLING OFF OUR COAST. IT IS TOO UNSPOILED AND TOO BIOLOGICALLY DIVERSE TO TRAMPLE WITH. WE NEED PLACES LIKE THIS TO REMAIN UNSPOILED SO THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE PLACES TO FEEL THEIR PART IN NATURE AND PLACES TO REMAIN UNSPOILED TO REMIND US THIS EARTH IS WORTH PRESERVING.

SANCTUARY IN THE CALIFORNIA WATERS OFF MENDOCINO AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT STEP.

DRILLING OFF SHORE IS WRONG BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON FISHING AND TOURISM, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT IS WRONG FOR SOCIETAL AND MORAL REASONS.

Billie R. Crowley John M. Crowley

cc: Repr. Douglas Bosco
Repr. Barbara Boxer
Richard Charter
State Senator Barry Keene
Assemblyman Dan Hauser

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October 21, 1988

Gray Davis, Chairman
The California State Lands Commission
Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy
1807 Thirteenth Street
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

Re: Public Hearing on Proposal to create an
Ocean Sanctuary zone on the Mendocino and
Humboldt coasts.
Wednesday, October 26, 1988
Crown Hall, 1901 Ukiah St.
Mendocino, Calif. 95460

Dear State Controller Davis and
Lt. Governor McCarthy:

We wish to be on record as favoring the
creation of an Ocean Sanctuary Zone in state
waters off the Mendocino and Humboldt coasts to
prohibit oil and gas drilling, mining and the dump-
ing of toxic and nuclear wastes.

Where we have lived as permanent residents
since 1962 is about 8 to 10 miles south of a pro-
posed conglomeration of oil drilling platforms if
Lease Sale 91 is approved under a new administra-
tion in Washington. This is also one of the areas
where Mendocino's pine, fir and redwood forests
grow almost to the shoreline.

One of our concerns is with the possibly
damaging effect on onshore vegetation of emissions
from offshore oil drilling and onshore refining.
For almost a century and a half the Humboldt and
Mendocino coastal areas have been among Califor-
nia's prime timber producers. The Northern Cali-
fornia coast (and a bit of Oregon) is the only
remaining natural habitat of the coastal redwood,
Sequoia sempervirens. Its range extends only about
30 miles inland. The preservation of these trees
in health is far more important than a few days or
a few weeks of oil. They are among the oldest life
forms on Earth.

Thank you.

Fionna Perkins 
Richard H. Perkins





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Richard J. Harris
General Manager
Land Department, Western Region

October 24, 1988

Mr. Gray Davis
Chairman
State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Chevron wishes to express its serious concerns regarding the State Lands Commission's proposal to establish an oil and gas leasing "sanctuary" in State-owned tide and submerged lands in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. At issue in this proposal is not whether the State Lands Commission should or should not lease such lands for nothing is currently compelling the leasing of those lands. The important issue is the process by which the Commission should make such important decisions.

For the past several months, and with major expenditures of resources on workshops, public meetings, and other activities, the Commission has been pursuing development of its California Comprehensive Offshore Resources Study (CCORS). According to numerous statements by the Commission and staff, CCORS is necessary because the Commission needs more and better information to make decisions whether specific oil and gas projects are in the best interest of the State. However, despite the Commission's emphasis on CCORS as a critically important part of the Commission's planning and decision-making process regarding oil and gas activities, the Commission has apparently decided that CCORS is both unnecessary and irrelevant as the Commission rushes to what can only be viewed as a politically-driven decision to establish a leasing "sanctuary". The Commission appears willing to entertain such decision without benefit of the environmental, socio-economic, or energy-related data and information CCORS is intended to provide.

For those of us who are participating constructively in the CCORS process, it is extremely frustrating to see proposals such as this "sanctuary" which indicate that the Commission is ready to prejudge the results of the CCORS. Even more alarming is the indication that CCORS eventual results will be ignored whenever politics might dictate a different result.

We urge the Commission not to approve the sanctuary proposal, but to support and pursue the more rational public policy planning process it has itself initiated in CCORS.

Very truly yours,

KEA:pc

cc: Ms. Claire Dedrick

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DORIS M. JONES
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October 24, 1988

California State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Establishment of a No Oil Drilling Sanctuary in
State Waters off Mendocino and portions of
Humboldt Counties.

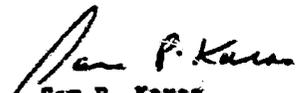
TO: Members of State Land Commission

I am writing to express my strong support that your body should establish a Oil and Gas Leasing Sanctuary Zone in State waters within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. The Sanctuary Zone would cover those areas not presently prohibited under the Public Resources Code.

By your action in establishing such a sanctuary, you would preserve and protect that portion of our beautiful California coastline from the danger of future destruction by oil and gas developments.

It is apparent that over 75% of the citizens of California support such a move on your part. Please take immediate steps to implement this at once.

Sincerely,


Dan P. Karas

SPK/sms

CALIFORNIA
COASTAL
OPERATORS
GROUP

October 24, 1988

Mr. Gray Davis, Chairman
State Lands Commission
1807 13 Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chairman Davis,

Since the inception of the California Comprehensive Offshore Resources Study last year, the California Coastal Operators Group and our Associates organization have participated in good faith at the two workshops (in April) and many of the hearings throughout the state.

We have also worked constructively with local groups in the Santa Barbara area providing input for their response to you as to the approach the study should take.

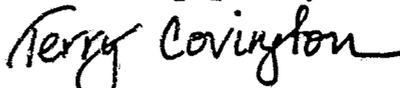
From the beginning, the Commission stated that the purpose of the study was to gather information on oil development in state tidelands so that you could make informed decisions on future leasing and projects in state waters.

It is very disappointing to see that you are ignoring your own stated purpose for the study by proposing to establish an offshore oil and gas leasing sanctuary covering state lands adjacent to Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

The proposed action is counterproductive and merely reinforces the view by many that the study was nothing more than a political tool.

If this is not the case, we urge you to defer any actions on this issue in Mendocino on Wednesday until the CCORS work is complete, and meaningful data is available to make an informative Commission decision. Should you proceed with the sanctuary, it will arbitrarily preclude development of potential oil and gas reserves that are so vital to California and the nation. As Controller, I'm sure you are aware of the significant tax and royalty revenues that accrue to the state from oil and gas production.

Sincerely yours,



Terry Covington

cc: Mr. Leo McCarthy, Lieutenant Governor
Mr. Jesse Huff, Director of Finance
Ms. Claire Dedrick, Executive Officer

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The California State Lands Commission
Sanctuary Meeting
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Gentlemen,

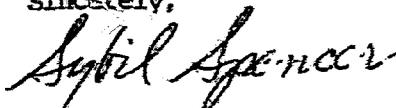
On behalf of myself as editor and publisher of Pacific Coast News and the 2,000 readers, supporters and advertisers of this community newspaper from Stewarts Point north to Manchester:

**OUR VOTE IS YES FOR OCEAN SANCTUARY NOW - WE WANT TO PROHIBIT
OIL AND GAS DRILLING OFF OUR COAST**

Residents and businesses on this coastline are nearly 100% dependent on tourism for our income and livelihood. Preserving the natural beauty and peacefulness of our area ensures our future. Oil and gas drilling threatens to pollute our coastline visually and environmentally. Our marine life already suffers from pollution and we don't want any more.

We enthusiastically support the State Lands Commission proposal to create an ocean sanctuary within State waters along the coastline offshore of Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

Sincerely,



Sybil Spencer
Editor & Publisher

Enclosure

P.S. Please give us more advance notice of your meetings in our area.

Publisher & Editor
Sybil Spencer

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GUALALA, CALIF.

PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM FAVORED

Anticipated opposition fireworks against the old mill site on Gualala Ridge for the proposed public sewer system fizzled due to a shower of praise for the project at Thursday's (9/22) public hearing.

More than 50 people attended the 7 p.m. meeting in Sundstrom Mall.

Marla Lafer of the State Water Quality Board advised that Clean Water Grant funding is still pending for the \$5.66 million project now slated for one of two sites being considered.

Both industrial zoned sites, owned by Gualala Redwoods Company, have been offered to the CSD as a long-term renewable "gift lease" for \$1.00 a month or \$12.00 a year. In Sept. 7, 1988 letters to the CSD, Arnold F. Wallen, Director of Gualala Redwoods Company, offered 40 acres in Mendocino County or 70 acres in Sonoma County for the project.

Lafer, along with Ken Davlin and Rob Roscoe of Oscar Larson & Associates provided updates and fielded questions about the project.

Those who testified before the CSD board unanimously favored a public sewer system including Richard and Marina Welches, owners

please see Page 2

FROM THE GRAPEVINE

Rumor has it that State Assemblyman Dan Hauser plans to visit Gualala in late October.

The Village Cobblery was robbed on Sept. 19 or 20. Owner, Dennis Ranieri said the burglar apparently used a crowbar on the back door, took numerous women's items and the cash register. The loss was estimated at about \$1,000.

Several business owners are discussing the potential need of a part-time Deputy Sheriff for Gualala.

Point Arena is said to have had the highest growth rate of any city last year but

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Point Arena City Council

MOVERS & SHAKERS TAKE ACTION



Point Arena's cable TV, the season's urchin catch, regulating charter boat operations, a new harbor breakwater, repairs to the city wastewater treatment plant and developing a business revolving loan fund topped the agenda at Point Arena's City Council meeting on Tuesday evening, Sept. 27.

Mayor Mary Ann Cardwell called the meeting to order promptly at 7 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Building on School Street. Councilmembers Richard Tanis, Lee Deven's and Anne Newkirk Niven presided along with Mayor Cardwell. Councilman Frank Hughes was absent. Minutes were taken by City Clerk Tracy DuPont.

Ron Wallace provided the cable TV update saying Coast Cable Television would start building this week. "Hopefully," Wallace said, "the whole town should be wired by Nov. 1."

Harbormaster Bill Pettigrew reported a 5½ million pound urchin catch for this season. Last year, Point Arena's catch was ranked third in the state with 4.4 million pounds. (See article P.5).

Rules and regulations of charter boat operations are being formulated by the City Council to establish consistent fees. A \$2 per person or 5% of the gross is currently being considered.

Plans to construct a new harbor breakwater at Arena Cove received a letter of support

please see Page 2



SIERRA CLUB
Redwood Chapter
North Group
POST OFFICE BOX 238
ARCATA, CALIFORNIA 95521
October 18, 1988

The California State Lands Commission
1897 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Commission:

This letter is submitted in support of the proposal to establish an oil and gas leasing Sanctuary Zone in State waters within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. We welcome the Commission's initiative in this matter and urge you to take positive steps to protect these critically-important nearshore areas.

Residents of the northcoast are deeply concerned about Lease Sale 91. Thus, there is strong support for Representatives Boxer and Levine's HR 920 to create a federal Sanctuary off our coast. Sanctuaries in both State and Federal waters will provide the protection this special coastline deserves and must have.

Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely yours,

Susie Van Kirk
Susie Van Kirk,
Chair

McKinleyville, Ca 95521

1500 Dena Dr.,

October 18, 1998

California State Lands Commission

Sanctuary Meeting

1007 13 th. St.,

Sacramento, Ca 95814

Gentlemen:

We are very much in favor of establishing an oil and gas leasing sanctuary zone in state waters within Mendocino and Humboldt counties. We believe the probable damage to the environment and to the local fishing industry substantially outweighs the possibility of discovery of a major fuel source within these waters. And, at some future time, should our need for oil and gas become critical, we can then, perhaps with improved techniques, review this decision.

Sincerely,

Helen D. Whitmore
Robert Whitmore
Helen Whitmore

Robert Whitmore



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

300 FOREST AVENUE
PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA 93950
TELEPHONE (408) 373-1576

October 18, 1988

The California State Lands Commission/
Sanctuary Meeting
1807 - 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Davis and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to establish the oil and gas leasing sanctuary zone within Mendocino and Humboldt counties, as proposed for consideration at your special meeting on October 26, 1988, in Mendocino.

Those of us who live in Pacific Grove are indeed fortunate to have a bit of the California coastline so near our homes. But we are also mindful of our responsibility to work with the State to maintain and preserve this great national asset for the benefit of all Californians.

We are pleased to join with other coastal communities in accepting this responsibility, and we are grateful for the assistance and leadership of the Commission which is so vital to this effort.

Establishment of the proposed sanctuary zone will be another tangible demonstration of the dedication of the Commission to the protection of the California coastal regions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Nunn
City Council

cc: City Manager
Mayor Morris Fisher



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Department of City Planning

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October 19, 1988

Mr. Gray Davis, Chairman
California State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Sanctuary Meeting
October 26, 1988

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, a member of the Central Coast OCS Regional Studies Program, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed "sanctuary zones" covering State tide and submerged lands in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

The risks to the State from offshore oil and gas development are well-known: oil spills, dumping of drilling wastes, air pollutant emissions, threats to marine life and commercial fishing and tourism industries, to name a few. Given the questionable need for the production of more oil and gas resources, we believe that there is an unjustifiable burden of risk which the State would have to bear in the event of oil and gas development off of our coast.

As indicated in the background material which accompanied the meeting notice, the State tide and submerged land areas off of the central California county coasts are already designated as "sanctuary zones". Nevertheless, the potential harmful effects of oil and gas exploration and development do not respect county lines. We therefore believe that it is important that the lands off of Mendocino and Humboldt Counties be afforded the same protection.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your proposal.

Sincerely,

Barbara W. Sahn
Environmental Review Officer

cc - W. Chabot

Lois Drohish
854 9th Avenue
Westhaven, CA 95570

(near Trinidad)



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("Aristocracy" Meeting)

October 23, 1958

I strongly urge the State Lands Commission to establish oil and gas leasing "Sanctuary Zone", prohibiting oil and gas leasing or development, covering state-owned tide and submerged lands within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

Both my "heart" and my head strongly support the "Sanctuary" — to preserve our pristine coastline, therefore to promote tourism, to prevent the great chance of large oil spills, and to sustain our fishing industry, among others.

Very truly,
Lance Jr. Drobach

10-23-88

CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION
RE: SANCTUARY MEETING
OCT 26 IN MENDOCINO

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR
MEETING HOWEVER PLEASE KNOW
I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO
EXTEND THE EXISTING SANCTUARY
WHICH I HOPE WILL PROHIBIT OIL
AND GAS DRILLING WITHIN THE ZONE.

LYNN PETRA NELSON
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FOSTER CITY CA 94404
(415) 349-4719
Lynn B. Nelson

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Mary Lynn, June _____
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WE MUST SAVE OUR MAJESTIC
SEACOAST, TEEMING WITH WILD-
LIFE, FROM BEING INDUSTRIALIZED.
PLEASE DECLARE MENDOCINO &
HUMBOLDT COUNTY TIDELANDS
A SANCTUARY FROM OFFSHORE
DRILLING.

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Date: 10/27 by: [Signature]

Nancy Grigler *Quentley Bondary*

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SANTA ROSA, CA. 95403



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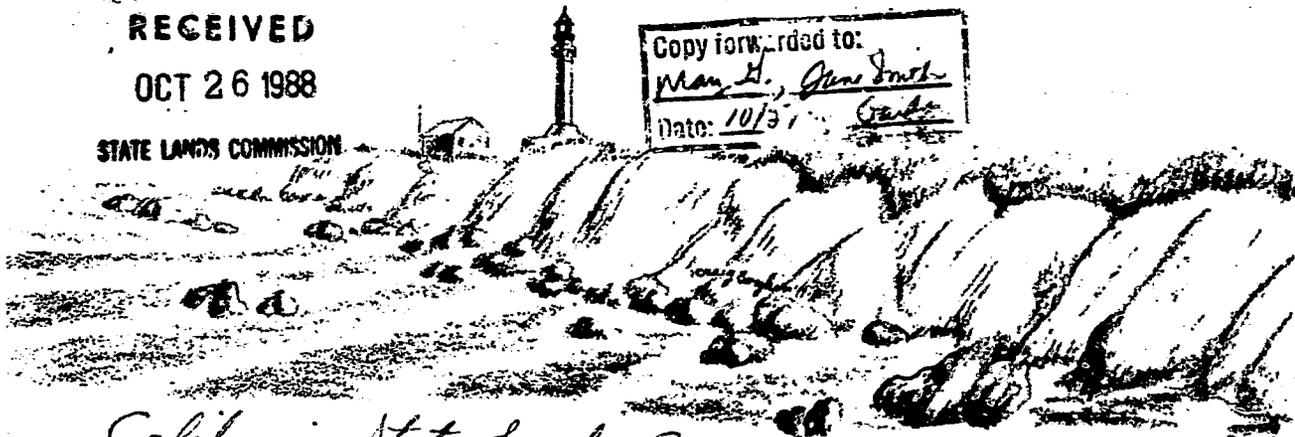
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May L. Gene Smith

Date: 10/31/88



California State Lands Commission,

As a property owner, county employee,
lover of clean air and water and natural beauty,
I strongly urge that an oil and gas leasing
Sanctuary Zone be established in Mendocino
and Humboldt Counties.

I am writing on behalf of myself and
family, and the Social Concerns Committee
of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Point
Arena. The Mendocino coast has some of the
cleanest air and water on this planet. We
caught the tail end of a San Francisco oil
spill a few years ago so we understand that
clean up technology is almost completely
ineffective in these waters. Please do what
you can to protect the future of our coast.
No oil drilling!

Sincerely,
Craig Boykin

CRAIG BOYKIN
BOX 451
POINT ARENA
CA 95468
707 882-2579

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GROUP INSURANCE

October 24, 1988

Mark H. Downing

California State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

RE: Sanctuary Meeting

Sirs:

In my work as a group insurance specialist, I meet with many employers and their employees. I frequently engage these people in discussions beyond the specific insurance matter, a personal contact I enjoy and learn from.

The oil drilling issue off the coast of California is an issue that every person I have met and talked to about 'the coast' has an opinion on. The matter of the coast is an emotional one and most of the people I've discussed it with feel quite strongly opposed to offshore drilling.

As Californians, we are proud of the abundance and variety of natural resource in our State. We simply are not convinced that the modest oil reserves off the California coast are of strategic importance to the United States; we suspect that these reserves maybe important to those who will profit if drilling were allowed.

You have heard every eloquent plea to save our rare and wonderful coast for future generations; please take heed. Drilling off the California coast will have a negative impact on that important national asset. Let us take a stand for the preservation of our environment. Make us proud of our state government and make the Mendocino-Humboldt coasts a sanctuary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mark

Mark H. Downing

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The California State Lands Commission
Sanctuary Meeting
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

As a California coastal resident, I am very much concerned with oil and gas leasing and development on coastal waters. The planet's oceans are experiencing the unprecedented onslaught of pollution contamination to dangerous levels heretofore never experienced. To even consider inviting not only potential oil spills, but disrupting delicate underwater ecosystems is unconscionable.

It is time for our energy-consuming nation to consider alternatives to ruining the environment for resources before the environment and the planet becomes a legend in the memory of the universe.

I urge the State Lands Commission to recommend establishing an oil and gas leasing sanctuary zone, prohibiting oil and gas leasing or development, covering State-owned tide and submerged lands within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Parker

Bonnie Parker
201 Glenwood Circle #28A
Monterey, CA 93940

cc: Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman
Monterey County

Assemblyman Sam Farr

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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

Gray Davis, Chairman
California State Lands Commission
Sanctuary Meeting
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Davis:

We urge you to establish the ocean sanctuary for the California coast from Santa Cruz to the Oregon border. The coast of northern California is unique, and we must preserve its pristine nature for future generations. Indeed, let's preserve it for our own enjoyment as well!

The amount of oil known to be there is not worth the price of endangering our wildlife, our ocean, and our beaches. Bold action in support of this proposal is needed now to ensure protection of this scenic wonderland, which is also an important fishing resource.

Let's give a strong statement on environmentalism, so that those who come after us will not have to attempt to clean up the results of our lack of vision.

Sincerely,

Patricia de Balloy Williams
Earl E. Williams

Patricia de Balloy Williams, M.L.S.
Earl E. Williams, L.C.S.W.

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J. S. Attebery
Land Manager
California District

October 25, 1988

The California State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: OFFSHORE CALIFORNIA
Mendocino and Humboldt Co, CA
State Lands Commission
Meeting October 26, 1988
Establishment of Sanctuary

Gentlemen:

Union Oil Company of California is extremely concerned with the Commission's proposal to establish a sanctuary zone which prohibits oil and gas leasing or development on state-owned tide and submerged lands within Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

It is Union's understanding that the Commission directed its staff to conduct the California Comprehensive Offshore Resources Study (CCORS) to provide the necessary information to make rational decisions on such topics related to coastal resources. Now, however, it appears that the Commission will be circumventing its very own planning tool by arbitrarily establishing the proposed Sanctuary before CCORS can provide the data which would facilitate an informed decision on whether or not offshore oil and gas leasing and development should take place off the coast of Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

Union strongly urges the State Lands Commission to postpone the decision on establishment of the proposed Sanctuary until such time as CCORS can provide a full range of information bearing on such a decision.

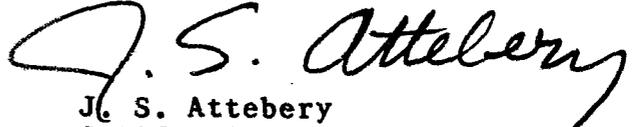
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California State Lands Commission
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As always, Union thanks you for the opportunity to present its
comments.

Yours very truly,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA



J. S. Attebery
California District Land Manager

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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

Date: October 25, 1988

California State Lands Commission
Sanctuary Meeting,
1807 13th Street,
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Subject: Humboldt/Mendocino
Coastal Sanctuary

Gentlepersons:

I support a prohibition of oil and gas drilling off the coast of Humboldt and Menocino Counties, including seismic testing or any other evaluation of sub-surface deposits of minerals.

First, there is an oil glut in the world. Second, oil engines are causing the greenhouse effect with excesses of carbons in the atmosphere. Third, there are solar technologies, new battery systems and related hardware to completely replace automobiles with solar cars--we really don't need more oil. We need freedom from the oil monopolies.

As a chairman of the second aquaculture conference in Alaska, published by the Univ. of Alaska, as an author of "Salmon Ranching of the North Pacific", a short booklet published by College of the Redwoods in 1983, may I claim to know considerable of the scientific knowledge of the North Coast.

The ocean is unexplored as yet, scientifically. Interdependencies of organisms on the food chain is as yet a mystery. Much more is known of the land ecology. In time, maybe more exploration and research can evaluate the effects of environmental degradation of oil drilling and gas well drilling in the ocean.

As a young man, working as a rodman running oil well elevations in Texas, I stood on the derrick floor when a gas well began blowing out, and I know of eye-witness knowledge, the potential degradation of gas wells to the surrounding environment. I just can't imagine the increased effects of gas well blow-outs on the ocean floor, and what that might do to the interdependencies of affected biotic life--that's just a risk not worth taking.

I object, strenuously, for many reasons.

Sincerely,

Leo Baldwin
Leo Baldwin



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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

Gray Davis, Chairman
State Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Davis:

The timing of the October 13th notice announcing your October 26, 1988 Mendocino Sanctuary Meeting was very unfortunate. The announcement provided far too little notice for a major policy discussion of this kind. The Commission is mid-way in the CCORS program which has been billed as a prerequisite to this type of decision. Lastly, with no plans or requests before the Commission to develop this area, it appears to be an inappropriate step to take.

Consideration of this action is a major policy step concerning the tidelands of the People of California. As Chairman of the Lands Commission, you have been placed in a position of trust for the public. Making a decision on less than two weeks notice without a substantial review of the facts is a major concern.

Second, you and commissioner McCarthy have been pushing for more than a year to conduct the CCORS program as a first step in major tidelands management policy decisions. The ARCO project underwent years of consideration and finally the CCORS project was launched because of a perceived lack of information. Now this proposal is made that would lock up miles of the California coast after just one meeting. Studies should be made of the potentially significant future impacts. This type of approach, being used to adopt a sanctuary, undermines the credibility of the CCORS effort.

Any consideration of a sanctuary should await completion of CCORS and adequate study to evaluate the long term impacts of such a decision.

Sincerely,

Gary Bartlett, Chairman
IAGC, West Coast Operations Committee-Marine

Joseph P. Huckaby
Educational Explorations
Albion Whale School
P.O. Box 365
Albion, CA
95410
707-937-0914



Dear L.T. Governor,

They have no right to drill off our coast. They will not only make the ocean dirty but they will kill a lot of the animals in the sea. If the rigs would not have so much of a chance of a spill, many fewer people would vote against Oil drilling. Please help stop this drilling off our beautiful coast. We want no oil drilling here. I hope you think that way too. Please vote for Ocean Sanctuary.

Signed,
Joseph H.
of
the
Albion Whale
School



Oct. 25, 1988.

Belle Sommer
Post Office Box 568
Alhambra, California, 91800

California State Land Commission,

I am not very old
so my thoughts may not
mean as much as your thoughts.
But, I want our ocean to
stay blue and full of fish,
not black and dead. When
I go to the beach I want
to have fun not change
colors.

Sincerely,
Belle Sommer

Itha Finds The Food
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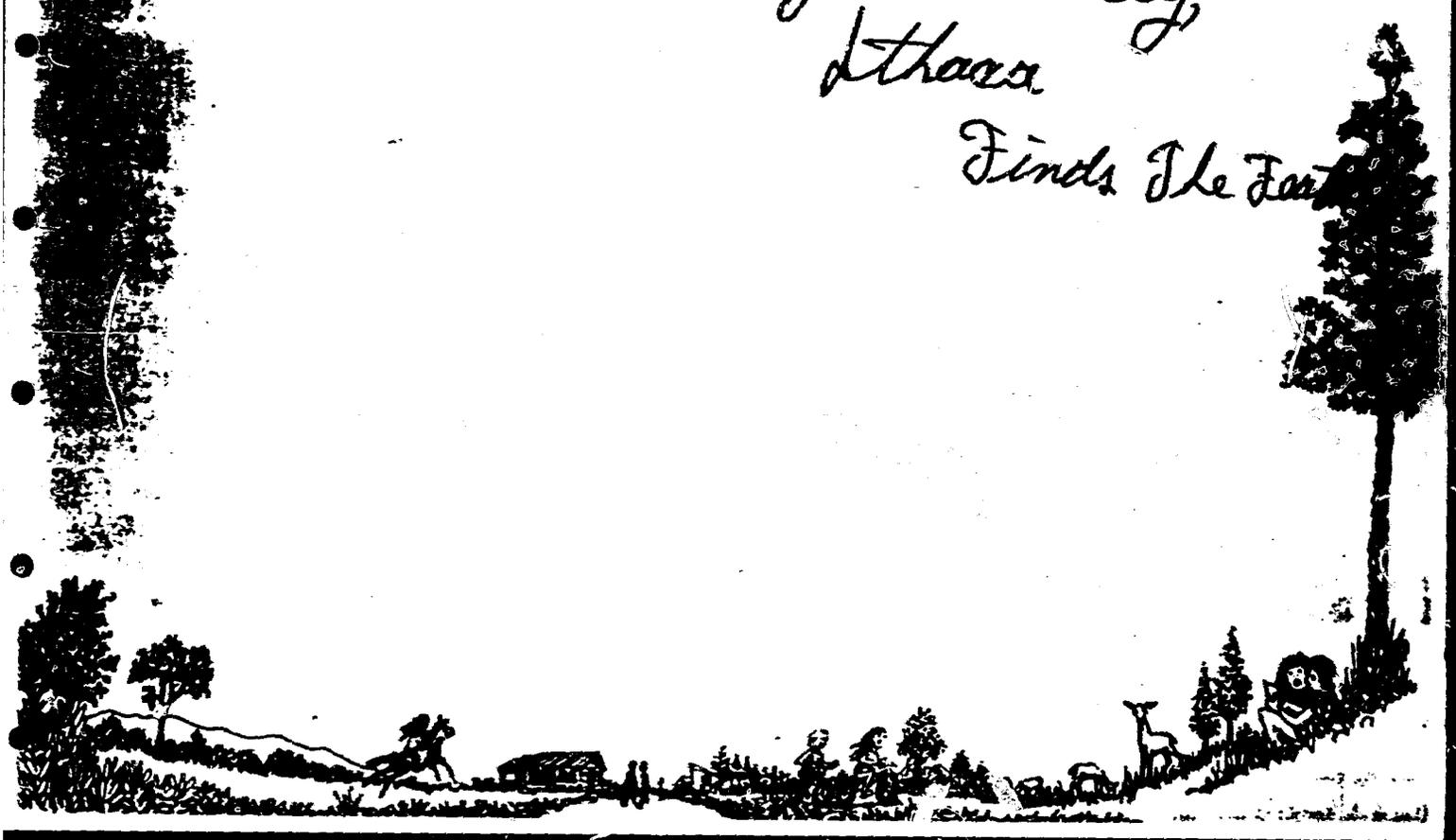
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Dear State Lands Commission,

I am 13 years old and I go to the Albion Whale School. I think that you should keep the ocean clean and clear. When I go during I don't want to be covered with oil. I don't want to see birds covered with oil. Most of all I don't want to see ugly oil rigs out in the horizon.

Yours truly,
Itha

Finds The Food



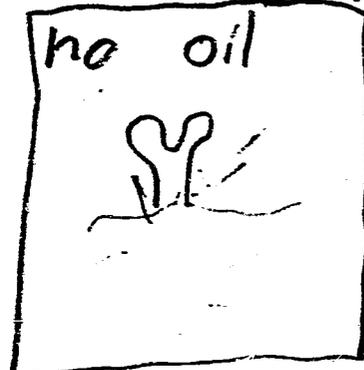
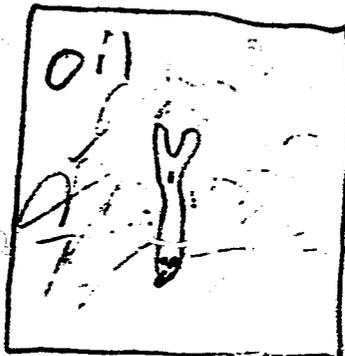


Oct. 25, 1988

Dear, Lt. Governor,

they have no right to drill off
our coast.
The whales will start to die faster
and wash up on our beaches.
The beautiful beaches will turn in to
grave yards.
we won't be able to have parties
on the beaches.
There will be no salmon fishing
industry and lots of people will
lose their jobs.

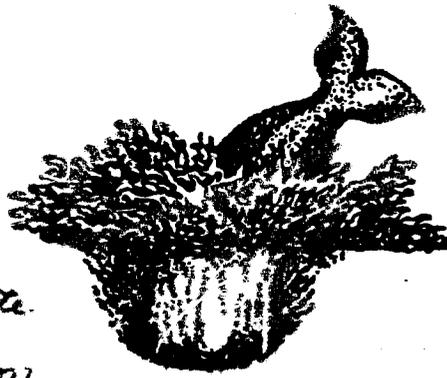
We want no oil drilling



Odin P Reilly



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Albion, CA
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Dear California State
Lands Commission

My name is Fred Harris

I really don't want anyone
to test or do oil drill off
the coast of California.

I really like playing in the
water and on the beach.

The beach is like a person.
If the beach changes the
person changes.

Thank you,

Fred Harris





I Want Ocean Sanctuary! No Drilling

I feel that neither the government nor private business have a right to drill. No one has the right to the ocean. It is the sea animals home. It would make me angry if some one wrecked my home. It's just not fair. I hope you'll see it my way.

Thank you.

Donovan
CLARK

Student of the
Albion Whale School

Age 14



Re: California Ocean
Sanctuary

I am writing to urge you
support ocean sanctuary.

I think you shouldn't have
oil rigs in the ~~o~~ ocean it hurts
two things, it pollutes the sea
and it pollutes the fish. That
the people eat and it is not good
for peoples bodies it makes them
sick. It pollutes the food that
the sea animals eat it gets in
~~the~~ the whales and after
~~so~~ awhile and then they die.

Yours
truly
- Matt Jones

Albion Whale School

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RE: California Olean
Sanctuary

I am writing to urge you
to support Olean Sanctuary.

I live ~~at~~ on the Mendocino
~~coast~~ coast and I like the
Olean a lot and if you
run it I will be sad and
mad.

The Mendocino coast is
a rare place and you
should not run it.

Sincerely yours R. D. Macgregor

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RE: California Ocean
Sanctuary

I AM writing to urge
you to support
Ocean Sanctuary

I think you shouldn't
drill on the coast
because it looks bad.

Yours truly, JACK BUSH

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RE: CALIFORNIA OCEAN
SANCTUARY

I AM writing to urge you
to support ocean sanctuary

I live on the Mendocino
coast I see the ocean
almost everyday if i see
the oil mines out in the
ocean it would be disgusting
because oil mines are
big.

MY Dad is a commercial
fisherman and i doubt he
would want to fish anymore

Yours
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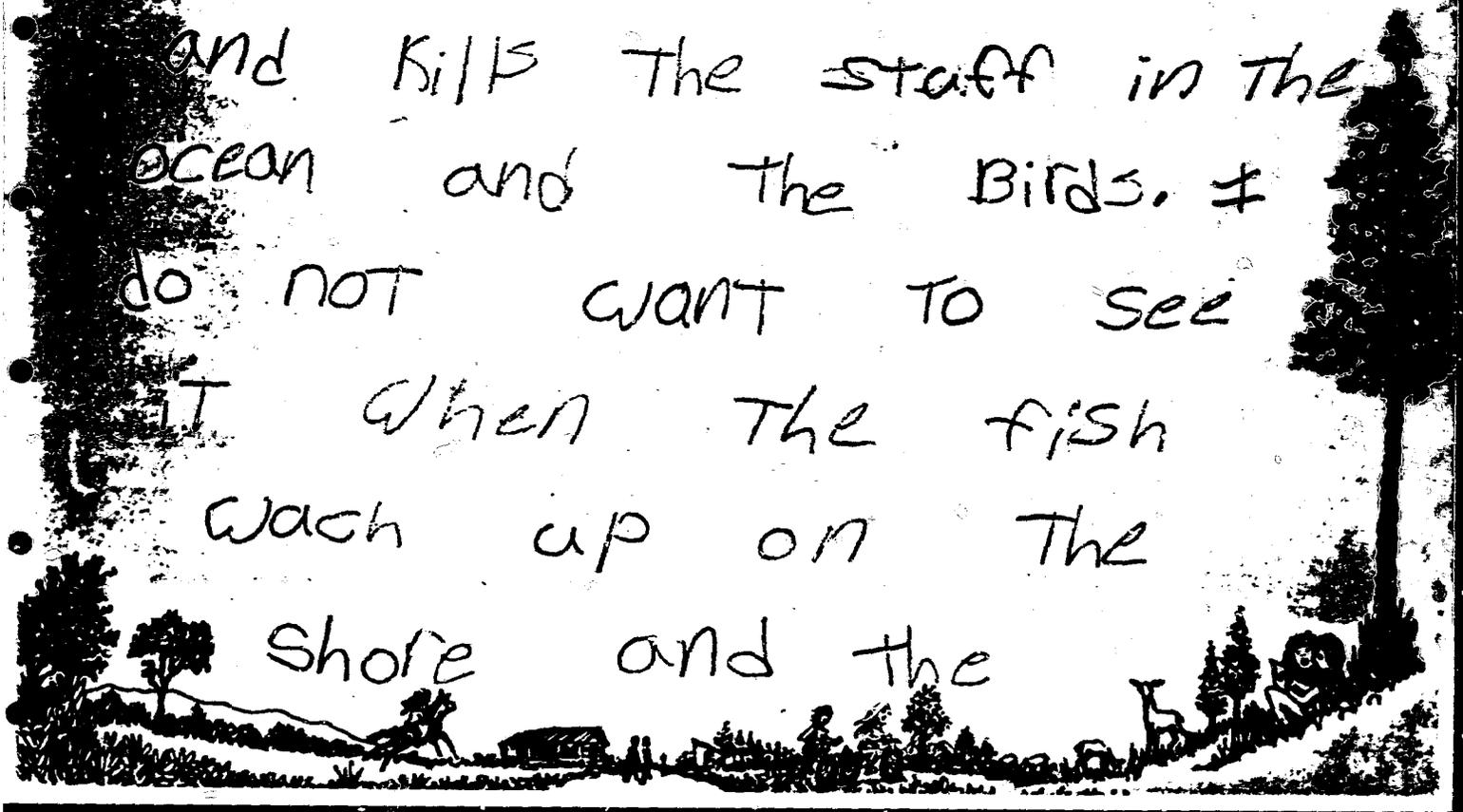
Oscar H Miller
Abion Whale School



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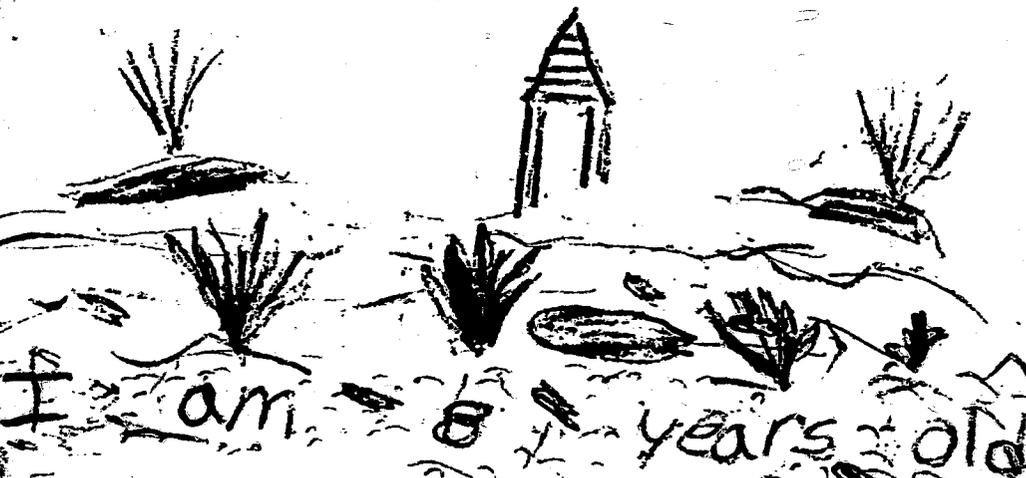
Please STOP off shore oil
drilling DO NOT Kill the fish
Just BECOOSE you WONT
oil for cars and stuff I
makes the ocean ugly
and kills the stuff in the
ocean and the birds. I
do NOT WANT TO see
IT when the fish
wash up on the
shore and the





Whales suffer and the
birds die and the oil
tanks are in the ocean.

e,



I am 8 years old

Sincerely
Yona Barth





Dear Government, OCT. 26, 1988

PLEASE STOP OFF SHORE

OIL DRILLING BECAUSE IT KILLS ANIMALS

THAT HAVE A HAPPY LIFE JUST LIKE YOU DO. THEY ALL WANT LIFE JUST

LIKE WE DO AND THEY DESERVE

LIFE TOO. THEY HELP OTHER

ANIMALS SURVIVE. WHEN

THEY NEED MEAT. WHEN OIL

DRILLING IS HAPPENING AND FISH

HAVE CHILDREN THERE IS JUST

ANOTHER BUNCH OF DEAD FISH

IN THE OCEAN. PLUS OIL

DRILLING RUINS THE BEAUTIFUL

SIGHT AND I'M SURE THAT IF

YOU TOOK SOME TIME AND

LOOKED AT THE OCEAN YOU WOULD

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IT REALLY IS.

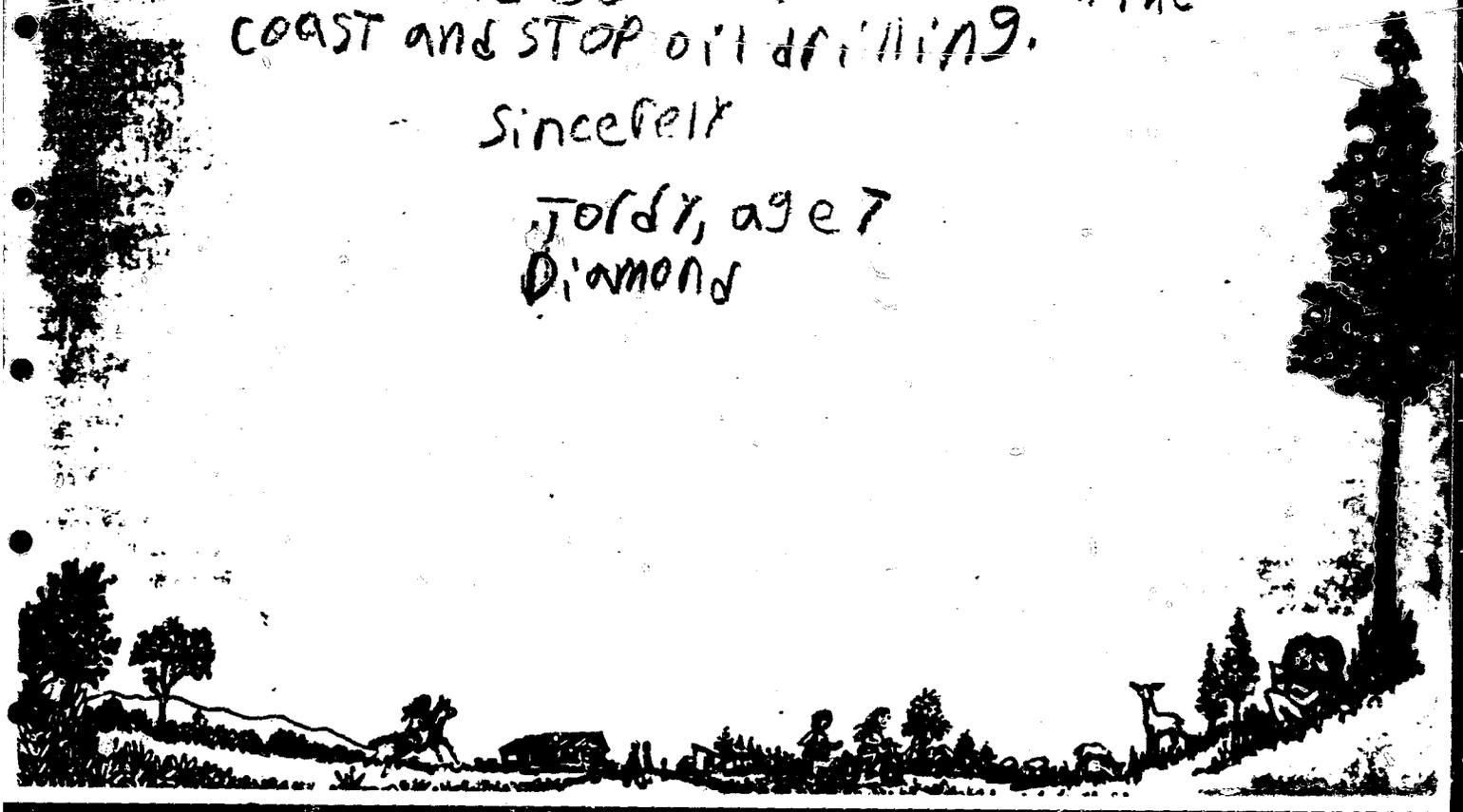




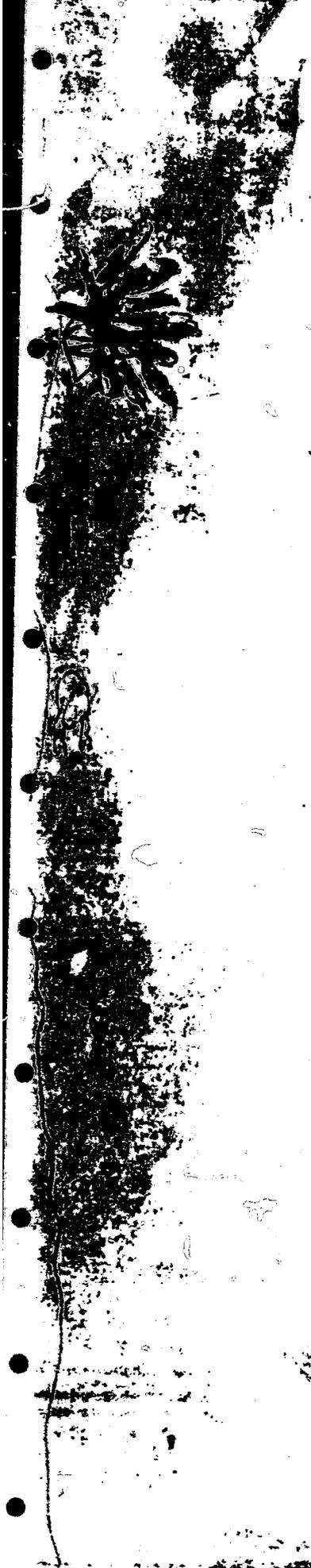
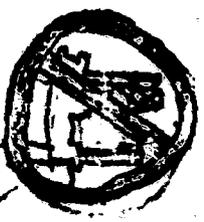
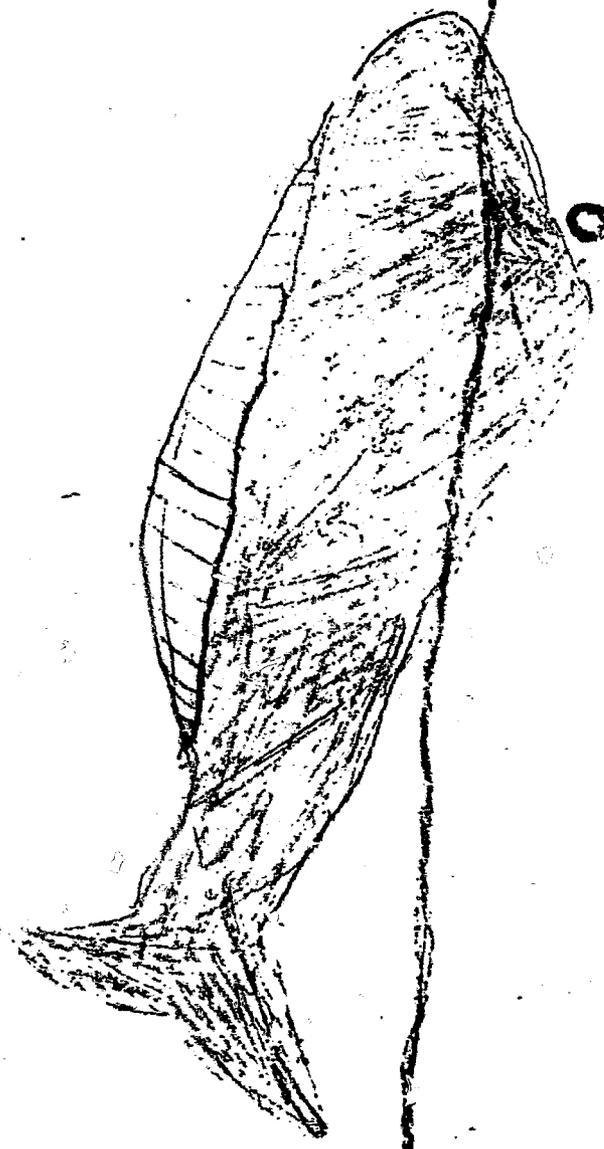
I'm Telling you how i really
feel ABOUT you doing this
because ITS like murder.
I like going to The Beach and
seeing The Big Beautiful
COAST, NOT horri'ble oil and
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Please please please don't ruin the
COAST and STOP oil drilling.

Sincerely

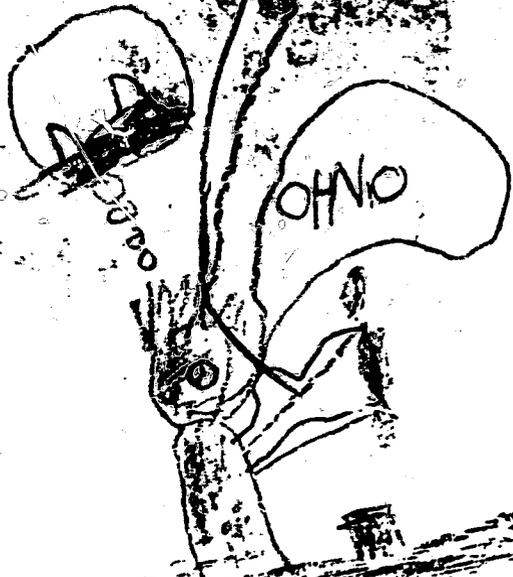
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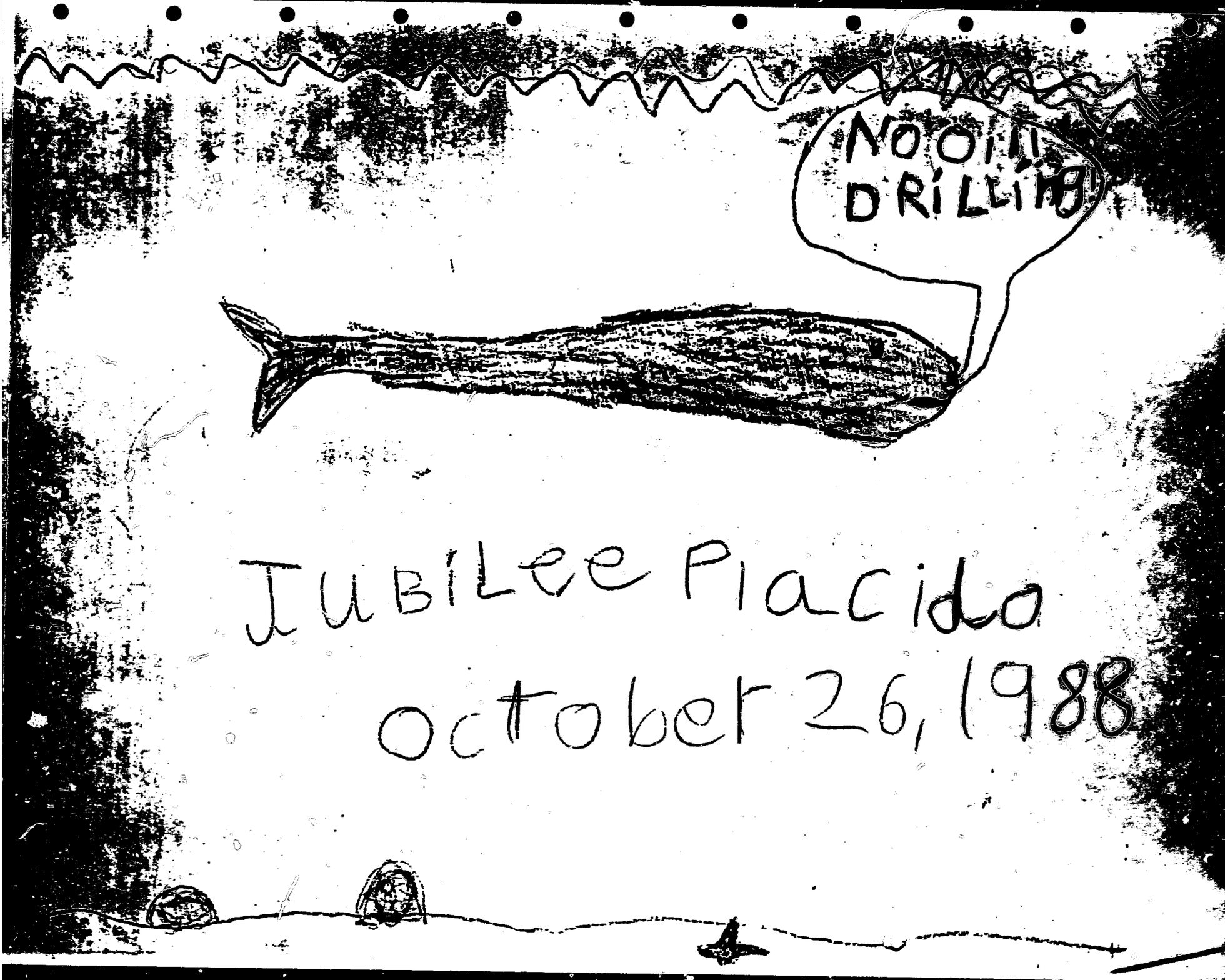


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October 26, 1988

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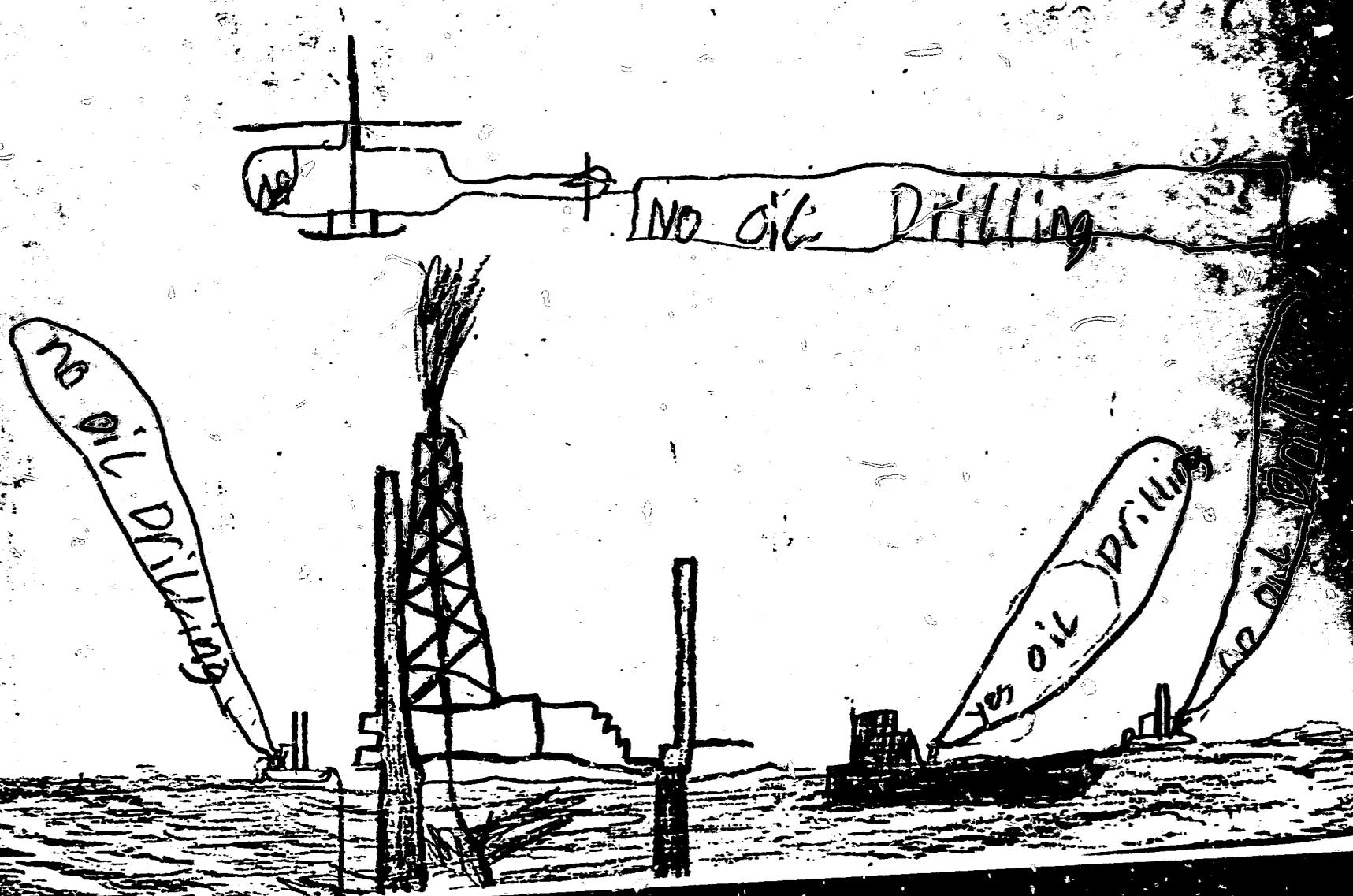
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because animals could
die and pregnant moms
animals could have
babies born dead.

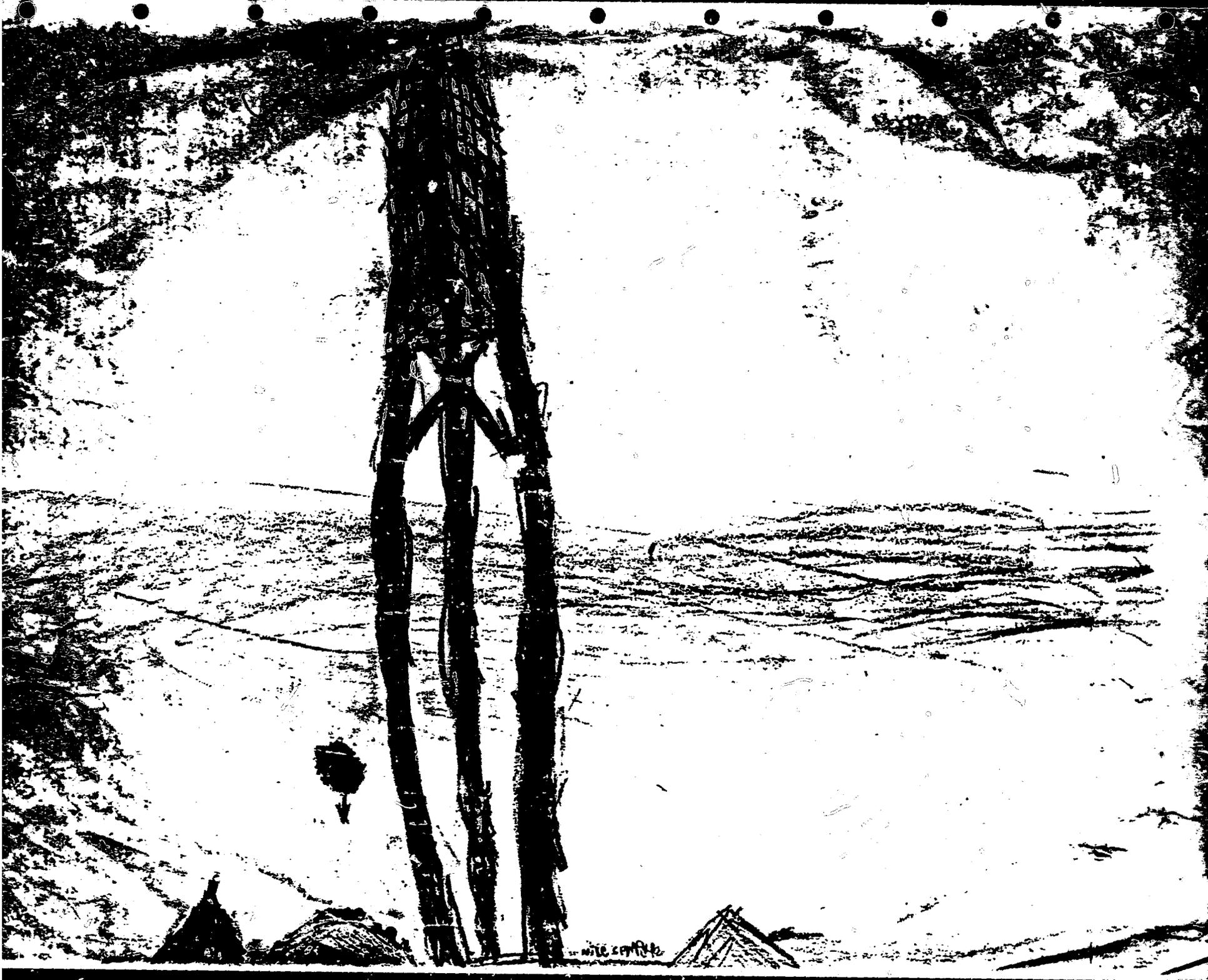
Please don't drill on
our cow's.

Yours truly,

Deva Farber

October 26, 1988
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