

SIX SHORT FILMS TO STOP OFFSHORE DRILLING.

SHORE STORIES



Shore Stories is a collection of six short films celebrating the exclusion of the Atlantic coast from the federal proposal for new offshore oil and gas leases. The films highlight the grassroots resistance that led to this outcome, as well as stories from past oil and gas exploration – including the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster. Shore Stories also includes films about seismic testing for offshore oil and gas deposits – which is still a possibility in the region.

We invite you to host a FREE community screening of Shore Stories.

The six films combined total about 35 minutes. That leaves plenty of time for post screening conversations and opportunities for audiences to take action by opposing seismic testing, and thanking the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for protecting the Atlantic coast from drilling.

Request your free DVD at workingfilms.org/shore-stories-dvd-request/

Once we received your request, we will send you the DVD and provide you template fliers for advertising your event, sign in sheets, and action postcards that audiences can sign.

We're encouraging groups and individuals along the east coast to show the films during the public comment period for the offshore drilling program. That comment period ends June 16th. Request your DVD today, pull together a group of friends or your organization's chapter members, show Store Stories, and take action to protect our coast.

See our guide to hosting a screening on the next page!



Hosting a Shore Stories Screening is as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Plan

- **Request the DVD**, and we'll put in the mail to you ASAP.
- **Find a venue.** Make sure you're all set with projection equipment (or a large television), good sound, and comfy seats.
- **Get the Word Out.** Use our template flier and branding. Post print fliers in your community or share online. Consider making a Facebook event or e-vite if you need to confirm RSVP numbers.

2. Screen

Here's a sample agenda for a screening event that last approximately 1.5 hours:

- **Mingle** - You can offer snacks and drinks, or just keep it simple. (5-10 min)
- **Brief Intro** - Welcome your guests and say a few words about Shore Stories. Let everyone know you'd like them to stick around after the film to discuss it and take action. Give them an estimated end time. Ask guests to tag any social media posts about the screening with the hashtag #ShoreStories. (5 min)
- **Viewing of Shore Stories** (35 min)
- **Discussion and Action-** You can lead the discussion yourself or ask a local organization working on these issues to be part of the Q&A. (30 min) For resources and background on offshore drilling and seismic testing in the Atlantic check out these links:
 - http://usa.oceana.org/our-campaigns/seismic_airgun_testing/campaign
 - http://usa.oceana.org/our-campaigns/offshore_drilling/campaign
 - <http://www.surfrider.org/not-the-answer>
- **Wrap Up** End the night by asking the audience to take action. (see notes below on specific action opportunities). Thank everyone for coming and ask them to add their name to the sign in sheet for updates on the issues raised in the film. (10 min)

3. Act

- **Sign in** – Make sure that people sign in with email and contact info. Use our template sign in sheet.
- **Ask audiences to take action** to oppose seismic testing in the Atlantic, and thank BOEM for removing the Atlantic from the proposed oil and gas leasing areas. We have postcard templates that you can print out. They are addressed to the director of BOEM and the person at the agency responsible for collecting comments. Make sure that audience members include their full name, email address, and mailing address on the cards. Collect and mail the postcards after the screening.