

Oil Companies Harrassing Marine Mammals

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Our friends at the [Center for Biological Diversity](#) have alerted us to an immediate, tangible action that we all can, and should do. By July 14.

We are looking at seismic surveys in the Gulf of Mexico. This issue is near and dear to us as it involves whales and dolphins. It also addresses sound in marine settings, which is one of the things that our next film will be looking at.

Oil and gas companies use seismic surveys to find underwater sources, but the process involves blasts of high-powered air guns, which can exceed 250 decibels. (A vacuum cleaner measures around 80 dB, front row at a rock concert can be 110 dB, a jet at takeoff averages 120-140 dB).

Naturally this impacts all ocean life, but of specific concern is the hearing loss in marine mammals. Remember, these magnificent creatures rely on sound for food, mating, and survival.

This application is now before the National Marine Fisheries Service for review. These activities are perceived as harrasment and are in violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

There is a period of time where it is open to public comment. That means we must do one (or all) of the following.

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