

# explore The Gulf

## Why Join Explore The Gulf?

As long as our economy depends on oil and natural gas, it has to come from somewhere. And that somewhere should be right here at home. Explore The Gulf will work to promote our members' support for harnessing our nation's energy potential to help create reliable and affordable energy for the Gulf region. We believe that we should have the ability to access our country's homegrown energy resources.

We will work with local and federal stakeholders to help supply affordable energy for Gulf states' communities and businesses, while protecting the environment and promoting safety. Offshore exploration will give our nation the ability to access our vital energy resources to help meet growing domestic and global demand while advancing the long term energy security of the U.S. **Will you join us?**

## Join Us!

Explore The Gulf is a project of the American Petroleum Institute. We are a bipartisan coalition of over 200 members dedicated to safe and environmentally responsible access to our offshore energy resources to help supply affordable energy and increase our energy security.

### National Co-Chairs:



**Jim Nicholson**  
Fmr. U.S. Secretary  
of Veteran Affairs



**Jim Webb**  
Fmr. U.S. Senator  
from Virginia

### The Gulf Co-Chairs:



**Jeff Kottkamp**  
Fmr. Rep and  
Lt. Governor



**Dr. Miriam Ramirez**  
Fmr. Puerto Rican  
State Senator



**Wayne Harris**  
Fmr. Dist. 1 County  
Commissioner

## What Could Happen if We Explore The Gulf



**\$113,000 AVERAGE SALARY PAID** in the oil and natural gas exploration and development fields.



**OVER \$11.5 BILLION A YEAR SPENT** by the oil and natural gas industry directly into the Gulf Region's economy within 20 years.



**NEARLY 152,000 JOBS CREATED** spanning across industries including retail, health care, real estate, and food services.



**\$2.5 BILLION WITHIN 20 YEARS** in Florida's cumulative state and local tax revenues due to natural gas and oil industry spending.



**\$12.5 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE** within 20 years if a revenue sharing agreement similar to other states is enacted\*. This new steady revenue stream could be used to benefit education, roads, and workforce development.

\* Assumes a 37.5% revenue sharing of bonuses, rents and royalties similar to Gulf states without an annual cap.

## Explore Offshore Coalition Members



## In the News

**RealClear** Energy

**Jim Webb & Jim Nicholson** Explore Offshore  
Co-Chairmen June 20, 2018

### OPINION: Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Development Drives US Energy and National Security

*It is time to correct an oversight in America's move toward an "all-of-the-above" energy policy: the unnecessarily restrictive approach to the exploration and safe development of oil and natural gas resources that lie offshore.*

**SUNSHINE**  
STATE NEWS

June 6, 2018

### API Taps Jeff Kottkamp to Help Lead Offshore Energy Exploration Campaign in Florida

*As we consider exploration for new energy sources we must also be mindful Florida's environment. We look forward to working with our local leaders to discuss ways to maintain our state's natural beauty while at the same time expanding opportunities to keep our nation energy independent.*

**SunSentinel**

**Mario H. Lopez**  
October 3, 2018

### OPINION: Here's why Florida should support oil drilling off the coast

*While there may not be many silver bullets for economic policy challenges like this, offshore energy development comes pretty close. A wealth of natural gas and oil resources is awaiting development off Florida's coasts, and with the latest techniques and measures making exploration safer than ever, now is the right time for that development.*

## Why Are Natural Gas and Oil Important to The Gulf? *Because We Depend On It.*



The Gulf region could see an additional **\$11.5 BILLION PER YEAR** in private investment



Gulf region natural gas and oil exploration could contribute **\$14 BILLION TO THE U.S. ECONOMY**



Gulf region energy production could add **1 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL EQUIVALENT PER DAY** in domestic energy production



Gulf region energy development could generate new government revenues that **BENEFITS OUR SCHOOLS, ROADS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



The U.S. Energy Information Agency projects that oil and natural gas supplies **67 PERCENT OF THE ENERGY AMERICANS' USE**—and total oil and natural gas consumption is expected to grow over the next 30 years  
*(source: AEO 2018, EIA)*

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