

## **Time to Modernize the Marine Mammal Protection Act**

The U.S. is falling behind in seismic information gathering, exploration activity and energy development due to unnecessary bureaucratic delays caused by the vague language and broken regulatory processes in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) in recent years.

This regulatory inefficiency has allowed our neighbors to outpace the United States in offshore exploration activities. Since July of 2014, Canada has provided permits resulting in nearly **1,900 days** worth of offshore 3D seismic exploration in the Atlantic amounting to an investment of roughly **\$294 million USD**.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) was created to protect marine mammals, not to be used as a tool by anti-energy groups to prevent exploration activities. Help bring the MMPA into the 21st century by supporting common sense reforms that ensure investments stay in the United States.



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## **U.S. Losing to Canada in Offshore Development**



**?** For more information, go to **https://modernizemmpa.com/** 

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