

.....
(Original Signature of Member)

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R.

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “North Pacific Ocean
5 Protection Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**
2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**
3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior may not issue a
11 lease for the exploration, development, or production of
12 oil or natural gas in the Washington/Oregon planning
13 area, the Northern California planning area, or the Cen-
14 tral California planning area (as such planning areas are
15 described in the document entitled ‘2019–2024 National
16 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program’,
17 dated January 2018, or a subsequent oil and gas leasing
18 program developed under section 18 of this Act.’”.