

During the last Coastal Commission meeting at Caspar California I asked the Coastal Commission to review Measure C, and to allow it to be placed in the Local Coastal Plan by the City of Fort Bragg. This measure was passed by the people of Fort Bragg in 1997 and has been withheld from the Local Coastal Plan since that date because it was not approved by the Coastal Commission. As the Mill Site planning continues it is important that this measure be included to make sure that Oil and Gas development are never allowed on this site.

Measure C

reads as follows:

"The purpose of this chapter is to provide a permanent ban within the city of Fort Bragg on all activities which relate directly to onshore and/or off shore oil and /or gas exploration, development, production and/or infrastructure in order to preserve and protect the environment and public health safety and productivity. There shall be no commercial or industrial facilities allowed within the city of Fort Bragg, the purpose of which is onshore and/offshore oil and /gas development activities, nor any permit be issued or any agreement to be entered into, that would in and of itself allow oil and/gas development activities to occur."

Ocean Protection Coalition is awaiting the decision from the Coastal Commission based on the legality of their rejection of measure C and the fact that a recent court case on the East Coast called the Dryden case gave a city the permission to decide what they want in their environment. The city was given the OK to prohibit Fracking by the courts decision, based on the Constitution of the United States.

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