

2020 Presidential Candidates on Ocean Issues (March 2, 2020)

Ocean stances of Pres. Trump and top-polling 2020 candidates*

	 Bernie Sanders	 Joe Biden	 Michael Bloomberg	 Elizabeth Warren	 Donald Trump
Protect coasts from harmful offshore oil and gas drilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports a ban on offshore drilling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports a ban on offshore drilling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports a ban on offshore drilling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would ban new offshore drilling projects and phase out current projects 	The Trump administration has proposed greatly expanded offshore drilling
Protect at least 30% of U.S. land and ocean by 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cosponsor of the 30 by 30 Senate Resolution 372, whose chief sponsor is Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> His climate plan pledges to preserve 30% of land and ocean before 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Sen. Tom Udall's 30 by 30 Senate Resolution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cosponsor of the 30 by 30 Senate Resolution 372, whose chief sponsor is Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Protect important marine areas, including marine national monuments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Obama administration, with Biden as VP, protected marine areas such as the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren's "Blue New Deal" calls for expanded marine protected areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trump admin. has threatened to revoke protections for several marine national monuments
Protect vulnerable marine mammals & promote sustainable fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports strengthening the Endangered Species Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated he supports ocean conservation efforts to promote sustainable fisheries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would aim to reduce illegal fishing for vulnerable species, ban fishing on high seas, rejoin the Law of the Sea treaty, and direct NOAA to prepare fisheries for climate change effects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trump Administration has issued permits that would harm marine mammals and has made decisions and promoted policies that undermine sustainable fisheries
Reduce plastic use and consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would invest in plastic clean-up and alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would work to reduce single-use plastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is explicitly pro-single-use plastic

*Top Polling is defined according to 538's average national polling on February 18, 2020. N/A means campaigns have not taken public positions on the issue. Sources: Politico, Warren for President, Bernie 2020, Biden for President, Congress.gov, Twitter, Facebook, The Guardian, New York Times, NPR, ecoRI News, E&E News, CNN.