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Groups prepare to fight for coast *Drilling plans seen as useless, threatening*

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Oregon's coast has earned the reverence of visitors and residents who have long appreciated its rugged, pristine character.

However, with a federal lease sale that could authorize offshore oil drilling as early as 1992, the coast may earn unprecedented devotion from those who realize that this asset is no longer something to be taken for granted.

Last weekend, a number of state environmental groups met at Cannon Beach to present information and discuss strategies. Today, the U.S. Interior Department's Minerals Management Service is meeting in Astoria to respond to concerns.

From birdwatching clubs to fishing industries, a patchwork of groups is finding solidarity in a common cause — protecting the coast.

A moratorium that took effect last year protects state-controlled territorial waters, said Jeff Kroft, leasing manager for the Division of State Lands. The shore to three miles from land, oil-related exploration, development and production is prohibited, Kroft said.

The moratorium will continue until 1995 when the matter will return again to the state Legislature to decide on extension, he said.

"By and large, in the territorial sea, I don't see the possibility of any oil or gas being explored soon," Kroft said.

Farther from land, though, is where the ocean's control falls under the federal government. Between three and 200 miles from land, the Interior Department and its Minerals Management Service may lease property for oil and gas exploration.

In 1987, a five-year timetable began for Lease Sale 132, which would authorize drilling in federally-controlled waters bordering the territorial seas of Oregon and Washington.

"I think everyone would like to see an indefinite postponement of the Oregon/Washington lease sale," said Eldon Hout, program manager for the Oregon Ocean Resource Management task force. "I don't think anyone would be unhappy if they just decided not to go forward."

However, he added, "This process is not rational. It is highly politicized."

The task force has called for a cancellation of the 1992 lease sale. Another maneuver, he said, is to use the moratorium to create annual moratoriums.

"We want to be in a planning context in which we can show the Department of the Interior that they ought to put their effort somewhere else," he said.

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Photo by Jennifer Thomas

Uncle Sam wants you — but not 'them'

Monday In-Depth



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The federal government's policy of selective hiring and outright discrimination against gays and lesbians in military and intelligence departments has sparked attempts to drive those agencies off universities.

Questions arise as CIA looks to return

By Joe Kidd
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With a rattle of placards, shouts of protest and pounding of gavels, a war from the 1980s continues to rage in courts of law and on college campuses.

Accusations have turned into war cries over the issue of Central Intelligence Agency recruiting on university campuses.

With allegations ranging from "illegal activity" to discrimination in hiring practices, the CIA's opponents have sought to deny the agency access to college and university facilities.

The present battle wages specifically over the CIA's alleged discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals in its hiring practices.

University demonstrations last November resulted in the arrest of two students for trespassing while attempting to prevent CIA recruitment interviews in the EMU.

Also last term, two students filed formal

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Struggle against ROTC forgotten

By Denise Clifton
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During the past three years, CIA recruitment on campus has been a consistent target of protests denouncing the agency's discriminatory policies toward gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

This ongoing controversy prompted the Student Senate to propose last week that all recruitment agencies must comply with the University's non-discrimination hiring policies before they can recruit on campus. This would include the CIA.

However, the University community appears to have forgotten an on-campus military organization that also discriminates against gays, lesbians and bisexuals — the ROTC.

The campus Army Reserve Officer

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