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The state and the governor do not have veto power, Hout said, but federal law requires that the Interior Department consult with governor recommendations.

In a letter last November, Gov. Neil Goldschmidt wrote that he was working with Washington state governor Booth Gardner to press the Bush administration for the indefinite postponement of Lease Sale 132.

- development of an oil spill prevention and response plan
- adequate environmental studies to provide information for a "reasoned decision" to see if a sale is justified

The task force has assembled a list of about six basic studies that are absolutely necessary before a lease sale should occur, Hout said.

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— Joe Easley

According to the letter, Goldschmidt said, "Given the basis of Oregon's coastal economy and way of life, I am not convinced that developing either oil and gas or hard minerals in the Oregon ocean is sound resource stewardship."

Hout said Goldschmidt and the task force would remain opposed until a number of conditions are met, including:

- a balanced national energy program, offering alternatives to fossil fuels

tal information is not an adequate basis for a federal decision," said law professor Richard Hildreth, co-director of the University Ocean and Coastal Law Center.

Lynnette Vesco, deputy regional supervisor for leasing and environment for Minerals Management Service in Los Angeles, cautioned, "There is no definite plan to even start the process" of leasing the federal area for industry development.

A preliminary step, a request for industry interest, was scheduled for last November but has been postponed, Vesco said. About four years ago, however, a number of industries "expressed interest" in development off the coasts of Oregon and Washington, she said, and future interest is expected.

Joe Easley, administrator of Oregon Trawling Commission, said the fishing industry opposes offshore oil drilling because of the potential risk to fish habitats.

Easley said he has spoken to representatives in California — where a number of drilling rigs are set up in the water — who are not very favorable of oil development either.

However, he said, "The way the laws are set up, if the federal government wants to do it, they will do it."

Though it would be prema-

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