

NMBCOC 2011-2012 Legislative Survey

Survey background and theme

Here is the original introductory copy of the survey:

To assist our Legislative Committee in identifying and prioritizing issues to be included in our Legislative Agendas for 2012, please complete this online survey by December 16th, 2011. It only takes 10 minutes to fill out the survey*. Thank you.

As background, our Committee and Board of Directors prepare research and adopt Legislative Policy positions on the local, state, and federal levels. These adopted policy declarations, with strong input from our membership as well as partner organizations at all levels, assist and guide us throughout the year, to represent the interests of our business community at these levels.

Therefore, a number of these issues you are being asked to consider, cross all three levels and will be included as part of all agendas. As background in reference to our goals and priorities for the year in many of these areas, you might also refer to our Business Plan for 2011-2012, found on the chamber's web site, www.NorthMyrtleBeachChamber.com.

Who conducted the survey?

The survey was conducted by the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau.

When was the survey conducted?

The survey was conducted in December 2011

How was the survey conducted

The survey consisted of an online form posted on the North Myrtle Beach Chamber's web site. The survey was broken down into three categories: Federal, State and Local issues.

What was the survey population?

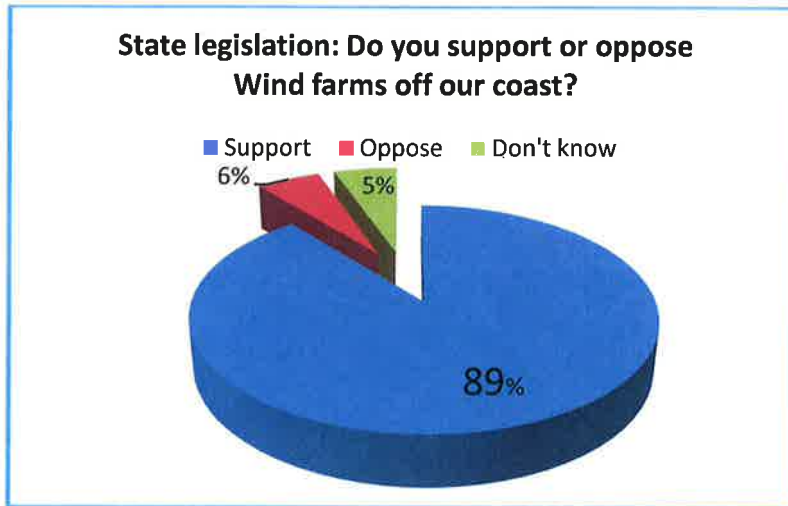
An email was sent to all the Chamber's members, inviting them to fill out the online form by December 16th, 2011. A total number of 37 people answered the survey. A very few number of people skipped a few questions, probably by mistake.

Here are the questions and the results for the topics related to wind energy

State Legislation

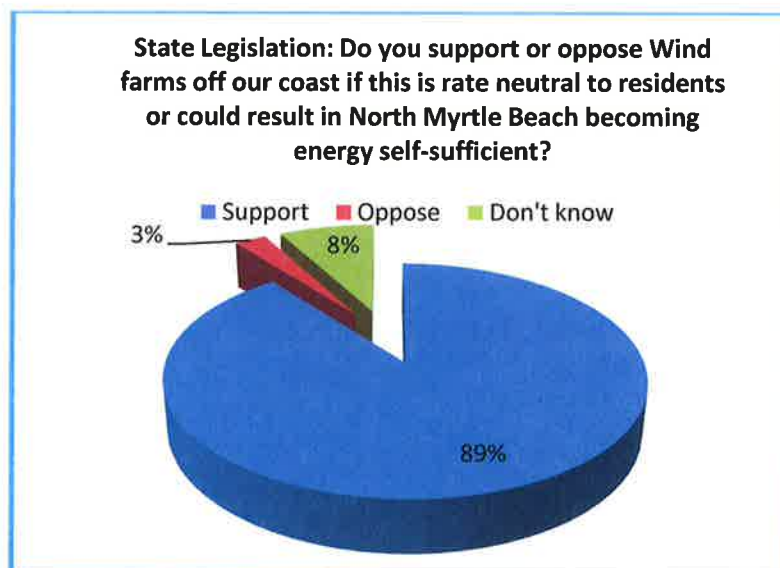
5.f. Do you support or oppose Wind farms off our coast?

Option	Number of answers
Support	33
Oppose	2
Don't know	2



5.g. Do you support or oppose Wind farms off our coast if this is rate neutral to residents or could result in North Myrtle Beach becoming energy self-sufficient?

Option	Number of answers
Support	34
Oppose	1
Don't know	3

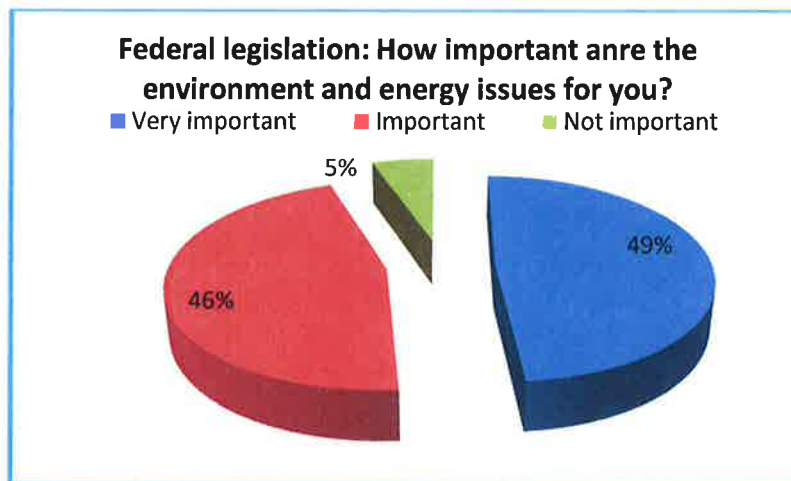


Federal Legislation

9. Environment and Energy

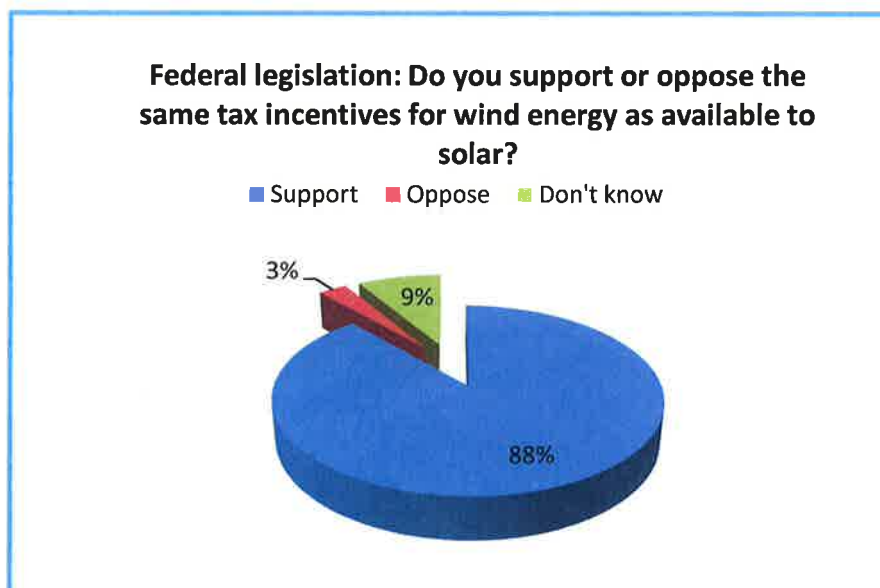
As a premier coastal destination, we understand the need to protect and enhance our environment as a positive factor in our sustainable development and the growing of our “green economy,” through reasonable and balanced measures, while promoting wind energy as a viable source of alternative energy.

Option	Number of answers
Very important	18
Important	17
Not important	2



9.c. Do you support or oppose the same tax incentives for wind energy as available to solar?

Option	Number of answers
Support	31
Oppose	1
Don't know	3



Local Issues

14. b. Do you support the efforts of the North Strand Coastal Wind Team, as an economic development initiative in partnership with the city, in establishing a community-based wind energy program and a sustainable energy plan?

Option	Number of answers
Support	26
Oppose	3
Don't know	5

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■ Support ■ Oppose ■ Don't know

