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# SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ALLIANCE STATEMENT ON THE OCEAN-CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MARCH 21, 2023) “The release of the Biden administration's Ocean Climate Action Plan recognizes what has been overlooked for far too long: Our global ocean is humanity's greatest protection in our fight against climate change. By better leveraging the power of nature and the wondrous contributions of marine biodiversity, the steps laid out in this plan – similar to those SOA has previously detailed in our own [Global Blue New Deal](#) – will take bold strides toward the twin goals of ocean protection and the promotion of new and emerging climate solutions. SOA's youth leaders and innovative startups have long known of and acted on the opportunities to develop ocean-based climate action, and I'm grateful to the administration for recognizing and promoting these activities.”

“However, this is a bittersweet victory on the heels of the administration's decision to approve The Willow Project in Alaska. This massive oil drilling operation will have devastating effects on this pristine ecosystem for generations, and is once again an example of prioritizing profits over the survival of our planet.”

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## **About Sustainable Ocean Alliance**

SOA is a global organization created for youth – by youth – dedicated to restoring the health of the ocean in our lifetime. We were founded in 2014 by Daniela Fernandez during her first year of college, after she attended a United Nations meeting on climate change – and was stunned to realize none of the experts had a plan to stop it. Since then, SOA has grown into the world's largest network of young ocean leaders, innovators, and policymakers, and we have accelerated 222 solutions to the greatest threats facing our ocean. These solutions include forprofit startups and community-led nonprofit projects around the world.