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From: Ed Watson [REDACTED]
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Subject:

Hello,

I am very concerned about Corridor Resources application for a permit to drill a deep water (460m) exploration well - called Old Harry - in the Laurentian Trench, north of the Magdalene Islands. After the experience in the Gulf of Mexico I believe it is prudent to protect this very sensitive marine environment. The Gulf of St. Lawrence is already quite polluted. Our fishery is in peril. Here on P.E.I. our beaches are vital to our tourism industry. Why is this project being fast tracked? What is Gail Shea's position on this issue?

DFO has said that The Gulf is more sensitive than Georges Bank, which is under moratorium. Even without major accidents drilling rigs have a constant run off of chemicals, oil, heavy metals, radioactive isotopes, etc. Why would we want to add this constant soup of toxins to our Gulf? I understand that the regulatory body for the Old Harry project is the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, which is dominated by the oil industry. What's the big rush? Can we expect this issue to get the media attention it deserves with the Arab world, Japan and an election dominating the news?

I join many other Maritimers and people around the world who love our beautiful beaches to ask for a moratorium on all drilling activity in the Gulf of St Lawrence. This is a critical issue that will impact our environment for generations. With a world in crisis I believe we need to solve some problems before we rush ahead to create more disasters for our children.

Yours, Ed Watson