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From: Young, Elizabeth
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Hicks, Darren
Subject: FW: old harry

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From: Kelly, Sean
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To: Young, Elizabeth
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From: Peter Baker
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Sent: Sun Mar 27 17:00:00 2011
Subject: old harry

Sean, This email is to register my interest in the proposed exploratory drilling by Corridor resources in the gulf of St Lawrence. I am a businessman living and working on P.E.I. and operating a tourist oriented business on P.E.I. The main attractions for tourists on P.E.I. are 3 things: the shore, beaches, the waterfront. To a degree the rural scenery is an attraction. Any operations of oil companies in the gulf are a direct threat to the P.E.I. industry that I as well as many others here directly benefit from, particularly offshore drilling in the gulf. If there are any benefits of this oil industry development in the gulf for P.E.I., I would be interested to hear. I'm sure there would be employment for Newfoundlanders and perhaps Quebecers as a result of this oil industry activity, this however would have no benefit for P.E.I. In fact P.E.I. has nothing to gain and everything to lose from offshore drilling in the gulf, just the perception of oil industry activities in the gulf would have negative impact on the tourist industry. Unfortunately accidents happen regardless of industry safeguards, the BP oil well blowout in the gulf of Mexico being the latest example. I'm sure the present price of crude is a motivator to explore, alas it is only a temporary price. The world market has plenty of oil, the price is usually manipulated rather than a reflection of real demand, maybe we should just hold off developing the gulf of St. Lawrence at present. Tourism is P.E.I.'s most valuable industry as well as our only real engine for economic growth. What about the gulf fisheries? Islanders do not want to be collateral damage in an unwise and hurried development of offshore oil wells in the gulf of St Lawrence. Yours, Peter Baker, [REDACTED]