Gulf of St. Lawrence say no to oil drilling

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Elizabeth Young - Please, add my voice to the urgent call to say no to oil drilling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence is already in a fragile state as it is and further disturbances could turn it into a dead zone. The devastation caused by the blowout in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 shows that the risks associated with oil exploration and production are too high for the much smaller and more enclosed Gulf of St. Lawrence. The costs resulting from the Gulf of Mexico blowout are \$37 billion to date, but current Canadian regulations cap liability at \$30 million.

The Gulf is one body of water that cannot be split into five jurisdictions. The impacts of oil exploration and production (e.g. oil spills and possibly blowouts) will cross the invisible borders of the Gulf.

The capacity to contain or respond to an oil spill in the Gulf is known to be completely inadequate. Oil and gas exploration and production in the Gulf pose serious risks to fisheries and tourism, major contributors to the PEI economy.

As the owner of a summer rental property on PEI's famous and beautiful north shore, I know that our tourism industry would be devastated for years from an oil spill.

In appreciation of your thoughtfully considering future generations, Julie Devon Dodd.

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