

eping the Gulf of St. Lawrence a healthy viable ecosystem for all of us our children and Grand-children

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Subject: Keeping the Gulf of St. Lawrence a healthy viable ecosystem for all of us, our children and Grand-children.

Steve Bonnell at the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and their PEI representative on the SEA update, Greg Wilson, Honorable Premier and Ministers of Environment, Fisheries, Tourism and Finance,

Dear Gentlemen,

Take a moment, if you will, imagining yourselves taking your son, daughter or grand-child out deep-sea fishing as a special summer treat and bonding time. Imagine that this relatively small and extremely fragile area of the Gulf of St. Lawrence were a complete dead zone due to oil exploration and drilling mishaps.

This is not that far fetched if you look at the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 (a far greater area that is flushed out much faster than the Gulf of St. Lawrence), where the unthinkable happened showing the devastation a blowout can produce when oil companies are left open to drill and explore at will. The gigantic costs to fix those problems in the Gulf of Mexico come to about \$37 billion dollars to date, however PEI's liability is capped at 30 million. How could PEI ever afford to foot a bill that large with the loss of the fishery & tourism to boot.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence affects five Provinces with any spill, or blowout happening near any of those Provinces. There are no underground walls to prevent a problem happening near NFLD from spilling into and spoiling our waters, our Tourism, our Fisheries, our overall economy and our future well-being. The ability to contain or respond to an oil spill in the Gulf is known to be completely inadequate. Why should we want to take such huge risks by allowing oil exploration and drilling anywhere in the Gulf.

I guess this is why the Province of Québec already has a moratorium on oil exploration in place.

I urge you all, who are making decisions for all of our futures, to declare a moratorium on drilling and exploration in the Gulf of the St. Lawrence. Let us take control of our waters so that we can enjoy them for a long time to come.

Thanks for your attention,
Suzanne d'Entremont