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What consultation session (location) did you attend?

I have attend to the one held in Blanc Sablon Quebec

I am the president of: the Lower North Shore East Sector Chamber of Commerce.

Our Chamber of Commerce is completely oppose to any petroleum exploration in the gulf of St-Laurence for those following reasons:

- 1.- So far no serious study has been in this sector regarding currents, the quantity of differents fishs species and marines species that live in that area.
- 2.- Most of the ground fishs go to Grant Bank in the winter and come back to our area in the spring so they will have to travel in the field were the petroleum activity will be carry-out. any oil spill could destroy our main fishing industry.
- 3.- the petroleum activity is to risky in any of those areas on this coast because nobody knows what those waters contain and there will take years to study this.
4. Any petroleum spoilish could destroy the complete gulf of St-Laurence in a few hours.
- 5.- The complete fishing industry bring more economic development to hall the communities living along this Gulf of St-Laurence than the petroleum industry.
- 6.- The petroleum industry will benefit only to a few communities but will cause a lot of negatif affects to hall the others.
- 7.- There is a great potential of petroleum exploration and development on the main land along of all our coast line, why not develop this part before going in the sea to do so.
- 8.- Compare to the petroleum exploration done on south part of Newfoundland, this sector is really close in and peoples live on both side or nearby were those exploration will carry.
- 9.- The fishing industry has been our main industry for most of the communities living along those coast line before Canada was create and still is today and brought and is brying more economy than any petroleum industry.
- 10.- So far all the petroleum industry is brying to the Eastern provinces of Canada very little compare to the fishing industry. We do not have the knowledge in Canada to do this kind of exploration, if this go ahead it will be done by foreings countries and we will benefit from very little, same has the Ore in the north of the province of Quebec and Labrador.
- 11.- Due to the lack of knowledge of our Gulf of St-Laurence and the petroleum exploration , we can not allow any exploration in those sectors.
- 12.- We can not bring you any scientific data because there is not to much real one to provide you. but we can tell you from experience what is happening from day to day, years to years and heaven century to century because us and our ancestors has live there since the years 1,000 with the Vikings, the Basques and others.