

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT ON GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT, WHEREAS the Gulf of St. Lawrence is a precious and imperiled ecosystem that supports multi-billion dollar renewable fishing and tourism industries;

WHEREAS the Gulf is home to the largest lobster production in the world, the highest concentration of krill in the northwest Atlantic and over 2000 marine species, including the endangered blue whale;

WHEREAS this vital ecosystem is being jeopardized by oil and gas development, since a catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of St. Lawrence could affect the coasts of five provinces due to high winds, strong tides and counterclockwise currents that only flush into the Atlantic once a year;

WHEREAS seismic testing for oil and gas creates noise pollution that can injure and can even kill marine life and displace them from key habitats they need for migration, feeding and reproduction; and

WHEREAS there is currently no single, arms-length regulatory process for assessing the impacts of oil and gas development in the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call on the House of Commons to immediately convene a blue ribbon review panel to conduct a comprehensive review of potential environmental, social, and economic risks and impacts, to be conducted with the full participation of local stakeholders including provinces, Aboriginal groups, representatives from the fishing and tourism industries, and the general public;

and, pending the results of this review, establish a complete moratorium on all oil and gas exploration and development in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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