

I am a fisherman's wife, a fisherman's daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter. Now I'm also a fisherman's mother. We are a fifth generation lobster fishing family. We love our way of life and are desperate to preserve it. We are conservationists and stewards of the sea. We believe our oceans are no place for wind turbines! Here's some reasons why:

- Why offshore wind farms are detrimental to the Gulf of Maine:**
- Vibrations and noise from turbine construction and operation are detrimental to marine animals**
- Rotating turbine blades and their bases in the water disrupt the natural cycling of water temperature that fish and shellfish depend on to migrate, breed and flourish, thus driving fish out of vast areas**
- EMFs (Electro-Magnetic Fields) disturb fish migration patterns**
- Loss of commercial and recreational fishing grounds**
- Radar & Navigational Hazards**
- Leakage of hazardous materials (oil leakage from turbines is not uncommon)**
- Disposal of turbine blades (only a 15-25 year lifespan) then each massive non-recyclable blade gets buried in the ground**
- Harm or death to birds (estimated up to 500k/year in the USA), fish,whales, etc.**

Please don't put turbines in our Gulf of Maine!
Thank you,
Julie Kelley
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