

Resident of Grosse-Île

My name is Ronnie Goodwin. I live in Grosse-Île with my family. The beaches here are part of my daily life. I spend a great deal of time walking along the shore, and I see firsthand the wildlife that depends on this fragile environment.

I regularly see cormorants, seagulls, piping plovers, and seals close to shore. These species are not just part of the scenery — they are part of our ecosystem and our identity. The shoreline and surrounding marine areas are sensitive habitats that have supported wildlife and fisheries for generations.

My concern is that installing wind turbines this close to our coastal areas could cause serious harm. Once damage is done to marine life, bird populations, or fisheries, it cannot simply be undone. Our fishing grounds and coastal ecosystems are not experimental zones — they are our livelihood, our heritage, and our responsibility.

As a grandfather, I think not only about today, but about tomorrow. I want my grandchildren to grow up knowing the same peaceful beaches, the same wildlife, and the same traditions that I have known my entire life. I want them to experience the silence of the shore — the sound of waves, the calls of birds, and the simple beauty of an untouched horizon.

The peaceful silence of Grosse-Île is part of who we are. Once it is industrialized, it will never return to what it once was.

We do not believe turbines need to be placed this close to our homes and shoreline. If such projects must move forward, they should be located elsewhere — far from fragile coastal ecosystems and established fisheries.

Grosse-Île is not just land on a map. It is our home. And it must be protected for the generations that follow us.