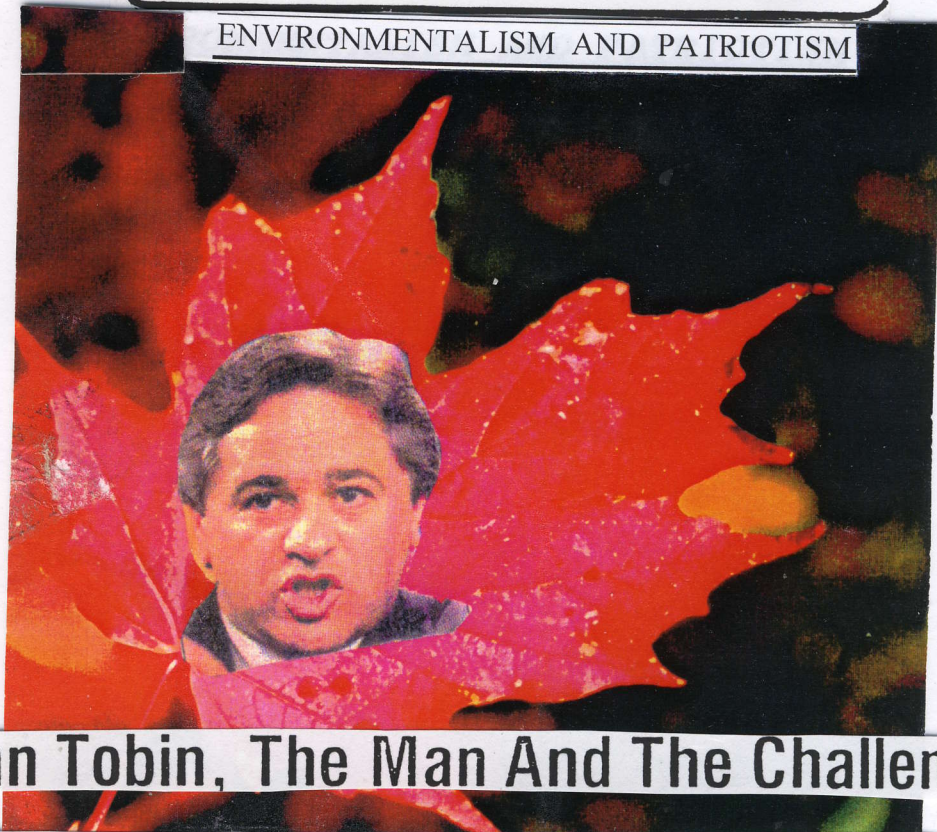


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## Brian Tobin, The Man And The Challenge

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The Estai and other Spanish fishing trawlers stood at our doors,  
 In the disputed waters off Newfoundland's Grand Banks,  
 Bleeding us at a hundred pores at the Nose and Tail,  
 Ravaging the riches of mankind in international waters  
 By using fishing practices unacceptable to Canada and humanity;  
 Illegal nets which catch "baby" turbot that should not be fished!  
 But, how can those juveniles escape that monstrosity,  
 That ecological madness that is vacuuming the ocean floor?  
 This deforestation on the high seas strongly provoked Canadians,  
 And made Newfoundlanders flushed with anger and discontent.  
 But Brian carefully calculated the odds, declared "CANADA FIRST",  
 And bravely fought a "turbot war" that took the bull by the horns:  
 A government crackdown on the European fleet – the Estai seizure,  
 A great act of "national solidarity" in a compelling fashion  
 That forced Europe to recognize the need to deal with conservation  
 And, finally signed a deal with Canada for conservation measures.  
 Then peace reigned on the high seas and the "turbot war" ended  
 To make Canadians everywhere stand erect in patriotic pride,  
 And live for what the Fathers of Confederation died!  
 Bravo, Bravo, Bravo fish warrior, Brian Tobin  
 The brave politician who fused environmentalism and patriotism,  
 The Man and The Challenge, The Man and The Challenge!  
 It is now time to enjoy the fruits of your heroic glorious victory  
 It is not the mark of a pirate. It is the mark of a PATRIOT!  
 O Canada, may Almighty God Bless thee and all your Patriotic Sons.