

## REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT IN NOVA SCOTIA – UPDATE

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Since the last update the Committee continues to focus on information gathering and meeting with various stakeholders including industry and federal and provincial authorities. Planning for an extensive fall engagement program, expected to take place in October and November, is also underway.

The Committee has continued to meet weekly with the Secretariat to discuss and plan aspects of the Regional Assessment and continues to have a weekly session for topic briefings. A [Summary of NS Regional Assessment Committee Meetings](#) conducted to date can be found on the Registry page.

In addition to meetings with the Secretariat, the Committee has continued to meet with government departments, NGOs, and industry representatives. These meetings have focussed on information sharing about the Regional Assessment and the process, and discussions on key topics and areas for potential collaboration. A summary of participant meetings will be added to the tracking tables within the relevant Participation Plans. These Plans are posted to the Registry.

The Regional Assessment Study Area has recently been posted publicly on Open Government. Users can download and use this study area on their own maps if they wish. The Study Area information can be found here: [Study Area for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia - Open Government Portal \(canada.ca\)](#). The Committee welcomes feedback on the Study Area, specifically potential areas for future wind energy development and/or areas to avoid.

The fall engagement program is expected to include in-person open house sessions and on-one-one meetings with Indigenous communities, fisheries associations and municipalities. The open house sessions and meetings are planned throughout the province in October/November 2023. A schedule of the open house sessions will be posted to the Registry under *Information Sessions* (<https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83514/session>) and updated as sessions are confirmed/added.

Invitations will be sent via email to the distribution list as well as posted to the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#) and social media. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please sent your contact information to the Regional Assessment email ([OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)).

All information about the Regional Assessment is available on the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#). The Committee invites all Indigenous peoples, organizations, and any other person or group with information and interests related to the Regional Assessment, and who wishes to participate in it, to reach out via the Regional Assessment email ([OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)) and/or the [public commenting tool](#) with any questions or comments.