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Jeffrey Janes Policy Analyst, Regional and Strategic Assessments Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

Subject: Follow-up response to the Request for Advice submitted by the Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia

Dear Jeffrey Janes:

On August 8th, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received a Request for Advice (RFA) from the Impact Assessment Agency (IAAC) detailing the information in DFO's possession that the Agency required in support of the ongoing Regional Assessment (RA) of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia. DFO responded on October 31st and November 28th with requested information. The attached document contains follow-up information on Atlantic Salmon pertaining to DFO Maritimes Region that had not been included in the first two responses.

This document fulfills DFO's obligation per section 23 of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA) and the current Memorandum of Understanding between DFO to provide specialist or expert information or knowledge that is in DFO's possession.

Please also note the following:

- The information represented here should not be considered peer-reviewed, DFO Science advice but rather information that is in DFO's possession and relevant to the topics outlined in the RFA
- Much of the information presented is from already published literature or subject matter expert knowledge.

DFO looks forward to continuing to work with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to support the Regional Assessment. The department welcomes any follow-up correspondence from the Agency pertaining to this response.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Williams



Attachments:

- 1. DFO Maritimes follow-up written response on Atlantic salmon
- c.c.: Alain Hebert Glen Herbert Monik Richard Luke Gaulton

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