

After reviewing the attached document, KMK wishes to offer the following:

- Appendix A summarizes the general studies being considered including the CANMET “Preliminary Considerations Analysis of Offshore Wind Energy in Atlantic Canada”, AEGIR Insights “Value Mapping Nova Scotia’s Offshore Wind Resources”, DFO’s “Marine Spatial Planning Atlas” and “DFO SeaFOAM (Search for Offshore Wind Areas using Marine Spatial Planning) Project”. All of these documents, except for the SeaFOAM report are available publicly and meet a generally acceptable quality standard for work in the industry. KMK wishes to review the SeaFOAM report when it is released (targeted Winter or Spring 2024 per this document). We have no concerns at this time about these documents or their use in identifying the development zone and assessing preliminary impacts.
- Appendix B documents the maps from the DFO Marine Planning Atlas, which were used in the public consultations. These maps summarize available public information with respect to use of the marine space, including information with respect to the commercial fishing results within the area. Note that in some maps, (i.e. The Commercial Fishing of Shrimp on page 10 of the document), large areas of the map are identified as ‘Privacy Screened Area’. These areas are where there are fewer than 5 vessels licensed, so composite landing information is withheld as there is insufficient information to retain competitive confidentiality as per DFO standards. We have no concerns at this time about these maps or their use in identifying the development zone and assessing preliminary commercial impacts.

Please reach out if you have any questions and happy to discuss further if needed.

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