

June 17, 2024

**ELECTRONIC MAIL**

**To:** Christina Clarke

**Subject: Request for Information - Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia**

Dear Ms. Clarke,

The federal Ministers of *Environment and Climate Change* and of *Energy and Natural Resources* and the provincial Minister of *Natural Resources and Renewables* entered into an Agreement to Conduct a Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia (the Agreement) pursuant to subsection 93(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA). The Agreement enabled the appointment of a committee to conduct the regional assessment in accordance with Appendix A, the Terms of Reference (TOR). The latter were posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry site: [Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca).

In accordance with section 5 of the Agreement and pursuant to section 23 of the IAA, the Committee may request specialist or expert information or knowledge from any department or agency<sup>1</sup>, which must then be made available to the Committee. This includes providing information, knowledge or advice related to any matter relevant to the Regional Assessment.

The Committee seeks the Department's advice and feedback on the potential positive and adverse effects, including cumulative effects, of offshore wind (OSW) development during the preconstruction, construction, operation and decommissioning phases of a project.

To support this request, Impact Producing Factors (IPFs) associated with an OSW development are described in Table 1. The identified IPFs may cause impacts to physical, biological, economic or socially valued components. This is not an exhaustive list, and the Committee seeks your observations and feedback on any identified gaps.

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<sup>1</sup> All subsequent references to department mean department or agency.



*Attachments:*

- Advice Record
- Table 1

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**Advice Record**

**Response due by: July 31, 2024**

Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia

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