

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT IN NOVA SCOTIA – UPDATE

July 2024

The Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia has been focused on writing the draft Final Report. Feedback has been gathered from provincial and federal authorities and other participants to inform the report. All requests and responses received so far are available on the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#). The Committee has also continued to receive feedback on the Interim Report from various participants. This feedback will be considered when drafting the Final Report and has also been posted on the Registry.

Posting of the draft Final Report to the Registry is planned for October 2, 2024, for a 60-day public review and comment period [originally the posting was planned for September 30, 2024, but in order to avoid the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) and NS Treaty Day (Oct. 1) the posting was moved to October 2]. The Final Report will be submitted to the Minister in January 2025. Note that the Agreement states the Minister will make the Final Report public.

The Committee has posted a [2024 Spring Engagement Program - What We Heard Summary \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](#). This summary outlines what was heard during public open house and Indigenous community engagement sessions held in April, May and June 2024. The findings outlined in this document will be incorporated into the Final Report.

The Committee continued to meet with provincial and federal government departments, fisheries groups, and other participants in July. The Committee received briefings from ECCC, DFO and NRCan on cumulative effects, from NS NRR on subsurface geology, and from NS Office of L'nu Affairs on Indigenous consultation. The Committee also had a workshop on Two-eyed Seeing with Michelle Marshall-Johnson (Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey). A summary of participant meetings will be added to the tracking tables within the relevant Participation Plans. These Plans include the Public and Stakeholder Participation Plan, Fisheries Participation Plan, and Indigenous Participation Plan. Updated versions of these Plans have been posted to the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#) and are updated on a quarterly basis.

The Committee continued to meet regularly with the Secretariat in July with a focus on planning and drafting of the draft Final Report and organizing meetings with participants. A Summary of Regional Assessment Committee meetings is updated monthly and posted to the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#).

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) and/or the [public commenting tool](#) with any questions or comments. If you would like your name and contact added to the distribution list, please sent your contact information to the Regional Assessment email (OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca).