

Advice Request

The Committee would like your advice/input on the following:

1. **A short description of ACOA's mandate and current work activities as it relates to the arrival and development of the Offshore Wind (OSW) industry.**

Answer:

The [Agency's legislation](#) mandates the organization "to increase opportunity for economic development in Atlantic Canada and, more particularly, to enhance the growth of earned incomes and employment opportunities in that region".

Broadly, the Agency's work focuses on:

- Community capacity building to better understand the socio-economic implications of OSW development (e.g. infrastructure and workforce housing needs) on communities near projects.
- Preparing SMEs for potential offshore wind supply chain opportunities; and,
- Understanding workforce needs to support the emergence of this sector in the region.

With reference to the answer to 1 above:

- a. **Potential positive and adverse effects (including cumulative effects) of offshore wind energy development that have been identified and any recommendations on how to address them.**

Answer: Not applicable

- b. **Mitigation and/or monitoring that should be considered to address potential adverse effects.**

Answer: Not applicable

Details of any ACOA initiated or planned work related to offshore wind development in Nova Scotia or the Atlantic Region.

Answer:

There are currently three projects completed and underway on OSW:

1. The Municipality of the County of Richmond is conducting a project funded in part by ACOA to explore the feasibility of establishing an Off-Shore Wind Centre

of Excellence. They aim to optimize industrial infrastructure in the Strait regions and support the creation of an Energy Transition Office.

2. The Pan Atlantic Wind Supply Chain Study, also supported by ACOA through a contribution agreement, seeks to enhance Atlantic Canada's wind supply chain and workforce to maximize economic benefits from domestic and international wind development, with completion expected by October 2024.
3. Energy NL completed a Jurisdictional Scan of Local Content Requirements for Wind and Wind-Hydrogen Energy Projects in Newfoundland and Labrador, with ACOA contributing to the assessment of local content policies and supply chain development opportunities.

In responding to any of the above matters, the Committee would appreciate reference to any applicable legislation, regulation or policy directive pertaining to the topic.

Answer: [Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Act \(justice.gc.ca\)](https://www.justice.gc.ca)

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