

## REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT IN NOVA SCOTIA – UPDATE

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The Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia has continued to focus on writing the draft Report in August. Feedback has been gathered from provincial and federal authorities and other participants to inform the report. All requests and responses received are available on the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#). These include responses from Provincial and Federal Authorities and fisheries groups.

The Committee has posted a [Frequently Asked Questions Edition 4 - Offshore Wind and Fisheries \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](#). This version answers questions that have been raised during meetings and engagement events pertaining to potential fisheries interactions with offshore wind development.

The Committee continued to meet with provincial and federal government departments, fisheries groups, and other participants in August. The Committee received a briefing from the [Impact Assessment Agency of Canada on Cumulative Effects](#). The Committee also met with multiple fisheries groups to get feedback on the Interim Report, better understand their fishing practices in the (initial) proposed areas of development, and to discuss their concerns on potential offshore wind development in Nova Scotia. 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 August 2024 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 August with a focus on planning and drafting of the Draft Report. 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](mailto: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](mailto:OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)).