

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT IN NOVA SCOTIA – UPDATE

November/December 2024

The [Draft Regional Assessment Report](#) was posted to the Registry on October 31, 2024. The Committee invites all Indigenous peoples, the public, organizations, and any other person or group to review and provide comments on the Draft Report until **11:59 p.m. on December 20, 2024**.

Comments can be submitted via the Regional Assessment email (OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) or the public commenting tool. All comments received will be compiled and published on the Registry. Participants who wish to ask a question, or provide their input in a different format, can contact the Committee by writing to OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca. The Committee will consider all comments and feedback towards the finalization of their report. The Final Report will be submitted to the Minister on January 23, 2025. Note that the Committee's Agreement states that the Minister will make the Final Report public.

The Committee have been receiving feedback as part of the Public Comment Period throughout November. To supplement this feedback, the Committee has also been meeting with various participants including Indigenous participants, fisheries groups, industry, NGOs and federal and provincial authorities to discuss the Draft Report. The Committee has also begun incorporating feedback, making edits and working towards the Final Report.

In addition to holding meetings with participants, Committee members also attended two offshore wind themed conferences held in Halifax in November. Graham Daborn presented at [Net Zero Atlantic's](#) Nova Scotia Offshore Wind Research and Development Forum (presentation can be found [here](#)) and James Wooder presented at [Marine Renewables Canada's](#) 2024 Conference (presentation can be found [here](#)). A booth with information about the Regional Assessment, content from the Draft Report and a copy of the Draft Report was set up at both events to answer questions and encourage feedback on the Draft Report.

All information about the Regional Assessment is available on the [Regional Assessment Registry page](#). The Committee and Secretariat will be out of the office from December 21, 2024 – January 5, 2025. The final update from the Committee will be posted at the end of January 2025, as a conclusion to the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia.