

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee for Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia

FROM: Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
Honourable Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables

DATE: December 19, 2023

RE: Extension Request to amend the final report due date and provide clarity for the interim report of the Nova Scotia Offshore Wind Regional Assessment

A. PURPOSE

With this Memorandum the federal Ministers of Environment and Climate Change, Energy and Natural Resources, and the provincial Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables together agree to the following amendments to further clarify the *Agreement to conduct a regional assessment of offshore wind development in Nova Scotia* in response to the request made by the Committee conducting the Regional Assessment of offshore wind energy development in the Offshore Area of Nova Scotia (NS OSW RA) on October 25, 2023.

B. AMENDMENTS

1. Agreement - Section 6.0 Report and Records

6.2 The Committee will complete its work and submit its Report (all components) to the Ministers within 22 months of the public announcement of the appointment of its members. Further information on the timing of particular aspects of the Committee’s work and associated reporting on these is provided in Appendix A.

2. Terms of Reference - Section A3.1 of the APPENDIX A

A3.1 The Committee will complete its work in a phased manner and will, following the public review of a draft as referenced in Section A1.6 above, submit the various components of its Report to the Ministers as follows:

Report Component	Overview	Relevant Components (From Sections A2.3 and A2.4 Above)	Submission to Ministers
Interim working paper	Information and analysis to inform future planning and licensing for offshore wind in the Study Area	Section A2.3 Objective A, items a) to d) Objective B, item a) Objective D, item a) Section A2.4 Item d) to e)	12 months from Committee appointment*

		Will be provided in the form of an interim working paper that includes a georeferenced map of identified potential future development areas. The map will be supported by a summary of early stakeholder engagement activities and views. This information and analysis will continue to be updated for the Report	
Report	Identification of, and recommendations on, mitigation, and other approaches to address potential effects, and monitoring and follow-up requirements, to inform future impact assessments for offshore wind in the Study Area	Section A 2.3 Objective C, items a) to b) Objective D, items a) to b) Section A 2.4 Items d) to e)	22 months from Committee appointment *

* As noted above, the Committee may choose to present information in an electronic format, such as through a GIS. While this information is part of the interim working paper (and any such GIS is therefore to be submitted with 12 months), it is recognized that the system may continue to be refined during the remainder of the Regional Assessment process, and that an updated version may be included in the Committee's final deliverable (at 22 months).



3. Terms of Reference - Section A3.3 of the of the APPENDIX A

A3.3 The Committee will submit its final Report (all components outlined in the above table, including final GIS as applicable) to the Ministers within 22 months of the public announcement of the appointment of its members by the federal Minister of Environment.

C. SIGNATURES

This Memorandum may be signed by the parties in counterpart.

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January 25, 2024

Date

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Canada

Date

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
Government of Canada

Date

The Honourable Tory Rushton
Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables
Government of Nova Scotia



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Natural Resources
Canada

Ressources naturelles
Canada

4. Terms of Reference - Section A3.3 of the of the APPENDIX A

A3.3 The Committee will submit its final Report (all components outlined in the above table, including final GIS as applicable) to the Ministers within 22 months of the public announcement of the appointment of its members by the federal Minister of Environment.

C. SIGNATURES

This Memorandum may be signed by the parties in counterpart.

Date

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Canada

January 23, 2024

Date

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
Government of Canada

Date

The Honourable Tory Rushton
Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables
Government of Nova Scotia



3. Mandat - Section A3.3 de l'ANNEXE A

A3.3 Le comité présentera aux ministres son rapport final (toutes les composantes décrites dans le tableau ci-dessus, y compris une version finale du SIG, le cas échéant) dans les 22 mois suivant l'annonce publique de la nomination de ses membres par le ministre fédéral de l'Environnement.

C. SIGNATURES

Le présent mémorandum peut être signé par les parties en contrepartie.

Date

L'honorable Steven Guilbeault
Ministre de l'Environnement et du Changement climatique
Gouvernement du Canada

Date

L'honorable Jonathan Wilkinson
Ministre de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles
Gouvernement du Canada

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December 22, 2023

Date

L'honorable Tory Rushton
Ministre des Ressources naturelles et des Énergies renouvelables
Gouvernement de la Nouvelle-Écosse