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





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		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,	Section A 2.3 Objective C, items a) to b)	22 months from
	mitigation, and other	Objective D, items a) to b)	Committee
	approaches to address	Section A 2.4	appointment *
	potential effects, and	Items d) to e)	
	monitoring and follow-up		
	requirements, to inform		
	future impact assessments		
	for offshore wind in the		
	Study Area		

^{*} 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).





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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

Date

This Memorandum may be signed by the parties in counterpart.

January 25, 2024 Date The Honourable Steven Guilbeault Minister of Environment and Climate Change Government of Canada The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Government of Canada

The Honourable Tory Rushton

Government of Nova Scotia

Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables





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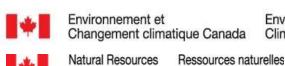
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3. Mandat - Section A3.3 de l'ANNEXE A

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.

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C. SIGNATURES

Le présent mémorandum	peut être signé par les parties en contrepartie.
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	Ministre de l'Environnement et du Changement climatique Gouvernement du Canada
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