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**Subject: Follow-up response to the Request for Advice submitted by the Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia**

Dear Jeffrey Janes:

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received a Request for Advice (RFA) from the Impact Assessment Agency (IAAC) detailing the information in DFO's possession that the Agency required in support of the ongoing Regional Assessment (RA) of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia. DFO responded on October 31<sup>st</sup> with requested information pertaining to both the Maritimes and Gulf Regions. This document contains follow-up information pertaining to DFO Maritimes Region that had not been included in the initial response. It also includes information that was not specifically requested by IAAC, but that DFO feels is important to consider as the Committee carries out the RA.

This document fulfills DFO's obligation per section 23 of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA) and the current Memorandum of Understanding between DFO to provide specialist or expert information or knowledge that is in DFO's possession.

Please also note the following:

- The information represented here should not be considered peer-reviewed, DFO Science advice but rather information that is in DFO's possession and relevant to the topics outlined in the RFA
- Almost all the information presented is from already published literature or subject matter expert knowledge.
- Per discussions between DFO and IAAC, some of information pertaining specifically to DFO Maritimes Region is still outstanding and will be provided at a later date.

These are:

- o Current knowledge of Atlantic salmon presence / migration
- o Current knowledge of American eel presence / migration through the Study Area

DFO looks forward to continuing to work with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to support the Regional Assessment. The department welcomes any follow-up correspondence from the Agency pertaining to this response.

Sincerely,

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**Attachments:**

1. DFO Maritimes follow-up written response

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