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for Innu Nation

Re: Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador: Interim Report - Innu Nation Additional Comments, July 5, 2024

Rick,
Thank you for providing us with the additional comments on the engagement component of the Interim Report, and the Regional Assessment. We respect Innu Nation's views regarding the meaning of Indigenous peoples of Canada, and understand you shared these same views with federal ministers and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada president in December 2023.

As per section A.1.3 of the Regional Assessment Agreement, the Committee is not mandated or empowered to make any determination as to the existence or validity of Aboriginal or Treaty rights, the probability of adverse impacts upon any such rights, or whether any duty to consult has arisen and been discharged in any particular context.

This Regional Assessment is not a Crown duty to consult process. Instead, the Committee is engaging with all Indigenous groups and individuals, regardless of their status and is not based on the Indigenous groups and individuals being a section 35 rights holder.

We thank Innu Nation for participating in this Regional Assessment and for sharing your feedback and concerns throughout the process.

Thank you,
Shayne McDonald, Chair
Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador