

# Appendix B: Public, Fisheries, and Stakeholder Engagement - What We Heard

## ***Summary of Public, Fisheries, and Stakeholder Engagement for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador***

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Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador

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## 1 Report Purpose

This Report describes the Committee’s public, fisheries, and stakeholder engagement for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador (the Regional Assessment). It documents issues and concerns participants raised with and input they provided to the Committee. Along with the [Public, Fisheries, and Stakeholder Participation Plan](#) (PP), this is an important document to provide additional engagement details beyond the Committee’s Regional Assessment Report.

Indigenous engagement is described in Appendix A of the Committee’s Report: Indigenous Engagement – What We Heard.

The views and opinions documented in this Report should be considered in project-level impact assessments, alongside the Committee’s Final Report.

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## 2 Engagement Phases and Activities

The Committee’s engagement activities unfolded in five phases, as summarized in Table 1. While the Committee’s engagement efforts focused on specific topics at certain times, the Committee welcomed all participants to share concerns and provide input on any matter relevant to the Regional Assessment at any time throughout the process.

As per the [Committee’s operational procedures](#), all engagement materials mentioned throughout this Report (e.g., presentations from engagement sessions, handouts, etc.) and any written commentary participants submitted to the Committee are on the [Registry](#).<sup>1</sup>

A total of 77 virtual or in-person meetings were held with nearly 500 participants overall representing the 45 Indigenous persons representing communities or organizations, 129 members of the public (or did not provide any affiliations with an organization), 141 government representatives or staff, 37 fishers or fishing organizations, 11 environmental groups, 16 participants representing energy industry organizations, 16 academics, 96 consultants, and 7 other stakeholder groups.<sup>23</sup> The Committee also received 24 written submissions from 24 participants on the Focus Area and 55 written submissions from 45 participants during the public review and comment period on the Draft Report, with multiple other instances of comments and meeting requests received throughout the Regional Assessment process.

Annex A of this Report lists the advisory group members and Annex B lists the Committee’s requests for advice to and responses from various federal and provincial authorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Except for those rare exceptions where confidentiality was requested and granted as per the [Committee’s confidentiality procedures](#).

<sup>2</sup> “nearly 500 participants overall” refers to the number of participants throughout the engagement process, many of whom participated in numerous meetings and sessions.

<sup>3</sup> Where affiliation of an individual was not provided/unknown, that individual was categorized as a member of the public.

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<b>Table 1. Engagement Phases during the Conduct of the Regional Assessment</b>		
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Focus of Committee’s Engagement Efforts</b>
Introducing the Regional Assessment	May 2023 – September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering Indigenous knowledge and perspectives</li> <li>• Gathering Community knowledge, and input from the public, fisheries, and stakeholders</li> <li>• Providing an overview of the Regional Assessment objectives, scope, and timelines</li> <li>• Inviting feedback on the IPP and PP</li> <li>• Promoting advisory groups</li> </ul>
Defining the Focus Area	August 2023 – October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering Indigenous knowledge and perspectives</li> <li>• Gathering Community knowledge, and input from the public, fisheries, and stakeholders</li> <li>• Inviting feedback on the Proposed and Final Focus Area based on technical and economic constraints</li> <li>• Engaging advisory groups</li> </ul>
Identifying Preliminary Offshore Wind Licencing Areas	November 2023 – March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering Indigenous knowledge and perspectives</li> <li>• Gathering Community knowledge, and input from the public, fisheries, and stakeholders</li> <li>• Inviting feedback on the proposed constraints analysis</li> <li>• Inviting feedback on the final constraints analysis and resulting preliminary offshore wind energy licencing areas for Interim Report</li> <li>• Engaging advisory groups</li> </ul>

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Preparing the Draft Report	March 2024 – September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering Indigenous knowledge and perspectives</li> <li>• Gathering Community knowledge, and input from the public, fisheries, and stakeholders</li> <li>• Making adjustments to constraints analysis and preliminary offshore wind energy licensing areas based on feedback</li> <li>• Inviting input on existing conditions, effects, mitigation, follow-up, and monitoring</li> <li>• Engaging advisory groups</li> </ul>
Finalizing the Report	October 2024 – December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering Indigenous knowledge and perspectives</li> <li>• Gathering Community knowledge, and input from the public, fisheries, and stakeholders</li> <li>• Gathering feedback on Draft Report via the public review and comment period (October 1-November 29, 2024)*</li> <li>• Engaging the GBA+ Advisory Group</li> </ul>

**Table Description:** The table lists the five phases of engagement for the Regional Assessment, indicating timeframes and the focus of engagement efforts for each phase. Engagement started in May 2023 and ended in December 2024.

\* The Committee has prepared a summary of the comments received on the Draft Report and will post this summary to the Registry.

## 2.1 Introducing the Regional Assessment

The Committee’s introductory sessions with participants are identified in Table 2.

**Table 2. Summary of Introductory Sessions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants*</b>	<b>Topics Discussed</b>
May 10, 2023	Virtual Meeting	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	13	Introductory meeting to learn of available DFO expertise.
May 24, 2023	Virtual Meeting	DFO: Marine planning and conservation	5	Demo of the Canada Marine Planning Atlas to the Committee.
May 31, 2023	Virtual Meeting	IAAC	1	Gender-based analysis plus (GBA+) presentation to the Committee.
May 31, 2023	Virtual Meeting	IAAC	1	Regional Assessment scoping presentation to the Committee.
June 7, 2023	Virtual Meeting	Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)	4	Accord Act amendments presentation to the Committee.
June 13, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newfoundland and Labrador Wildlife Federation</li> <li>• EcoNext</li> <li>• Dominion Diving</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Energy NL</li> <li>• AECOM</li> <li>• Canada Energy Regulator (CER)</li> </ul>	14	Public and stakeholder introductory session of the Committee.

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Topics Discussed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador (MUN)</li> <li>• East Coast Environmental Law</li> <li>• Baird Consultants</li> <li>• Starboard Wind</li> <li>• Salmonid Council of NL</li> </ul>		
June 14, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter (CPAWS NL)</li> <li>• Keepers of the Circle</li> <li>• IAAC</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Port of Corner Brook</li> <li>• RelyOn Nutec Canada</li> <li>• BP</li> <li>• Energy NL</li> <li>• Sabik Offshore GmbH</li> <li>• LSPU (I.L.A.) Local 1953</li> <li>• EDF Renewables</li> <li>• Baird</li> <li>• Black Bawks Data Science Ltd/World Seabird Union</li> <li>• Ausenco</li> <li>• ABO Wind</li> <li>• Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)</li> <li>• Wood</li> <li>• Edgewise Environmental</li> </ul>	45	Public and stakeholder introductory session of the Committee.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Renewables Canada</li> <li>• MUN Grenfell Campus</li> <li>• Dovre Group</li> <li>• Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW-Unifor)</li> <li>• Embassy of Belgium in Canada</li> <li>• Canada Newfoundland Offshore Oil and Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB)</li> <li>• ICI Innovations</li> <li>• NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC)</li> <li>• Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</li> <li>• Qalipu First Nation</li> <li>• Innergex</li> </ul>		
June 15, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North American Worley Advisian</li> <li>• NCC</li> <li>• Generation Electricity Canada</li> <li>• Wolastoqey Nation (WNNB)</li> <li>• MUN</li> <li>• Stantec</li> <li>• Canadian Coast Guard (CCG)</li> <li>• Camerado Energy Consulting</li> <li>• SubC Imaging</li> <li>• West Coast Environmental Law</li> <li>• NCC</li> <li>• East Coast Environmental Law</li> <li>• Marine Institute (MI)</li> <li>• Fagiloi</li> </ul>	35	Public and stakeholder introductory session of the Committee.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• Oceans North</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</li> <li>• Keepers of the Circle</li> </ul>		
June 22, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)</li> </ul>	8	Introductory session, and to provide an overview to the Committee.
June 28, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Zero Atlantic</li> <li>• ASL Environmental Services</li> <li>• Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</li> <li>• IAAC</li> <li>• PESCA Environmental</li> <li>• C-NLOPB</li> <li>• Council of Canadians</li> <li>• Transport Canada (TC)</li> <li>• Member of the Public</li> <li>• ABL Group</li> <li>• University of Waterloo</li> <li>• DOF Subsea</li> <li>• Coldwater Lobster Association</li> <li>• Edgewise Environmental</li> <li>• Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia</li> <li>• Rob Strong Consulting</li> <li>• DFO</li> </ul>	27	Public and stakeholder introductory session of the Committee.

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Topics Discussed
June 28, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Research Council Canada (NRC)</li> <li>• PhD Student in Law at Dalhousie University</li> <li>• Bear Head Energy</li> <li>• Canadian Renewable Energy Association</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Natural Forces</li> <li>• eDNAtec</li> <li>• Parks Canada</li> <li>• STRUM</li> <li>• One Ocean</li> <li>• A Recent Graduate and Member of NGOs</li> </ul>	10	Public and stakeholder introductory session of the Committee.
July 7, 2023	In person meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C-NLOPB</li> </ul>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on C-NLOPB’s mandate. Trip to Germany: lessons learned by C-NLOPB on offshore wind energy.</li> <li>• Experience implementing the offshore drilling Regional Assessment, including GIS product.</li> </ul>
July 18, 2023	Hybrid (virtual & in person) Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFO: Marine planning and conservation</li> </ul>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-depth Session on the Canada Marine Planning Atlas to the Committee.</li> </ul>
August 9, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks Canada</li> </ul>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed parks and National Marine Conservation Areas</li> </ul>

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Topics Discussed
				(NMCAs) in the Study Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offshore wind development in existing/proposed NMCAs.</li> <li>• Protection of viewsapes and offshore wind developments inside viewsapes of parks, NMCAs and historic sites.</li> </ul>

**Table Description:** Table summarizing introductory sessions.

\* Not including the Committee or the Secretariat.

## 2.2 Defining the Focus Area

The Committee’s engagement activities on the Focus Area with participants are in Table 3.

The Committee published a Proposed Focus Area on August 17, 2023. The Committee welcomed written comments on the Proposed Focus Area until September 22, 2023. The Committee also held virtual and in-person public and advisory group sessions on the proposed Focus Area. The Committee notified participants of these engagement opportunities by posting on the Registry ([Proposed Focus Area – We Request your Feedback](#)), and via email. Participants provided comments on the Registry and via email to the Regional Assessment inbox . The Committee also held one-on-one meetings with industry groups and those who possessed expert knowledge on the constraints the Committee used to define the Focus Area (i.e., ice and icebergs, water depth).

On November 7, 2023, the Committee announced its decision to prioritize the remainder of their work within the Focus Area. [In its Focus Area decision document](#), the Committee described the selection of the Focus Area based on feedback received and further information gathered since the release of the Proposed Focus Area. The decision document included a summary of feedback received.

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**Table 3. Summary of Engagement Activities on the Focus Area**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants*</b>	<b>Details</b>
August 17, 2023	Public feedback period opened	Open to all	N/A	Posted Proposed Focus Area Document to Registry and welcomed feedback.
September 5, 2023	Virtual Meeting	DFO: Offshore Wind Working Group	11	Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.
September 7, 2023	Virtual Meeting	Parks Canada	2	Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.
September 11, 2023	Virtual Meeting	ECCC	4	Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.
September 11, 2023	Virtual Meeting	C-NLOPB	7	Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.
September 12, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</li> <li>• Fish Harvesters</li> <li>• IAAC</li> <li>• Energy NL</li> <li>• Flat Bay Band</li> <li>• FFAW</li> <li>• Net Zero Project</li> <li>• Tamarack Environmental</li> <li>• Clearwater Seafoods</li> </ul>	28	Public Session for Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Details
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceans North</li> <li>• Member of Parliament</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Town of St. Anthony</li> <li>• GNPNL</li> <li>• Exxon Mobil</li> <li>• Members of the Public</li> </ul>		
September 12, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ekuanitshit Legal Counsel</li> <li>• Trades NL</li> <li>• Seafood Producers</li> <li>• Fish Harvesters</li> <li>• Exxon Mobil</li> <li>• Qalipu First Nation</li> <li>• FFAW</li> <li>• Strum Consulting</li> <li>• Camerado Energy</li> <li>• Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</li> <li>• IAAC</li> <li>• East Coast Environmental Law</li> <li>• eDNATec</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Member of Parliament</li> <li>• One Ocean</li> <li>• Members of the Public</li> </ul>	26	Public Session for Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants*</b>	<b>Details</b>
September 14, 2023	Indigenous Knowledge Advisory Group Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KMKNO</li> <li>• AECOM (supporting KMKNO)</li> <li>• Keepers of the Circle</li> </ul>	3	Meeting for Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.
September 18, 2023	Fisheries and Other Ocean Uses Advisory Group Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Harvesters</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• Fisheries advisor for NunatuKavut Community Council</li> <li>• Burin Healthy Oceans Initiative</li> <li>• FFAW</li> <li>• ECCC</li> <li>• EverWind Fuels</li> <li>• One Ocean</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Rhenus Logistics Canada</li> <li>• Wood</li> <li>• Members of the Public</li> </ul>	24	Meeting for Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.
September 19, 2023	Scientific Information and Community Knowledge Advisory Group Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks Canada</li> <li>• Sabik Offshore</li> <li>• Fish Harvesters</li> <li>• Energy Consultant</li> <li>• FFAW</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Oceans North</li> <li>• JASCO Applied Sciences</li> <li>• Rhenus Logistics</li> </ul>	18	Meeting for Feedback on the Proposed Focus Area.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Coast Environmental Law</li> <li>• EcoNext</li> <li>• Worley</li> <li>• FFAW</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• Members of the Public</li> </ul>		
September 22, 2023	Public feedback period closed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to all</li> </ul>	45 participants submitted feedback	Participant submissions are on the Registry.
October 12, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRCan</li> </ul>	7	Offshore Wind Forward Planning.
October 17, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECCC</li> <li>• AECOM</li> <li>• Wood</li> <li>• Rhenus Logistics</li> </ul>	10	Engagement Session with Physical Constraints Experts.
October 18, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACOD</li> <li>• CIP</li> </ul>	2	Engagement Session with Offshore Wind Developer.
October 18, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eDNATec</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• ExxonMobil</li> <li>• MUN</li> <li>• Department of National Defense</li> </ul>	5	Engagement Session with Physical Constraints Experts.
October 25, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northland Power</li> </ul>	2	Engagement Session with Offshore Wind Developer.

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October 26, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simply Blue Group</li> </ul>	2	Engagement Session with Offshore Wind Developer.
October 30, 2023	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everwind Fuels</li> </ul>	2	Engagement Session with Offshore Wind Developer.
November 6, 2023	In-person Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the public</li> </ul>	40	In-person public engagement sessions (Marystown).
November 8, 2023	In-person Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the public</li> </ul>	20	In-person public engagement sessions (Harbour Breton).
November 16, 2023	In-person Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the public</li> </ul>	30	In-person public engagement sessions (Corner Brook).
November 17, 2023	In-person Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the public</li> </ul>	53	In-person public engagement sessions (Stephenville).

**Table Description:** Table summarizing engagement activities that occurred on the topic of the Focus Area.

\* Not including the Committee or the Secretariat.

## 2.3 Identifying Preliminary Offshore Wind Energy Licencing Areas

The Committee’s engagement activities during this phase with participants are in Table 4.

Starting in November 2023, the Committee’s engagement focused on the additional constraints the Committee was considering applying to determine the preliminary version of initial offshore wind energy licencing areas (preliminary offshore wind energy licencing areas). The Committee held virtual and in-person meetings and engagement sessions. The Committee also conducted two advisory group exercises during this phase: the Request for Advisory Group Input on Effects Research to Date, and the Mitigation and Enhancement Measures – Literature Review, where advisory group members had the option to review and provide commentary to the Committee.<sup>4</sup>

The Committee conducted their second round of in-person public engagement during this phase of their engagement schedule. The Committee held 14 in-person sessions in June 2024, throughout the communities of Burgeo, Stephenville, Corner Brook, Port Aux Basques, Harbour Breton, Marystown, and Fortune.<sup>5</sup> It also held two virtual public engagement sessions for those who could not attend in-person. The Committee notified the public of these sessions by working with IAAC’s Communications team to develop a media and advertising strategy to reach the target audience of these communities and surrounding areas. The sessions were advertised on various social media platforms (Facebook, X, LinkedIn) as well as local newspapers and radio stations.

**Table 4. Summary of Engagement Activities on Identifying Preliminary Offshore Wind Energy Licencing Areas**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants*</b>	<b>Details</b>
January 10, 2024	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• IAAC</li> </ul>	11	Committee’s Letter to the Ministers, Priority Assessment Areas and Possible Approaches and Path

<sup>4</sup> The Request for Advisory Group Input on Effects Research to Date and the Mitigation and Enhancement Measures – Literature Review are available on the Regional Assessment Registry Page under [document reference number 201](#) and [383](#), respectively.

<sup>5</sup> A summary of these engagement sessions can be found on the Regional Assessment Registry Page under document reference number [385](#).

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants*</b>	<b>Details</b>
				Forward for the Regional Assessment.
January 23, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Xodus	4	Xodus' submission on the Effects Table Document.
January 24, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Parks Canada	4	Clarifications and discussion on Parks Canada Recommendation Report.
January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Virtual Meeting	Rhenus Logistics	4	Rhenus' submission on the Effects Table Document.
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Effects Table Advisory Group Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Knowledge Advisory Group</li> <li>• Scientific Information and Community Knowledge Advisory Group</li> <li>• Fisheries and Other Ocean Uses Advisory Group</li> </ul>		Advisory groups' Input Submissions for Effects Table Document.
February 26, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Indigenous Knowledge Advisory Group	16	The Committee had a virtual engagement session to review its constraints analysis with the advisory groups.
February 27, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Fisheries & Other Ocean Uses Advisory Group	35	The Committee had a virtual engagement session to review its constraints analysis with the advisory groups.
February 28, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Scientific Information & Community knowledge Advisory Group	35	The Committee had a virtual engagement session to review its constraints analysis

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Details
				with the advisory groups.
February 29, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Members of the Public	66	The Committee had a virtual engagement session to review its constraints analysis with members of the public.
February 29, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Members of the Public	66	The Committee had a virtual engagement session to review its constraints analysis with members of the public.
March 12, 2024	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Harbour Authorities</li> </ul>	12	The Committee had a virtual engagement session to review its constraints analysis with Harbour Authorities and DFO.
March 13, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Rhenus	3	The Committee had a virtual meeting with Rhenus to discuss regulatory affairs associated with Offshore Wind Development.

**Table Description:** Table summarizing engagement with participants that occurred on the topic of identifying preliminary offshore wind energy licencing areas.

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The Committee continued to seek input on additional constraints and preliminary licencing areas leading up to the publication of the Interim Report in March 2024.

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**Table 5. Summary of Feedback Received in February and March 2024**

Summary of Comments	Committee Response
<b>Indigenous knowledge, activities, interests, and rights</b>	
<p>The entire Focus Area and all preliminary offshore wind licensing areas are within the traditional lands and waters of Miawpukek First Nation and Qalipu First Nation.</p>	<p>The Committee is committed to continued collaboration with Miawpukek First Nation and Qalipu First Nation to gather information, knowledge, and perspectives on their communities, activities, and other interests, including Aboriginal or Treaty rights protected by section 35 of the <i>Constitution Act, 1982</i>.</p>
<p>There are gaps in the Committee’s data on commercial fisheries. A full understanding of Indigenous commercial, ceremonial, and communal fisheries is required so that the Committee may give fulsome consideration.</p>	
<p>Miawpukek First Nation and Qalipu First Nation indicated a lack of engagement on Bill C-49 on the proposed amendments to the Accord Acts. The federal and provincial governments should be increasing Indigenous involvement in these processes, including exploring joint management or some other elevated role for First Nations in the regulatory framework for offshore wind energy.</p>	<p>The Committee is not involved with Bill C-49. The Committee acknowledges these concerns.</p>
<p>Some Indigenous groups expressed concern regarding the MOU between the federal and provincial governments regarding provincial jurisdiction over select inland bays. Offshore wind projects in these areas will affect Indigenous peoples. In the spirit of economic reconciliation, the federal and provincial governments should be increasing Indigenous involvement in these processes, including exploring joint management or some other elevated role for First Nations in the regulatory framework for offshore wind energy.</p>	

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<p>Some Indigenous groups inquired if they would have the opportunity to review the Interim Report before the Committee submitted it to the Ministers.</p>	<p>While the Committee was unable to provide a draft of the Interim Report for review, the Committee decided to hold engagement sessions and meet with Indigenous groups in late February and early March to present their constraints analysis and preliminary offshore wind licensing areas. All content shared in that presentation is in this Interim Report.</p> <p>Additionally, the Committee will continue to engage with participants on all contents of this Interim Report. The Committee will issue a Draft Report in September 2024 for a 60-day comment period.</p>
<p><b>Engagement to date</b></p>	
<p>Concern with lack of engagement on the constraints analysis and the preliminary offshore wind licencing areas the Committee has presented.</p>	<p>The Committee has been engaging on this since August 2023. The Committee has been sharing proposed constraints and has been welcoming feedback on those constraints.</p>
<p>The Committee has not adequately leveraged some of the advisory groups.</p>	<p>The Interim Report is preliminary. All contents in this report are subject to change based on engagement that will occur throughout 2024. The Committee will revise the preliminary offshore wind licencing area recommendations based on engagement outcomes, and all input received will be presented in the Draft Report (September 2024).</p> <p>The Committee is planning engagement for 2024, including advisory group engagement, and will be seeking advice from advisory group members on how to increase their participation in the process while staying true to the intent of the advisory groups as described in the Agreement.</p>
<p>Concern regarding the March 1, 2024, deadline the Committee had given for receiving additional written commentary.</p>	<p>The March 1 deadline reflected a timeline that enabled the Committee to make changes to their analysis to date and to their resultant preliminary offshore wind licencing areas in time to publish this Interim Report by March 23, 2024. The Committee will consider any input received after March 1 and will continue to engage throughout 2024. The Committee will revise the preliminary offshore wind licencing area recommendations based on engagement outcomes, and all input received will be presented in the Draft Report (September 2024).</p>

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<p>The Committee needs to give more advanced notice of engagement sessions and use more traditional methods of advertising session (beyond digital methods).</p>	<p>The Committee is planning engagement for 2024 and will ensure more advance notice is given to all participants. The Committee will also be advertising sessions via radio and print media, and other means. The Committee will also be seeking advice from advisory groups on this matter.</p>
<p><b>Work Underway for Draft Regional Assessment Report</b></p>	
<p>Meteorological (i.e., wind speed), geophysical (e.g., sand, rock, clay), engineering (e.g., cables, mooring lines), cost, and supply chain considerations for fixed and floating technologies.</p>	<p>The Committee has wind speed data and does not consider it a determining factor at a regional scale. The Committee has used depth as the main technical/economical constraint to define areas suitable for fixed versus floating technologies. The Committee is aware that sediment type further dictates suitability and installation methods and will be investigating this further in the coming months. The Committee will consider potential effects of cables and mooring lines as part of the assessment. Cost effectiveness, economic viability, and supply chain readiness of offshore wind development is outside of the Committee’s mandate.</p>
<p>Concerns regarding the effects of offshore wind development on various environmental, social, economic and health components.</p>	<p>This is part of the Regional Assessment, forthcoming in the Draft Report (2024).</p>
<p>It is important for the Committee to consider climate change (e.g., effect on species range and migration, shift fishing areas over time, etc.).</p>	
<p><b>Comments Relevant to Interim Report contents</b></p>	
<p>Constraints the Committee used to identify the preliminary offshore wind licencing areas, gaps associated with those constraints, and recommendations for addressing those gaps.</p>	<p>Some Indigenous groups, federal authorities, and stakeholders, including advisory group members, provided input on these matters. Section 3 of this Report indicates where that input helped inform the Committee’s work.</p>
<p>Recommendations for offshore wind licencing processes.</p>	
<p>It is not within the Committee’s mandate to identify preliminary offshore wind licencing areas.</p>	<p>The Committee is of the view that identifying preliminary offshore wind licencing areas is within their mandate. The amendments to the original Agreement demonstrate the Ministers accept this approach.</p>

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**Table Description:** This table provides a summary of questions, comments, and concerns participants shared with the Committee during engagement sessions and meetings in February and March 2024, and written comments submitted via email or the Registry’s online commenting tool up to and including March 1, 2024.

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## 2.4 Preparing the Draft Report

The Committee’s engagement activities with participants during this phase are in Table 5.

While the Interim Report was not subject to an official public review and comment period, the Committee welcomed feedback on it from all participants. The Committee received feedback from Innu Nation, Miawpukek First Nation, FFAW, Seafood Producers’ Association of Nova Scotia, East Coast Environmental Law, Marine Renewables Canada, Net Zero Atlantic, Energy NL, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, ECCC, Health Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Following the publication of the Interim Report on March 22, 2024, the Committee continued to receive input on the constraints analysis and initial offshore wind energy licencing areas. The Committee also started focusing engagement efforts on the various environmental, social, economic, and health components of the Regional Assessment. The Committee held in-person ([In-Person Public Engagement Sessions Summary - June 2024](#)) and virtual meetings and engagement sessions, and invited advisory groups to review and comment on materials.

**Table 6. Summary of Engagement Activities - Further input for consideration in the Draft Report**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>	<b>Details</b>
April 23, 2024	Virtual Meeting	NRCan	3	Presentation on Canada’s Offshore Renewable Energy Regulations.
May 1, 2024	Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• CanmetENERGY</li> </ul>	6	Discussion on NRCan, CanmetENERGY’s “Preliminary Considerations Analysis of Offshore Wind Energy in Atlantic Canada”.
May 1, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Atlantic Groundfish Council	1	Discussion on the Interim Report.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>	<b>Details</b>
May 2, 2024	Virtual Meeting	FFAW	1	Discussion on the Interim Report.
May 9, 2024	Virtual Meeting	ECCC	8	Feedback on Interim Report.
May 9, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Marine Renewables Canada	2	Feedback on the Interim Report.
May 21, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Fisheries & Other Ocean Uses Advisory Group	20	Feedback on future engagement.
May 22, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Scientific Information & Community Knowledge Advisory Group	18	Feedback on future engagement.
May 23, 2024	Virtual Meeting	Indigenous Knowledge Advisory Group	8	Feedback on future engagement.
June 3, 2024	In-Person & Virtual	Handout Exercise	N/A	The Committee released the handout for information and feedback to their components.
June 3, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Burgeo	20	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Lions Club in Burgeo to share information on the Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.
June 4, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Stephenville	19	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Days Inn in Stephenville to share information on the Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>	<b>Details</b>
June 5, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Port Aux Basques	2	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Hotel Port Aux Basques in Port Aux Basques to share information on the Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.
June 6, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Corner Brook	5	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook to share information on the Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.
June 10, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Fortune	23	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Lions Club in Fortune to share information on the Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.
June 11, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Marystown	12	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Marystown Hotel in Marystown to share information on the

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants	Details
				Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.
June 13, 2024	In-Person Meeting	Public Sessions in Harbour Breton	3	The Committee had in-person public engagement sessions from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Lions Club in Harbour Breton to share information on the Regional Assessment and hear from members of the public.
June 19, 2024	Virtual	Cumulative Effects Work in Federal Departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport Canada</li> <li>• Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada</li> <li>• Impact Assessment Agency of Canada</li> <li>• Natural Resources Canada</li> <li>• Environment and Climate Change Canada</li> </ul>	47	Cumulative effects work is ongoing and planned within Federal Departments.
June 25, 2024	Virtual	Virtual Public Engagement Sessions	68	Two virtual public information sessions (AM/PM) regarding the Regional Assessment. Same information as June In-Person Sessions.
August 6, 2024	Virtual	Literature Review Exercise – Advisory Groups	N/A	Committee circulated a document containing the literature review it had

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants	Details
				completed to date on mitigation and enhancement measures.

**Table Description:** Table summarizing engagement activities that provided the Committee with further input for consideration in the Draft Report.

\* Not including the Committee or the Secretariat.

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## 2.5 Finalizing the Report

The Committee’s engagement activities with participants during this phase are in Table 6.

**Table 7. Engagement Activities Conducted During the Report Finalization Phase**

Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Details
November 14, 2024	Virtual meeting	GBA Plus Advisory Group Members	3	The Committee co-hosted this session with their GBA Plus consultant, the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW) to gather feedback on CRIAW’s work to inform the Committee’s Final Report. Participants were invited to review a draft version of CRIAWs report to the Committee before it was finalized and submitted on January 13, 2025.
November 28, 2024	Virtual meeting	One Ocean	10	One Ocean provided commentary on the Draft Report
November 29, 2024	Public review and comment period on the Draft Report closed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the public</li> <li>• Atlantic Groundfish Council and Atlantic Fixed-Gear Council</li> <li>• C-CORE</li> <li>• Camerado Energy Consulting Inc.</li> <li>• East Coast Environmental Law</li> <li>• econext</li> </ul>	12 individuals 12 organizations 8 federal authorities	Participant submissions are on the Registry. Appendix G of the Regional Assessment Report provides a summary of feedback received and Committee response.

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Date	Activity	Participating Organization(s)	No. of Participants*	Details
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy NL</li> <li>• Fish, Food, and Allied Workers Union</li> <li>• Marine Renewables Canada</li> <li>• Net Zero Atlantic</li> <li>• Oceans North</li> <li>• SeaBlue Canada</li> <li>• Seafood Producers' Association of Nova Scotia</li>   <li>Federal authorities:</li> <li>• DFO</li> <li>• Department of National Defence</li> <li>• ECCC</li> <li>• Employment and Social Development Canada</li> <li>• Indigenous Services Canada</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• Parks Canada</li> <li>• WAGE</li> </ul>		

**Table Description:** Table summarizing engagement activities that provided the Committee with further input for consideration in the Final Report.

\* Not including the Committee, Secretariat, or CRIAW.

### 3 What We Heard from the Public, Fisheries, and Stakeholders

The following is a summary of the feedback received from public, fisheries, and stakeholders throughout the Regional Assessment process. A total of 33 meetings were held with the public, in a combination of virtual and in-person engagement sessions, as well as 13 meetings at the request of stakeholders, 21 meetings with government departments and 10 advisory group meetings, engaging with a total of over 499 people. Overall, through the engagement process, the Committee has engaged with 77 industry groups/consulting companies, 11 fishing industry groups, 8 environmental organizations, 8 academia institutions, and 17 government authorities.<sup>6</sup> Their comments and concerns are summarized in the following general themes:

- Regional Assessment Process
- Committee Mandate
- Federal and Provincial Government Mandates
- Focus Area and Study Area
- Identifying Preliminary Offshore Wind Licencing Areas
- Need for Offshore Wind and Energy End-Use
- Future Engagement
- Communities and Economy
- Fisheries
- Fish and Fish Habitat
- Marine Mammals
- Aerofauna
- Viewscapes
- Offshore Wind Energy Physical Components
- GBA Plus

*Please note this is a non-attributional summary of views expressed by those who participated in the Regional Assessment process. Opinions and perspectives noted here should not be considered fully representative of all members of the public, fishers, or stakeholders.*

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<sup>6</sup> Please note that the numbers provided for total participants and their affiliations are subject to inaccuracies, as they are based on available data and estimates at the time of reporting.

### 3.1 Regional Assessment Process

- Confusion exists between onshore wind projects and the offshore wind development Regional Assessment.
- Concerns were raised around usage of advisory groups. What is the purpose of advisory groups? How does one become a member of an advisory group? What is the selection process? What does being an advisory group member entail? When do the advisory groups meet, and what do they discuss? What type of exercise do the advisory group members conduct?
- Questions were asked regarding the process for asking Federal Authorities / Provincial Authorities for information. Did the Committee work with other federal and provincial departments to conduct analysis or gather any data? What ones did the Committee work with? Recommendations were given for the Committee to work with DFO to gain further data on fisheries.
- Questions were asked regarding the Regional Assessment deliverables and phases. What are the phases of the Regional Assessment, and the objectives for each phase?
- Concerns were raised around the fact that the Regional Assessment provides ‘recommendations’ and they do not have to be accepted by Government or Ministers. Comments were offered surrounding the fact that the Regional Assessment is not important due to its concept of simply providing recommendations.
- Questions were asked regarding what the information collected will be used for. Where will the data be used? How will the information that someone provides be affiliated to them? Where can the public access the information regarding this Regional Assessment?
- Concern was raised regarding Committee/Regional Assessment funding. Who is paying the Committee members? Is the Government sponsoring this because they are paying the Committee members’ salaries? How does a group apply for funding? What can they use the funding for? Is there more funding available once those funds are exhausted?
- Questions were asked regarding the timeline of the Regional Assessment. Concerns were raised surrounding the timelines of the objectives, and the inability to provide sufficient comments and information to meet the deadlines. Is there any possibility of further timeline extensions for this Regional Assessment? It was suggested that the Committee explore the potential for extension of the Regional Assessment timeline to have sufficient time to gather further information.
- Concern was raised about the poor turnout for engagement for the Regional Assessment and how that will impact the information gathered.

## 3.2 Committee Mandate

- Questions were asked regarding why the government issues this mandate. What is the purpose of this Regional Assessment? Why is the government exploring offshore wind development in the province? What is the goal? Are there companies interested in developing here? Are there proponents available? If there isn't any, why is the government interested?
- Confusion exists around what is meant by 'offshore'. How far is it offshore? Any connections with supporting offshore oil and gas industry?
- Confusion exists around the EEZ. Was France contacted during this Regional Assessment or consulted? How is the Committee navigating the EEZ with their recommended licensing areas? Can cables go through the EEZ, if so, how would that work?
- Concerns were raised that the mandate is too broad. Questions were asked regarding the Mandate and Terms of Agreement.
- Questions were asked about consultations that have been conducted. Who has been consulted? How were consultations advertised or publicized for further opportunities for those who would like to contribute? Who attended the sessions previously? Can I access materials that have been previously shown at other meetings?
- Concerns were raised regarding the timeline and upcoming offshore wind projects. Any opportunities to extend the Regional Assessment process? Is there any proponent that would like to initiate a project within this region? Is that why the Regional Assessment is being conducted? Is this funded by industry?
- Concerns were raised about consultation with the fishing industry. How was the fishing industry consulted during this process? Did you consult the union? Did the union have any data to contribute? Did you collect any important data from fishers? Were they discussed during any meetings? Did they arrive at any of the Committee's in-person engagement sessions? Did the Committee try to gain spatial data from fishermen as to where they conduct their activities? What was the process of this and how did it go?
- Confusion exists regarding the need with ongoing onshore wind projects. Why would Newfoundland and Labrador need offshore wind energy? What is its purpose, and where would the energy go? Questions were asked around the public consultation process. How did the public become notified of the Committee's consultation process and opportunities for their contribution? What were the advertising methods and communications for these sessions? Complaints as to not being aware of the sessions, especially not enough time in advance.

### **3.3 Federal and Provincial Government Mandates**

- Confusion exists as to why the Governments desire to develop offshore wind energy. Why did the Ministers initiate this Regional Assessment process for Newfoundland and Labrador? What Ministers are involved in this Regional Assessment?
- Concerns were raised around the development of regulatory framework for offshore wind development.
- The importance of identifying gaps and making recommendations in the Regional Assessment was mentioned. Various recommendations were provided to the Committee regarding each topic presented.

### **3.4 Focus Area and Study Area**

- Concerns were raised regarding exclusions based on iceberg presence and data. Where did the Committee get data on icebergs? What was the time set of the data used? Who did the Committee consult with to gain knowledge of the impact of icebergs on wind farms? What was the threshold of icebergs that the Committee was allowing in the areas it recommended?
- Concerns were raised regarding the loss of large portions of the Study Area. Why did the Committee choose to do a Focus Area? Was this the intent of the Committee's Mandate? Why is the Committee not taking into consideration the potential for offshore wind turbines to supplement offshore oil and gas energy needs in Newfoundland and Labrador?
- Questions were asked regarding MPA's in the constraints process. How were MPA's taken into consideration? Were buffers added to them? How large if so?
- Questions were asked regarding temporal bounds. What is the size of temporal bounds used?

### **3.5 Identifying Preliminary Offshore Wind Energy Licencing Areas**

- Concerns were raised about buffers, and would they differ for various community interests. Why did the Committee select a 10km coastal buffer? What information supported this size of a coastal buffer? Who was consulted to discuss the size of this coastal buffer? What buffer did Nova Scotia use? Why isn't the Committee doing the same buffer as their counterparts in Nova Scotia?
- Concern was raised about removal of areas not suitable for offshore wind development. Concern that the Committee eliminated too much potential area that

could be recommended for offshore wind licensing areas. Is this area going to be considered in the future, even if it was excluded in the Committee's process?

- Question was asked regarding expansion of areas around protected zones, or protected areas. Were buffers added to these protected areas?
- Concerns were raised about fishing areas (crab and lobster) in recommended areas, suggestion of buffers. Concerns that commercial and recreational fishing occurs within the recommended licensing areas for various species. Concern regarding how this would affect fishing in the future if development were to occur.
- Concerns were raised regarding migratory birds. Bird migratory routes are noted within the identified preliminary licensing areas. How are migratory routes taken into consideration?
- Confusion exists as to why certain areas (such as the Laurentians Channel) were excluded from the licensing map.

### **3.6 Need for Offshore Wind and Energy End-Use**

- Confusion exists about the potential uses of electricity generated. Would the energy be put into the grid for Newfoundland and Labrador? Would it be exported to Nova Scotia? Would it be exported internationally via hydrogen?
- Confusion exists regarding Newfoundland and Labrador use of hydroelectricity - why does it need offshore wind energy? Is there potential for hydrogen and ammonia export? Comments were raised regarding Newfoundland and Labrador's energy landscape, and the lack of need for another source of green energy.
- Concern was raised for the high cost of offshore wind development. How much does it cost to install a wind farm? How much does it cost to decommission one? What is the process for decommissioning one? How would this added energy affect the cost of energy in the province?
- Concerns were raised around projects that may be proposed after the Regional Assessment. Are there any proponents that are looking to bid currently? Will there be some when the Regional Assessment is complete? What are these potential projects required to do to get further approval to proceed, from an environmental assessment perspective?
- Is there any offshore wind energy in Canada already?
- Concerns were raised that offshore wind energy is greenwashing. What are the motives? Is there a calculation for how much damage offshore wind energy causes per KW hour, compared to other energy sources?
- Requests were made for cost benefit analysis to be conducted.
- Concern was raised for cumulative effects.

- An opinion was given that it is unnecessary for offshore wind energy to be developed here, there is no need, and it is not wanted in the communities.

### 3.7 Future Engagement

- Suggestions were made to visit communities and engage with community members. It was suggested the Committee visit specific areas that are along the coast of the recommended preliminary licencing areas that it identified. It was suggested at times that would be more available for fisher people in the community.
- Suggestion was made to make presentation materials in plain language. Comments were made that the language is too technical, and that it needs to be easier for the public to understand and digest.
- Questions were asked regarding future engagement plans, specifically in-person. When is the Committee going to be coming back to specific communities? Does the Committee have any plans to return? How will I know about future sessions if they are occurring in my area?
- Recommendations were made for presentation style rather than open house. Open houses still were not the preferred mechanisms of communication.
- Recommendations were made for advertising and communicating about the engagement sessions. Suggestions were provided as to how the Committee can increase awareness and engagement during their in-person sessions, such as contacting municipal leaders and town hall, having physical advertisements within the communities, giving ample time notice for when the sessions are occurring, offering refreshments to community members who participate.
- Suggestions were made regarding the timing of sessions. Certain times of year are more accommodating for those in the fishing industry, and their participation is important in this process.

### 3.8 Communities and Economy

- Concerns were raised regarding social/economic impacts of offshore wind development on communities. How will the communities benefit from these projects, if at all? What are the incentives for this if it is happening near a community?
- Questions were asked about employment and training opportunities for locals. What types of jobs are available during these projects? Would locals be employed in these projects? How long would these jobs be needed for? Would they be only foreign workers?

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- Questions were asked regarding how communities would financially benefit from offshore wind development. Who financially benefits from an offshore wind project? Does the community member get any kickbacks for it happening in their backyard?
- Questions were asked regarding the economics of jobs locally. What is the pay for jobs that would be created with the offshore wind project? How does someone become trained for these types of jobs? Would there be education and training opportunities for locals who would like to become involved in this industry? Would there be any subsidies for those who would like to participate in this training?
- Concerns were raised regarding the effects on human health. What are the effects of vibration and frequency on human health? Will this affect the health of myself and my family and children? Will this affect the health of future generations? How close must I be to being negatively affected by wind turbines? Concern was raised about pressure on local hospitals during construction and development of offshore wind. Hospitals have seen recent cutbacks and won't be able to meet the needs of an increased temporary or permanent population.
- The NCMA is a priority for coastal communities – how will it be considered in or affected by the Regional Assessment? What are the potential conflicts?
- Marine space is crowded by various ocean users (Aquaculture / fishing / protected areas) already. Offshore wind development will aggravate that issue.
- Some communities claimed they have no interest in offshore wind energy.
- The community does not feel well informed enough about offshore wind development to engage meaningfully in a Regional Assessment or potential future project level engagement.
- Concern was raised that the developers who come into the community won't have a social license when projects begin development. Desire to have the opportunity to provide ongoing feedback through the offshore wind development process. Concerns that employment opportunities associated with offshore wind development will not benefit locals. Jobs created will require specialist skills not currently held in the community and only provide temporary work.
- The necessary infrastructure for influx of workers doesn't exist in some of these communities.
- Concerns were raised about other onshore wind projects occurring within the area.
- Concerns were raised regarding profit sharing between industry and local communities.
- Concerns were raised about compounding effects of onshore and offshore wind development in the area. Concerns were raised over recent offshore wind project cancellations in the EU due to costs.

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- Concerns were raised that offshore wind development will exploit rather than benefit local communities. Expressed loss of trust between community members, government, and developers due to previous industry development.
- Concerns were raised that only municipal leaders will be engaged for project-level assessment. Public community members need to be consulted. Concern that the economic benefits do not outweigh the potential negative impacts.
- Disruption of bedrock caused by offshore wind development could damage potable water quality.
- Extraction, refinement of, and final materials used to construct turbines are of concern for pollution and health.
- Communities need incentive to bring people back and keep them in the area.
- There is no room in the port for more vessels and service.
- Concerns were raised regarding the Focus Area and fishing areas overlap, displacement of fishers. What if I fish in the areas that are highlighted by the Committee? Recreational fishing for certain species takes place in the identified areas. Commercial fishing of specific species (such as crab and lobster) occurs in the highlighted areas. Bait fishing occurs in the identified areas. What does this mean for those fisheries? There are important lobster fisheries in the area that may be affected negatively by offshore wind development.
- Concerns were raised regarding spawning areas and data. Do you know where the spawning occurs for the various species in the region? Where did you get that data? Have you identified data gaps associated with spawning grounds? Do any of the identified areas overlap with spawning grounds, or how did the Committee navigate this?
- Concerns were raised regarding the negative impact on the fishing industry. Can commercial or recreational fishing occur within a wind farm? What does this mean for fisheries that will be displaced from the area if a wind farm is installed? What type of gear is allowed near a wind farm? What is the buffer for fishing activities around a wind farm?
- Concerns were raised regarding seismic activity on fish species. Does installation of a wind farm negatively affect fish species? Does vibration affect marine species? How do they tend to adapt after the wind farm is installed? Are there any examples of this in other jurisdictions that the Committee has studied?
- Concerns were raised regarding the Focus Area overlap with fishing areas. Is the Committee going to be removing areas that overlap with fishing activity? How does the Committee plan to protect the fisheries so that the two industries can co-operate together? Are there any examples of how fisheries and wind energy coexist in other jurisdictions? Can the Committee learn anything from other regions and use that knowledge to their advantage in this region?

- Concerns were raised regarding the effects of climate change on fisheries. Comments were made about seeing changes in species, populations, and migration patterns due to climate change and warming waters. How is the Committee going to protect the future of fisheries without fully knowing where they will occur in the future due to climate change? How is this being addressed with the use of buffers in the identified areas? Comments regarding how various communities are no longer seeing certain species, like cod, but are having a higher presence of other species, like crab and lobster. Can the Committee add a recommendation to do further research on this topic before installation occurs?
- Questions were asked about the impact of offshore wind development on ground fishery. Concerning that the ground fishery stock is just beginning to recover, why would the government want to take backwards steps and put in a windfarm that could negatively impact this stock? Will the ground fish stock be negatively impacted by a wind farm? Can the Committee add a recommendation to do further research on this topic?
- Questions were asked regarding compensation to fisheries affected by offshore wind development. Based on other new industries that negatively affect the fisheries, such as oil and gas, compensation is a measure that has been previously used. Is this going to occur with offshore wind development? How much will fishers be compensated for? Why or why not would this occur? Can the Committee recommend that this occurs?
- Concerns were raised regarding data on fisheries. What data set was used for the commercial fishery and recreational fishery? What size of vessels are included in that data collection? What are the limitations to this data? What was the time set of this data? Does the Committee believe this is sufficient data to represent the fisheries in the province? What has the Committee done to try to fill these data gaps identified and obtain further data on the fisheries? Has the Committee worked with the Fisheries Union to see if they have more data? Confusion was stated as to the types of data that

### 3.9 Fish and Fish Habitat

- Concerns were raised regarding the effects of offshore wind development on marine environment and species. How does installation of the turbine disrupt marine habitats within the area? How are these species affected if their habitats are destroyed in the process? How long until recovery from the installation process if negative impacts occur? Has the Committee looked at other jurisdictions and wind farm projects that exist to see if there is any current data available on these effects? Are there certain habitat types that are more likely to be targeted and/or destroyed with the installation of offshore wind projects?

- Concerns were raised about engagement of fishers. No fishers have been present at some sessions despite the significant impact offshore wind development could have on them.
- Concerns were raised that the crab fisheries were not included in coastal buffer for potential licencing areas.
- Concerning that both fisheries and offshore wind energy cannot occur in the same region, the two industries are incompatible.
- It was commented that revenue is not a good measure of value for fish and fisheries.
- Concerns were raised on the impact on protected species and species at risk.
- Concerns were raised regarding noise impacts on species. Are fish species affected by the noise of the installation process and the turbines during operation? Are certain species affected more than others? Concerns were raised that the fish may not return if they leave the area due to the noise presence. Concerns were raised with how that could impact on the fisheries.
- The importance of studying the environmental impacts of offshore wind development before implementation was emphasized. It was asked if the Committee could make a recommendation to conduct further environmental assessments and data collection on this topic before any offshore wind project gets approval to start installation.
- Concerns were raised regarding the impacts on marine life and fisheries. Is the water temperature affected by the wind turbines, and does that affect the fish species? Are certain species affected more than others?
- Concern was raised about top-down / bottom-up effects of impacts on wildlife. If one species moves or is impacted, the whole environment/ecology could change.
- The marine environment and species within it have been changing a lot in recent years (e.g. increase in halibut and red fish, shark sightings, some tuna sightings, seal sightings, increasing water temperatures and lobster increasing and moving deeper, expecting cod will return). Concerns were raised about capelin presence and how that may be affected.

### **3.10 Marine Mammals**

- Concerns were raised regarding the effects of development on marine environment and species. What is involved in the installation process and how does that affect species within the area? Are they negatively impacted? Has the Committee looked at offshore wind farms in other jurisdictions to see if there is any data to suggest these negative impacts, or how they could potentially be mitigated? Pacific Whale Watching Companies / Ferries may have marine mammal and sea turtle sighting data that may be useful to the Committee.

- Concerns were raised regarding noise impacts on species. Are species negatively impacted by the noise or vibrations of the turbines? Concerns whales and dolphins, and their high sensitivity to noise and vibration disturbance that could occur from these turbines.
- Concerns were raised about species migratory routes. Migratory routes are already being affected by climate change, and now they are going to change more with the installation of offshore wind turbines. How does an animal tend to behave when one of these farms is installed within their normal route? Are there any physical impacts to the animals if they encounter the turbine, does this ever occur in other jurisdictions? How can the Committee use the known migration routes to avoid conflict with migratory routes?
- Concerns were raised about the effects of vibrations on species. Vibrations must have a negative impact on marine species, and their communication methods, so what would this mean for them? Is there evidence of negative disturbance in other jurisdictions? Has the Committee come across much information to support this, or how to navigate it in future development? Concerns were raised for the negative health impacts that wind turbines could have on marine mammals.
- Concerns were raised for negative effects on terrestrial animals and environment from offshore wind development. Concerning that if the offshore wind farm is close to the coast, terrestrial animals could be affected by the frequencies and vibrations as well. This could negatively impact the health of terrestrial animals.
- Concern was raised regarding spawning/birthing areas. Is the Committee aware of any areas where species are actively raising their young? Is there any data on this, or how could the Committee get this data?
- Questions were asked regarding positive impacts on marine life. Are there any benefits for marine mammals and their habitat associated with an offshore wind farm? What are other jurisdictions finding after having a wind farm installed for years? Is the Committee working with any offshore wind farm operators to get further information on this? Do any mammals use the structures to form some type of habitat? Do any species tend to congregate around the turbine sites?
- Comment was made on specific species, such as porpoises and turtles, that are in the areas that the Committee has identified.

### **3.11Aerofauna**

- Concerns were raised regarding migratory birds. Is the Committee aware of the number of bird colonies that are present along the coast? How was that taken into consideration, was it given a buffer and if so, how big? What about migration routes, considering some of the larger bird migrations pass over the province, how was that taken into consideration? Where did the Committee find the data associated with

migratory birds? Were there any data gaps with the data collected? Is this publicly available data? What species were included in the data sets? Are there any endangered species that the Committee is more concerned about? Comments were made regarding eagles and their Indigenous significance. What happens to the birds' migratory path if there is a wind farm installed in the middle of their route? Will they continue to return even if this is there? Need to consider the height at which the bird species tends to travel, and their feeding habits and activities to see if they are going to be impacted by the turbines.

- There are rare and endangered bird species in the region.
- The marine environment and species within it have been changing a lot in recent years (e.g., seeing Canada geese here for the first time, increase in cormorants/shags, and seeing shags in places we hadn't before, seeing different bird compositions overtime, tern and gannet harvest colonies have decreased significantly).
- There is ongoing monitoring work in the area through: Coastal Communities Conservation Opportunities Initiative, Murre and tern monitoring – Coastal Stewardship Agreement, Birds Canada, Public bird monitoring programs.
- Sandbanks Provincial Park has an inventory of birds, butterflies, and insects seen over the years.
- Concerns were raised regarding the physical impact of aerofauna and wind turbines. What is the truth surrounding bird deaths and offshore wind farms? Are the statistics found in the news, correct? Is the Committee concerned about the possibility of large numbers of bird death associated with wind turbines? Are there certain species that are more susceptible to death and injury within offshore wind farms, and why is this the case? What is the height of a typical turbine at sea, and how does this impact birds that fly at species heights that are similar? Has the Committee looked at other jurisdictions to see the impacts on sea birds, and how that can be mitigated? Are the birds negatively affected by the lights and sounds of the turbines?
- Concerns were raised regarding bird feeding grounds. What about the potential of an offshore wind farm going in a popular bird feeding ground, and the negative impact this would have on that species? Concerns were raised regarding the other issues negatively impacting bird populations and the fact that offshore wind turbines are another obstacle in their course.
- Concerns were raised regarding bat species. Is the Committee aware of bats in the regions it identified? Where did the Committee get the data on bats, and what was the time set? How are bats impacted by offshore wind farms? Is this studied in other jurisdictions?

- Concerns were raised regarding butterflies. Butterflies have migratory routes that go through the areas identified by the Committee. What are the negative impacts on butterflies?
- Black guillemots used to be common in some areas, but now they are not. Great blue herons are in the river.

### **3.12 Viewscapes**

- Concerns were raised regarding viewscapes and visibility from coastal communities. How far off the coast is there potential for an offshore wind turbine to be installed? At what distance on the horizon am I not able to see the offshore wind turbines? Are you able to hear the noise from the turbines onshore if the farm is offshore?
- Concerns were raised around sight from land and distance from shore. Are there any lights that are visible from shore?
- Concerns were raised regarding the visual impact on communities, such as recreation and tourism. What is the coastal buffer for a national park such as Gros Morne? How was this number decided, based on evidence or random number suggested by Parks Canada? Why do the coastal communities not get as large of a buffer as the National Park? The Committee was encouraged to take into consideration a larger coastal buffer to protect coastal communities from the negative impacts of offshore wind farms. Are tourism operators concerned with the potential for an offshore wind farm in their area? Are they able to operate within a wind farm? Are wind farms considered tourist attractions, and could they boost tourism in the area? Has the Committee engaged with any tourism operators, or have they come forward with information or concerns?

### **3.13 Offshore Wind Energy Physical Components**

- Questions were asked regarding the size of offshore wind farms. How many turbines are in one farm? How far apart are the turbines? What is the average height of a turbine? What are the requirements for installing a turbine, is it via land or sea that they are brought in? Is there anything in between the turbines within one farm? How large are the blades?
- Concerns were raised regarding the impact of cables. Where do the cables connect to the grid? How does the network of cables work under the ocean / seafloor? What effect do the cables have on the habitat on the sea floor, and the animals that live there? What bottom type is preferred for installation? How does the port look when the cable connects to it at shore? What are the infrastructure requirements on

shore to support the connection to these cables? Are there any jobs associated with cable connections?

- Questions were asked regarding lifespan of offshore wind farms, cost, infrastructure types, required depth. What is the average lifespan of a wind farm? What is involved with decommissioning a farm? How much does decommissioning cost? Who is responsible for decommissioning? Can the Committee recommend that the decommissioning due diligence is included in a project's proposal if it does occur here?

### **3.14 GBA Plus**

- Community services and infrastructure must be adequately resourced and staffed to meet increased demands caused by new resource development projects. Projects should bring these resources to communities (e.g., support for elderly, childcare, healthcare).
- Concerns that harassment and equitable hiring policies are either not effective or not implemented. Participants suggest these should be proposed and reviewed during impact assessment processes before project approvals.
- Barriers to positive impacts for women.
- Offshore and onshore projects have cumulative effects on the same communities.
- That impact assessment training should be made available to communities so they can participate meaningfully in impact assessment process.

## Annex A: List of Advisory Group Members

### Indigenous Knowledge Advisory Group Members<sup>7</sup>

- Patrick Butler - Kwilmu'kw Maw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO)
- Angelina Francis McDonald – Miawpukek First Nation
- Johanna Tuglavina - AnanauKatiget Regional Inuit Women's Association & Keepers of the Circle
- Chris Gosse – Longshoremen’s Protective Union (I.L.A.) Local 1953
- Desiree Wolfrey – Keepers of the Circle / ATRIWAI
- Charlene Combdon – Qalipu Mi’kmaw First Nation Band
- Marie-Eve Desmaris - Innus of Nunastukan First Nation

### Fisheries & Other Ocean Uses Advisory Group Members<sup>8,9</sup>

- Kate Hendry – Canadian Coast Guard, Atlantic Region
- Quinn Gallagher - Canadian Coast Guard, Atlantic Region
- Stephenie Landers - Kleinschmidt Associates
- Aaron Mulrooney – Rhenus Logistics Canada
- Candice Cook-Ohryn – Shell Canada Energy / Atlantic Canada offshore Developments (ACOD)
- Chris Pitts - Siem Offshore Canada
- David Long – Siem Offshore Canada
- Mike Kohfal & Tina Northrup – East Coast Environmental Law
- Dave Anglin – Baird & Associates
- Philip S. Bassil – Northgreen Capital, inc
- Patrick Butler - Kwilmu'kw Maw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office
- Greg Veinott – LeeWay Marine
- Christina Clarke – Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
- Troy Atkinson – Nova Scotia Swordfishermen’s Association
- Gemma Rayner – Oceans North
- Katie Power – Fish, Food & Allied Worker’s Union (FFAW-Unifor)
- Kimberly Keats – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Newfoundland and Labrador Region
- Daniel J. Fleck – Brazil Rock 3334 Lobster Association

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<sup>8</sup> As per a request from FFAW on August 21, 2024, three of their members that were on the Fisheries & Other Ocean Users Advisory Group have been removed, and their names are no longer listed.

<sup>9</sup> As per their request on September 20, 2024, a member of the Fisheries & Other Ocean Users Advisory Group has been removed and their name is no longer listed.

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- Chris Gosse – Longshoremens Protective Union (I.L.A.) local 1953
- Gerard Chidley – G & D Fisheries Ltd – Harvesting Sector
- Dante Newold – Royal Greenland Fisheries
- Robert Coombs – NunatuKavut Community Council
- Martin Tremblay – Wood
- Todd Delaney – N/A
- Michael Hingston – Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC – EA Program)
- Sam Imbeault – Everwind Fuels
- CarolLee Giffin – Department of National Defense
- Troy Hardy – Fish Harvester
- Elizabeth Barlow – St. Alban’s, MAMKA
- Karl Hodge – Fish Harvester (3PS)
- Delia Warren – Xodus Group
- Vanessa Byrne – Atlantic Groundfish Council
- Darren McQuillan – Barxex Corporation
- Ahmed Derradji – National Research Council of Canada
- Fred Scott – Baird & Associates
- John Salsburry – SPANS

**Scientific Information & Community Knowledge Advisory Group Members** <sup>10</sup>

- Jason Day – BBA Engineering and Environmental
- Kate Hendry & Quinn Gallagher – Canadian Coast Guard, Atlantic Region
- Candice Cook-Ohryn – Shell Canada Energy / Atlantic Canada Offshore Developments (ACOD)
- David Long – Siem Offshore Canada
- Mike Kohfal & Tina Northrup – East Coast Environmental Law
- Philip S. Bassil – Northgreen Capital Inc.
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- Katie Power – Fish, Food & Allied Workers Union (FFAW-Unifor)
- Kimberly Keats – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Newfoundland and Labrador Region
- Chris Gosse – Longshoremen’s protective Union (I.L.A) Local 1953
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- Dante Enewold – Royal Greenland Fisheries
- Mike Paulin – Worley Canada Services Ltd
- Todd Ralph – Fugro Canada Corp.
- Grant Humphries – Black Bawks Data Science
- Bruce Martin – JASCO Applied Sciences
- Stewart Erwin – Sabik Offshore
- Scott Dickey – Strum Consulting
- Richard Hendricks – Innu Nation /University of Toronto
- Johanna Tuglavina - AnanauKatiget Regional Inuit Women's Association & Keepers of the Circle
- Ahmed Derradji – National Research Council of Canada
- Jason Norman – PGS

### **Gender-Based Analysis Plus Advisory Group Members**

- Camille Ouellett-Dallaire – MUN
- Patrick Butler – KMK
- Leah Fusco – MUN
- Amanda Joynt – OceansNorth
- Desiree Wolfrey – Keepers of the Circle
- Lori Ledrew – Office to Advance Women Apprentices

## Annex B: Requests for Advice from Federal and Provincial Authorities

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May 12, 2023	Request for Amendments to Original Agreement – Federal and Provincial Ministers	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152498">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152498</a>
June 29, 2023	Response to Request for Amendments to Original Agreement – Federal and Provincial Ministers	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152499">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152499</a>
August 4, 2023	Request for Advice – Natural Resources Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152787">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152787</a>
August 4, 2023	Request for Advice – Environment and Climate Change Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152786">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152786</a>
August 4, 2023	Request for Advice – Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152785">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152785</a>
August 29, 2023	Request for Advice – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152925">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152925</a>
September 19, 2023	Response to Request for Advice – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153056">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153056</a>
September 19, 2023	Revised Request for Advice – Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153055">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153055</a>
September 28, 2023	Request for Advice – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153224">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153224</a>
October 4, 2023	Request for Information – Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153308">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153308</a>
October 6, 2023	Response to Request for Advice - Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153225">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153225</a>

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October 18, 2023	Request for Amendments to the Original Agreement – Federal and Provincial Ministers	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153389">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153389</a>
October 18, 2023	Request for Advice – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153309">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153309</a>
October 26, 2023	Committee Approval of Extension on Response to Request for Advice – Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153395">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153395</a>
October 31, 2023	Response to Request for Advice – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (First Package)	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153394">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153394</a>
November 1, 2023	Response to Request for Advice - Environment and Climate Change Canada (Meteorological Service of Canada)	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153393">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153393</a>
November 1, 2023	Preliminary Response to Request for Advice - Environment and Climate Change Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service)	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/154689">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/154689</a>
November 1, 2023	Response to Request for Advice – Environment and Climate Change Canada (Climate Research Division)	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153391">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153391</a>
November 15, 2023	Committee Approval of Extension on Response to Request for Advice – Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153511">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153511</a>
November 16, 2023	Response to Information Request – Minister of Environment Climate Change Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153554">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/153554</a>
November 22, 2023	Response to Request for Advice – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Final Package)	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/154753">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/154753</a>
November 24, 2023	Response to Request for Advice – Natural Resources Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/154706">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/154706</a>

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February 6, 2024	Request for Advice – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/155514">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/155514</a>
February 6, 2024	Request for Advice – Canada Energy Regulator	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/155512">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/155512</a>
February 13, 2024	Response to Request for Advice - Canada Energy Regulator	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/155797">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/155797</a>
March 15, 2024	Response from Ministers – Amendments to the Original Agreement	<a href="https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/156021?culture=en-CA">https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/156021?culture=en-CA</a>
March 15, 2024	Letter from Ministers	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/156022E.pdf">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/156022E.pdf</a>
March 15, 2024	Response to Request for Advice (Cumulative Effects) – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/157137E.pdf">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/157137E.pdf</a>
March 19, 2024	Request and Response from ECCC	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/156001">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/156001</a>
May 10, 2024	Letter to Impact Assessment Agency of Canada RE: Consulting Expert Authorities on Cumulative Effects	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/157436E.pdf">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/157436E.pdf</a>
May 16, 2024	Fisheries and Oceans Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Response to Regional Assessment Interim Report	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/157526">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/157526</a>
May 16, 2024	Committee questions to C-NLOPB	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/157521E.pdf">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p84343/157521E.pdf</a>
July 4, 2024	Request for Advice #2 – Environment and Climate Change Canada	<a href="https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/157977">https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/157977</a>
July 11, 2024	C-NLOPB Response to Committee Questions	<a href="https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158232?culture=en-CA">https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158232?culture=en-CA</a>
July 18, 2024	Committee Question to NRCan	<a href="https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158233?culture=en-CA">https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158233?culture=en-CA</a>

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July 19, 2024	Request for Advice #2 – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	<a href="https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158234?culture=en-CA">https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158234?culture=en-CA</a>
July 19, 2024	Request for Advice – Health Canada	<a href="https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158235?culture=en-CA">https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158235?culture=en-CA</a>
August 23, 2024	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Response to Committee’s Request for Advice #2	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158800">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158800</a>
September 17, 2024	ECCC Response to Request for Advice #2	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/159093">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/159093</a>
September 17, 2024	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Response to Committee’s Request for Advice #2 (Received after August 23 <sup>rd</sup> )	<a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/159096">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/159096</a>

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