

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia

July 2023



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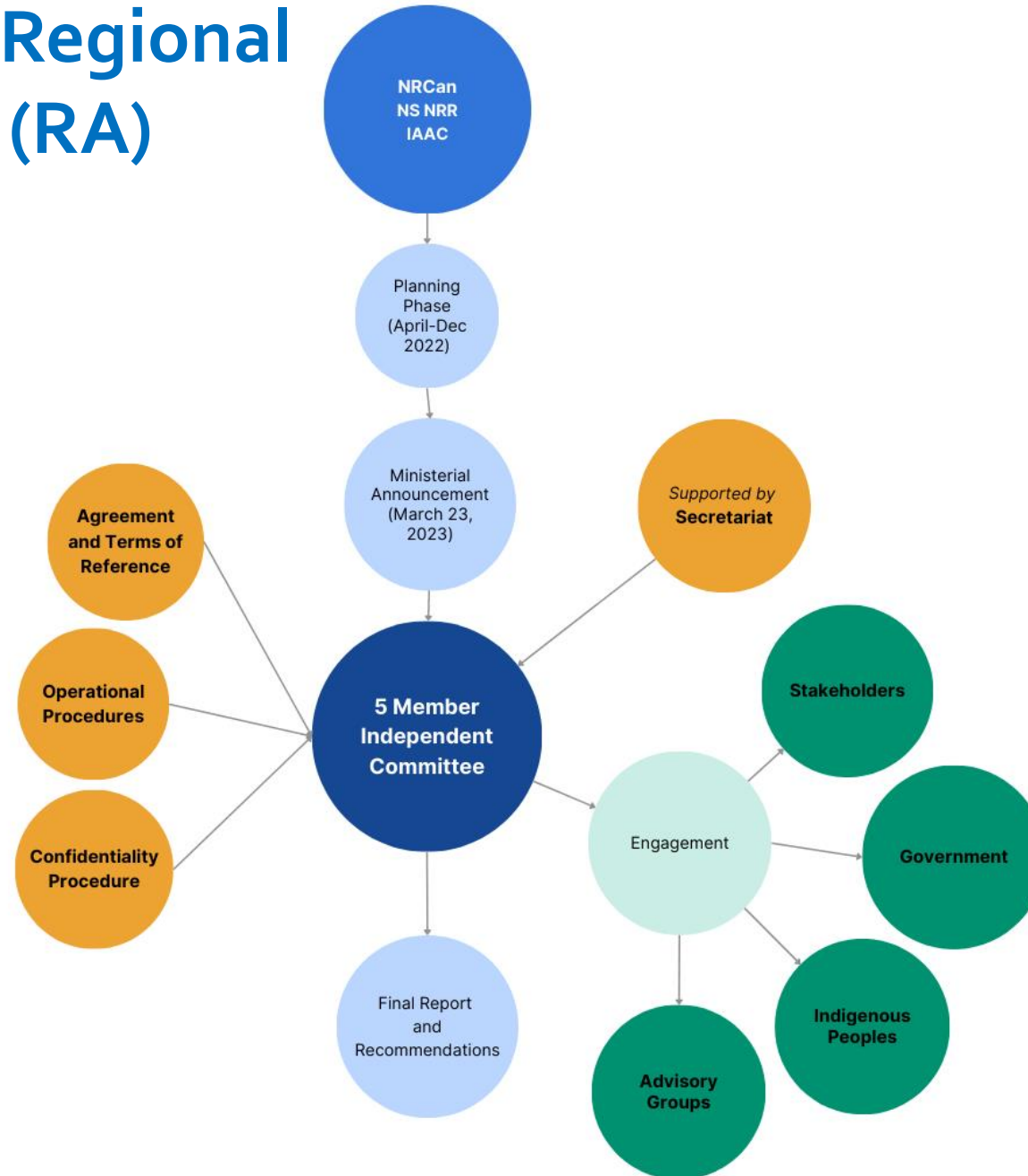
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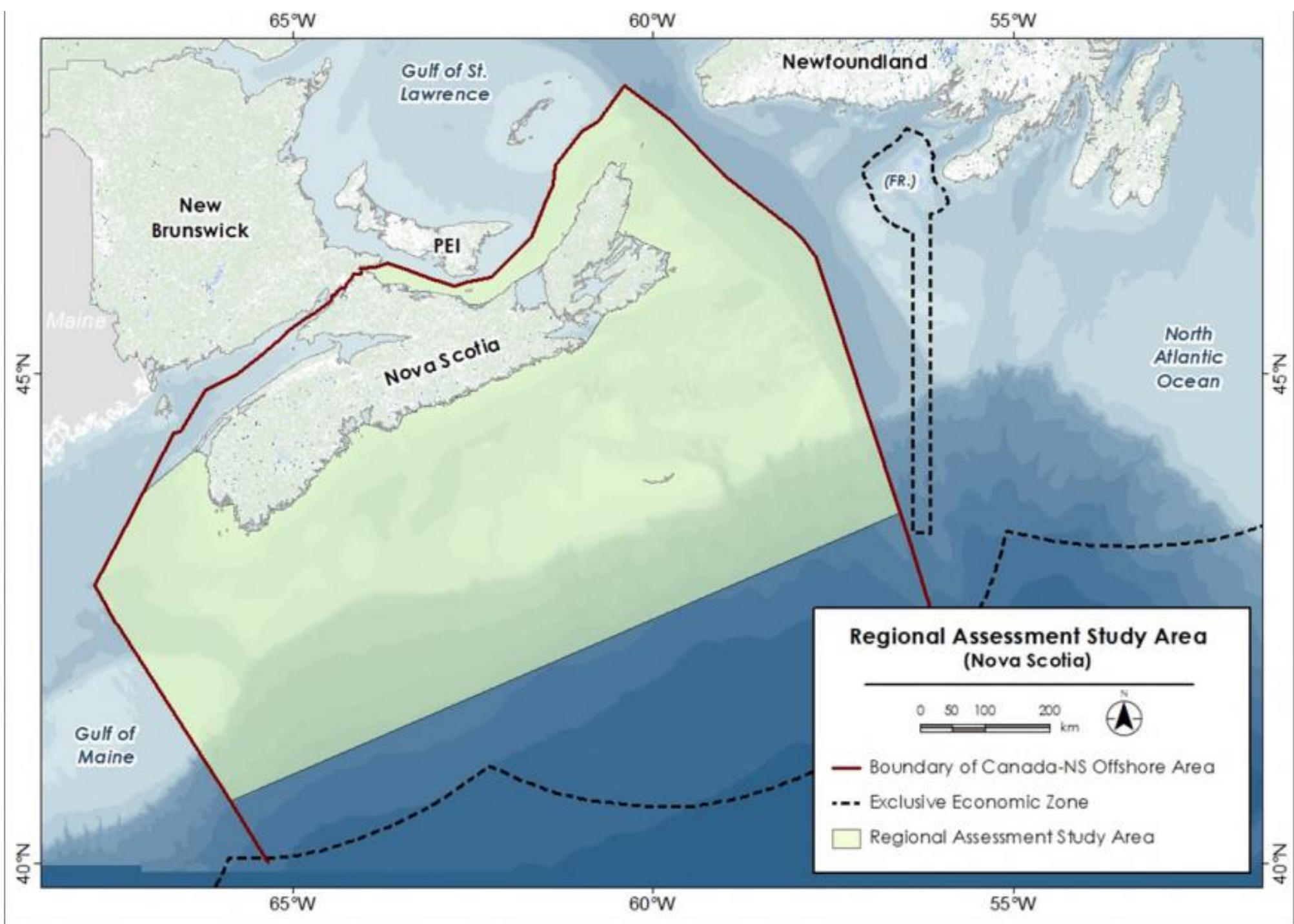


WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Committee & Secretariat Members

Overview of the Regional Assessment (RA)





Regional Assessment Facts

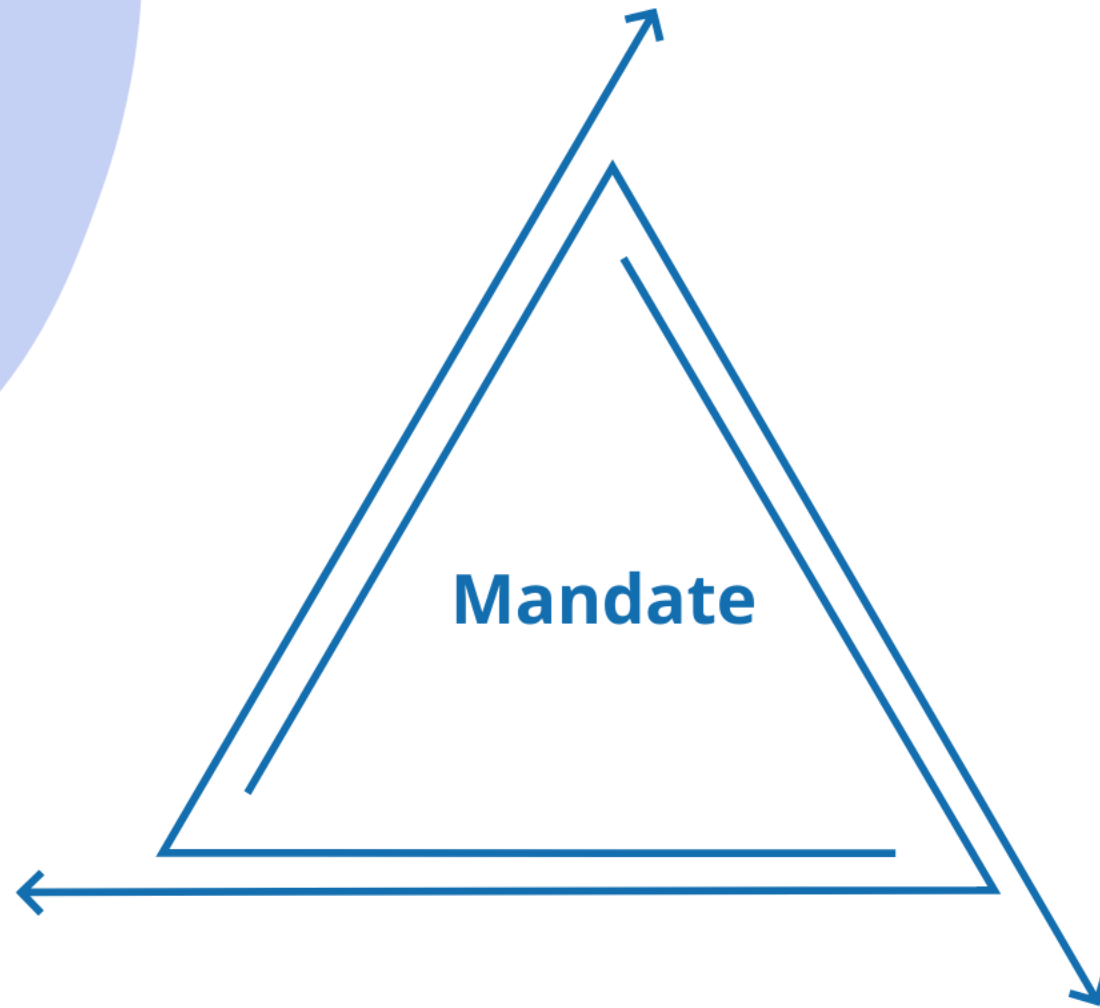
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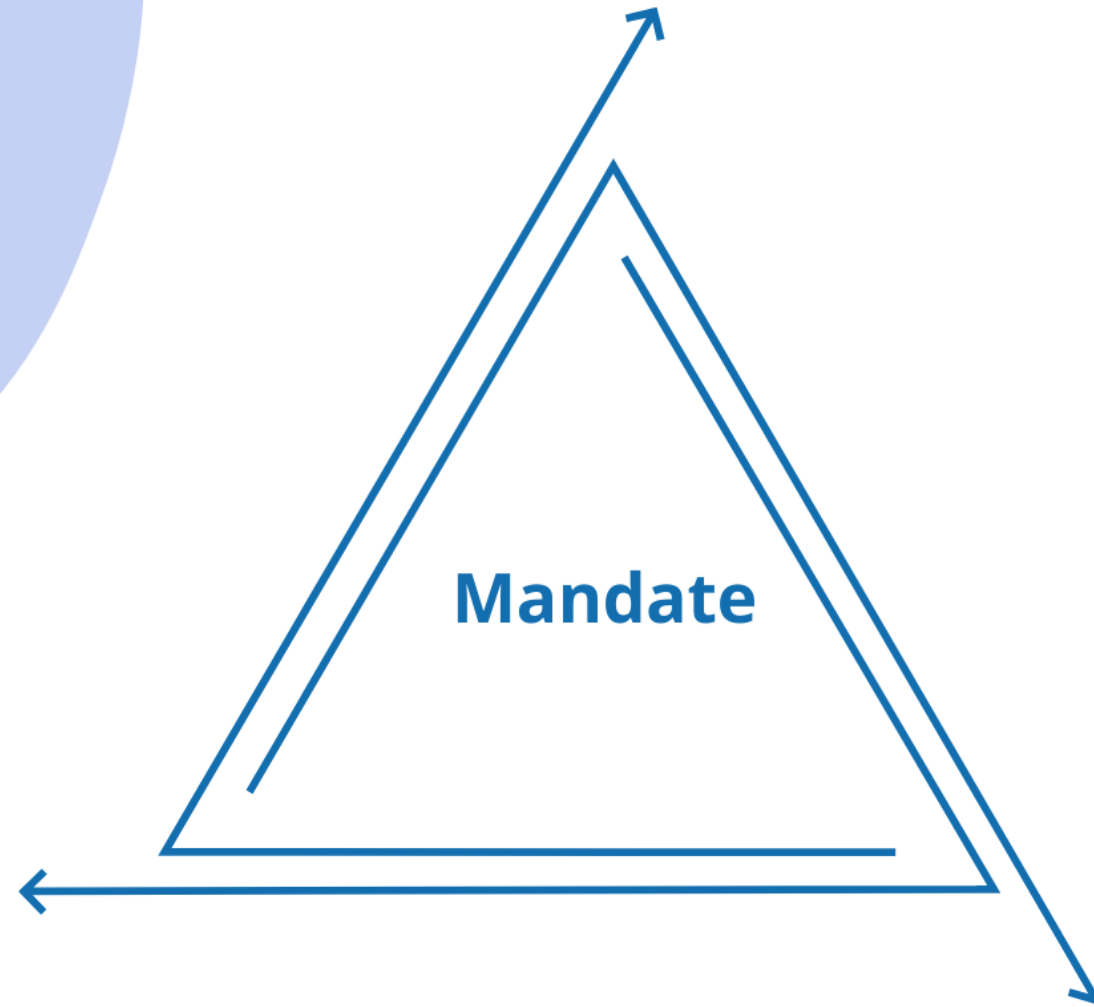


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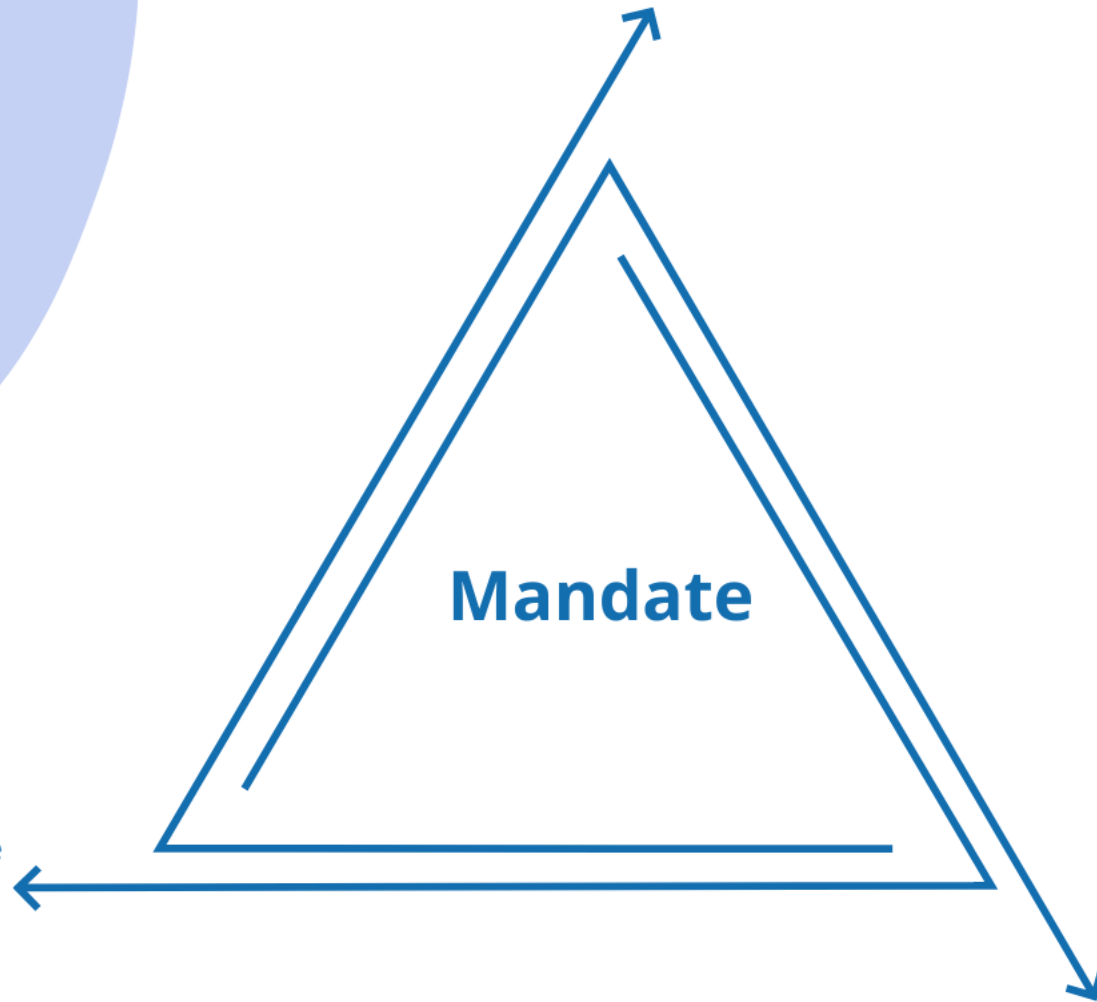
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Provide recommendations that:

- Inform and improve future planning regarding potential locations of future offshore wind licensing and development
- Inform future project-specific impact assessment processes (e.g., recommendations on mitigation, monitoring / follow-up, etc.).



Mandate

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Committee's Objectives

- To seek scientific information and advice relevant to the conduct of the RA from individuals / organizations (Indigenous and non-Indigenous),
- To seek information from fishing organizations, industry reps, and fishers on potential interactions between fishing activities and offshore wind (OSW) development activities,
- To provide Indigenous peoples and the public, including marginalized groups, with meaningful opportunities to participate in the RA,
- To engage with Indigenous groups and individuals that have information, knowledge or interests relevant to the RA, and
- To use a collaborative approach that respects Indigenous rights, culture and traditional knowledge.

Type of Offshore Wind Platforms



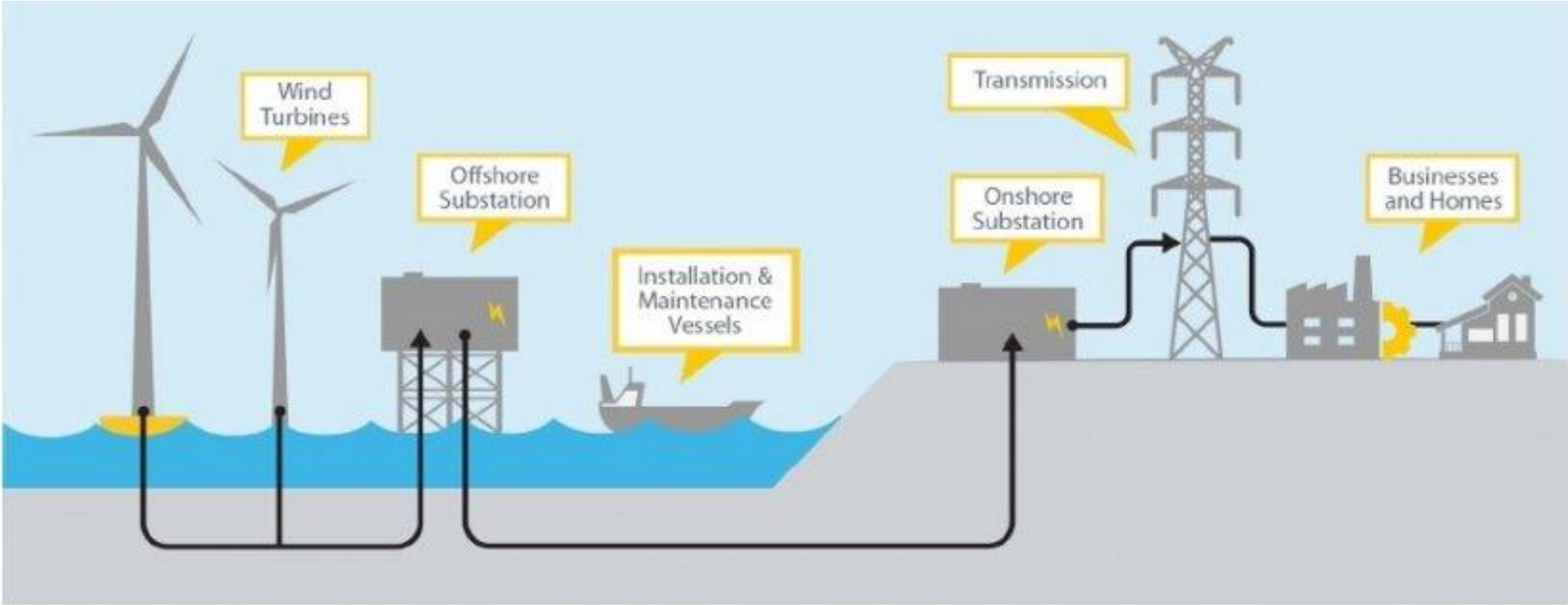
Monopile
foundation

Jacket /Tripod foundation

Gravity base foundation

Floating structures

Offshore Wind Transmission



Work to Date

- Detailed review of the Agreement and Terms of Reference
- Confidentiality and Operational Procedures
- Administrative Justice training
- Early meetings / briefings
- Developing work plan
- Identifying stakeholders and Indigenous communities for engagement
- Drafting Participation Plans
- Early research and data gathering

Invitation

We invite you to:

- To provide scientific and community knowledge and advice on:
 - Existing environmental, health, social, and economic conditions within the Study Area, and
 - Knowledge gaps with relevance to future OSW development in the Study Area.
- To advise on any potential effects on:

Biophysical:

- Air quality and greenhouse gases
- Marine mammals and sea turtles
- Marine and migratory birds and bats
- Fish and fish habitat
- Protected / Special Areas

Socio-economic:

- Communities and Economy
- Fisheries and other ocean uses
- Indigenous communities, activities, interests, and rights
- Visual Aesthetics and Viewscapes
- Physical and Cultural Heritage
- Health

Next Steps

- Continued engagement in the summer and fall
 - Advisory Group sessions beginning summer 2023
 - In-person sessions in fall 2023
 - Additional meetings as needed
- Ongoing research and review, including other jurisdictions
 - Existing conditions
 - Effects and mitigation
 - Cumulative effects
- Ongoing participation encouraged
 - Offshore wind email
 - Registry comment tool

Discussion / Feedback

- Perspectives
- Concerns
- Questions regarding the RA



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Useful links

- Committee Member Biographies: [Backgrounder: Committee Member Biographies for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](#)
- Registry: [Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](#)
- Regional Assessments: [Policy and guidance - Canada.ca](#)
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