

August 29, 2023

**ELECTRONIC MAIL**

**To:** Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

**Subject: Request for Advice - Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador**

Dear Stephen:

The federal Ministers of Environment and Natural Resources and provincial Ministers of Industry, Energy and Technology, Environment and Climate Change and for Intergovernmental Affairs established a Committee, pursuant to subsection 93(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA), to conduct the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador.

On March 23, 2023, the Regional Assessment Agreement was posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site: [Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca). This commenced the 18-month work period for the Committee.

In accordance with section 5 of the Committee's Agreement, and with section 23 of the IAA, the Committee can request specialist or expert information or knowledge, from any department or agency<sup>1</sup>, which must then be made available to the Committee. This may include providing information, knowledge or advice related to any matter relevant to the Regional Assessment.

Attached to this correspondence is the Request for Advice form that contains further detail on the request. The Committee requires your department to complete and return no later than September 15, 2023. You can contact the Committee to discuss the due date if needed. Your department is encouraged to provide as much detail as practicable in responding to the questions in this request.

As per the Committee's [Operational Procedure](#), the information submitted to the Committee in response to this Request for Advice will be made public on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet Site. Please do not include any information that cannot be shared publicly. The Committee's [Confidentiality Procedure](#) outlines the procedures in place regarding participants confidential information.

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<sup>1</sup> All subsequent references to department mean department or agency.

If you have any questions regarding the regional assessment process or this request, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee at [OffshoreWindNL-EolienneExtracotiereTNL@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:OffshoreWindNL-EolienneExtracotiereTNL@iaac-aeic.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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

/Attachment

**ATTACHMENT: August 29, 2023**

**Advice Record**

**Response due by September 15, 2023**

Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador

Department/Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
Lead Contact	Stephen Rose
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Overview of Request:

As per the Regional Assessment Agreement, Section A1.2 within Appendix A of the Terms of Reference:

*'The Committee is mandated to receive information from Indigenous peoples on the nature and scope of any Aboriginal or Treaty rights protected by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 in the Study Area, as well as information on potential adverse impacts that future offshore wind development activities in the Study Area may (individually or cumulatively) have on these rights.'*

The Committee is engaging with Indigenous peoples and would like to be better informed of the Government of Canada's progress to date with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Act Action Plan, and more specifically, where the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada is with implementation.

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Responder

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