Regional Assessment of Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling in the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Area

Participant Engagement – Summary of Meetings

Last updated: August 31, 2026

This table summarizes the meetings that the Impact Assessment Agency Regional Assessment Team and participants.

Date	Meeting Participants	High-level Summary of Main Topics Discussed
August 13, 2026	Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia	• Discussed the Regional Assessment process, engagement and a potential exclusion regulation • Discussed fisheries interests and important fishing areas • Discussed accidents, spills and cumulative effects • Discussed access to information and next steps
August 18, 2026	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers	• Discussed lessons learned from the Newfoundland and Labrador Regional Assessment and exclusion regulation • Discussed existing knowledge, mitigation measures and fisheries engagement • Discussed climate conditions, GHG emissions, emergency response and emerging technologies • Discussed opportunities for continued engagement
August 18, 2026	Parks Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada	• Discussed potential effects of exploratory drilling on Sable Island and sensitive species • Discussed DFO science advice and information needs • Discussed future studies, mitigation and potential exclusion regulation conditions
August 21, 2026	Ian Stewart	• Discussed key knowledge gaps and concerns for coastal communities • Discussed spill preparedness, fisheries interactions and socioeconomic effects • Discussed lessons from other jurisdictions and coexistence with fisheries • Discussed community engagement and public understanding

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August 24, 2026	Parks Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada	• Discussed potential effects of exploratory drilling on birds associated with Sable Island • Discussed mitigation and monitoring lessons from Newfoundland and Labrador • Discussed spill modelling, sensitive areas and future research • Discussed potential exclusion regulation requirements and follow-up
August 31	Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change	• Discussed the Regional Assessment process, objectives and timelines. • Discussed the role of CNSOER • Discussed the potential exclusion regulation • Discussed the role of the NS Department of Environment and Climate Change