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

Participant Engagement – Summary of Meetings

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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
September 1, 2026	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities	• Discussed municipal interests in the Regional Assessment • Discussed a potential exclusion regulation • Discussed fisheries, municipal services and local economic effects
September 4, 2026	Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage	• Discussed archaeological and cultural heritage considerations • Discussed cultural heritage in mitigation and the Regional Assessment report • Discussed Mi'kmaw consultation and provincial data sources
September 8, 2026	Employment and Social Development Canada	• Discussed economic and socio-economic considerations • Discussed workforce, labour mobility and seasonal employment • Discussed community-service pressures and future project planning
September 10, 2026	Health Canada	• Discussed human health and socio-economic considerations • Discussed spills, blowouts and chemical exposure • Discussed mitigation and a potential exclusion regulation • Discussed review of draft Regional Assessment material
September 16, 2026	Nova Scotia Native Women's Association	• Discussed GBA Plus, employment and training considerations • Discussed community safety, well-being and Indigenous representation • Discussed cumulative effects, monitoring and accountability

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		• Discussed a potential exclusion regulation and future consultation
September 21, 2026	Parks Canada and Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator	• Discussed potential exclusion regulation requirements and implementation • Discussed federal coordination and spill-response roles • Discussed Parks Canada recommendations related to Sable Island • Discussed spill modelling and future studies
September 29, 2026	Parks Canada	• Discussed recommendations related to Sable Island • Discussed sensitive areas, mitigation and information gaps • Discussed lessons from Newfoundland and Labrador • Discussed conditions for a potential exclusion regulation
September 29, 2026	Environment and Climate Change Canada	• Discussed ECCC feedback on draft Regional Assessment material • Discussed mitigation, information gaps and future studies • Discussed potential exclusion regulation conditions • Discussed coordination on emergency response and recommendations