

October 25, 2024

ELECTRONIC MAIL

To: Charlene Johnson, Energy NL

Subject: RE: Submission – Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador Interim Report

Dear Charlene Johnson,

The Committee thanks you for your response to the Interim Report, posted March 2024. At the time your letter was received, the Committee was in the final stages of publishing the [Draft Report](#). Your letter and information were acknowledged and initial consideration provided in the Draft and will be considered further for the Final Report. The Committee hopes the following response will clarify the questions and concerns you outlined in your letter.

The Committee followed the generally accepted hierarchy for mitigation which identifies avoidance as the first measure that should be taken. The Committee considered this measure, as well as the Precautionary Principle, appropriate for the Regional Assessment of this potential new marine industry

In the Draft Report, the Committee has shared both positive and negative perspectives on offshore wind development as experienced in other jurisdictions and drawn some comparisons with the offshore oil industry in this province. The Committee would like to thank you for your input thus far. The [Draft Report](#) can now be found on the Regional Assessment Registry Page. If there are more questions and comments, the Committee will gladly receive them. In addition, if you would like to meet with the Committee to discuss these topics further, the Committee will fulfill that request.

Thank you,

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

Shayne McDonald (Chair), Glenn Blackwood, Leslie Grattan, Brian Power, and Paul W. Saunders