

October 25, 2024

**ELECTRONIC MAIL**

**To:** Elisa Obermann – Marine Renewables Canada

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

Dear Elisa Obermann,

The Committee thanks for your response to their Interim Report, posted March 2024. At the time your letter was received, the Committee was in the final stages of publishing the [Draft Report](#) and while able to acknowledge your response and give initial comments in the Draft, the Committee will give your letter further consideration in the Final Report. The Committee hopes both the Draft Report and the following comments will clarify the questions and concerns you outlined in your letter.

The Committee's intent was and is to use the Precautionary Principle and Proof of Concept throughout the regional assessment process, as reflected in the Draft Report. The Draft Report speaks to these two concepts and their application in greater detail.

Within the Draft Report, the Committee also emphasizes that the Regional Assessment and recommendations, including recommended development areas, are a snapshot in time, and that as offshore wind technology develops and further research is completed, it can be anticipated that additional licencing areas could be identified.

The Committee would like to thank you for your detailed comments, specifically regarding their components and constraints analysis. In the [Draft Report](#), which can be found on the Regional Assessment Registry Page, you can note instances where MRC comments have been addressed as was possible at the time they were received. The Committee would like to remind you that you can submit further comments until November 29, 2024, during the review period for the Draft Report. If you would like to meet with the Committee to discuss these topics further, the Committee would be willing to facilitate that discussion.

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