

OFFSHORE WIND CALL FOR INFORMATION:

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What Is the Call for Information

On Oct. 16, 2025, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator **announced a Call for Information** that invites feedback from Indigenous rightsholders, fishers, industry, government and the general public on offshore wind licensing in Nova Scotia.

Specifically, the Call for Information invites feedback on the subject-matter of **the Strategic Direction that the Government of Canada and Government of Nova Scotia issued jointly in September 2025**, including feedback on:

- the selection of marine sites (called “parcels”) that will be opened to bids in the Sydney Bight, Middle Bank and French Bank Wind Energy Areas;
- the potential bidding criteria that may inform the upcoming Call for Bids, including criteria such as:
- technical expertise and project delivery capacity;
- financial strength and project delivery readiness;
- engagement and community benefits;
- local content; and,
- environmental sustainability and coexistence between offshore wind development and existing ocean users;

- the terms and conditions of submerged land licences that may be issued following the Call for Bids; and,
- possibilities for fisheries compensation.

Responding to the Call for Information is a crucial opportunity for Atlantic Canadians and other interested rightsholders and stakeholders to provide direct feedback to the Regulator, Government of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada about how we want offshore development to occur, how we want it to be managed into the future, and what benefits we want to experience.

The Call for Information is open until Jan. 13, 2026, and a Call for Bids is expected to follow in the winter or spring of 2026. For more information, see **this Regulator infographic about the Accord Acts offshore renewable energy land tenure process**.

How to Participate

A transition to renewable energy technologies is urgently needed to combat climate change, and Atlantic Canada’s wind energy resources can play an important role in preventing the worst outcomes of the climate crisis.

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To succeed, offshore wind projects in Atlantic Canada must be governed through inclusive processes that ask the right questions and take insights from local communities and existing ocean users. Help shape our future by sharing your knowledge and perspective during this public engagement process.

The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator is hosting a free Public Information Webinar on Nov. 25, 2025 from 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M..

[Click here to register.](#)

Details about the Call for Information can be found on the [Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator website](#), along with the [online submission form](#).

The Ecology Action Centre, Sierra Club Canada and East Coast Environmental Law also plan to host a free public webinar about the Call for Information. Stay tuned for details as they emerge in the coming weeks.

