



Backgrounder

Who we are:

The OEER Association is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering offshore energy and environmental research and development including examination of renewable energy resources and their interaction with the marine environment. OEER's members are Acadia University, St. Francis Xavier University, Cape Breton University and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy. Funding for OEER activities and research comes from grants that now total \$7,538,000 from the Nova Scotia Department of Energy.

Objectives:

The objective of OEER is to:

1. Build research capacity in Nova Scotia;
2. Assess the potential impacts of:
 - petroleum exploration, development and production; and
 - renewable energy technologies (ocean currents, wind, tides and waves) on the marine environment.

Specific Project Aims:

1. Identify critical habitat
 - Identify the influence of marine noise on fish and invertebrates
2. Identify operational waste discharges
 - Examine oil spills and mitigation
3. Modeling of impacts of offshore energy projects
4. Support the documentation of pre-commercial technologies and studying their environmental impacts
5. Support other studies and initiatives consistent with the general objectives of the association

Board Members:

Member	Organization	OEER Position
Robert MacKay	RAMentor Strategic Consulting	Vice President & Director
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