

**Halifax Regional Municipality CP & ED Standing** Committee Meeting

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#### Outline

- OERA Overview
- 'Current Circumstances'
- Research Priorities Setting Process
- Resourcing and Implementation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Environmental Assessments
- Tidal Value Proposition Business Case

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Conclusions

### **OERA is:**

Independent, contract research not-for-profit corporation



Mission is to lead energy research that enables the sustainable development of Nova Scotia energy resources through strategic partnerships with academia, government and industry.



Purpose is to reduce the risks related to investments in Nova Scotia's offshore energy resources through the provision of scientific research initiatives.



### **Geoscience Research Priorities**

Petroleum Geochemistry – SW Region (PFA zones 1&2)

Biostratigraphy -Triassic to Jurassic periods Reservoir Quality – Sable & NE Region (PFA zones 3&5)

Seismic Reprocessing – Orpheus Graben & Sydney Basin Area Improvement of Oil Rim Understanding – NW of Sable through to NE (PFA zone 5)

### **Play Fairway Analysis**

# **'Presenting Nova Scotia's Offshore Geoscience Picture in a New Method'**



#### **Play Fairway Analysis: Significant Outcomes**

Resource Potential	• 121 trillion cubic feet of natural gas • 8.15 billion barrels of oil
Impacts	<ul> <li>technical and engineering barriers</li> <li>reignites exploration interest</li> <li>Benefits all NS - industry spin-offs</li> </ul>
Program Management	• ~ 60 Research Project Contracts • ~ \$15 million investment
Collaboration	<ul> <li>Nova Scotia academic institutions</li> <li>CNSOPB</li> <li>Geological Survey of Canada</li> </ul>

# **Research Activity Outcomes**





# Play Fairway Analysis – Phase II



#### **Economic Development Opportunities from Offshore Petroleum Development**

Port Development

Logistics / Trucking

**Energy Sector Supply Chain** 

Research / Technology

Academic Institutions

Industrial Development

Other

### **Marine Renewable Energy**



# Nova Scotia Marine Renewable Energy Environment



# **Tidal Energy Potential in Nova Scotia**

Nova Scotia's Provincial Renewable Energy Targets

- \* By 2015 25% of the renewable sources
- \* By 2020 40% renewable sources

Bay of Fundy: 60,000 MW Total Potential

- $\rightarrow$  2,500 MW can be safely extracted
  - $\rightarrow$  300 MW target for development

**Community Feed-in Tariff for Small Scale Turbines < 0.5MW** 

< 6 MW = 65.2¢ per kWh

Tidal Array Feed-in Tariff for Test Phase Projects \*

< 5 MW = 53 ¢ per kWh

> 5 MW = 42 ¢ per kWh

\*15 year term applies







### **Tidal Energy Research Program Focus**

- Understanding MRE impacts and benefits
- Social license
- Engage partners
- Develop collaborations
- Identify resources



#### **Tidal Energy Risk Investment Model Supply Chain Environmental** Analysis Impact Nova Scotia Tidal Government **Risk - Gap Energy Potential** Investment **Scenario** Global Planning Positioning

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# **Stakeholder MRE Business Case**

Attract significant investment to our region

**Build regional research competencies** 

**Provide local opportunities for HQPs** 

Build a globally competitive MRE / Offshore Energy sector

Meet renewable energy targets & realize MRE opportunity

65,000 MW renewable power in the Bay of Fundy

# Value Proposition for Tidal Energy Development

An estimate of the potential value, broader benefits and potential economic impacts of tidal power development

Informed assessment of the potential value and broader benefits – provincially, regionally & nationally

Examine 3 different scenarios of tidal power developmen t over next 25 years Impact on the Canadian economic opportunity in emerging world markets

#### **Economic Development Opportunities** from Tidal Energy Development

Port Development	
Logistics / Trucking	
Research / Technology	
Academic Institutions	
New Technology Creation	
Global Export Opportunities	
Other	

# Thank you

#### **Contact information:**

