

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Councillor Gordon Boudreau

SUBJECT: Offshore Wind Farms

DATE: October 7, 2024

The Provincial and Federal Governments are proposing offshore wind farm sites off our coast, and this could have huge economical impact on our coastal communities.

Proposed areas include Middle Bank and Sable Island Bank for now and more to come in the future. A buffer zone would be put in place therefor restricting fishermen access.

The issue with this is that we have local fisherman that fish these banks for snow crab, halibut and other species of fish. Also, we have a local fish plant that relies on these banks for seas cucumber harvesting and at peek season employ 100 people.

My suggestion is to write a letter to our MP and MLA to express our concerns for these proposed sites.

Originally Signed by Councillor Gordon Boudreau