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# 2025 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2025 | HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX CONVENTION CENTRE

## CONFERENCE OUTCOMES & HIGHLIGHTS

**Government commitment:** Premier Tim Houston and Minister Sean Fraser reaffirmed strong federal-provincial commitment to advancing offshore wind and tidal energy, while officials' provided insight on regulatory efforts, proposed timelines, and coordination across jurisdictions.

**Indigenous leadership:** The Indigenous Business Pavilion debuted with strong participation from Indigenous businesses and communities and Indigenous-led panels provided examples of shared benefit approaches, demonstrating the increasing role of Indigenous leadership in shaping the sector.

**Industry experience & connections:** Industry developers offered insight on the need for investment certainty, permitting predictability, and market frameworks. Attendees connected through B2B meetings, roundtables, and the exhibition, identifying new partnerships and business opportunities.

**Tidal energy entering a new chapter:** MRC 2025 was the stage for a major announcement with Eauclore and Orbital receiving the first Fisheries Act authorization for a FORCE project since 2018, a milestone reflecting coordinated policy efforts over the past years.

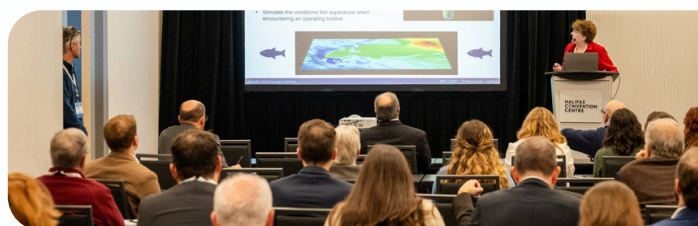
**International collaboration:** The International Roundtable, B2B Meetings, UK-Canada Breakfast, and inclusion of numerous international expert speakers advanced cross-border partnerships, information-sharing, and supply-chain opportunities.

**Expanded exhibition:** 40 exhibitors showcased innovation and capabilities across ports, tidal, offshore wind, technology, and R&D, and supply chain companies.

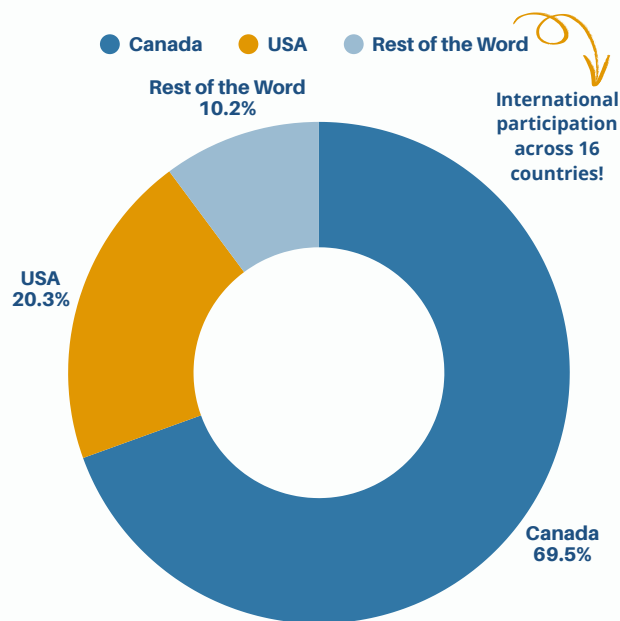
**Member Workshops and Concurrent Streams:** MRC members benefited from 5 Member Workshops designed and delivered by members for members, while Industry and Technical Track sessions offered deep dives into policy, markets, technology, and research.

## A BREAKTHROUGH EVENT FOR CANADA'S MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

Marine Renewables Canada 2025 Conference & Exhibition marked our largest gathering yet, with more than 700 delegates, strong international participation, 135 speakers, and an expanded exhibition that included the first-ever Indigenous Business Pavilion. The energy, alignment, and urgency across the sector made it clear: Canada is moving from vision to deployment.



## GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN



700+  
Attendees



100% growth  
over 2024!



33 sessions  
encompassing  
workshops,  
industry panels,  
and technical  
presentations



40 Exhibitors,  
including 7  
Indigenous  
businesses



135  
Speakers,  
with 46  
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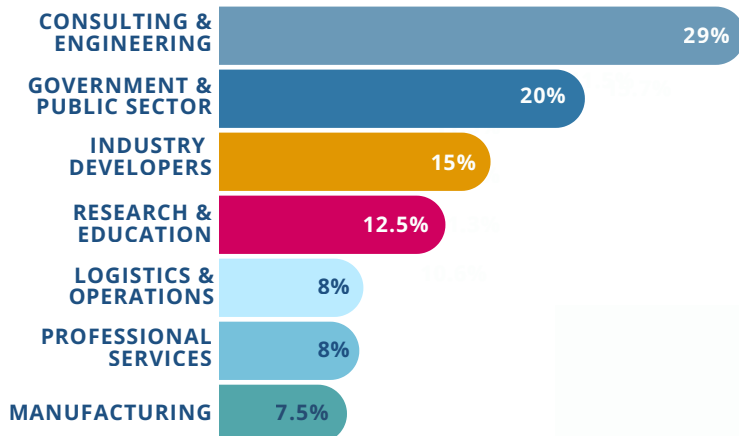


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## INDUSTRY SEGMENTS



## KEY TAKEAWAYS OF MRC 2025

### Grid planning and transmission are critical:

Sessions highlighted grid integration and transmission as the sector's biggest challenges, with consensus on the need for coordinated planning, early investment, and predictable offtake mechanisms to enable large-scale development. The conversation has shifted from "if" to "how fast", and how coordinated Canada can be.

### Strong policy signals & regulatory momentum:

Government engagement reached new levels, reflecting growing recognition that marine renewable energy is central to economic growth, decarbonization, and regional development.

**Ports are critical enablers:** Ports across Atlantic Canada showcased their readiness and ambition. Speakers and delegates stressed that infrastructure planning must advance in parallel with policy work so Canada can compete globally and support large-scale project delivery.

### The supply chain and workforce are gearing up:

Canadian businesses, ports, and research institutions demonstrated growing capability and readiness. Canada's strengths and experience in innovation areas, such as tidal and other ocean industries position it well for cross-border collaboration and research-to-commercialization pathways.

**Indigenous partnership is foundational:** A consistent theme: collaboration must be values-driven, equitable, and embedded from the start. This is essential to responsible project development.

**Balancing development with other ocean users:** Balancing marine renewable development with fisheries, conservation, and coastal community priorities remains core to Canada's approach. Sessions demonstrated growing alignment on shared-ocean planning and practical pathways for coexistence.



## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS



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