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# 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT

# Leadership Message

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2025 was a year of measurable progress and growing momentum for Marine Renewables Canada and for Canada's marine renewable energy sector.

Across the country, we saw meaningful policy advancement, measures to increase investor confidence, and strong industry coordination. The proclamation of amendments to the *Canada-Nova Scotia and Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Accord Acts* formally established a regulatory regime for offshore renewable energy in federal offshore areas - a foundational milestone that provides long-term clarity for offshore wind development.

At the same time, progress on offshore wind in Atlantic Canada accelerated. Regional Assessments were completed, Wind Energy Areas were designated, and Nova Scotia launched the first phases of its call-for-bids process. The establishment of Canada's Major Projects Office signaled a renewed federal focus on streamlining transformative energy infrastructure. Projects at FORCE expanded, a new *Fisheries Act* authorization was granted under the revised staged approach, and federal investments strengthened environmental monitoring capacity in the Bay of Fundy.

Within this context of national momentum, MRC continued to play its role as the sector's unified voice.

In 2025, we advanced the Marine Renewable Energy Sector Vision 2050, developed through extensive member input and supported by a coordinated advocacy and communications strategy. We deepened engagement with federal and provincial governments strengthened relationships with Indigenous communities and coastal community stakeholders, and expanded our outreach capacity through a dedicated Research & Engagement Officer role.

Our membership grew to 216 organizations and individuals - one of the strongest years of growth in our history - reflecting increasing confidence in the sector's trajectory and in MRC's leadership.



Our events program demonstrated both scale and impact. Across all MRC-hosted events, we engaged 2,094 participants. The 2025 Annual Conference & Exhibition reached record attendance, welcoming over 700 delegates from 16 countries and facilitating 228 B2B meetings.

Internationally, we expanded Canada's visibility through strategic trade missions, global webinars, and market intelligence initiatives, helping position Canadian companies in emerging offshore wind markets.

None of this progress would be possible without the commitment of our members, the leadership of our Board, the dedication of our staff, and the collaboration of our partners across Canada and internationally. Thank you. Together, we can ensure that Canada's marine renewable energy sector reaches its full potential - delivering clean power, economic opportunity, and long-term energy security.



**Mohammad Ali Raza**  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Marine Renewables Canada



**Elisa Obermann**  
Executive Director  
Marine Renewables Canada



# Advancing Our Mission

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→ Our mission is to champion Canada's growing marine renewable energy sector through advocacy, engagement, and education and expand market opportunities across the country and globally.

## 2025 AT-A-GLANCE

- 7 staff members, supported by additional consultants
- 216 MRC members
- 2,094 total participants engaged across all MRC-hosted events
- 700+ participants at the MRC Annual Conference & Exhibition
- 28 speaking engagements or participation in external industry or policy events
- 550,000+ social media impressions
- 22 years of advocacy leadership
- Headquarters in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with some team members in Ottawa, Ontario



### From Left to Right:

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# Advocacy & Government Relations

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## Strategic Direction

In 2025, Marine Renewables Canada strengthened its role as the national voice of the sector. We advanced the industry-led Marine Renewable Energy Sector Vision 2050, supported by a coordinated advocacy and PR plan, providing a unified message and clear long-term policy direction ahead of its February 2026 launch.

## Government Engagement

Direct engagement with decision-makers remained central to our approach.

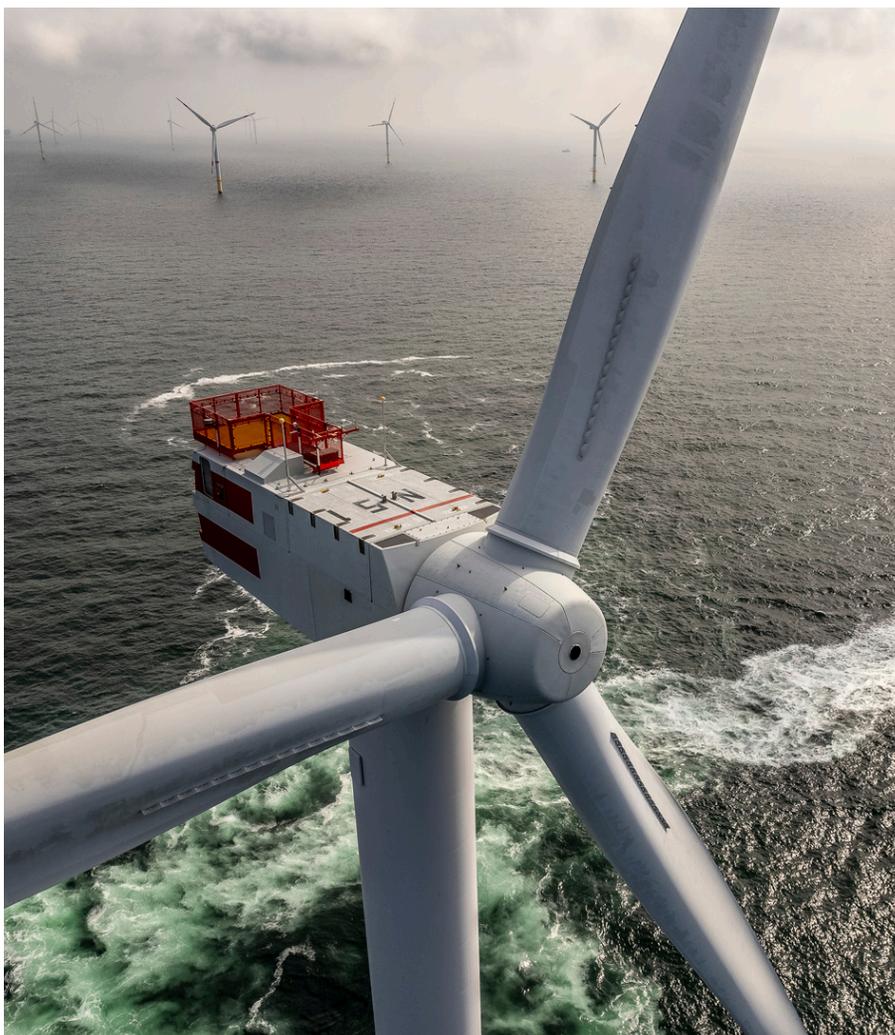
We hosted high-level roundtables for members of MRC's Offshore Wind Working Group with the **Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Sean Fraser**, in September, and with the **Nova Scotia Ministerial Assistant to the Minister of Energy Marco MacLeod**, in November.

We also expanded advocacy efforts in **British Columbia and New Brunswick**, including meetings with ministers, ministerial staff, and senior department officials. The Government of British Columbia and BC Hydro are increasingly interested in tidal and wave energy as alternatives to diesel generation in remote communities. As offshore wind interest grows nationally, early engagement in emerging jurisdictions remains a strategic priority.



## Offshore Wind Progress

Our advocacy on offshore wind route-to-market needs delivered measurable progress. Nova Scotia advanced discussions on transmission infrastructure and offtake mechanisms, while federal interest in the Wind West Atlantic Energy initiative grew, reflecting offshore wind's increasing role in economic development and energy security.



## Policy Submissions

Policy development was supported by detailed and timely submissions on key federal and regional files:

- Offshore Wind Regional Assessments
- Bill C-5, the *One Canadian Economy Act*
- Federal Budget consultations
- Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans Review of the *Fisheries Act*
- Proposed Offshore Wind Energy Areas
- Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator (CNSOER) Offshore Wind Land Tenure Process Call for Information

# Engagement & Education

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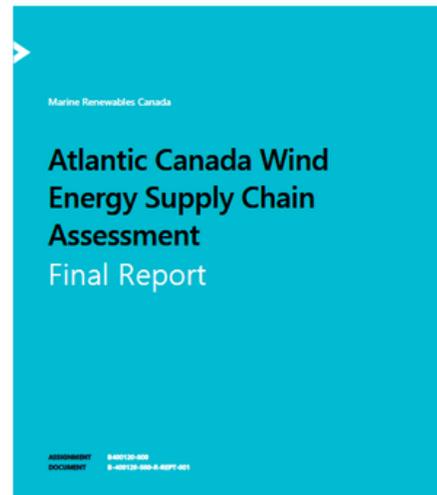
Marine Renewables Canada deepened its engagement with Indigenous communities and coastal stakeholders. Building trust and maintaining open dialogue remain essential to responsible sector growth.

## Indigenous & Community Engagement

We expanded participation in Indigenous-focused conferences and delivered presentations on offshore wind and marine renewables, strengthening dialogue and relationships. To enhance outreach, MRC established a Research & Engagement Officer role, supporting engagement with fisheries, Indigenous communities, and local stakeholders.

## Supply Chain Assessment

MRC released the [Atlantic Canada Wind Energy Supply Chain Assessment](#), identifying regional capabilities, infrastructure readiness, and opportunities to support offshore wind development. The study provides actionable insights for industry, governments, and suppliers to strengthen domestic participation in the growing offshore wind market.



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## Knowledge Sharing & Capacity Building

We delivered three additional webinars to our [Ask an Expert](#) series, providing members and stakeholders with direct access to technical and policy insights. These sessions continue to support informed discussion and sector literacy.





# Membership

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Membership growth accelerated in 2025, reflecting strong sector momentum and increasing confidence in Marine Renewables Canada's leadership and advocacy.

## Growth & Recruitment

Our membership attraction efforts continued throughout the year, supported by an active referral program and sustained outreach.

By year-end, total membership reached **216 organizations and individuals**, marking one of the strongest growth years in MRC's history.

## Member Engagement & Value

Complementing other member benefits, Working Groups remained central to member engagement:

- The **Offshore Wind Working Group** played a key role in informing advocacy and policy positions.
- A new **BC Member Working Group** was established and is now meeting regularly, strengthening regional coordination.

# Events

In 2025, Marine Renewables Canada delivered a strong and visible events program across Canada and internationally.

- **1,389 participants** engaged through MRC-led regional events and webinars
- **705 attendees** participated in the MRC 2025 Annual Conference & Exhibition
- **2,094 total participants engaged** across all MRC-hosted events

In addition, MRC participated in **28 external industry and policy events**, strengthening national and international visibility for Canada's marine renewable energy sector.



# Annual Conference

Canada's marine renewable energy sector reached a new milestone on November 12–14, 2025, as the Marine Renewables Canada Conference & Exhibition convened in Halifax. The event marked record attendance, strong industry momentum, and a clearer path forward for offshore wind, tidal, wave, and river current energy.

[Read the news release here.](#)



**700+ attendees**, including delegates from 16 countries



**300+ participants** at the International Roundtable and Member Workshops



**228 B2B meetings** connecting Canadian companies and international partners



**41 exhibitors** (sold-out show floor), including the first-ever **Indigenous Business Pavilion**



**33 sessions** spanning industry panels, technical presentations, and workshops

## Program Highlights

The conference featured well-attended industry, research, and technical sessions with gender-balanced speakers and increased Indigenous participation, including an Indigenous Business Pavilion. The B2B program facilitated 228 meetings.

High-profile keynote addresses were delivered by The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and The Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia.



## Member Engagement

We continued to prioritize meaningful engagement opportunities for members by hosting Member-to-Member Workshops - designed for members by members - and a dedicated Member Appreciation Reception.

## Oceans of Opportunities Program

MRC once again delivered the Oceans of Opportunities program, featuring an International Roundtable, dedicated networking lunch, and structured B2B meetings. The program strengthened global collaboration and provided Canadian companies with direct access to international market representatives and new business development opportunities.

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in our next Annual Conference & Exhibition.

Learn more at: [marinerenewablesconference.ca](https://marinerenewablesconference.ca)



# International Business Development

Marine Renewables Canada strengthened its international presence in 2025, expanding global market opportunities for Canadian companies through a targeted trade mission, surveys, webinars, roundtables, and the Offshore Wind Supply Chain Opportunities in LATAM study.

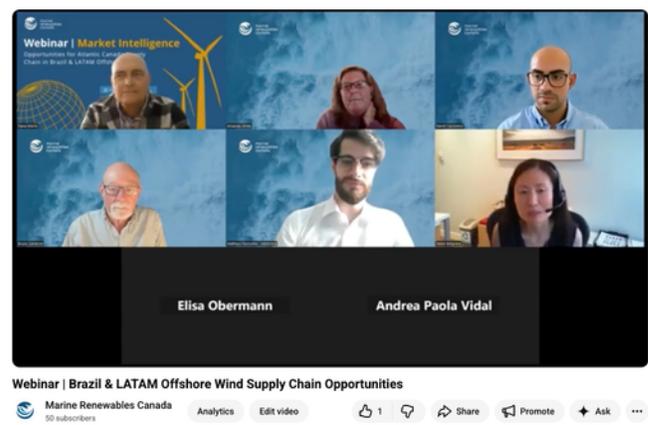
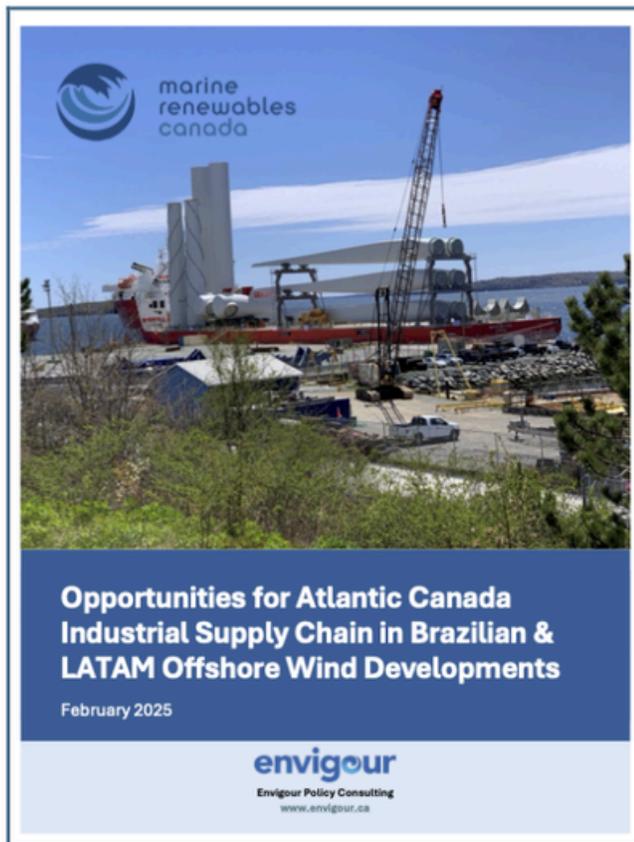
## Mission to RenewableUK Global Offshore Wind Conference & Exhibition, June 17-19 | London, UK

MRC, with support from the Government of Canada, led a delegation to RenewableUK's Global Offshore Wind 2025 Conference & Exhibition, showcasing Canadian supply chain strengths. A Canada-UK Roundtable and networking reception strengthened bilateral relationships and positioned Canadian companies within established UK and European offshore wind markets.



## Global Webinars & Market Promotion

With support from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), MRC commissioned the [Offshore Wind Supply Chain Opportunities in Latin America \(LATAM\) study](#) examining offshore wind supply chain opportunities in Brazil and the broader region. As Brazil, Colombia, and Chile advance offshore wind development, the report identifies realistic market entry points and actionable strategies for Canadian suppliers seeking international growth.



MRC also hosted and participated in webinars with partners in **Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway, Belgium, and the Netherlands**, promoting Canadian capabilities, highlighting offshore wind opportunities, and increasing international awareness of Canada's marine renewable energy sector and MRC 2025.

# Communications

MRC continued to expand its digital presence, strengthen member communications, and increase national visibility for Canada's marine renewable energy sector.

## By the Numbers:

**62,670**

total newsletter  
and e-blast  
opens



**26,912**

total newsletter  
and e-blast  
click-throughs



**550,000+**

LinkedIn  
impressions



**10,500+**

LinkedIn  
reactions



**20+**

20+ instances of  
earned media  
coverage



**2**

featured podcast  
appearances



Green Energy Futures podcast:

**Offshore wind could provide 27% of  
Canada's electricity**

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**Blue energy: powering the future  
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Nov 24, 2025



ThinkEnergy Podcast by Hydro Ottawa:

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[Watch it here.](#)

# Industry Highlights

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Marine renewable energy development gained significant momentum across Canada in 2025, supported by coordinated federal and provincial action, legislative reform, regulatory progress, and targeted research investments.

→ **Proclamation of amendments to the Canada-Nova Scotia and Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Accord Acts**, formally establishing a regulatory regime for offshore renewable energy in federal offshore areas.

→ **Major progress supporting offshore wind development in Atlantic Canada**, including completion of Regional Assessments in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador, commissioning of MRC's Atlantic Canada supply chain assessment, designation of Wind Energy Areas, and launch of Nova Scotia's call-for-bids process.

→ **Establishment of Canada's Major Projects Office (MPO)** under Bill C-5 (*Building Canada Act*) to streamline federal approvals for nation-building energy and infrastructure projects through a one-window approach; Wind West Atlantic Energy was identified as a Transformative Strategy to advance offshore wind development and investment in the Maritimes.

→ **Government of Canada announced a \$10 million investment through the Energy Innovation Program** to advance environmental monitoring in the Bay of Fundy, supporting FORCE's Ocean Sensors Innovation Platform and Acadia University research to reduce uncertainty around fish-turbine interactions in the Minas Passage.

→ **First Fisheries Act Authorization issued under Fisheries and Oceans Canada's revised staged and adaptive approach**, approving deployment of up to three O2-X turbines by Eau Claire Power Ltd. and Orbital Marine Power.

→ **Advancement of the Yuquot Wave Energy Project**, led by the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, completing feasibility studies and securing conditional federal funding, with support from University of Victoria's Pacific Regional Institute for Marine Energy Discovery (PRIMED) to integrate wave energy into a hybrid microgrid supporting long-term community revitalization and reduced diesel reliance.

→ **Expansion of tidal development at FORCE**, with Eau Claire Power Ltd., in partnership with Orbital Marine Power, awarded two additional berths in the Bay of Fundy, increasing contracted capacity to 12.5 MW.

→ **Advancement of the Blind Channel Test Centre** on Canada's west coast as a national demonstration site, integrating tidal energy, battery storage, and solar power to showcase hybrid systems that reduce diesel reliance in remote communities.



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