

Marine Renewables Spring Summit

Building the Supply Chain and Fostering Partnerships

May 12, 2026 | Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Marine Renewables Spring Summit will bring together industry, suppliers, Indigenous partners, training institutions, and economic development leaders to focus on strengthening the marine renewables supply chain. As tidal and offshore wind activity accelerates in Atlantic Canada, the event will provide practical guidance, procurement insights, and actionable advice to help businesses and communities prepare for, participate in, and benefit from a growing marine renewables market.

Beyond project readiness, the summit will highlight the importance of building durable partnerships that ensure local and Indigenous participation in the sector's growth. Through collaboration, workforce development, and stronger connections between industry and community, the event aims to support a resilient, inclusive supply chain that delivers long-term economic benefits for the region and Canada.

AGENDA

9:00 am – 9:15 am | Opening and Welcome

9:15 am – 10:15 am | Projects and Opportunities on the Horizon

This session will provide an overview of upcoming tidal and offshore wind activity in Nova Scotia and what it means for suppliers and communities across the region. Attendees will hear directly from industry leaders about activity and development timelines, anticipated procurement needs, and the types of goods and services that will be required in the near and medium term. The discussion will help businesses understand where opportunities are emerging and how to begin preparing.

Morning Theme: Building Supplier Capacity

10:15 am – 11:00 am | What Developers Need from Suppliers: A Clear Roadmap to Qualification

Industry experts will outline what it takes for suppliers to successfully enter marine renewable energy supply chains. Topics will include procurement cycles, qualification processes, technical standards, and health, safety, and environmental expectations. Attendees will gain practical insight into how to position their companies to meet developer requirements and compete for upcoming contracts.

11:00 am – 11:30 am | Refreshment Break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm | Bridging the Gap: Helping SMEs Enter the Marine Renewables Market

This session will explore how small and medium-sized enterprises can enter the marine renewables sector by leveraging experience from related ocean industries. Speakers will also share vendor best practices, mentorship approaches between larger contractors and local businesses, and real-world case studies of companies that have successfully entered the market. Attendees will learn practical steps to reduce barriers and accelerate participation.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | Networking Lunch

Afternoon Theme: Engaging Local & Indigenous Communities

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | Indigenous-Led Supply Chain Participation

This session will highlight opportunities for meaningful Indigenous participation in marine renewables supply chains. Speakers will discuss approaches to identifying Indigenous partners, supporting Indigenous-owned businesses, and strengthening inclusive procurement practices. Attendees will also learn about tools and initiatives that help developers and suppliers connect with Indigenous service providers.

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Building Opportunities for Local Workers

Focusing on workforce development, this discussion will examine how partnerships with colleges, training institutions, and community organizations can prepare workers for marine renewable energy careers and upcoming opportunities. Speakers will share examples of successful programs, strategies for reducing barriers to entry for youth and underrepresented groups, and lessons learned from regional and industry experience.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Refreshment Break

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm | Closing Panel Discussion: Lessons from Other Jurisdictions and Industries: Community-Driven Supply Chains

The closing panel will examine how regions around the world have successfully developed local supply chains to support emerging energy industries. Drawing lessons from offshore wind markets alongside Nova Scotia's own experience building ocean sectors, panelists will share practical strategies for

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Networking Reception
