

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) PROCESS UNDER THE ATLANTIC ACCORD ACTS

ACCORD ACT EAs

STEP 1:

Project Description (PD) Review by the C-NLOPB (Up to 1 Week)

- Proponent submits PD
- PD is reviewed for completeness.
- PD is accepted or returned for more information
- A Draft Scoping Document (SD) is created.

STEP 2:

External Review of PD and Draft SD (Up to 2 Weeks)

- PD and Draft SD forwarded to government departments and agencies, One Ocean, and Fishing Interest Organizations.
- PD and draft SD posted on EA Registry for public review and comment

STEP 3:

Consolidation of Comments and Finalization of SD (Up to 1 Week)

- Draft SD revised in consideration of comments received.
- Final SD and comments within the scope of the EA transmitted to the Proponent.
- Comments and Final SD posted on the EA Registry.

STEP 4:

Review of Draft EA Report (Up to 8 weeks)

- Proponent submits EA Report, including a report on consultations
- EA Report reviewed for completeness.
- Draft EA Report forwarded to government departments and agencies, One Ocean, and Fishing Interest Organizations for review.
- Draft EA Report posted on the EA Registry for public comment

STEP 5:

Consolidation of Comments on EA Report (Up to 1 Week)

- Comments within the scope of EA consolidated and forwarded to proponent for a response.
- All comments posted on the EA Registry.

STEP 6:

Review of Proponent Response to EA Report Comments (Addendum) (Up to 3 Weeks)


- Addendum sent to the relevant reviewers for consideration
- Outstanding comments forwarded to Proponent, if applicable.
- Addendum on EA Report revised, as appropriate, by Proponent

STEP 7:

Determining the Likelihood of Significant Adverse Environmental Effects (Up to 3 Weeks)

- Technical review of the EA Report and associated documents is complete if EA Report and Proponent's response addresses all outstanding issues.
- A determination is made on the likelihood of significant adverse environmental effects of the project
- Proponent receives determination with applicable conditions

Follow-up and Enforcement

- Opportunity for public input 
- Timeline for EA process completion is up to 19 Weeks
- Timelines do not include time required by the proponent to provide information
- Consultation with Indigenous People may be integrated into the process at the request of governments