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Cenovus Energy 2026-2038 Jeanne D'Arc Basin Exploration and Delineation Drilling Program

On September 10, 2026 Cenovus Energy Inc. submitted a project description to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Regulator (C-NLOER) for a proposed exploration and/or delineation drilling program on its currently held Significant Discovery Licences and Production Licences in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin. The project would require an authorization pursuant to Section 138(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation and Offshore Renewable Energy Management Act* and Section 134(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation and Offshore Renewable Energy Management Newfoundland and Labrador Act*.

The C-NLOER must determine whether the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. To inform that determination, the C-NLOER is inviting comments on the proposed project including potential environmental effects, proposed or additional mitigation measures, and other relevant information within your organization's mandate or area of interest.

In addition, pursuant to Section 79(1) of the Species at Risk Act (SARA), the C-NLOER hereby informs the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (the Competent Ministers) that Schedule 1 species are likely to be in the project area under the jurisdiction of the C-NLOER (Attachment 2). A determination of the likelihood of adverse effects on these species will be undertaken during the determination process.

The C-NLOER will review the Project Description, proposed mitigation measures, and any comments received to determine whether the proposed drilling program is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. The determination, including any mitigation measures taken into account, will be posted on the C-NLOER website, as well as the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.

Written comments must be submitted by December 1, 2026 to:

Ian Murphy, Environmental Assessment Officer
Email: imurphy@cnloer.ca

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If you have any questions on the attached, or would like to discuss the above, please contact Ian Murphy at 709-778-1482 or imurphy@cnloer.ca

Regards,

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Ian Murphy
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Ian Murphy
Environmental Assessment Officer

Attachments

cc. Melissa Moss, Environmental Assessment Officer
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ATTACHMENT 1 – DISTRIBUTION LIST

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ATTACHMENT 2 - Species at Risk - Section 79(1) Notification of Competent Minister

Endangered:

- Turtle, Leatherback Sea (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
- Turtle, Loggerhead Sea (*Caretta caretta*)
- Whale, Blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*) – Atlantic population
- Whale, North Atlantic Right (*Eubalaena glacialis*)
- Gull, Ivory (*Pagophila eburnea*)
- Shark, White (*Carcharodon carcharias*)
- Whale, Northern Bottlenose (*Hyperoodon ampullatus*) - Scotian Shelf population

Threatened:

- Wolffish, Northern (*Anarhichas denticulatus*)
- Wolffish, Spotted (*Anarhichas minor*)

Special Concern:

- Wolffish, Atlantic (*Anarhichas lupus*)
- Whale, Fin (*Balenoptera physalus*) – Atlantic population
- Whale, Sowerby's beaked (*Mesoplodon bidens*)