

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between**  
**MARINE RENEWABLES CANADA (MRC)**  
**And the**  
**U.S. NATIONAL HYDROPOWER ASSOCIATION (NHA)**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between Marine Renewables Canada (MRC) and the U.S. National Hydropower Association (NHA). The two organisations are key drivers for marine renewables in their respective countries, and the agreement will increase collaboration to benefit industry in Canada and the United States of America (USA).

**BACKGROUND:**

***About MRC***

MRC is the national association for tidal, offshore wind, wave and river current energy, representing technology and project developers, suppliers, utilities, Indigenous organizations, researchers, and communities. Since 2004, the association has worked to build the sector by advocating for supportive policies, identifying domestic and international business development opportunities for its members, facilitating collaboration amongst its membership and broader ecosystem, providing education and outreach, and disseminating market intelligence. As part of its focus on developing the sector, MRC is active in catalyzing opportunities for how marine renewable energy can contribute to achieving decarbonization goals through the production of green fuels such as hydrogen, as well as displacement of diesel in remote communities and marine industries.

More at [www.marinerenewables.ca](http://www.marinerenewables.ca)

***About NHA***

The NHA is a non-profit national association dedicated to securing water power as a clean, carbon-free, renewable, and reliable energy source that provides power to an estimated 30 million Americans. NHA promotes innovation and investment in all water power technologies, including conventional hydropower, marine energy and hydrokinetic power systems, and pumped storage hydropower to integrate other clean power sources, such as wind and solar.

The NHA's Marine Energy Council (NHA-MEC) promotes technologies and related services to harness clean, renewable power from significant untapped marine energy resources.

Established in 2015, the NHA-MEC works with private sector companies, academia, and government partners to encourage the commercialization of marine energy technologies and raise awareness of the industry's considerable potential to create good-paying jobs and secure an affordable, reliable, and environmentally friendly energy future.

The NHA-MEC is actively engaged with federal policymakers to increase R&D support, reduce market barriers, and create financial incentives for technology deployment. The MEC works with its members to inform future federal programs and competitive funding solicitations, lobby for appropriations and legislation in support of the sector, and serve as a clearinghouse of critical information.

More at <https://www.hydro.org/>.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this MOU is to solidify a collaborative agreement between MRC and NHA that will facilitate the two organizations in sharing information, knowledge and best practices, thus promoting the skills, competencies and professions of the members of both.

It is the intent of the agreement to formalize a relationship between MRC and NHA which works towards reciprocity. The areas of cooperation between these organizations are to be enhanced and developed over time. This MOU will serve to create a climate of cooperation that initiates a new direction for both organizations to better serve the professional needs of the members, industry and community as well as improving and promoting the public profile of both organizations.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

Remove barriers and allow the two organizations to collaborate and recognize each other's institutions.

#### **AREAS OF COLLABORATION:**

It is resolved that under this MOU, MRC and NHA agree to collaborate in good faith to the following:

- Share updates on our respective policy environments.
- Discuss challenges and consider solutions to address these.
- Understand respective pipelines of deployment.
- Demonstrate value to our respective members and act as a conduit to the US and Canadian industries to continue working constructively together.
- Reciprocal complimentary memberships to each of the organizations.
- Promote each organization's activities and events where appropriate
- Collaborate to develop and implement various activities and opportunities of mutual benefit
- Any other collaboration opportunities as mutually agreed by both parties

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

Every year, MRC and NHA will mutually determine if any adjustments need to be made and how the two organizations can continue to collaborate to provide benefits and value to each other.

This partnership between MRC and NHA is in-kind, meaning the exchange of goods and services, with transactions that do not involve money.

#### **Financing**

Each organization is responsible for their own funding and expenditure.

#### **Status of the Parties**

Neither party nor its personnel shall be considered as an official, agent, employee, representative of joint partner of the other party. Neither party shall enter into any agreement, contract or commitment on behalf of the other party.

**Confidentiality**

Both parties, their employees and contractors shall keep strictly confidential all information and materials relating to this MOU and/or as provided by one party to the other party. Neither party shall release any such confidential materials to third parties without the prior express written consent of the other party, except as may be required by law.

**Duration**

This MOU may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate the MOU, for cause, upon 30 days notice, in writing, to the other party. This MOU shall enter into force upon its signature by both parties and shall be reviewed every year as needed.

**Notices**

Any notice required to be given by either party under this MOU shall be in writing, shall be deemed given when received by the other party and shall be conveyed via postage or electronic mail to the following:

**National Hydropower Association:**

Malcolm Woolf, President and CEO  
National Hydropower Association  
[mwoolf@hydro.org](mailto:mwoolf@hydro.org)

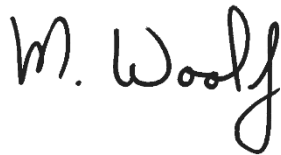
**Marine Renewables Canada:**

Elisa Obermann, Executive Director  
Marine Renewables Canada  
[elisa@marinerenewables.ca](mailto:elisa@marinerenewables.ca)

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, the duly authorized representative of the parties affix their signatures below.

**National Hydropower Association**

**For Marine Renewables Canada:**



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Signature: Malcolm Woolf

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Signature: Elisa Obermann

**Date:** January 9, 2024

**Date:** January 5, 2024