

Offshore Oil and Gas Development: MOU Working Group Beginning to Define Your Interests

Why are interests so important?

Defining community or local government interests with respect to offshore oil and gas will be an important next step for the MOU Working Group. By identifying those interests, there is increased likelihood that they will be considered and met by senior governments and the private sector in planning and decision making processes.

Starting to think about interests

At the next Working Group meeting, we would like to focus on interest identification. In preparation for this exercise it would be helpful if you worked through the following exercise to begin to formulate some thoughts about your community's interests.

STEP 1:

THINK ABOUT THE CRITICAL ISSUES FOR YOU WITH RESPECT TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DISCUSSIONS.

Mark down the key words or issues which your community finds important. (ie. employment opportunities, revenue sharing, environmental impacts, etc.)

STEP 2:

IDENTIFY YOUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS AND WANTS

Why have you identified this issue as a priority?

What do you consider to be the most significant or important aspects about the issue?

STEP 3:

IDENTIFY YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS AND FEARS.

Identify the issues your community is anxious about.

STEP 4:

IDENTIFY YOUR COMMUNITY'S HOPES

What are your expectations and future desires for your community with regard to the development of an offshore oil and gas industry?