

Views on proposed offshore wind project.



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The research gauged the opinions among residents of Nova Scotia on a proposed energy project that would build wind turbines out in the water offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Nanos conducted an online non-probability representative survey of 402 Nova Scotians, 18 years of age or older, from February 11th to February 22nd, 2026. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Nova Scotia.

A margin of error cannot be calculated on a non-probability sample. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 402 respondents would have a margin of error of ± 4.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by the Nova Scotia Fisheries Alliance for Energy Engagement and was conducted by Nanos Research.

Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is [here](#).

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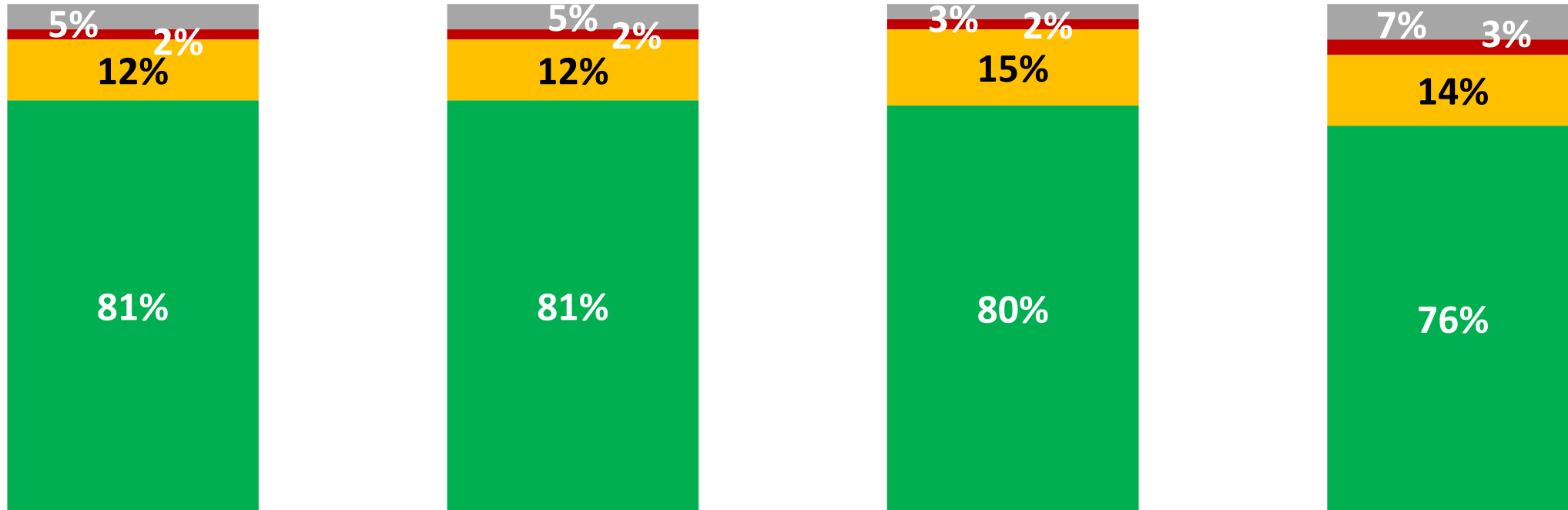
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Nova Scotians are open to offshore wind and see a series of economic benefits. A noticeable segment of the population is concerned, to one extent or another, about a number of possible impacts including the impact on the fisheries, marine habitats and the ocean environment.

1. Perceptions on the importance of the commercial fishery (81 per cent) to the future strength of the provincial economy is comparable to the importance of the energy (81 per cent) and tourism sectors (80 per cent).
2. A majority have heard of the proposal and seven in ten residents have a positive impression (70 per cent) compared to six per cent who have a negative impression. Nova Scotia residents are most likely to believe the jobs created by the offshore wind project are as important as the jobs created by commercial fishery.
3. Nova Scotians believe the proposed project will be an important positive contributor to jobs (80 per cent) and revenue to the Province of Nova Scotia (75 per cent).
4. Potential negative or somewhat negative impacts on the commercial fisheries and habitat (43 per cent), the ocean environment (40 per cent) and the value of properties on the coast with scenic views (39 per cent) are the key worries Nova Scotians have about the proposed project.
5. Confidence in the project being built in a manner that manages the environmental risk from electromagnetic fields, the turbine stability because of the weather, the impact on migratory birds and the impact on fish species is mixed. Of note at least one in five Nova Scotians are unsure in their confidence across all items tested.

Importance of the following sectors to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy

Q - Please rate the importance of the following sectors where 0 is not at all important and 10 is extremely important to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. [RANDOMIZE]



■ Important (7-10)
 ■ Neutral (4-6)
 ■ Not important (0-3)
 ■ Unsure

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Source: Nanos Research, representative non-probability online survey, February 11th to February 22nd, 2026, n=402 Nova Scotians.



Level of importance of the commercial fishery to the Nova Scotia Economy

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The commercial fishery

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Mean	8.3	8.1	8.4	8.1	8.4	8.0	7.9	8.7
Net Important (7-10)	81.1%	78.5%	83.3%	82.1%	80.2%	74.2%	74.0%	89.4%
Net Neutral (4-6)	11.7%	13.1%	10.7%	12.3%	11.2%	14.2%	18.7%	6.0%
Net Not important (0-3)	2.3%	1.8%	2.6%	3.1%	1.5%	3.3%	2.3%	1.7%
Unsure	4.9%	6.6%	3.5%	2.5%	7.1%	8.4%	5.1%	2.9%

Four in five Nova Scotians say the **commercial fishery** is important (score 7-10 out of 10) to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. Nova Scotians ages 55 plus (89%) are more likely to say this than those ages 18 to 34 and 35 to 54 (74% respectively).

Level of importance of the energy sector to the Nova Scotia Economy

Q - Please rate the importance of the following sectors where 0 is not at all important and 10 is extremely important to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. [RANDOMIZE]

The energy sector

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=401)	Halifax (n=185)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=188)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=127)	55 plus (n=189)
Mean	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.6	8.3	8.2	8.5
Net Important (7-10)	80.7%	80.1%	81.1%	81.3%	80.1%	74.4%	79.2%	84.9%
Net Neutral (4-6)	12.3%	13.0%	11.6%	13.5%	11.2%	14.0%	16.0%	9.0%
Net Not important (0-3)	1.9%	1.2%	2.4%	2.9%	0.9%	1.2%	2.1%	2.1%
Unsure	5.2%	5.7%	4.8%	2.4%	7.9%	10.5%	2.8%	4.0%

Over four in five Nova Scotians (81%) say the **energy sector** is important (score 7-10 out of 10) to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. Older Nova Scotians (85%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (74%).

Level of importance of tourism and hospitality to the Nova Scotia Economy

Q – Please rate the importance of the following sectors where 0 is not at all important and 10 is extremely important to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. [RANDOMIZE]

Tourism and hospitality

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Mean	8.2	8.0	8.4	8.0	8.4	7.5	7.9	8.7
Net Important (7-10)	80.5%	74.9%	85.1%	80.6%	80.4%	66.4%	77.6%	89.8%
Net Neutral (4-6)	14.5%	18.7%	11.1%	16.3%	12.9%	26.1%	17.6%	6.4%
Net Not important (0-3)	2.1%	2.9%	1.5%	2.2%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	1.4%
Unsure	2.8%	3.6%	2.2%	0.9%	4.6%	4.9%	1.8%	2.4%

Four in five Nova Scotians (80%) say **tourism and hospitality** is important (score 7-10 out of 10) to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. Older Nova Scotians (90%) are more likely say this than younger Nova Scotians (66%).

Level of importance of shipbuilding and defense to the Nova Scotia Economy

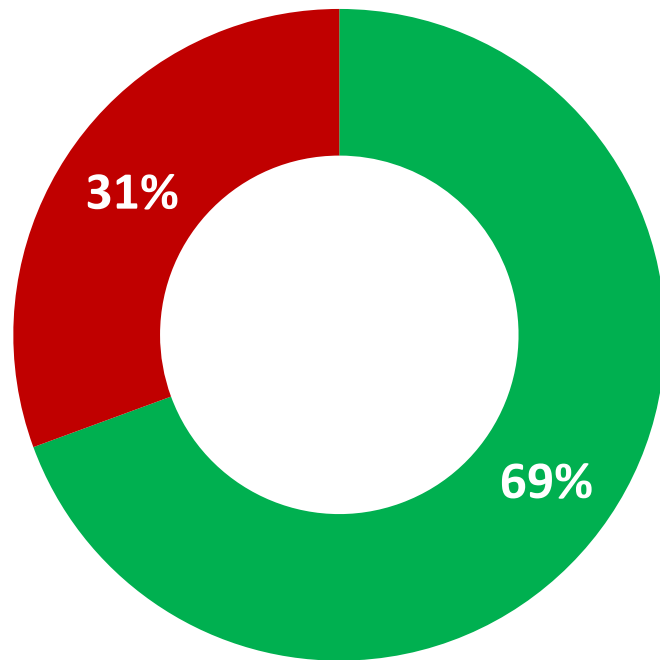
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Shipbuilding and defense

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Mean	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.4
Net Important (7-10)	76.2%	78.1%	74.7%	81.0%	71.8%	64.9%	78.7%	80.6%
Net Neutral (4-6)	13.9%	12.7%	14.8%	12.9%	14.8%	23.3%	11.2%	10.6%
Net Not important (0-3)	3.1%	2.2%	3.8%	3.7%	2.5%	1.2%	5.3%	2.7%
Unsure	6.8%	7.0%	6.7%	2.5%	10.9%	10.6%	4.8%	6.1%

*Just over three in four Nova Scotians (76%) say **shipbuilding and defense** is important (score 7-10 out of 10) to the future strength of the Nova Scotia economy. Older Nova Scotians (81%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (65%).*

Q - Prior to today, have you heard or not heard of a proposed energy project that would build wind turbines out in the water offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia?



■ Heard

■ Not heard

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Awareness of a proposed energy project that would build wind turbines out in the water offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia

Over **2 in 3** Nova Scotians

have heard (69%) of a proposed energy project that would build wind turbines out in the water offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia. In contrast, less than one in three Nova Scotians (31%) have not heard of this. Older Nova Scotians (85%) are more likely to say they have heard of a proposed energy project that would build wind turbines out in the water offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia than younger Nova Scotians (53%).

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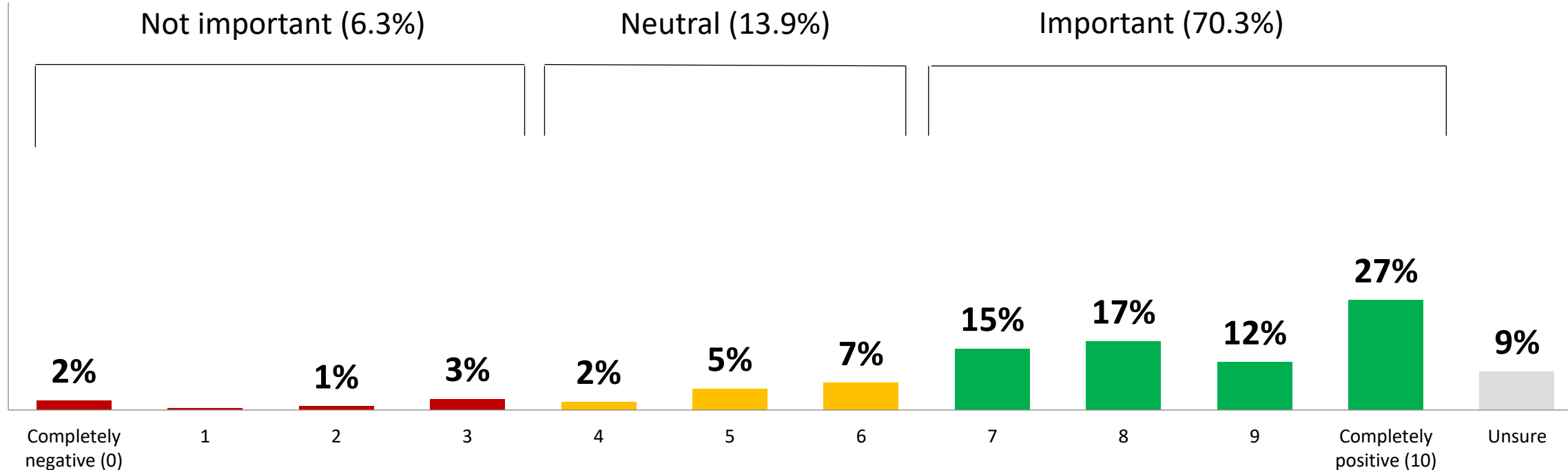
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Heard	69.4%	66.4%	71.8%	76.3%	62.9%	53.3%	59.1%	84.6%
Not heard	30.6%	33.6%	28.2%	23.7%	37.1%	46.7%	40.9%	15.4%

Source: Nanos Research, representative non-probability online survey, February 11th to February 22nd, 2026, n=401 Nova Scotians.

Impression of the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia

Q – On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is completely negative and 10 is completely positive, how would you describe your impression of the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia?



Over two in three Nova Scotians (70%) say their impression of the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia is important. This is followed by less than one in six who are neutral (14%) and six percent who say it is not important. Men (78%) are more likely to have a positive impression (score 7-10 out of 10) of the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia than women (61%). Younger Nova Scotians (83%) are more likely to have a positive impression than older Nova Scotians (67%).

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Impression of the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia – By demographics

Q – On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is completely negative and 10 is completely positive, how would you describe your impression of the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia?

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Mean	7.7	7.8	7.6	8.0	7.3	8.1	7.9	7.5
Net Positive (7-10)	70.3%	70.4%	70.3%	78.1%	61.5%	82.5%	69.6%	66.5%
Net Neutral (4-6)	13.9%	15.9%	12.5%	11.7%	16.4%	17.5%	15.2%	12.2%
Net Negative(0-3)	6.3%	4.2%	7.8%	6.7%	5.8%	-	3.1%	9.9%
Unsure	9.4%	9.5%	9.4%	3.4%	16.3%	-	12.2%	11.4%

Opinion towards the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia

Q – Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]

TOP RESPONSES

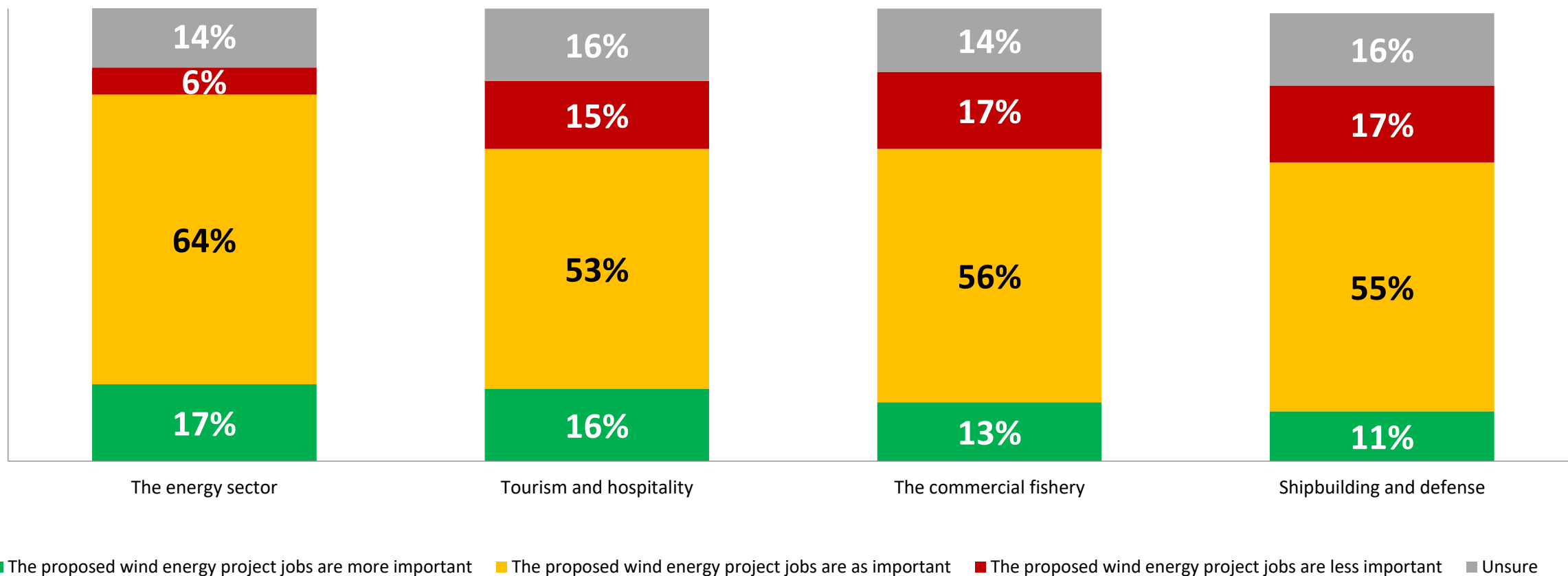
Over one in six Nova Scotians say they need for more information (17%) in order to have an opinion towards the proposed offshore wind energy project for Nova Scotia. Just under one in ten Nova Scotians say there are economic benefits (9%) and support for renewable energy (8%).

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=244)
Need for More Information	17.3%
Economic Benefits	9.3%
Support for Renewable Energy	8.3%
Support for Offshore Wind	7.4%
Other	5.4%
Support for Clean Energy	5.0%
Positive Long-term Impact	3.4%

Source: Nanos Research, representative non-probability online survey, February 11th to February 22nd, 2026, n=244 Nova Scotians.

Importance of jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia

Q - Are the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia more important, as important or less important than current jobs created in the following sectors? [RANDOMIZE]



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Importance of jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia – The energy sector

Q - Are the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia more important, as important or less important than current jobs created in the following sectors? [RANDOMIZE]

The energy sector

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The proposed wind energy project jobs are more important	16.9%	17.1%	16.7%	18.9%	15.0%	21.2%	12.0%	17.7%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are as important	63.6%	63.2%	63.9%	66.3%	61.0%	64.8%	66.6%	61.0%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are less important	5.5%	6.2%	5.0%	7.0%	4.2%	-	6.6%	7.8%
Unsure	14.0%	13.4%	14.4%	7.8%	19.7%	14.0%	14.8%	13.4%

Over three in five Nova Scotians (64%) say the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia are as important than current jobs in the **energy sector**.

Importance of jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia – Tourism and hospitality

Q - Are the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia more important, as important or less important than current jobs created in the following sectors? [RANDOMIZE]

Tourism and hospitality

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The proposed wind energy project jobs are more important	16.0%	16.9%	15.2%	21.0%	11.4%	24.5%	15.7%	11.7%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are as important	53.3%	51.7%	54.7%	53.7%	52.9%	48.2%	55.0%	55.0%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are less important	15.0%	15.4%	14.6%	17.3%	12.8%	9.7%	13.0%	19.1%
Unsure	15.7%	16.0%	15.5%	8.0%	22.9%	17.5%	16.4%	14.3%

*Nova Scotia residents are most likely to say that the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia are as important (53%) than current jobs in the **tourism and hospitality** sector. Older Nova Scotians (55%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (48%).*

Importance of jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia – The commercial fishery

Q - Are the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia more important, as important or less important than current jobs created in the following sectors? [RANDOMIZE]

The commercial fishery

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The proposed wind energy project jobs are more important	12.6%	11.7%	13.2%	17.9%	7.6%	21.6%	11.1%	8.7%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are as important	55.7%	56.8%	54.7%	52.8%	58.3%	50.4%	56.9%	57.7%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are less important	17.4%	17.0%	17.8%	21.3%	13.8%	9.3%	17.3%	21.9%
Unsure	14.3%	14.4%	14.3%	7.9%	20.3%	18.7%	14.7%	11.8%

*Nova Scotia residents are most likely to say that the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia are as important (56%) than current jobs in **the commercial fishery** sector. Older Nova Scotians (58%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (50%).*

Importance of jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia – Shipbuilding and defense

Q - Are the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia more important, as important or less important than current jobs created in the following sectors? [RANDOMIZE]

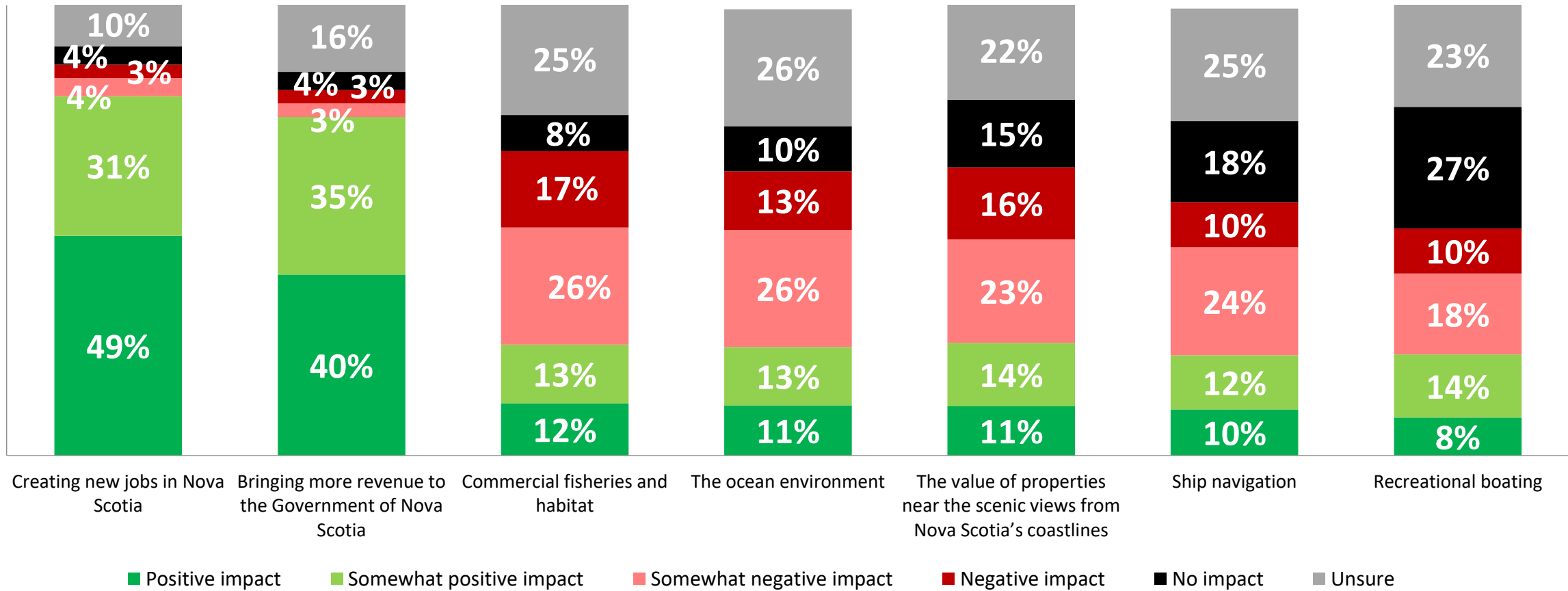
Shipbuilding and defense

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The proposed wind energy project jobs are more important	11.4%	10.3%	12.2%	11.9%	10.9%	19.9%	6.2%	10.1%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are as important	55.5%	60.3%	51.6%	61.5%	49.9%	52.2%	63.5%	52.0%
The proposed wind energy project jobs are less important	17.5%	16.2%	18.5%	18.3%	16.7%	8.2%	14.2%	24.6%
Unsure	15.7%	13.1%	17.8%	8.3%	22.6%	19.7%	16.1%	13.3%

*Over half of Nova Scotians (55%) say the jobs created by a proposed wind energy project offshore of the Province of Nova Scotia are as important than current jobs created in the **shipbuilding and defense** sector. Men (61%) are more likely to say this than women (50%).*

Impression towards constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]



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Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – Creating new jobs in Nova Scotia

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

Creating new jobs in Nova Scotia

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Positive impact	48.8%	50.3%	47.6%	51.3%	46.5%	54.6%	46.6%	47.1%
Somewhat positive impact	31.1%	30.4%	31.7%	30.3%	31.8%	25.3%	36.0%	31.0%
Somewhat negative impact	4.1%	5.4%	3.1%	5.7%	2.7%	4.8%	4.7%	3.4%
Negative impact	2.7%	4.0%	1.6%	2.6%	2.7%	4.8%	0.9%	2.6%
No impact	3.6%	2.3%	4.6%	3.6%	3.5%	2.2%	4.1%	3.9%
Unsure	9.8%	7.7%	11.5%	6.5%	12.8%	8.3%	7.6%	11.9%

Four in five Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive (49%) or somewhat positive impact (31%) on **creating new jobs in Nova Scotia**. Nova Scotians ages 18 to 34 (55%) are more likely to say a positive impact than those ages 35 to 54 (47%).

Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – Bringing more revenue to the Government of Nova Scotia

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

Bringing more revenue to the Government of Nova Scotia

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=401)	Halifax (n=185)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=212)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=127)	55 plus (n=189)
Positive impact	40.2%	43.4%	37.5%	45.4%	35.3%	46.2%	40.1%	37.0%
Somewhat positive impact	34.7%	34.3%	35.1%	34.6%	34.8%	34.0%	37.6%	33.2%
Somewhat negative impact	3.0%	4.4%	1.8%	3.4%	2.6%	4.7%	3.5%	1.8%
Negative impact	2.5%	2.3%	2.7%	3.1%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.8%
No impact	3.7%	3.0%	4.2%	4.2%	3.2%	2.3%	5.8%	3.1%
Unsure	16.0%	12.6%	18.7%	9.3%	22.2%	10.6%	10.8%	22.1%

*Nearly three in four Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive (40%) or somewhat positive impact (35%) on **bringing more revenue to the Government of Nova Scotia**. Men are more likely to say this (80%) than women (70%).*

Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – Commercial fisheries and habitat

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

Commercial fisheries and habitat

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Positive impact	11.6%	13.5%	10.0%	12.6%	10.6%	19.0%	12.3%	7.2%
Somewhat positive impact	12.8%	14.4%	11.5%	17.9%	8.0%	17.5%	12.9%	10.2%
Somewhat negative impact	26.3%	26.1%	26.5%	30.2%	22.8%	24.4%	27.9%	26.4%
Negative impact	16.9%	14.6%	18.7%	15.4%	18.2%	11.2%	15.9%	20.5%
No impact	7.6%	8.2%	7.2%	8.7%	6.7%	6.4%	8.2%	7.9%
Unsure	24.7%	23.1%	26.1%	15.2%	33.7%	21.6%	22.8%	27.7%

*Two in five Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a negative (17%) or somewhat negative (26%) impact on **commercial fisheries and habitat**. Older Nova Scotians (47%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (36%).*

Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – The ocean environment

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

The ocean environment

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=400)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=214)	Male (n=212)	Female (n=188)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=126)	55 plus (n=189)
Positive impact	11.1%	13.0%	9.6%	11.9%	10.4%	19.3%	11.1%	6.7%
Somewhat positive impact	13.1%	16.5%	10.4%	16.2%	10.3%	16.5%	16.6%	9.1%
Somewhat negative impact	26.2%	25.4%	26.8%	30.5%	22.2%	21.1%	24.7%	29.8%
Negative impact	13.4%	12.5%	14.2%	11.9%	14.8%	5.6%	13.8%	17.3%
No impact	9.7%	8.6%	10.7%	13.5%	6.2%	10.2%	10.2%	9.2%
Unsure	26.4%	24.0%	28.4%	16.0%	36.2%	27.2%	23.6%	27.8%

Close to two in five Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a negative (13%) or somewhat negative (26%) impact on **the ocean environment**. Older Nova Scotians (47%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (27%).

Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – The value of properties near the scenic views from Nova Scotia’s coastlines

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

The value of properties near the scenic views from Nova Scotia’s coastlines

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Positive impact	11.0%	10.8%	11.1%	12.1%	10.0%	15.3%	12.6%	7.7%
Somewhat positive impact	13.9%	17.0%	11.3%	18.6%	9.5%	22.1%	12.2%	10.6%
Somewhat negative impact	22.6%	23.3%	22.0%	22.2%	22.9%	20.1%	27.8%	20.5%
Negative impact	16.0%	13.5%	18.1%	15.1%	16.9%	11.4%	13.4%	20.1%
No impact	14.6%	13.8%	15.2%	17.5%	11.8%	11.0%	9.4%	19.8%
Unsure	22.0%	21.5%	22.3%	14.4%	29.0%	20.1%	24.6%	21.3%

*Close to four in ten Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a negative (16%) or somewhat negative impact (23%) on **the value of properties near the scenic views from Nova Scotia’s coastlines**. Older Nova Scotians (41%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (32%).*

Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – Ship navigation

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

Ship navigation

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=401)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=215)	Male (n=212)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=127)	55 plus (n=189)
Positive impact	10.3%	12.0%	8.8%	11.0%	9.6%	19.1%	11.3%	4.9%
Somewhat positive impact	12.0%	14.7%	9.8%	12.5%	11.6%	16.7%	15.5%	7.4%
Somewhat negative impact	24.5%	23.9%	24.9%	29.0%	20.3%	21.1%	23.6%	26.8%
Negative impact	9.8%	7.7%	11.6%	9.5%	10.1%	5.6%	6.2%	14.4%
No impact	18.1%	16.9%	19.2%	23.9%	12.8%	15.0%	17.9%	20.0%
Unsure	25.3%	24.9%	25.6%	14.0%	35.7%	22.5%	25.6%	26.5%

*Just over one in three Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a negative (10%) or somewhat negative impact (24%) on **ship navigation**. Older Nova Scotians (41%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (27%).*

Impact of constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia – Recreational boating

Q - Do you think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a positive, a somewhat positive, a somewhat negative, negative or no impact on the following: [RANDOMIZE]

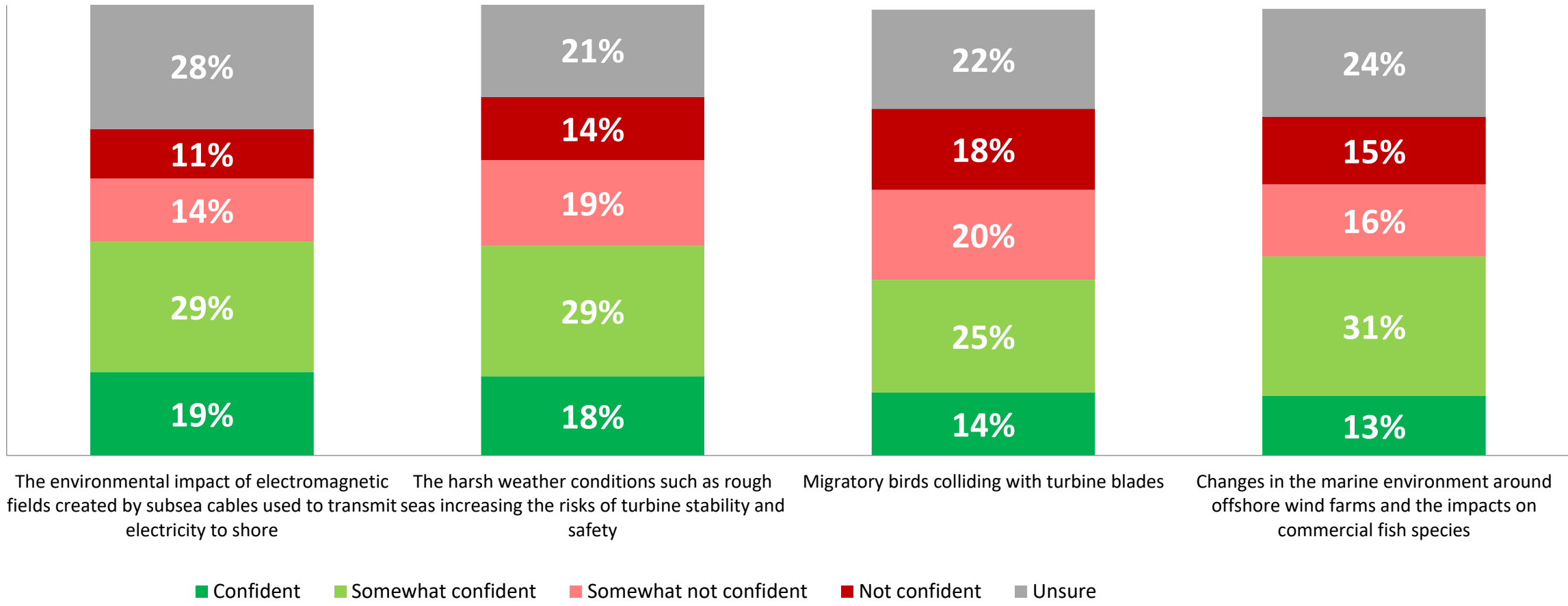
Recreational boating

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=400)	Halifax (n=185)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=215)	Male (n=212)	Female (n=188)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=187)
Positive impact	8.4%	10.3%	6.9%	9.8%	7.1%	15.2%	9.8%	3.9%
Somewhat positive impact	13.8%	19.1%	9.5%	15.9%	11.9%	19.4%	14.9%	10.1%
Somewhat negative impact	17.7%	16.9%	18.3%	17.2%	18.2%	15.0%	18.5%	18.6%
Negative impact	10.0%	7.7%	11.9%	10.5%	9.5%	8.0%	6.4%	13.4%
No impact	26.7%	25.1%	28.0%	34.7%	19.2%	24.6%	24.5%	29.2%
Unsure	23.4%	20.9%	25.4%	11.9%	34.1%	17.8%	25.9%	24.7%

*Just over one in four Nova Scotians think constructing and operating wind farms and laying power transmission cables offshore of Nova Scotia will have a negative (10%) or somewhat negative impact (18%) on **recreational boating**. Older Nova Scotians (32%) are more likely to say this than younger Nova Scotians (23%).*

Level of confidence towards wind turbines being constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia

Q – If wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, are you confident, somewhat confident, somewhat not confident or not confident that the following can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians? [RANDOMIZE]



*Weighted to the true population proportion.
 *Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Level of confidence towards wind turbines being constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia – The environmental impact of electromagnetic fields created by subsea cables used to transmit electricity to shore

Q - If wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, are you confident, somewhat confident, somewhat not confident or not confident that the following can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians? [RANDOMIZE]

The environmental impact of electromagnetic fields created by subsea cables used to transmit electricity to shore

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Confident	18.5%	15.0%	21.5%	29.8%	8.0%	21.0%	20.1%	16.3%
Somewhat confident	29.5%	34.7%	25.1%	34.6%	24.7%	37.9%	28.8%	25.4%
Somewhat not confident	13.7%	15.1%	12.7%	11.0%	16.3%	9.5%	18.5%	13.0%
Not confident	10.6%	9.2%	11.8%	6.9%	14.1%	5.6%	11.1%	12.9%
Unsure	27.6%	26.0%	29.0%	17.7%	36.9%	26.0%	21.5%	32.5%

*Just under half of Nova Scotians say they are confident (19%) or somewhat confident (29%) that if wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, **the environmental impact of electromagnetic fields created by subsea cables used to transmit electricity to shore** can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians. Men are more likely to say this (30%) than women (8%).*

Level of confidence towards wind turbines being constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia – The harsh weather conditions such as rough seas increasing the risks of turbine stability and safety

Q - If wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, are you confident, somewhat confident, somewhat not confident or not confident that the following can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians? [RANDOMIZE]

The harsh weather conditions such as rough seas increasing the risks of turbine stability and safety

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Confident	17.6%	17.2%	18.0%	28.0%	8.0%	19.3%	19.9%	15.3%
Somewhat confident	28.9%	29.4%	28.5%	29.7%	28.1%	35.6%	31.8%	23.5%
Somewhat not confident	18.6%	15.8%	20.8%	15.7%	21.2%	14.2%	19.5%	20.3%
Not confident	13.9%	13.1%	14.5%	13.5%	14.2%	8.1%	10.9%	18.9%
Unsure	21.0%	24.5%	18.1%	13.0%	28.5%	22.9%	18.0%	21.9%

*Close to one in two Nova Scotians say they are confident (18%) or somewhat confident (29%) that if wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, **the harsh weather conditions such as rough seas increasing the risks of turbine stability and safety** can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians. Men (58%) are more likely to say this than women (36%). Additionally, younger Nova Scotians (55%) are more likely to say this than older Nova Scotians (39%).*

Level of confidence towards wind turbines being constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia – Migratory birds colliding with turbine blades

Q - If wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, are you confident, somewhat confident, somewhat not confident or not confident that the following can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians? [RANDOMIZE]

Migratory birds colliding with turbine blades

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=402)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=216)	Male (n=213)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=85)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Confident	14.0%	12.6%	15.1%	20.5%	7.9%	14.0%	16.9%	12.1%
Somewhat confident	25.2%	24.6%	25.7%	29.8%	20.8%	35.9%	25.8%	19.0%
Somewhat not confident	20.4%	21.3%	19.7%	20.1%	20.7%	19.2%	17.9%	22.7%
Not confident	18.1%	18.0%	18.3%	13.6%	22.4%	8.4%	19.4%	22.5%
Unsure	22.3%	23.6%	21.2%	15.9%	28.2%	22.5%	20.0%	23.6%

*Nova Scotians are split (39% confident or somewhat confident and 39% not confident or somewhat not confident) on the level of confidence that if wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, **migratory birds colliding with turbine blades** can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians.*

Level of confidence towards wind turbines being constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia - Changes in the marine environment around offshore wind farms and the impacts on commercial fish species

Q - If wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, are you confident, somewhat confident, somewhat not confident or not confident that the following can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians? [RANDOMIZE]

Changes in the marine environment around offshore wind farms and the impacts on commercial fish species

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=401)	Halifax (n=186)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=215)	Male (n=212)	Female (n=189)	18 to 34 (n=84)	35 to 54 (n=128)	55 plus (n=189)
Confident	13.2%	14.2%	12.3%	21.7%	5.3%	19.6%	13.3%	9.7%
Somewhat confident	31.2%	31.6%	30.8%	38.2%	24.6%	34.0%	33.9%	27.9%
Somewhat not confident	16.1%	13.6%	18.1%	15.6%	16.5%	14.0%	15.7%	17.4%
Not confident	15.2%	15.5%	15.0%	10.6%	19.5%	6.0%	16.7%	19.1%
Unsure	24.4%	25.0%	23.9%	13.9%	34.1%	26.4%	20.3%	25.9%

Over two in five Nova Scotians say they are confident (13%) or somewhat confident (31%) that if wind turbines were constructed and operated offshore of Nova Scotia, the **changes in the marine environment around offshore wind farms and the impacts on commercial fish species** can be managed in the best interests of Nova Scotians. Men are more likely to say this (22%) than women (5%). Younger Nova Scotians are more likely to say this (20%) than older Nova Scotians (10%).

Household employment by sector – By demographics

Q – Do you or anyone in your household work in any of the following sectors? (Select as many as apply) [RANDOMIZE]

	Nova Scotia 2026-02 (n=397)	Halifax (n=185)	Rest of Nova Scotia (n=212)	Male (n=209)	Female (n=188)	18 to 34 (n=84)	35 to 54 (n=126)	55 plus (n=187)
Tourism and hospitality	4.1%	3.5%	4.6%	4.6%	3.6%	5.9%	3.9%	3.2%
The commercial fishery	3.2%	2.0%	4.2%	3.7%	2.8%	8.2%	2.1%	1.3%
Shipbuilding and defence	4.6%	5.0%	4.4%	4.9%	4.4%	5.8%	7.2%	2.4%
The energy sector	3.7%	3.2%	4.2%	5.3%	2.2%	7.0%	4.8%	1.3%
None of the above	87.6%	88.9%	86.5%	84.8%	90.1%	81.2%	85.4%	92.4%

*Multifrequency tabs based on multiple responses.

Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	Nova Scotia Fisheries Alliance for Energy Engagement	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Halifax, rest of Nova Scotia. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Population and Final Sample Size	402 Nova Scotians.	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Source of Sample	Bonning Associates	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without internet access could not participate.
Type of Sample	Representative non-probability	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Halifax, rest of Nova Scotia.
Margin of Error (for a comparative probability sample)	For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 402 respondents would have a margin of error of ± 4.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	Not applicable
Mode of Survey	Online survey	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Sampling Method Base	Non-probability	Question Content	All questions asked are contained in the report.
Demographics (Captured)	Halifax, rest of Nova Scotia; Men and Women; 18 years or older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Field Dates	February 11 th and February 22 nd , 2026.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com .
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in English.	Data Tables	By region, age and gender By political leaning
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/		

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