

Contribution Agreement Criteria

A key government principle outlined in the Offshore Oil and Gas Branch (Branch) work plan states: British Columbians must have access to accurate and understandable information about the potential benefits and risks associated with offshore oil and gas. As one avenue of information dissemination the Division engaged First Nations and community organizations to develop and make available factual information regarding offshore development.

Through a grant or contribution as described in chapter 9.14 of the Financial Management Policy of the Office of the Comptroller General the division may, from time to time, enable not-for-profit organizations or societies to provide a public service. Proposals for such agreements are subject to review criteria.

Contribution agreements are similar to a grant in that funding is directed to not-for-profit societies, organizations, agencies, or other governments that are able to assist the Province in reaching its objectives.

Unlike a grant, the Province can specify more directly how the funds are to be used through the agreement; however, the recipient is still able to operate in an “arms-length” manner that would not be possible through a contract for services.

An “arms length” relationship is considered by the Offshore Oil and Gas Division to be the best means to carry out the project as opposed to contracting a specific service directly, and under the control of, the Offshore Oil and Gas Division.

The organization is in a unique position to carry out the work required due to its expertise, membership, or status (e.g., First Nations government, academic institution, professional organization).

The project or proposal must fit with the Offshore Oil and Gas Branch Project Plan, and advance the Province’s objectives for offshore oil and gas development.

The proposal or project must contain well-defined deliverables. Although the Province will not be a direct recipient of any services as a result of the Contribution Agreement, it may receive copies of any reports or materials produced.

The proposal must contain a detailed budget with proposed expenditures that are reasonable and in line to achieve the proposed deliverables.

Recipient must provide an acceptable accounting of expenditures, copies of any materials produced as appropriate, and a summary of results upon completion of the project prior to release of final payment (in most cases).

The organization must have the administrative capacity to manage the budget and carry out the work.

Contribution Agreement Audit

The Provincial Internal Audit & Advisory Services Branch examined agreements between the BC Offshore Oil and Gas Branch, stakeholders and First Nations in order to determine:

- the purpose of the agreement and the method of funding complied with policies; and the

- process used for awarding the funding and whether or not best practices were followed.

The report concluded that the process and funding methods utilized in agreements are compliant with government policy.

Recommendations made in the report have been incorporated by the Offshore Division as reflected on the contribution agreement reports page.

























The audit report has been reviewed for Freedom of Information & Privacy Act considerations, and is posted below with conclusions and recommendations.



[Final Report](#) ( 100 KB)

Contribution Agreements

Reports and publications on the potential benefits and risks associated with offshore oil and gas prepared through Contribution Agreements with not-for-profit societies, organizations, agencies or other government organizations are provided here.

Contribution Agreement Reports:

- [Nisga'a Nation Contribution Agreement - October 2007](#) ( 517KB)
- [Nisga'a Nation Contribution Agreement - June 2006](#) ( 1.78MB)
- [Economic Development Association of British Columbia Agreement](#) ( 70KB)
 - [Socio-Economic Benefits from Petroleum Industry in Newfoundland and Labrador](#) ( 279KB)
 - [Benefitting from Offshore Petroleum Activity](#) ( 562KB)
 - [Petroleum 101](#) ( 1.88MB)
 - [Offshore Petroleum: Newfoundland Case Study](#) ( 702KB)
- [Innovation and Science Council of British Columbia Agreement](#) ( 60.5KB)
 - [News Release](#), October 28, 2004 ( 90KB)
 - [Industrial Development in British Columbia's Offshore Oil and Gas Industry](#) ( 554KB)
 - [Future Human Resources Development in British Columbia's Offshore Oil & Gas Industry](#) ( 2MB)
- [BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission Agreement](#) ( 136KB)
 - [BC First Nations Offshore Oil & Gas Workshop](#) ( 1.3 MB)
 - [Types of Jobs Available in the International Offshore Oil & Gas Industry](#) ( 645KB)
 - [Glossary of Terms used in the Petroleum Industry](#) ( 957KB)
- [Pacific Coast Offshore Oil and Gas Association Agreement](#) ( 76KB)
 - [Regional Citizens Advisory Council](#) ( 1.28MB)
 - [History of Cook Inlet Oil & Gas](#) ( 2.06MB)
- [Pacific Offshore Energy Association Agreement](#) ( 103KB)
 - [Resource Potential](#) ( 1.33MB)
 - [Steps](#) ( 1.56MB)
 - [Regulations](#) ( 216KB)
 - [Risks](#) ( 461KB)
 - [Benefits](#) ( 1.33MB)

- [BC Seafood Alliance Agreement](#) ( 68KB)
 - [Seismic Survey Operations: Impacts on Fish, Fisheries, Fishers and Aquaculture](#) ( 183KB)
 - [DFO Science: Addressing Environmental Issues Related to Offshore Oil and Gas Activities](#) ( 2.48MB)
 - Fisheries and Offshore Seismic Operations: Interaction, Liaison and Mitigations - The East Coast Experience ( 2.02MB)
 - [Offshore Seismic Exploration](#) ( 2.76MB)
 - [Seismic Exploration - Potential Impacts on Finfish and Invertebrate Species](#) ( 1.27MB)
 - [Offshore Regulatory Agency - Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board \(CNSOPB\)](#) ( 646KB)