

## **Association seeks more input for tidal power review**

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The Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association is inviting a second round of applications from community groups in the Bay of Fundy area to participate in an environmental assessment of tidal power.

Money will be made available at the discretion of the Fundy tidal energy technical advisory group for proposals in two categories: initiatives that will bring views and ideas to the environmental assessment from someone who might not otherwise participate, to a maximum of \$500; and initiatives that will bring new information to the assessment through small, locally based research projects to a maximum of \$4,000. The deadline for applications is Dec. 14; the awards will be announced by Dec. 21.

Three groups have already been awarded more than \$10,000 in funding — Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs (\$4,000); the Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre (\$4,500); and the Halifax-based Ecology Action Centre (\$2,000). The Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association is a non-profit corporation assessing the impact of potential tidal energy projects in the Bay of Fundy.

The provincial Energy Department has given the association \$2.85 million for its activities and research.