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Company to study Fundy power

Jacques Whitford, a Dartmouth environmental engineering firm, has been selected to study the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of planned hydropower operations in the Bay of Fundy.

"This is a strategically important project for our company and our study team," Stephen Fudge, the company's vice president of energy, said in a release Wednesday. "It gives us an opportunity to get involved at the front end of what could be a very exciting ocean energy development initiative."

The four-month review is being contracted by the Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association and is part of a strategic environmental assessment of tidal power in the bay. The study will look at the impact of hydropower technologies on the marine environment and on communities.

The public will have an opportunity to have learn about tidal power and have a say when the association holds community meetings in August in Yarmouth, Digby, Wolfville, Parrsboro, Truro and Halifax.

The association works in partnership with Acadia University, St. Francis Xavier University, Cape Breton University and the Nova Scotia Energy Department. It is funded by a \$2.85-million grant from the provincial government.