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## Media Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OEER announces second call for applications for participation support funds

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The Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association (OEER) is inviting a second round of applications from community-based groups in the Bay of Fundy region for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Participation Support Funds.

Awards will be made 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 SEA process from stakeholders who might otherwise not participate (maximum award of \$500); and
- initiatives that will bring new information to the SEA process through small locally-based research projects (maximum award of \$4,000).

“We were pleased to be able to fund three interesting projects in the first round. We expect they will bring new information and perspectives to the SEA process,” said Dr. Joshua Leon, Co-Chair of the Fundy Tidal Energy Technical Advisory Group. “We look forward to reviewing a second round of proposals.”

Applicants should submit a letter providing the following:

- Name of organization requesting funding;
- Contact information;
- Description of the organization, its purpose, membership and history;
- Description of proposed participation or research project;
- Geographic scope of project;
- Project timing;
- How the project will enhance the SEA process;
- Itemized budget;
- Amount requested from OEER; and
- Other in-kind and monetary contributions expected.

Letters should be addressed to:

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Electronic submissions would be preferred, but are not essential.

Deadline for applications is Dec. 14, 2007 at 4 p.m. Awards will be announced by December 21.

In September, OEER awarded over \$10,000 in funds to three organizations:

- The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs received \$4,000 for research on First Nations fishers and types of fishing activity in the Bay of Fundy;
- The Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre received \$4,000 for research on options for citizen engagement and models for community benefit from energy developments, as well as \$500 for a telelearning session on research findings with rural communities; and
- The Ecology Action Centre received \$2,000 for research on past experience and future approaches to integrated resource management in the Bay of Fundy region, which includes a literature review and focus groups.

OEER is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering offshore energy and environmental research and development including examination of renewable energy resources and their interaction with the marine environment. OEER's members are Acadia University, St. Francis Xavier University, Cape Breton University and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy. Funding for OEER activities and research comes from grants totaling \$2.85 million from the NS Department of Energy.

For more information on OEER and the SEA Participation Support Funds please visit our website at [www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca](http://www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca).

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