

Notice of Field Studies

For the NaiKun Offshore Wind Energy Project

Throughout 2008 and into 2009, environmental and engineering field studies are being undertaken as part of the environmental assessment of the proposed NaiKun Offshore Wind Energy Project and to evaluate the conditions of the project site area. The purpose of these studies is to develop an understanding of the environmental, social and economic aspects of the project and to ensure that the project design is informed by site conditions. The following field studies are planned for August and September, 2008:

Seabed Sampling | Beginning August 25, 2008, field work will be undertaken in the vicinity of the project site to gather soil samples and wave and current data. This work involves utilizing a boat and vibracore equipment to gather samples in approximately 15 locations. In addition, five wave and current meters will be deployed within the project site. The soil samples together with details about ocean currents and waves will assist with determining sand movement along the ocean floor and the extent of potential seabed scour around the turbine foundations.

Geophysical Surveys | Beginning September 3, 2008, geophysical surveys will be undertaken along the proposed cable route from the project site to an area south of Prescott Island, through Edye Passage, to the west side of Ridley Island and also into Porpoise Channel/Harbour. The nature of this geophysical survey work involves utilizing a boat with side scan and multibeam sonar to determine the seabed features and bathymetry. The seabed will not be disturbed during this field work.

Timing and nature of this field work is weather-dependent and therefore the schedule for this work is subject to change.

NaiKun is committed to notifying the public and local communities about the nature and timing of upcoming field studies near the vicinity of the project site. NaiKun's *Notices of Field Studies* will be posted on NaiKun's website at www.naikun.ca and in the Haida Gwaii Energy Centre.

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