# Appendix I:

**Shadow Flicker Impact Assessment** 

# Barrachois Wind Farm Shadow Flicker Assessment Report October 2013



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#### I. Introduction

Natural Forces Wind Inc. has undertaken a shadow flicker impact assessment for the proposed Barrachois Wind Farm to assess the potential impact of shadow flicker on the surrounding shadow receptors. Details outlining the shadow receptors, prediction methodology and assumptions made for the assessment are included herein, with complete WindPRO results supplied in the annexes. This report also provides background information on shadow flicker.

As there are very few federal, provincial or municipal guidelines or policies for governing or quantifying what is an acceptable amount of shadow flicker at this time, the German standards, *Hinweise zur Ermittlung und Beurteilung der optischen Immissionen von Windenergianlagen*, have been adopted for this study. Often, careful site design in the first instance is recommended, followed by industry accepted mitigation strategies thereafter. This assessment will be used as supporting documentation to demonstrate compliance with these standards. The shadow flicker analysis was conducted using the Shadow module of the software package, WindPRO version 2.8.

## 2. Background

Flicker is caused by incident light rays on a moving object which then casts an intermittent shadow on a receptor. This intermittent shadow, perceived as a change in light intensity to an observer, as it pertains to wind turbines, is referred to as shadow flicker. Shadow flicker is caused by incident sun rays on the rotor blades as they turn.

For shadow flicker to occur, the following criteria must be met:

- 1. The sun must be shining and not obscured by any cloud cover.
- 2. The wind turbine must be between the sun and the shadow receptor.
- 3. The line of sight between the turbine and the shadow receptor must be clear. Light-impermeable obstacles, such as vegetation, buildings, awnings etc., will prevent shadow flicker from occurring at the receptor.
- 4. The shadow receptor has to be close enough to the turbine to be in the shadow.

## 3. Policy and Guidelines

As previously stated, there are very few federal, provincial or municipal guidelines or policies for governing or quantifying what is an acceptable amount of shadow flicker. As a result, the German standards have been adopted for this study. The German shadow flicker guidelines provide a means of quantifying acceptable levels of shadow flicker exposure based on the astronomic worst case. Acceptable levels at shadow receptors are:

- no more than 30 hours per year of astronomical maximum shadow (worst case), and
- no more than 30 minutes on the worst day of astronomical maximum shadow (worst case).

The guidelines also stipulate two factors that limit the shadow flicker effect, due to optic conditions in the atmosphere:

- 1) the angle of the sun over the horizon, which must be at least 3 degrees, and
- 2) the blade of the WTG must cover at least 20 % of the sun.

Receptors not exposed to more than 30 minutes per day on the worst affected day or a total of 30 hours per year from all surrounding wind turbines are considered unlikely to require technical mitigation.

## 4. General Description of Project Site and Surrounds

The proposed Barrachois Wind Farm consists of a maximum of 2 wind turbine generators WTG located in Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia. Currently, Enercon E-92 2.0 MW wind turbines are being considered for the project and therefore were used in this assessment, however if the turbine type was to change, a new shadow flicker assessment would be conducted.

The project site is situated approximately 17 kilometers west of Sydney and adjacent to the Grand Narrows Highway. Land around the proposed project area is zoned as a General Development Zone and so, will not require re-zoning.

## 5. Description of Receptors

The 64 points of reception taken into consideration for this noise impact assessment are residential buildings and/or seasonal camps located within 2,000 metres (m) of the nearest proposed WTG. The receptors are located at dwellings along Long Island Rd, Grand Narrows Hwy and Scotch Lake Rd.

Details of receptor locations and distances to nearest WTG are detailed in Table I. Receptor IDs included in Table I correspond with the WindPRO generated map included in Annex B.

Table I: Description of receptors.

Point of	Location (UTM Zone 20, NAD 83)		Distance from Receptor t		
Reception ID Letter	Easting	Northing	Wind	Wind	
ID Letter	Lasting	Northing	turbine I	turbine 2	
А	699,390	5,114,718	1111	1222	
В	699,996	5,115,986	1219	1697	
С	698,494	5,113,292	2545	2344	
D	699,579	5,115,277	997	1329	
Е	698,898	5,114,057	1788	1700	
F	699,607	5,115,353	1006	1361	
G	700,006	5,116,009	1236	1715	
Н	698,713	5,113,573	2201	2024	
I	698,904	5,113,699	1972	1799	
J	698,960	5,114,160	1687	1622	
K	702,080	5,113,531	2080	1740	
L	699,711	5,115,698	1136	1564	
М	702,185	5,115,542	1823	1988	
N	699,192	5,114,507	1348	1379	
0	702,093	5,115,230	1642	1744	
Р	699,348	5,114,636	1166	1243	
Q	698,858	5,113,874	1912	1783	
R	699,594	5,115,576	1139	1534	
S	699,677	5,115,651	1126	1544	
Т	699,431	5,114,837	1059	1220	
U	702,007	5,113,556	2008	1664	
V	699,080	5,114,064	1624	1520	
W	698,450	5,113,228	2619	2413	
X	699,565	5,115,235	994	1311	
Υ	699,791	5,115,839	1193	1644	
Z	699,273	5,114,844	1217	1371	
AA	698,473	5,113,175	2636	2419	
AB	701,523	5,113,504	1714	1303	
AC	698,811	5,113,558	2131	1941	
AD	699,257	5,114,656	1251	1336	
AE	699,186	5,114,312	1419	1382	

Point of	Location (UTM Zone 20, NAD 83)		Distance from	Receptor to
Reception ID Letter	Easting	Northing	Wind turbine I	Wind turbine 2
AF	698,526	5,113,330	2497	2298
AG	699,698	5,115,684	1135	1560
АН	699,373	5,114,684	1132	1229
Al	702,141	5,113,610	2078	1757
AJ	699,959	5,116,274	1500	1981
AK	702,141	5,115,488	1763	1922
AL	698,770	5,113,700	2081	1923
AM	699,276	5,114,439	1289	1291
AN	699,235	5,114,397	1341	1330
AO	699,311	5,114,914	1179	1360
AP	699,496	5,115,042	1008	1254
AQ	698,861	5,113,932	1881	1765
AR	698,428	5,113,212	2646	2440
AS	699,329	5,114,805	1162	1305
AT	700,016	5,116,082	1300	1781
AU	698,452	5,113,159	2662	2445
AV	699,456	5,114,938	1036	1239
AW	699,736	5,115,734	1145	1581
AX	699,157	5,114,195	1494	1421
AY	698,481	5,113,258	2577	2372
AZ	698,788	5,113,803	2009	1871
ВА	701,712	5,113,599	1765	1392
BB	698,948	5,114,120	1716	1640
ВС	702,072	5,113,418	2148	1791
BD	699,969	5,115,937	1186	1660
BE	699,846	5,116,154	1435	1907
BF	699,782	5,115,796	1164	1611
BG	699,773	5,115,771	1150	1594
ВН	699,904	5,116,104	1365	1839
BI	699,303	5,114,585	1221	1278
BJ	699,484	5,114,571	1049	1097
ВК	698,904	5,114,096	1766	1688
BL	698,907	5,114,023	1795	1698

## 6. Description of Sources

#### **6.1.** Turbine Locations

A map of the project area with the proposed WTG layout is illustrated in Annex A. There are no existing or proposed wind farms within 5 kilometers the project, thus it is unlikely any cumulative noise effects will occur. Coordinates of the wind turbines are given below in Table 2. Turbine ID numbers included in Table 2 with the WindPRO generated figures included Annex B.

Table 2: Coordinates of proposed turbine locations.

Wind Turbine ID Number	Proposed Turbine Location (UTM Zone 20, NAD 83)				
ID Number	Easting	Northing			
I	700,490	5,114,871			
2	700,566	5,114,388			

#### **6.2.** Turbine Types

The models of WTGs being considered for the proposed wind farm are the Enercon E-92 2.0 MW. Because the Enercon E-92 2.0MW are the same dimension as the E-92 2.3MW. This turbine was used for the assessment.

This model utilizes horizontal axis, upwind, 3-bladed, and a microprocessor pitch control system. Table 3 below outlines their main characteristics.

Table 3: Enercon E-92 2.3 MW turbine characteristics. (Enercon, 2012)

Generator	Rotor	Hub Height	Swept area	Rated Output
Туре	Diameter (m)	(m)	(m²)	(MW)
E-92 2.3	92	98	6648	2.3

## 7. Impact Assessment

#### 7.1. Prediction Methodology

The shadow flicker impact was calculated at each receptor using the Shadow module of the software package, WindPRO version 2.8. The model simulates the Earth's orbit and rotation, to provide the astronomical maximum shadow, also known as the astronomical worst-case scenario. The astronomical maximum shadow calculation assumes that for every day of the year:

- I. The sky is cloudless between sunrise and sunset,
- 2. The turbines are always in operation, and
- 3. The wind direction changes throughout the day such that the rotor plane is perpendicular to the incident sun rays at all times.

The position of the sun relative to the wind turbine rotor plane and the resulting shadow is calculated in steps of one minute intervals throughout a complete year. If the rotor plane, assumed to be a solid disk equivalent in size to the swept area shown in Table 3 casts a shadow on a receptor window during one of these intervals, it is registered as one minute of potential shadow impact.

As previously noted, following the German guidelines, the impact of shadow flicker on surrounding receptors is limited by two factors. The first being that the angle of the sun over the horizon must be greater than 3 degrees, due to optic conditions in the atmosphere which cause the shadow to dissipate before it could potentially reach a receptor. The second is that the blade of the wind turbine must cover at least 20% of the incident solar rays in order to have a noticeable effect. Distances from WTGs to receptors are shown in Table I.

Each receptor was treated as a 'greenhouse' with 3m high windows for 360° of the building. Furthermore, no topographical shielding (other buildings, barns, trees etc.) has been considered between the wind turbines and receptors. This is a worst-case assumption and results in a conservative prediction of the potential shadow flicker impacts.

Table 4 below provides results of the analysis for shadow flicker at each of the 64 receptors used in this assessment.

#### 7.2. Results of Shadow Flicker Predictions

The results of the shadow flicker prediction model at each receptor, as summarized Table 4, prove compliance with the German standards of no more than 30 hours per year of astronomical maximum shadow (worst case), and no more than 30 minutes on the worst day of astronomical maximum shadow (worst case). Furthermore, some receptors within 2,000 km of the closest WTGs are not predicted to encounter any shadow flicker impacts.

While all receptors are subject to less than 30hrs/year or 30mins/day, the highest worst case shadow flicker modelled was 13.51 hours per year and 21 minutes per day. Tabulated results for the Enercon E-92 2.3 MW can be found in Table 4, while modelled results representing shadow flicker hours per year and WindPRO generated shadow flicker calendars are mapped in Annex B.

Table 4: Predicted shadow flicker for E-92 2.3 MW @ 98 m hub height.

Point of	Shadow flicker							
Reception ID	Shadow hours	Shadow days	Shadow hours					
letter	per year	per year	per day					
10000	(hr/year)	(days/year)	(hours/day)					
Α	7:38	30	0:20					
В	0:00	0	0:00					
С	0:00	0	0:00					
D	0:00	0	0:00					
E	0:00	0	0:00					
F	0:00	0	0:00					
G	0:00	0	0:00					
Н	0:00	0	0:00					
J	0:00	0	0:00					
K	0:00	0	0:00					
l I	0:00	0	0:00					
M	0:00	0	0:00					
N	6:39	31	0:00					
0	0:00	0	0:00					
P	7:42	31	0:19					
Q	0:00	0	0:00					
R	0:00	0	0:00					
S	0:00	0	0:00					
T	12:48	51	0:21					
U	0:00	0	0:00					
V	0:00	0	0:00					
W	0:00	0	0:00					
X	0:00	0	0:00					
Υ	0:00	0	0:00					
Z	9:44	44	0:18					
AA	0:00	0	0:00					
AB	0:00	0	0:00					
AC	0:00	0	0:00					
AD	6:13	27	0:18					
AE	13:51	63	0:17					
AF	0:00	0	0:00					
AG	0:00	0	0:00					
AH	7:37	30	0:20					
Al	0:00	0	0:00					
AJ	0:00	0	0:00					
AK	0:00	0	0:00					
AL	0:00	0	0:00					

Point of		Shadow flicker	
Reception ID	Shadow hours	Shadow days	Shadow hours
letter	per year	per year	per day
	(hr/year)	(days/year)	(hours/day)
AM	9:45	44	0:18
AN	10:03	46	0:17
AO	9:59	45	0:18
AP	7:15	26	0:21
AQ	0:00	0	0:00
AR	0:00	0	0:00
AS	6:17	26	0:19
AT	0:00	0	0:00
AU	0:00	0	0:00
AV	12:47	50	0:21
AW	0:00	0	0:00
AX	0:00	0	0:00
AY	0:00	0	0:00
AZ	0:00	0	0:00
BA	0:00	0	0:00
ВВ	0:00	0	0:00
BC	0:00	0	0:00
BD	0:00	0	0:00
BE	0:00	0	0:00
BF	0:00	0	0:00
BG	0:00	0	0:00
ВН	0:00	0	0:00
BI	7:30	32	0:18
BJ	0:00	0	0:00
ВК	0:00	0	0:00
BL	0:00	0	0:00

#### 8. Conclusions and Recommendations

Natural Forces Wind Inc. has completed a thorough assessment to evaluate the astronomical worst case shadow flicker impact of the proposed Barrachois Wind Farm at receptor locations within 2,000 m of a proposed wind turbine generator. Based on the parameters used to run the shadow flicker prediction model via WindPRO, it has been shown that the predicted duration of shadow flicker emitted by the wind turbine generators at all points of reception is less than the German guidelines, adopted for this assessment. As a result of this study, no mitigation strategies are recommended.

## 9. References

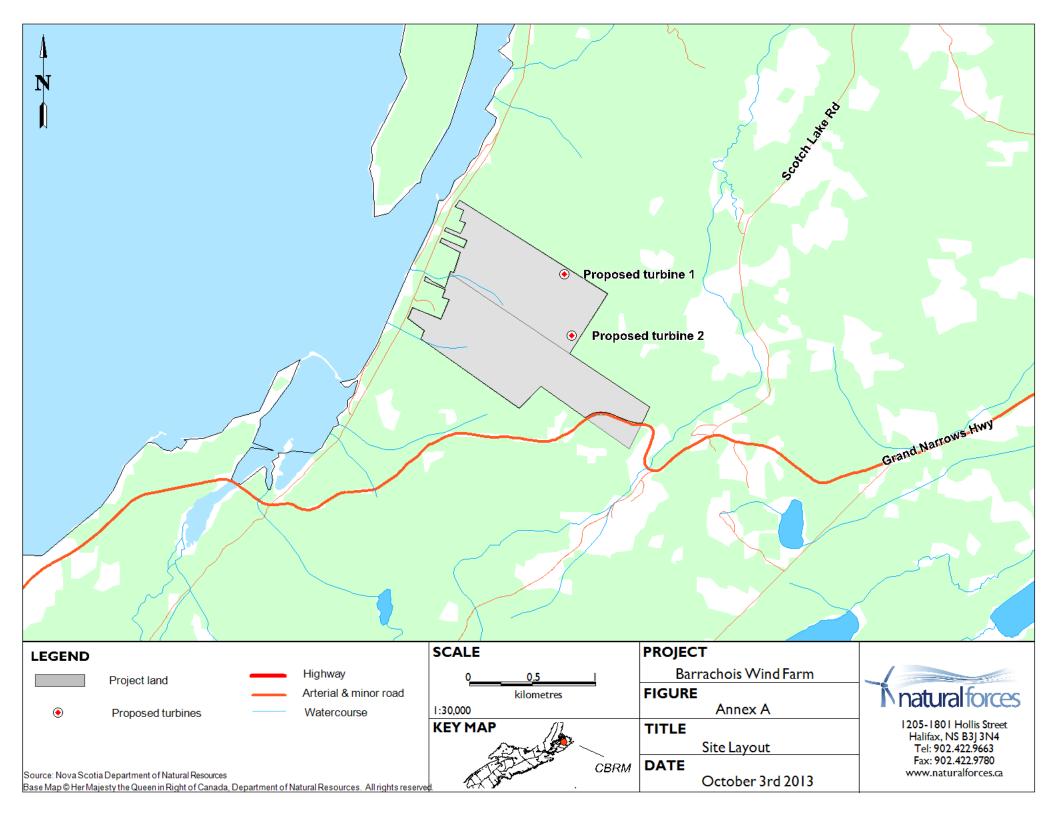
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## **ANNEX A**

Site Layout Map



## **ANNEX B**

WindPRO v2.8, Shadow Module Calculation Results

E92-2.3 MW @ 98m Hub Height

#### Barrachois Wind Farm

Worst case assumes sun always shining (from sun rise to sun set), turbine always running and rotor oriented perpendicular to neighbour.

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#### SHADOW - Main Result

Calculation: Barrachois - Shadow Flicker Assesment

#### Assumptions for shadow calculations

Maximum distance for influence

Calculate only when more than 20 % of sun is covered by the blade

Please look in WTG table

Minimum sun height over horizon for influence Day step for calculation 1 days Time step for calculation 1 minutes

The calculated times are "worst case" given by the following assumptions:

The sun is shining all the day, from sunrise to sunset

The rotor plane is always perpendicular to the line from the WTG to the

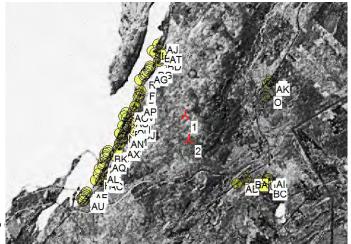
The WTG is always operating

A ZVI (Zones of Visual Influence) calculation is performed before flicker calculation so non visible WTG do not contribute to calculated flicker values. A WTG will be visible if it is visible from any part of the receiver window. The ZVI calculation is based on the following assumptions:

Height contours used: Height Contours: CONTOURLINE ONLINEDATA 0.wpo

Obstacles used in calculation

Eye height: 1.5 m Grid resolution: 10.0 m



Scale 1:75,000 New WTG Shadow receptor

#### WTGs

UTM (north)-NAD83 (US+CA) Zone: 20					WTG	type					Shadow dat	a
	East	North	Z	Row data/Description	Valid	Manufact.	Type-generator	Power,	Rotor	Hub	Calculation	RPM
								rated	diameter	height	distance	
			[m]					[kW]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[RPM]
1	700,490	5,114,871	192.4	ENERCON E-92 2,3 MW 2300 92	. Yes	<b>ENERCON</b>	E-92 2,3 MW-2,300	2,300	92.0	98.0	1,639	16.0
2	700,566	5,114,388	176.1	ENERCON E-92 2,3 MW 2300 92	. Yes	<b>ENERCON</b>	E-92 2,3 MW-2,300	2,300	92.0	98.0	1,639	16.0

#### Shadow receptor-Input

#### UTM (north)-NAD83 (US+CA) Zone: 20

No.	East	North	Z	Width	Height	Height	Degrees from	Slope of	Direction mode
						a.g.l.	south cw	window	
			[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[°]	[°]	
Α	699,390	5,114,718	36.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
В	,	5,115,986	37.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
С	698,494	5,113,292	6.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
D	699,579	5,115,277	34.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Ε	698,898	5,114,057	3.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
F	699,607	5,115,353	35.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
G	700,006	5,116,009	35.8	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Н	698,713	5,113,573	7.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
- 1	698,904	5,113,699	17.8	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
J	698,960	5,114,160	6.1	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
K	702,080	5,113,531	95.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
L	699,711	5,115,698	9.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
М	702,185	5,115,542	72.5	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Ν	699,192	5,114,507	19.8	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
О	702,093	5,115,230	66.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Ρ	699,348	5,114,636	35.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Q	698,858	5,113,874	6.5	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
R	699,594	5,115,576	7.5	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
S	699,677	5,115,651	9.5	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Т	699,431	5,114,837	35.5	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
U	702,007	5,113,556	95.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
V	699,080	5,114,064	43.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"

Barrachois Wind Farm

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#### SHADOW - Main Result

Calculation: Barrachois - Shadow Flicker Assesment

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UTM	(north)-NAD83	3 (US+CA) Zone: 2	0
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No.	East	North	Z	Width	Height	Height a.g.l.	Degrees from south cw	Slope of window	Direction mode
			[m]	[m]	[m]	a.y.i. [m]	[°]	[°]	
W	698.450	5,113,228	7.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
	,	5,115,235	35.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
Υ	699,791		3.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
		5,114,844	8.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AA		5,113,175	16.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AB		5,113,504	100.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AC		5,113,558	13.8	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AD	699,257	5,114,656	18.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
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AG	699,698	5,115,684	9.1	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
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AK	702,141	5,115,488	72.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AL	698,770	5,113,700	4.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AM	,	5,114,439	40.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AN	699,235	5,114,397	36.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AO	699,311	5,114,914	10.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AP		5,115,042	38.1	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
		5,113,932	5.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AR	698,428		6.2	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AS		5,114,805	19.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
ΑT		5,116,082	28.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AU		5,113,159	15.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AV		5,114,938	34.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AW		5,115,734	9.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
		5,114,195	42.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AY	698,481	5,113,258	8.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
AZ		5,113,803	1.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BA	,	5,113,599	96.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BB		5,114,120	5.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
	-	5,113,418	95.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BD		5,115,937	38.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BE		5,116,154	0.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BF	-	5,115,796	8.7	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BG		5,115,771	10.1	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
		5,116,104	6.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BI		5,114,585	31.1	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BJ		5,114,571	67.9	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
		5,114,096	1.6	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"
BL	698,907	5,114,023	7.6	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	90.0	"Green house mode"

#### **Calculation Results**

Shadow receptor

Shadow, worst case

No.	Shadow hours	Shadow days	Max shadow
	per year	per year	hours per day
	[h/year]	[days/year]	[h/day]
Α	7:38	30	0:20
В	0:00	0	0:00
С	0:00	0	0:00
D	0:00	0	0:00

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Worst case assumes sun always shining (from sun rise to sun set), turbine always running and rotor oriented perpendicular to neighbour.

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#### SHADOW - Main Result

Calculation: Barrachois - Shadow Flicker Assesment

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	Shadow, worst	case	
No.	Shadow hours	Shadow days	Max shadow
	per year	per year	hours per day
	[h/year]	[days/year]	[h/day]
Е	0:00	Ó	0:00
F	0:00	0	0:00
G	0:00	0	0:00
H	0:00	0	0:00
i	0:00	0	0:00
j J	0:00	Ö	0:00
K	0:00	Ö	0:00
Ĺ	0:00	0	0:00
M	0:00	0	0:00
N	6:39	31	0:17
Ö	0:00	0	0:00
P	7:42	31	0:19
Q	0:00	0	0:00
R	0:00	0	0:00
S		0	
	0:00		0:00
T	12:48	51	0:21
U	0:00	0	0:00
V	0:00	0	0:00
W	0:00	0	0:00
Х	0:00	0	0:00
Y	0:00	0	0:00
Z	9:44	44	0:18
AA	0:00	0	0:00
AB	0:00	0	0:00
AC	0:00	0	0:00
AD	6:13	27	0:18
ΑE	13:51	63	0:17
AF	0:00	0	0:00
AG	0:00	0	0:00
AH	7:37	30	0:20
ΑI	0:00	0	0:00
AJ	0:00	0	0:00
AK	0:00	0	0:00
AL	0:00	0	0:00
AM	9:45	44	0:18
AN	10:03	46	0:17
ΑO	9:59	45	0:18
AP	7:15	26	0:21
AQ	0:00	0	0:00
AR	0:00	0	0:00
AS	6:17	26	0:19
ΑТ	0:00	0	0:00
ΑU	0:00	0	0:00
ΑV	12:47	50	0:21
AW	0:00	0	0:00
AX	0:00	0	0:00
AY	0:00	0	0:00
AZ	0:00	0	0:00
BA	0:00	0	0:00
BB	0:00	0	0:00
BC	0:00	0	0:00
BD	0:00	0	0:00
BE	0:00	0	0:00
BF			
	0:00	0	0:00
BG	0:00	0	0:00

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#### Barrachois Wind Farm

Worst case assumes sun always shining (from sun rise to sun set), turbine always running and rotor oriented perpendicular to neighbour.

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#### SHADOW - Main Result

Calculation: Barrachois - Shadow Flicker Assesment

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Shadow, worst case

No.	Shadow hours	Shadow days	Max shadow
	per year	per year	hours per day
	[h/year]	[days/year]	[h/day]
BH	0:00	0	0:00
BI	7:30	32	0:18
BJ	0:00	0	0:00
BK	0:00	0	0:00
BL	0:00	0	0:00

Total amount of flickering on the shadow receptors caused by each WTG

No. Name

Worst case Expected [h/year] [h/year]

1 ENERCON E-92 2,3 MW 2300 92.0 !-! hub: 98.0 m (TOT: 144.0 m) (1) 73:11 2 ENERCON E-92 2,3 MW 2300 92.0 !-! hub: 98.0 m (TOT: 144.0 m) (2) 14:13

Barrachois Wind Farm

Worst case assumes sun always shining (from sun rise to sun set), turbine always running and rotor oriented perpendicular to neighbour.

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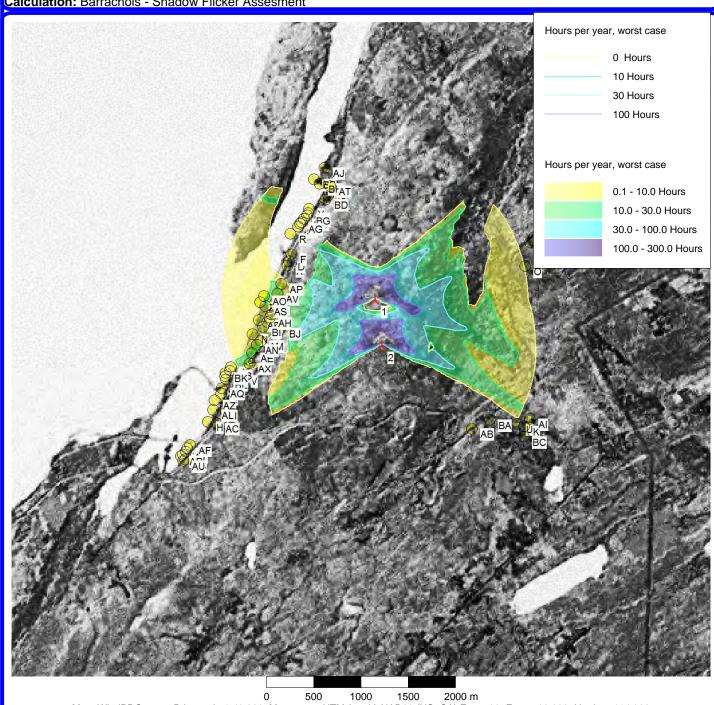
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## SHADOW - Map

Calculation: Barrachois - Shadow Flicker Assesment

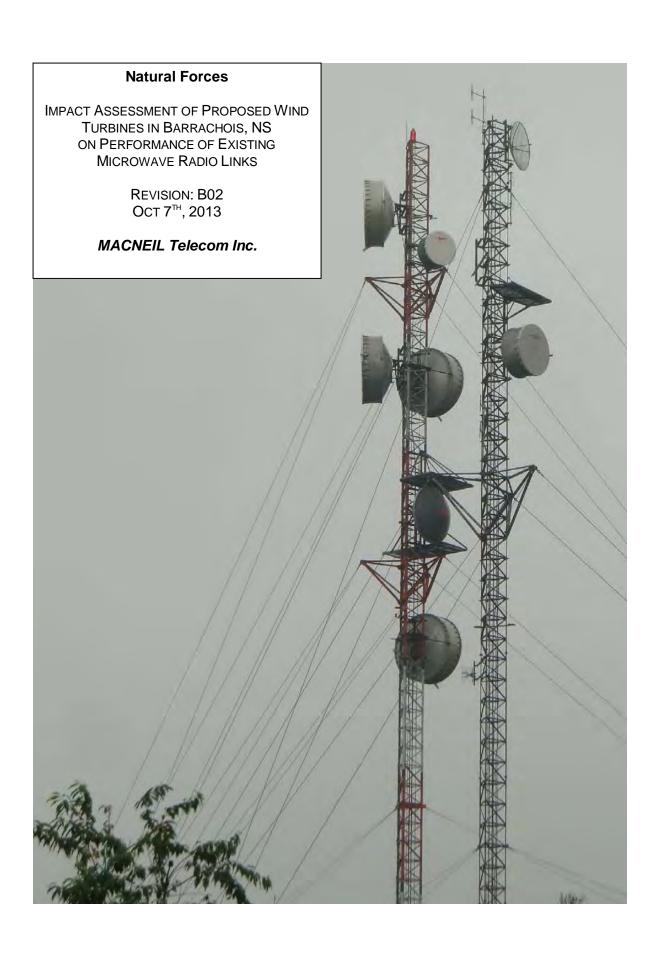


Map: WindPRO map, Print scale 1:40,000, Map center UTM (north)-NAD83 (US+CA) Zone: 20 East: 700,330 North: 5,114,360 New WTG Shadow receptor

Flicker map level: Height Contours: CONTOURLINE\_ONLINEDATA\_0.wpo (2)

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**EMI Study** 



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Natural Forces is proposing to construct 2 wind turbines in the Barrachois, NS area. As part of the design phase of the project, MacNeil Telecom Inc. was contacted to examine the impact the proposed wind turbines may have on the performance of existing radio communication systems that in the immediate area.

#### ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY:

- 1. Identify proposed location and size of wind turbines.
- 2. Obtain data for licensed radio systems within 35km of the wind farm from the radio spectrum licensing authority, Industry Canada (IC) TAFL database.
- 3. Plot applicable radio links on a map to show their proximity wrt to the turbines.
- 4. Review the Industry Canada data records/map to produce a "short list" of radio systems that could potentially be impacted by the turbines.
- 5. Perform a site visit to verify the location of applicable radio towers and to verify the existence of the antennas identified on the "short list".
- 6. Tabulate a "verified inventory" of existing radio links that may be of concern and update maps with field verified data.
- 7. Calculate the recommended required clearance between the radio links of concern and the wind turbine: Fresnel zone and turbine radius.
- 8. Calculate the expected achievable clearance based on field verified radio site coordinates and specified turbine locations.
- 9. Assess the results and identify potential issues.
- 10. If required, recommend what steps can be taken to minimize the impact the turbines will have on existing radio links. The first approach will to work with Natural Forces to consider the possibility of relocating those wind turbines that infringe on existing radio links.

#### LIMITATIONS OF INDUSTRY CANADA DATA:

The data contained in the Industry Canada database, like any database is subject to certain limitations:

#### 1. Accuracy of Data

System parameters such as site locations (latitudes and longitudes), antenna heights and radio operating parameters are provided by the licensee (or their representative) and are sometimes prone to error. Other system parameters such as the operating frequencies assigned by Industry Canada are much less likely to suffer from serious errors. For the purpose of this particular report, the accuracy of physical parameters of the radio systems (i.e. site locations, elevations, antenna heights, etc.) are of highest importance, making it necessary to confirm the parameters by means of field survey.

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#### 2. Extent of Data

The report considers only systems data included in the Industry Canada database as of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

#### 3. Licensed Radio Systems

The Industry Canada database only includes radio systems that require a license from Industry Canada to operate. Non-licensed radio systems (e.g. certain spread-spectrum radios) are not captured in the database and therefore cannot be identified.

#### 4. Status of Systems

It is assumed that all systems identified on the Industry Canada database are still in service (provided the antennas associated with that system was found to still exist during the field survey).

#### LIMITATIONS OF ANALYSIS:

#### 1. Point-to-point Radio Links

The report considers point-to-point (PTP) radio links employing narrow beamwidth (e.g parabolic) antennas operating above 900MHz. It does not consider lower frequency systems (i.e. below 900MHz) employing wide beam antennas (e.g. omni-direction or yagi antennas) as such systems are not expected to be significantly impacted by the proposed structures. Typically, lower frequency systems operating in the VHF and UHF band for example are much less susceptible to diffraction loss resulting from obstructions beyond the immediate proximity of its antennas. The dimensions and shape of the proposed wind turbines (i.e. tower and blades) are considered relatively narrow wrt the wavelength of such lower frequency systems and would therefore only be of concern (to cause significant performance degradation) if positioned in very close proximity to the antenna itself. The performance of cellular type radio systems operating in the 1900/2100 MHz bands that use sectorial antennas and operate in the near vicinity of the wind turbines are also examined.

#### 2. Accuracy of Field Measurements

Location and ground elevations of towers were measured using Magellan Explorist 310 GPS receiver. The expected accuracy of this unit is in the neighborhood of +/- 5m horizontal.

#### 3. Accuracy of Customer Data

The accuracy of the location of the proposed wind turbines is unknown.

#### INPUTS:

The location of the proposed wind turbines have been identified as:

**Turbine 1** 46° 9' 28.51"N 60° 24' 02.03"W

**Turbine 2** 46° 9′ 12.79″N 60° 24′ 09 09.23″W

Initial indications are the proposed turbines will have a rotor radius of 46m (92m diameter).

#### FINDINGS:

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**Table A** in Appendix A outlines the active licensed non-protected PTP radio links operating in the vicinity (within 35km) of the proposed wind turbines as of Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This data was sourced from Industry Canada's TAFL. This information is shown visually on a map in **Figure 1**. **Figure 2** shows a close up view of the area around the turbines and the links operating nearby.

An existing radio site on the same mountain as the turbine farm is of the most concern and the focus of the study can be narrowed down to a single active microwave link operating at this site. The radio link in question is owned by Rogers Communications and links the Barrachois Mountain radio site and Rogers' Sydney site (actually located in Whitney Pier). The link operates in the 2.2GHz band.

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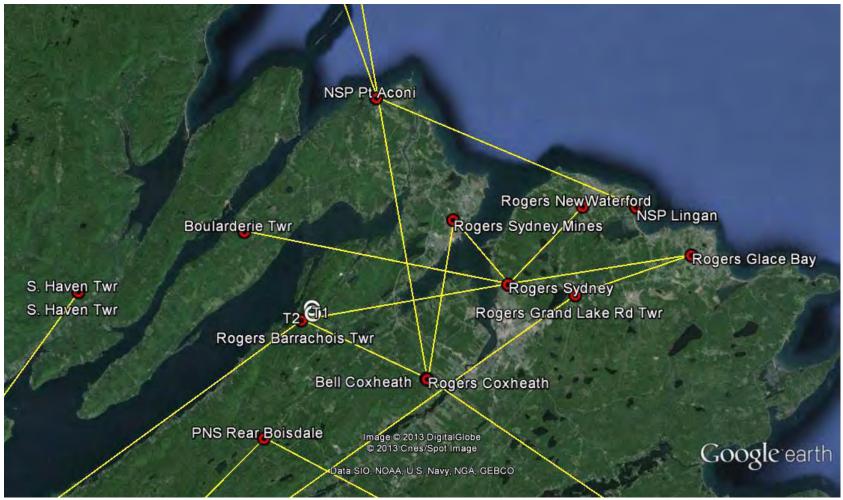


Figure 1 - Active Licensed Non-Protected PTP Links within 35km radius of Proposed Barrachois Mountain Turbines



Figure 2 - Licensed Non-Protected PTP Radio Links at Barrachois Mountain



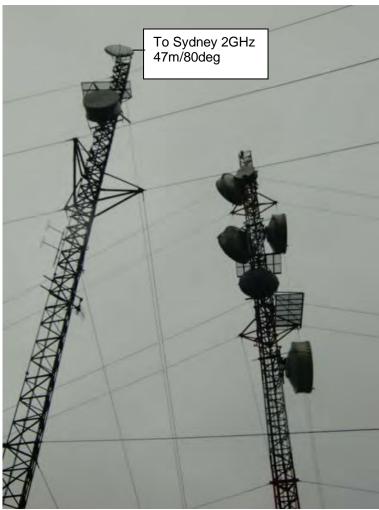


Figure 3 – Barrachois Mountain Radio Site



Figure 4 - Licensed Non-Protected PTP Links at Rogers' Sydney Site

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## ANALYSIS:

One (1) active licensed point-to-point radio link shoots in the proximity of the proposed wind turbines. The PTP link between Barrachois Mountain and Sydney is owned by Rogers Communications and operates in the 2.2GHz band.

TABLE A - MEASURED RADIO SITE DATA

Site	Description	UTM Northing (m)	UTM Easting (m)	Site Elev. (m)
1	Rogers Barrachois Mtn	5113848.05	699698.03	155
2	Rogers Sydney	5117548.05	717431.92	51

The required clearance around a given radio link to avoid diffraction loss is inversely proportional to its frequency (i.e. the higher the frequency, the narrower the clearance area - aka the Fresnel zone).

The absolute minimum clearance required for a given radio link to avoid diffraction loss is 60% of the first fresnel zone (0.6 F1) at the obstruction. However to account for limitations of field measurements and inaccuracies of the actual positioning of turbines, we recommend a minimum clearance of 30m + F1.

TABLE B – FRESNEL ZONE CALCULATION

Freq (GHz)	Wave Length	D (km) Link	d1 (km)	F1 (m)	F1 + 30m	Rotor Radius	Recommended Minimum
, ,		Length			(m)	(m)	Clearance (m)
2.2	14 cm	18.1	1.0	11.5	41.5	46m	97m

TABLE C – SPECIFIED TURBINE LOCATIONS AND CALCULATED OFFSET WRT LINK

	Site	UTM Northing (m)	UTM Easting (m)	Calculated Offset (m)	Rec. Min Clearance (m)	Difference (m)	Status
ſ	T1	5114878.53 m	700704.27 m	803m	97m	+706m	OK
	T2	5114388.00 m	700565.00 m	351m	97m	+254m	OK

## **Cellular Systems**

It is noted that there are no cellular types systems operating on the towers on Barrachois Mountain.

# CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the results of our findings, the proposed wind turbines at Barachois Mountain are not expected to cause significant performance degradations on existing radio systems in the area.

## **Point To Point Systems:**

The proposed wind turbines are not expected to significantly impact the performance of licensed PTP radio systems operating in the area. It is noted that all non-licensed radios systems may not have been included in the assessment if these were not identified in the Industry Canada database.

## **Fixed Mobile Radio Systems:**

Lower frequency fixed systems (below 900MHz) utilizing non-directional antennas (i.e. omni-direction or sector type antennas) that operate close to the turbines are not expected to be negatively impacted with the possible exception being high EMI or local signal scatter that could negatively impacting mobile radio operating very near the wind turbines.

## **HSPA/LTE Cellular Systems:**

There are no cellular type systems (1900/2100 MHz bands) operating at Barrachois Mountain that could be potentially impacted by the structures.

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 $\textbf{APPENDIX} \ \textbf{A} - \text{TAFL} \ \text{Data} \ (\text{Sept } 15^{\text{th}}, 2013) - 35 \text{km} \ \text{Radius} \ \text{Barrachois} \ \text{Mountain}$ 

Ref#	Tx Freq (MHz)	Rx Freq (MHz)	Status	Latitude (ddmmss)	Longitude (dddmmss)	Station Location	Twr Height AGL (m)	Tx Ant Gain	Tx Ant Az (deg)	Tx Ant Hgt (AGL- m)	Tx Ant BW (deg)	Link Call Sign	Link Licence Number	Link Station Location	Az (deg) wrt Site	Dist (km) wrt Site	Licensee Name	Licence Number	Call Sign
1	931.6125		6	461036	601056	SYDNEY,N.S. (MACLEODS HILL RD)	98	10	0	98					81.32	17.14	Rogers Communications Inc. (Paging) Wilson Tam, Mgr. Radio Engineering	3776615 V	VAC236
2	931.6875		6	461036	601056	SYDNEY,N.S. (MACLEODS HILL RD)	98	10	0	98					81.32	17.14	Rogers Communications Inc. (Paging) Wilson Tam, Mgr. Radio Engineering	3776615 V	VAC236
3	931.7375		6	460614	601630	COXHEATH NS	46	9	0	46	90				119.37	11.26	Bell Mobility Inc Attn: Meyang Yunga: PEIN 6026826	3665638 V	VAC506
4	931.7375		6	461141	595912	GLACE BAY NS	69	9	0	69	30				81.72	32.32	Bell Mobility Inc Attn: Meyang Yunga: PEIN 6026826	3665640 V	VAC507
5	931.7375		6	461515	602127	N.S., BOULARDERIE CAPE BRETON	107	12	0	107	360				17.09	11.7	Bell Mobility Inc Attn: Meyang Yunga: PEIN 6026826 Rogers Communications Inc. (Paging) Wilson	4057609 X	XLX588
6	931.9375		6	461036	601056	SYDNEY,N.S. (MACLEODS HILL RD)	98	10	0	98					81.32	17.14	Tam, Mgr. Radio Engineering  NOVA SCOTIA POWER CUSTOMER	3776615 V	VAC236
7	932.33125	941.33125	6	461442	600551	NEW WATERFORD, NS NSPI SUBSTATON	15	9.9	102.3	15	48				66.46	25.56	OPERATIONS - RAL NOVA SCOTIA POWER CUSTOMER	5124937 C	CGW804
8	933.2	942.2	6	461410	600221	LINGAN GEN STATION, NS	46	12.1	335.2	46		CFW782	5010134	NEW WATERFORD NS	71.7	29.41	OPERATIONS - RAL NOVA SCOTIA POWER CUSTOMER	5010132 C	CFW781
9	941.33125	932.33125	6	461411	600225	LINGAN, NS NSPI GENERATING STATION	47	9.9	282	15	48				71.59	29.34	OPERATIONS - RAL NOVA SCOTIA POWER CUSTOMER	5124938 C	2GW805
10	942.2	933.2	6	461431	600235	NEW WATERFORD, NS (WIND MILL SUB )	6	12.1	155.2	6		CFW781	5010132	LINGAN GEN STATION	70.31	29.34	OPERATIONS - RAL NOVA SCOTIA POWER CUSTOMER	5010134 C	CFW782
11	943.2 956.125	934.2	6	461917 461132	601947 595818	POINT ACONI, NS GLACE BAY, NS (STUDIO)	59 13	18.4 18.2	350.5 327.3	59 13		CIJ453 VFS780		CAPE SMOKEY GLACE BAY (TX SITE)	16.61 82.47	19.47 33.43	OPERATIONS - RAL Coastal Community Radio Co-operative	3700133 X 5042620 V	XOA848 VFS779
13	956.875		6	460715		SYDNEY, NS (5 DETHERIDGE DR.)	15	18.2	246.7	12		VFF982		COXHEATH, NS	105.99	13.18	CKCH-FM/CHRK-FM C/O Newcap Inc. Attention:: Dave Newbury	5061837 V	
14	958.875		6	460715		SYDNEY, NS (5 DETHERIDGE DR.)	15	18.2	246.7	10		VFF455		COXHEATH, NS	105.99	13.18	CKCH-FM/CHRK-FM C/O Newcap Inc. Attention:: Dave Newbury		VFF754
15	959.5		6	460821	601140	SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA	20	22	3.5	15			2616969	SYDNEY	95.66	16.09	CJCB C/O MARITIME BROADCASTING SYSTEM LTD.	2616967 C	CJX713
16	1030	1090	6	460535	602616	SYDNEY(MACAULAY LAKE), NOVA SCOTIA	22	27	0	18					202.16	7.27	NAV CANADA CNS ENGINEERING	3537581 X	KLW800
17	1442.75	1509.25	6	455030	601137	GABARUS, NOVA SCOTIA	25	17	199.4	25		XMZ281	4681217	FOURCHU	155.01	38.25	BELL ALIANT REGIONAL COMM. INC. Attn Karen Bradbury- Contract Mgt.	4681215 X	KMZ280
																	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP		
18	2293	2393	6	455912	605119	GRASS COVE, NS	91	35.1	241.3	49		XKH296	3737563	GLENDALE	242.19	39.57	ATTN: M VUJOSEVIC, TRANSMISSION ENG	3737565 X	(KH298
19	2299	2399	6	460901	602445	BARACHOIS, NS (MTS ALLSTREAM SITE)	49	32.2	80.5	47		XKH299	3737567	SYDNEY, NS	244.92	0.87	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP ATTN: M VUJOSEVIC, TRANSMISSION ENG	3737569 X	KKH297
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20	2399	2299	6	461036	601056	SYDNEY, NS	91	32.2	260.7	18		XKH297		BARACHOIS(AT&T), NS	81.32	17.14	BELL ALIANT REGIONAL COMM. INC. Attn	3737567 X	
21	3690	3970	6	460615	601628	COXHEATH, NOVA SCOTIA	42	41	350.1	40		CGJ609		SMOKEY MOUNTAIN	119.13	11.28	Karen Bradbury- Contract Mgt. BELL ALIANT REGIONAL COMM. INC. Attn	2855307 C	
22	3770	4050	6	460615		COXHEATH, NOVA SCOTIA	42	41	350.1	40		CGJ609		SMOKEY MOUNTAIN	119.13	11.28	Karen Bradbury- Contract Mgt.  BELL ALIANT REGIONAL COMM. INC. Attn	2855307 C	
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24	5620	5620	ь	455658	601219	MARION, NS. WTHR RDR. (XMB)	18	43		20	1.1				146.13	27.32	Radar Program  ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP	4848345 C	.2)424
25	5878.875	5912.375	6	455948	602725	CHRISTMAS ISLAND, NS	90	42.7	229.8	38		XMZ264	4668047	ARICHAT, NS	193.62	17.95	ATTN: M VUJOSEVIC, TRANSMISSION ENG	4668049 X	KMZ265
26	5878.875	5912.375		461014	603944	SOUTH HAVEN, NS	91	40.8	216.2	49		XKH298	2727565	GRASS COVE	275.47	20.11	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP ATTN: M VUJOSEVIC, TRANSMISSION ENG	4919359 V	/EI 901
20	3676.673	3512.373	0	401014	003344	300 TITTAVEN, N3	31	40.6	210.2	43		ARI1236	3/3/303	GRASS COVE	2/3.4/	20.11	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP	4919339 V	-11091
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28	6093.45	6345.49	6	455803	595921	LOUISBOURG, NOVA SCOTIA	91	40.8	304.5	53		VEL408	4898944	COXHEATH	122.85	38	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP ATTN: M VUJOSEVIC, TRANSMISSION ENG	4900894 V	VFI 421
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**Appendix K:** 

**Complaint Resolution Plan** 

# Formal complaints procedure for Natural Forces Wind Inc. Barrachois Wind Farm

Natural Forces Wind Inc. is committed to addressing any public concerns regarding Barrachois Wind Farm in Barrachois in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. The intention is that this policy can inform the public on the ways that they can communicate their concerns to Natural Forces Wind Inc., and how complaints will be addressed.

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all public complaints are dealt with consistently and effectively. Natural Forces Wind Inc. aims to:

- Manage complaints openly, promptly and properly;
- Try to resolve complaints as soon as possible; and
- Learn from complaints and improve our services.

## 2.0 SCOPE

This policy will address any complaint; written or spoken expression of dissatisfaction.

## 3.0 PROCEDURE

All complaints of the Barrachois Wind Farm will be directed to the Project Manager, Andy MacCallum:

Andy MacCallum | VP Developments

Natural Forces Wind Inc.

1801 Hollis Street | Suite 1205 | Halifax | NS | B3J 3N4

Tel: +1 902 422 9663 x 214

Fax: +1 902 425 7840

For more information please refer to Natural Forces Wind Inc. website

www.naturalforces.ca

Complainant will be notified upon receipt of the complaint. The Project Manager will investigate complaints within 20 days of receiving the complaint; upon which complainant will be notified of how the concern was or will be addressed.



#### 3.1 Noise

Complaints dealing with noise will be assessed on whether noise monitoring is necessary.

If there are several complaints regarding noise from the Barrachois Wind Farm, then a noise monitoring program may be implemented.

Ways on reducing noise will be discussed with the wind farm operators.

Complainant(s) will be informed of noise mitigation strategies and will be contacted within a year of implemented noise reduction strategies on the success of the noise reduction strategy. This will help address any noise issues that may arise from the Barrachois Wind Farm.

## 3.2 Construction and Operation

Complaints regarding operation and construction activities will be discussed with workers or contractors involved.

Solutions to the complaints will be established with worker(s) and contractor(s). Complainant will be informed of how issue was addressed.

If complaints persist, then worker(s) and contractor(s) may be dismissed.

## 4.0 CLOSURE

If the complainant is not satisfied with the initial response, the complaint will be referred to a higher authority within the company to further resolve the issue.



# Appendix L:

**Stakeholder Consultation** 

Date	Person Contacted	Band/Organization	Method of Communication	Content
September 15, 2011	Twila Gaudet, Consultation Liaison Officer	Kwilmu'kw Maw- Klusuaqn Negotiation Office	Letter	Initial engagement efforts with Mi'kmaq communities
November 1, 2011	Twila Gaudet, Consultation Liaison Officer	Kwilmu'kw Maw- Klusuaqn Negotiation Office	Letter	Invitation to first public meeting
November 1, 2011	Norman Francis Bernard, Chief	Wagmatcook First Nation	Letter	Invitation to first public meeting
November 1, 2011	Terry Paul, Chief	Membertou First Nation	Letter	Invitation to first public meeting
November 1, 2011	Leyroy Denny, Chief	Eskasoni First Nation	Letter	Invitation to first public meeting
August 20, 2013	Norman Francis Bernard, Chief	Wagmatcook First Nation	Letter	Project Update
August 20, 2013	Terry Paul, Chief	Membertou First Nation	Letter	Project Update
August 20, 2013	Leyroy Denny, Chief	Eskasoni First Nation	Letter	Project Update
September 6, 2013	Norman Francis Bernard, Chief	Wagmatcook First Nation	Letter	Invitation to second public meeting
September 6, 2013	Terry Paul, Chief	Membertou First Nation	Letter	Invitation to second public meeting
September 6, 2013	Leyroy Denny, Chief	Eskasoni First Nation	Letter	Invitation to second public meeting

Date	Person Contacted	Department / Agency	Method of Communication	Content
	Contactor	Municipal		
March 25, 2011	Malcolm Gillis, Planner & Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works	Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Meeting	Introduction of company and proposed HBWF project
May 25, 2011	Malcolm Gillis & Doug Foster, Planning Department	Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Meeting	Requirements for COMFIT and WTG land use bylaw update
August 30, 2011	Malcolm Gillis, Planner	Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Letter	Support from CRBM and land use/zoning verification
		Provincial		
November 7, 2012	Steve Sanford	Nova Scotia Environment – EA Branch	Meeting	Discussed EA process, forming CLC, health Canada study and EA scoping.
November 27, 2013	Mark Elderkin & Peter MacCullins	Nova Scotia Environment	Meeting	Species at risk – lynx & marten / timing of avian studies
September 12, 2013	Terry Power, Regional Wildlife Biologist	NS Department on Natural Resources	Meeting	Discusses recovery plan & species management plan for lynx & marten  Also discussed bat hibernacula locations
September 13, 2012	Mark Elderkin, Species at Risk	NS Department of Natural Resources	Meeting	Discussed approach to addressing lynx and marten in EA
April 2,2014	Steve Sanford & Bridget Tutty –	NS EA Branch – Nova Scotia Environment	Meeting	EA registration & mitigation measures

Date	Person Contacted	Department / Agency	Method of Communication	Content
		Federal		
November 14, 2012	Adin Switzer, AEC Liaison Officer	Government of Canada, National Defence	Email	No interference with DND radar and airport facilities
September 18, 2012	Mario Lavoie, Spectrum Engineering Technician	Government of Canada, Department of National Defence	Email	No interference with radio communications
September 18, 2012	Carolyn Rennie, National Radar Program	Environment Canada, Meteorological Service of Canada	Email	No severe interference with meteorological radar systems
September 18, 2012	Martin Gregoire	Canadian Coast Guard	Email	No interference with radar

Appendix M:

**Consultant CV** 





## Christopher M. Milley, M.Sc., MMM Senior Environmental Consultant, Dartmouth, NS

## **Professional Summary**

Chris Milley is a resource manager with over 25 years of experience working in cross cultural environments. Mr. Milley has managed resource and environmental management projects in the Caribbean, Central America and with the First Nations in Atlantic Canada. Mr. Milley has liaised actively with regional and national First Nations organizations, international agencies and organisations, such as the Assembly of First Nations, the UNPFII, UN FAO and UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, and co-ordinated co-operative support for international development assistance projects. He has been a delegate at the UN Economic and Social Council's Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Mr. Milley specializes in working with Indigenous communities in the design, and implementation of species inventories and community-based resource management activities that promote sustainable social and economic development. Mr. Milley teaches Fisheries Management, and special courses on Indigenous Resource Management in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie University.

## **Relevant Experience**

#### **Environmental Project Management**

Mr. Milley brings to this project an intimate familiarity of the local environmental issues of communities in Nova Scotia with a specific

emphasis of the relationships between tradition, culture and local environment. Chris has a dept of knowledge and experience working with projects that have a potential impact on local and First Nation communities, particularly in identification of traditional resource use practices, harvesting areas and mapping traditional knowledge. Chris has worked with a number of resource development and management projects and organizations, including: the Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission, where he served as Executive Director and the Atlantic Policy Congress as a fishery policy analyst, the Acadia Band in SW Nova Scotia as Director of their Fisheries Program, and with the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI as Director of Integrated Resource Management.

#### **Relevant Projects**

#### **Traditional Knowledge Study**

Designed, implemented and managed a Traditional Ecological Knowledge Study for the Sable Offshore Energy Inc. Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Pipeline Corridor (Goldboro to Point Tupper).

### Fishermen and Scientist Research Society Conference

Coordinated the development and incorporation of the Fishermen and Scientist Research Society, a community-oriented research group involved in fishery research. Also organized an inaugural conference of the FSRS

#### **Coastal Communities Network Workshop**

Organized and facilitated a Coastal Communities Network workshop on Community-based Co-management. Also presented an overview of fisheries co-management concepts and principles to conference participants from municipal governments, fishery organization and ENGOs.

Years with AMEC: 3 Years Experience: >27

#### **Education**

Dalhousie University, 1995 (Masters of Marine Management)

Dalhousie University, 1983 (Master of Science (Oceanography))

Mount Allison University, 1979 (Bachelor of Science)

#### **Training**

Negotiation Skills, Conflict Management Group, Cambridge, MA

Meeting Facilitation, Saint Mary's University, 2002

Introduction to MapInfo Professional, Baseline Business Geographics, 1998

Middle Management Orientation Program, Public Service Commission, Ottawa, 1990

Project Management by Activity, Bureau of Management Consultants, Supply and Services Canada, Georgetown, Guyana, 1990

Resource Systems and Economic Development, Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, 1985

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### Research on traditional management systems

Collaborated in the design and managed First Nation inputs to a collaborative research project with St. FX. This project, Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries, involved inter-community research on customary decision-making systems.

#### Coastal Traditional Resources Mapping Program – Bras D'or Lakes, Eskasoni First Nation

Managed and implemented a community-based coastal mapping program with the Eskasoni First Nation for the Bras D'or Lakes region of Cape Breton. This project involved organizing field data collection activities, designing information presentations systems (including GIS), and conducting community workshops throughout the Bras D'or Lakes region.

## First Nations Renewable Energy Development

Assisted the Mi'kmaq First Nations on Prince Edward Island in the review and development of an alternative energy strategy that build upon available wind technology and ethanol production.

**Teaching materials and Course delivery - Integrated Coastal Zone Management: A community perspective**Prepared a text and teaching modules for a short course on Integrated Coastal Zone Management for community organizations in Spain and delivered the course during a spring semester of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

#### **Training Needs Assessment**

Managed a study to assess the training needs and job/task analysis of the Lennox Island and Abegweit First Nations' fisheries as part of an ongoing DFO funded initiative to determine the long-term and short term training needs that can be effectively addressed through an at-sea mentoring program.

## Fisheries Management Program, Prince Edward Island First Nations

Designed and managed a Federal government funded program to enhance the institutional and administrative fisheries management capacity within the PEI First Nations

#### Study on Environmental Contaminants in the Food Fishery

Designed and managed a small project undertaken with the support of Health Canada to examine the presence of common environmental contaminants, including heavy metals, in the food fishery resources commonly consumed in First Nations Communities in PEI

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# Maureen Cameron-MacMillan, M.Sc.

**Environmental Scientist - Sydney, NS** 

## **Professional Summary**

Ms. Maureen Cameron-MacMillan, M.Sc., is an environmental scientist with a wide variety of experience in the environmental field. She has over seven years of academic and consulting experience conducting terrestrial surveys, including bat surveys and breeding and migrating bird surveys, throughout eastern Canada. Ms. Cameron-MacMillan has worked on a number of environmental impact assessments and screenings under CEAA. She has several years of aquatic field experience in freshwater fish population surveys, stream and lake habitat assessments, and surface water sampling programs. As well, she is active in local nature societies and participates in volunteer-based survey programs including the Cape Breton Nocturnal Owl Survey, Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas, Maritimes Butterfly Atlas, and Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey.

#### **Professional Associations**

Member, Canadian Society of Environmental Biologists

## **Relevant Experience**

#### **Bird Surveys**

Ms. Cameron-MacMillan has over 9 years of ornithological field work in consulting, academic, and volunteer settings, including five years' participation in the Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas. She has conducted nest surveys for breeding birds, owl and early woodpecker surveys, and breeding and migrating bird surveys in Nova Scotia and elsewhere in eastern Canada.

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

Ms. Cameron-MacMillan has assisted in the preparation of EIAs since 2006, including conducting and assisting with various field surveys, collection of information on ecological components of proposed work sites and identification of mitigation measures. Ms. Cameron-MacMillan has also participated in the preparation of several screenings under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act since 2005.

#### **Relevant Projects**

**2011 Field Scientist, Biological Inventory, Effects Assessment, and Mitigation and Monitoring Recommendations for Reopening of a Tailings Pond:** Desktop review and field surveys for terrestrial fauna, including targeted surveys for breeding birds, herpetiles and bats, in the proposed tailings area and adjacent land. Ms. Cameron-MacMillan was responsible for conducting bird surveys during early and late breeding season and assisted with bat and herpetile surveys; as well, she participated in preparation of a report summarizing desktop and field data and providing monitoring and mitigation recommendations for terrestrial fauna and habitat.

**2010** Baseline Field Investigations for Fairmont Wind Farm Proposal Environmental Assessment: As part of the baseline data collection for an environmental assessment of a small (2 turbine) proposed wind farm, participated in baseline acoustic surveys for bats in the proposed wind farm footprint.

**2009 – 2010 Project Manager and Field Scientist, Bird and Plant Species Inventory for Proposed Radar Array:** Conducted bird surveys for a proposed Defence Construction Canada radar array throughout main breeding and migration periods, as well as surveys for wintering waterfowl. Field work included auditory and visual surveys (point counts and area searches) in the project area and along the proposed access route.

**2010 Field Scientist, Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Proposed Quarry:** Conducted surveys of breeding birds and migrating passerines and shorebirds within the footprint of a proposed quarry, and assisted with odonate SURVEYS. Point counts and area searches were conducted in the project area.

Years with AMEC: 8 Years Experience: 10

#### **Education**

Memorial University of Newfoundland, M.Sc., Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology, 2003

Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB, B.Sc., Biopsychology (Honours), 2000

Screenings Under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Course, Halifax, NS, 2005

Backpack Electrofishing Certificate Course, 2007

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## **Company Details**

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