

## **Monhegan Energy Task Force Community Benefits Survey #2**

The Monhegan Energy Task Force (METF) will be working with the University of Maine over the next few months on a draft *Community Benefits Agreement* to compensate for potential impacts from the Maine Aqua Ventus I (MAV) offshore wind project being planned 2 miles off of Monhegan.

The University of Maine has recently received an additional \$3.7M in funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue work on the *pre-construction* phase of the project. DOE will review Maine's project in May 2016 to see if they are ready to become a fully funded project, should a slot open because one of the top three (NJ, OR, or VA) drop out. It is possible that MAV could receive additional funding for full-scale construction from DOE.

METF is seeking your input to help determine what we should negotiate for on behalf of the Monhegan community.

**Please help us by responding to this survey and returning it by MARCH 14.**

Mail to: MPPD, PO Box 127, Monhegan Island, ME 04852

**(You can also respond to the survey on-line by going to:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BLFHWHY2>)**

\* This approach is preferred if possible – Thank you!

Please let us know the BEST way to communicate information to you by circling one of the following:

- a. E-mail (*provide address*) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Snail mail (*provide address*) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Post on [www.MonheganEnergy.info](http://www.MonheganEnergy.info)
- d. Social media sites (Facebook or Twitter)
- e. Hold a town meeting
- f. Other methods of communication

Visit [www.MonheganEnergy.info](http://www.MonheganEnergy.info) for a recent update and more details about MAV I project.

Please use the back of the survey or additional paper as needed.

**There are two primary community benefits being considered for Monhegan.  
METF would like your input on each option described below.**

- ***Annual Payment as Compensation (in Lieu of Cable)*** - An annual payment to the Monhegan Plantation (this would be in lieu of the undersea cable). The number put forth by the University of Maine is \$200,000 per year for the 20-year life of the project. At optimal production, MAV is projected to gross \$ 9,912,816 per year. Amount of compensation and use of funds would need to be determined, but uses *may* include:
    - a. Research and development of alternative energy sources for Monhegan
    - b. Other community needs to be decided after further conversation (e.g. improving island infrastructure, educational programs, etc.)
    - c. Mitigation for losses to the community not yet determined (e.g. tourism, property values, etc.)
1. How would you rate the community benefits from the *Annual Payment* option (above)?  
1= not beneficial    2= partially    3 = neutral    4 = beneficial    5 = very beneficial
  2. We'd like to understand better how you are thinking about the potential benefits to the community, please tell us why you ranked the *Annual Payment* option as you did above?
  3. If uncertain about the potential benefits or costs of the *Annual Payment* option, what additional information would you like to know?
- ***Cable to Monhegan with Fiber Optics*** - Install an undersea cable to Monhegan to supply electricity at no generation cost and fiber optics. (MPPD customers would still pay a monthly bill to cover maintenance of the plant, distribution of power, and ongoing debt service). This option *may* include the following:
    - a. Payment of cost of system upgrades to allow delivery of power to MPPD
    - b. Cost of installing fiber optic cable
    - c. Dark fiber lease to MPPD of fiber optic cable
    - d. Right of Way for the cable to MPPD on Monhegan
    - e. Monhegan Alternative Benefit in the case that that MAV is not able to provide electricity as specified in agreement
4. How would you rate the community benefits from the *Cable* option (above)?  
1= not beneficial    2= partially    3 = neutral    4 = beneficial    5 = very beneficial
  5. We'd like to understand better how you are thinking about the potential benefits to the community, please tell us why you ranked the *Cable* option as you did above?
  6. If uncertain about the potential benefits or costs of the *Cable* option, what additional information would you like to know?
  7. Are there other community benefits that METF should be considering?