

## A Saturday date with Emilie!

By Jacqueline Wilson

We're always looking for something fun and different to do on our mini-dates! Saturday (April 30th), Emilie and I headed over to the Fundy Geological Museum for 1pm and learned all about frogs and salamanders and the laying of their eggs.

John Brownlie had frogs, salamanders and their eggs on display in a terrarium - what a great experience to share with my daughter.

The Parrsboro Naturalist Club will be having different activities each Saturday this summer - looking forward to seeing the list!



Emilee Harrison holds one of the frogs displayed at the Parrsboro Naturalist Club activities at the Fundy Geological Museum. (J Wilson Photo)



John Brownlie explains some unique characteristics to Emilie Wilson. (Wilson Photo)

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## Ecology Action Centre - Tidal Power Position Statement

The Ecology Action Centre has released an initial position statement on the Cape Sharp Tidal Demonstration Project in the Bay of Fundy.

The EAC acknowledges that test turbines such as those at the Cape Sharp Tidal Demonstration Project must be deployed in order to test the feasibility of safely generating renewable electricity from tidal energy. However, environmental effects from turbines in such a unique environment are far from predictable, and as such a precautionary approach should be adopted. A lack of existing technology is not a sufficient excuse to not properly monitor effects. These test turbines must be properly monitored to test and validate assumptions, while providing a safeguard should unacceptable levels of environmental impacts occur.

The EAC's position is that a world class and cutting edge project in a region with the world's highest tides and some of its strongest currents requires world class and cutting edge monitoring.

Our recommendations include the following:

- Moving forward with the Cape Sharp tidal demonstration project first requires that appropriate monitoring measures are in place. Failing to properly monitor effects will be a missed opportunity to set a high

standard for tidal energy generation the world over, and may allow unacceptable harm to the ecosystem to go undetected.

- Concerns regarding FORCE's proposed Environmental Effects Monitoring Program, including those identified in the DFO review (April, 2016) must be addressed before the addition of any new turbines in the Minas Passage.
- FORCE should publicly display DFO's April, 2016 Review of the Environmental Effects Monitoring Program for the Fundy Tidal Energy Project on their website.

- FORCE's consultation process must be transparent and ongoing for all stakeholders, and must include commercial and recreational fishermen, indigenous peoples, and the

- Cape Sharp should release its full EEMP, rather than just the summary. The Cape Sharp Tidal Demonstration Project is meant to set a standard for the industry as a whole, and therefore no commercially sensitive

general public.

**The complete Ecology Action Centre position statement can be found at:**  
<https://www.ecologyaction.ca/news/tidal-power-position-statement>



Almost ready to be loaded onto the Scotia Tide Barge, the turbine rests on the end of the marine railway at Pictou Shipyard. Photo taken on May 19th during a media tour granted by Cape Sharp Tidal. The outside diameter is 16 meters, while the inside holding the blades is 14 meters. (Rees Photo)



This large braking drum winch holds a portion of the undersea cable which will extend from the turbine to the "hub connection", which was installed last year, when FORCE installed the undersea cable to connections on land (Rees Photo)



The Scotia Tide a catamaran-style barge with a capacity of 650 tonnes sits at the wharf awaiting its call to transport the turbine around Cape Breton, then around Yarmouth up to the FORCE site near Parrsboro during a 2 week trip. The Barge was built in Pictou and its sole purpose is to transport Open Hydro's two turbines. (Rees Photo)



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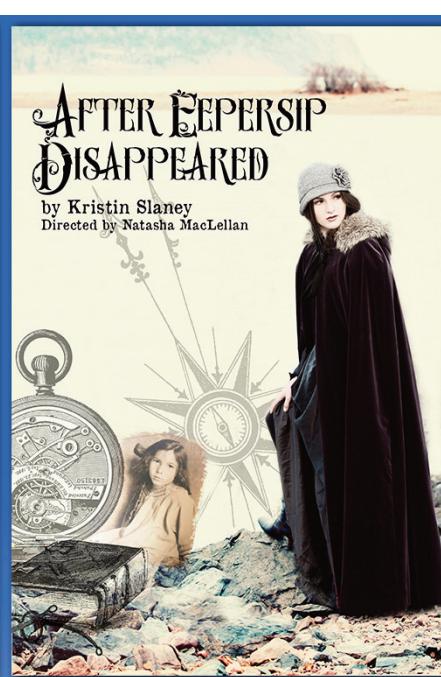
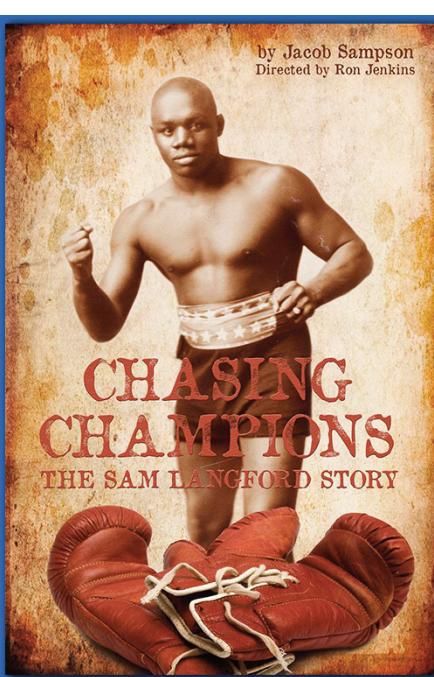
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