

## Fox Islands Wind Community Meeting

Following up on the Fox Islands Electric Cooperative's annual meeting on July 26, the Island Institute will host a community forum on future options for the Fox Islands Wind (FIW) project at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 19th in the Smith Hokanson Auditorium at the Vinalhaven School.

The forum will begin with a 15-minute video presentation produced by Compass Light Productions of Camden, that includes interviews with numerous islanders since FIW began construction and operation approximately one year ago.

Topics for discussion include noise-mitigation strategies, additional use of energy from the wind farm as a heat source for public buildings on Vinalhaven and North Haven, and the impact of any potential decisions on electric rates. Members of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) team that visited the island in May will be back to discuss their future plans for research in the sound issue.

Vinalhaven resident Karol Kucinski has agreed to moderate the forum.

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