

## **Genna Woolston**

Genna Woolston is a Master of Resource and Environmental Management candidate at Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies. As a part of her Master's Degree, Genna will act as a third-party researcher, monitoring participant satisfaction with the Nova Scotia Renewable Energy Stakeholder Consultations (NSREC). The aim of this research is to improve future phases of the process by gathering and responding to stakeholder feedback after each meeting.

Her experience in public participation stems from her contributions to MEGGA, the Management and Engagement Graduate Group Advisory. In 2008-2009, MEGGA worked with Voluntary Planning to recommend a citizen engagement strategy for the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources to further public participation in Phase II of developing the Province's Natural Resources Strategy. During this work, Genna gained an appreciation of tools and best practices for citizen engagement.

This summer, Genna completed her Master's Degree internship with Wind Prospect Inc., an international renewable energy developer. As a Development Officer Intern, she assisted with public and Aboriginal consultation and contributed to wind energy developments in a variety of jurisdictions including Nova Scotia, Ontario, New Brunswick and Quebec.

Genna has a strong research background in energy and the environment. She has researched the social, economic, environmental and legal implications of Nova Scotia joining a regional greenhouse gas cap-and-trade initiative, has published a peer-reviewed journal article concerning the chemistry of thermal power stations, and is currently developing a method to evaluate provincial wind energy markets and researching Indigenous perspectives on hydroelectricity in Northern Manitoba.