

NEW ENGLAND AQUA VENTUS

Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Update 4.7.21

Seabed Survey Near Completion

Westerly and *Fugro Explorer* demobilize, *Go Liberty* returns to complete final task.

R/V *Westerly* has completed the geophysical work in the Damariscotta River and has demobilized.

M/V *Fugro Explorer* is completing the geotechnical work in the Damariscotta River today, then will proceed to the anchor locations off Monhegan to finish the geotechnical investigation. *Fugro Explorer* is expected to demobilize on April 8th, weather depending.

M/V *Go Liberty* has completed the geophysical portion of the survey and has gone into port in Portland to switch over equipment. *Go Liberty* will return to the survey corridor to conduct an environmental assessment. The environmental program involves taking benthic grab samples and photographs along the cable survey route. The vessel will be following the survey corridor and will be stationary while collecting data. This work does not require the use of towed equipment and is expected to take 6 days, weather depending.

The purpose of the seabed survey was to find the most technically feasible route that would allow the maximum amount of the cable to be buried. The data collected from the seabed survey has resulted in the identification of a cable route that would allow more of the cable to be buried than was possible with previously existing data.

Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.