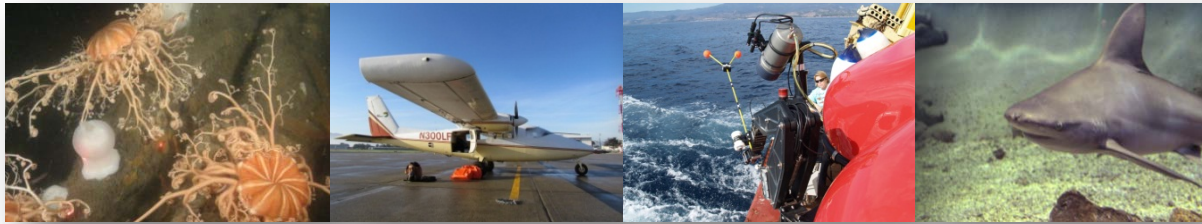


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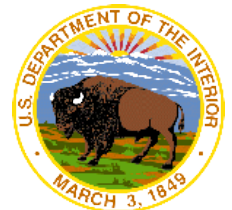
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## **Renewable Energy *in situ* Power Cable Observations**

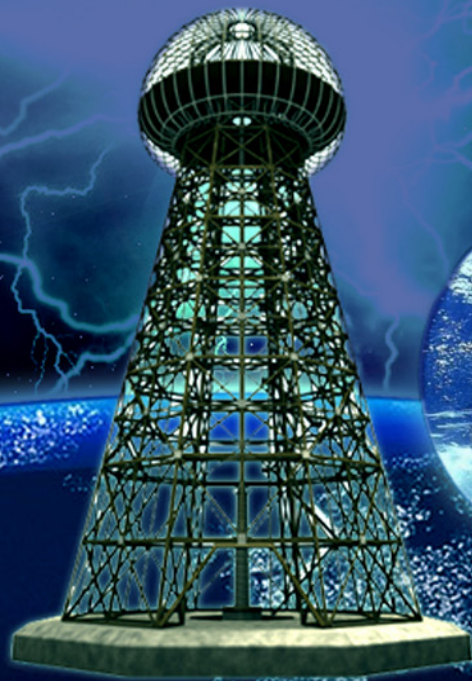
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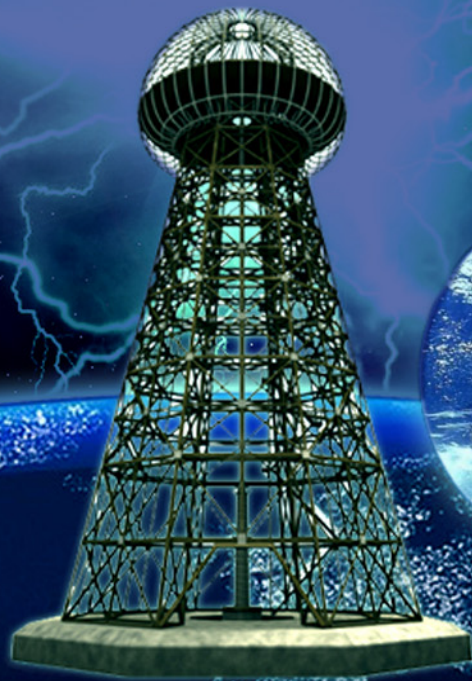
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## 2 BOEM-Funded Pacific Field Studies Related to EMF

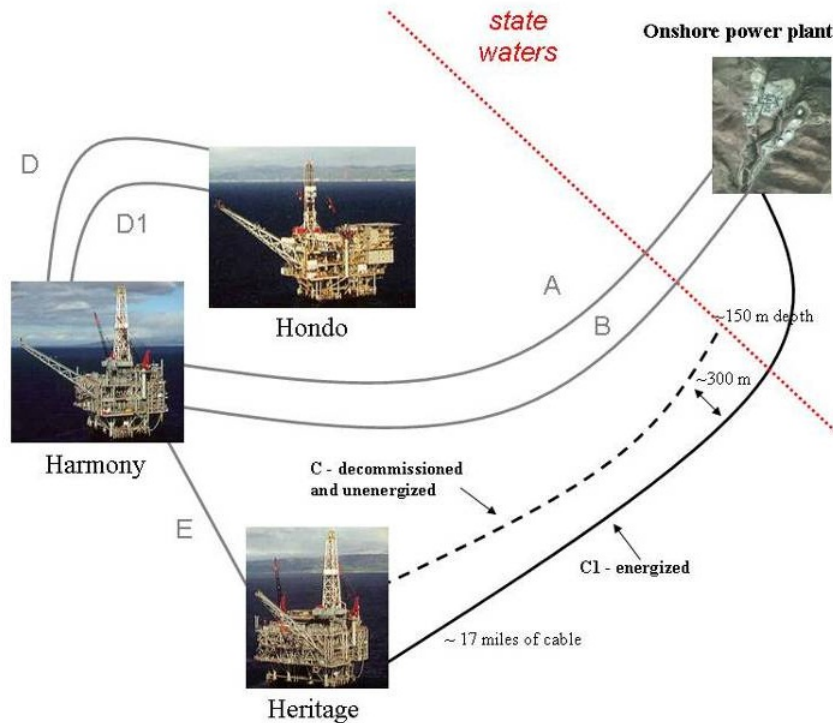
- #1 Spring 2016 Renewable Energy *in situ* Power Cable Observation  
[www.boem.gov/pc-11-03/](http://www.boem.gov/pc-11-03/)
- #2 Summer 2017 Potential Impacts of Submarine Power Cables on Crab Harvest  
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**Power Cable Observations  
EMF and Marine Organisms  
Study #1**



# Renewable Energy *in situ* Power Cable Observation

Does EMF from a power cable attract/repulse fish or invertebrates?



Identical 35 kV AC Power Cables

## Objectives:

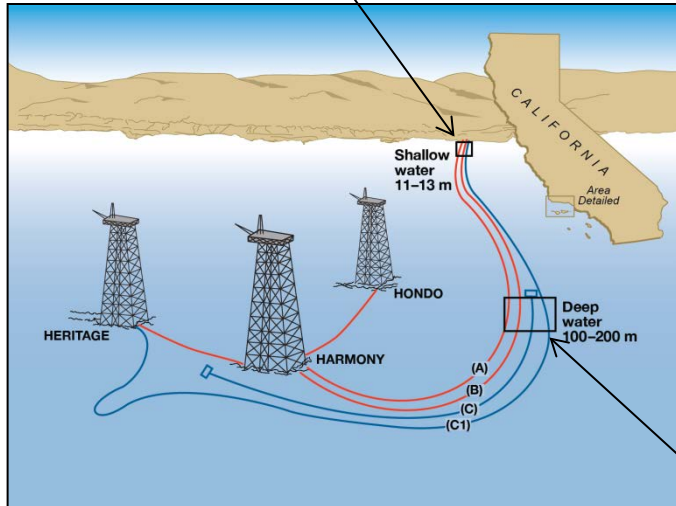
- Measure the strength, spatial extent, and variability of EMFs along both energized and unenergized cables.
- Determine attraction/repulsion of fish and macroinvertebrates to the EMF from the power cables.
- Determine the effectiveness of the commonly proposed mitigation of cable burial.

## Methods:

Video Surveys using SCUBA




11-13 m depth



30-150 m depth

Video Surveys using Sub

## Methods:



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**CALIBRATION REPORT FOR IDR-210**

**INSTRUMENT:**


Make:	Integrity Design & Research Corp. (U.S.A.)
Mo/Yr Made:	05/12
Type:	3-Axis ELF AC Milligaussmeter
Serial #:	0202
Probe serial #:	0203
Model:	IDR-210
Detector:	Very sensitive AC magnetic field detector: (BW: 20-4000 Hz)

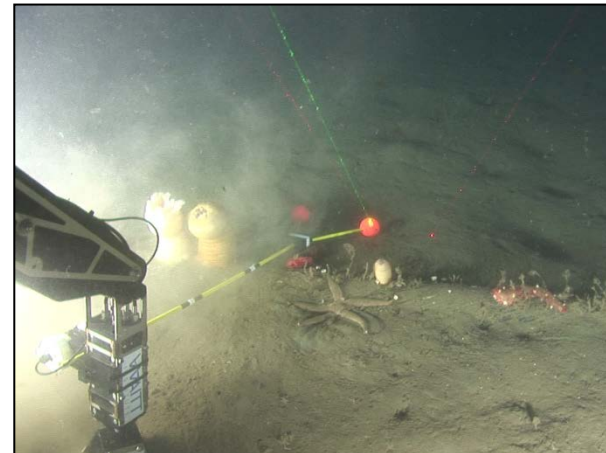
This is to certify that the above-described instrument was tested and calibrated on this date to meet or exceeded Integrity Design & Research Corp. published specification, and that the calibration standards used are traceable to the ones described in the "IEEE transactions on Instrumentation and measurement, vol.58, no.1, pp.129-140, Jan. 2009." The error is typically less than 3%. The meter was tested linearly for all the scales, and the readings were found to be accurate within the margins expected.

Temperature: 70° F  
Relative Humidity: 56%

Date of Calibration: **09/01/12**                      Cal Interval: **12 Months**

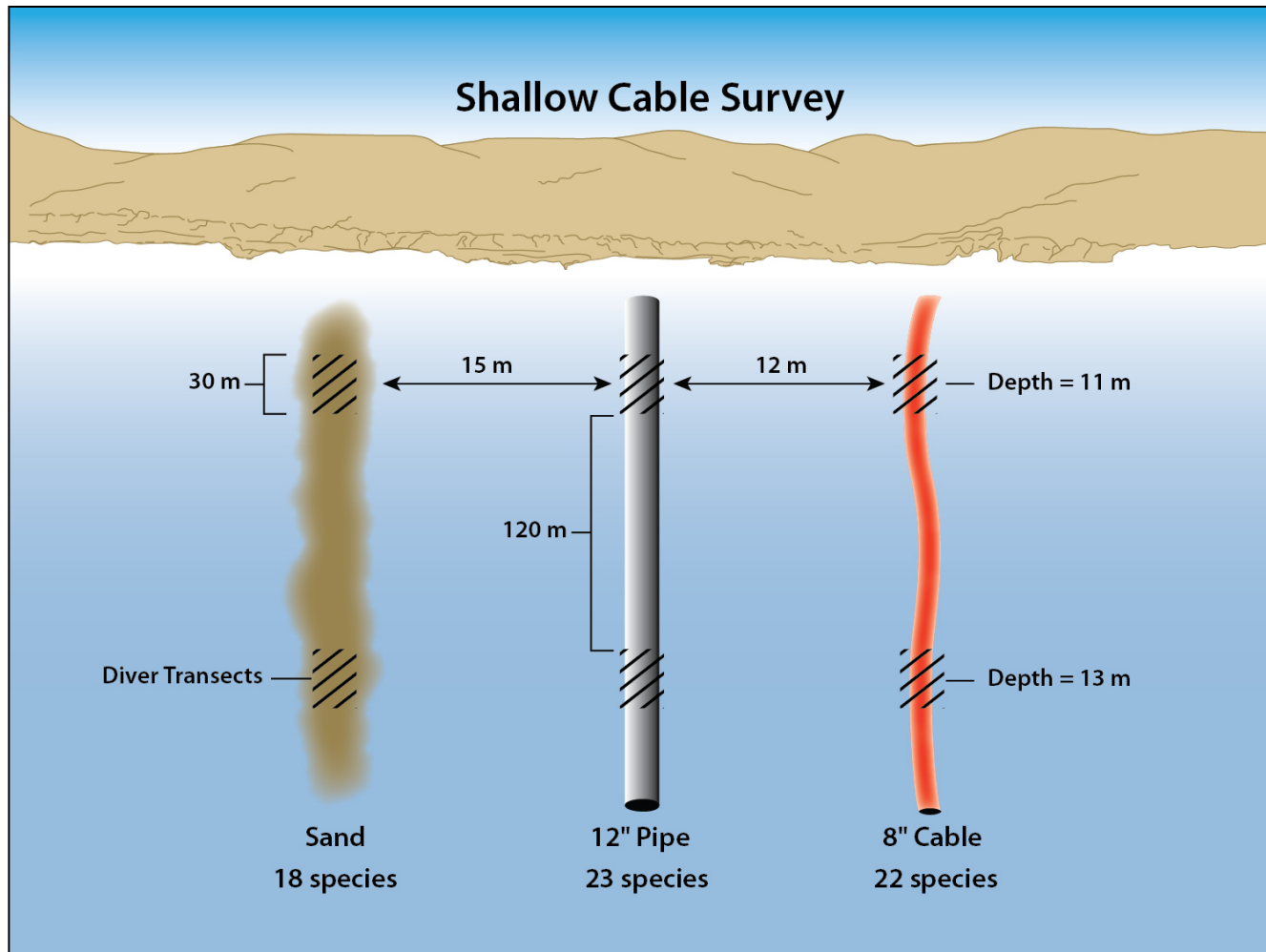
This Certificate warrants that the factory calibration is valid up to 12 months from the date placed in service.

Certified By: Saba Hanna  
  
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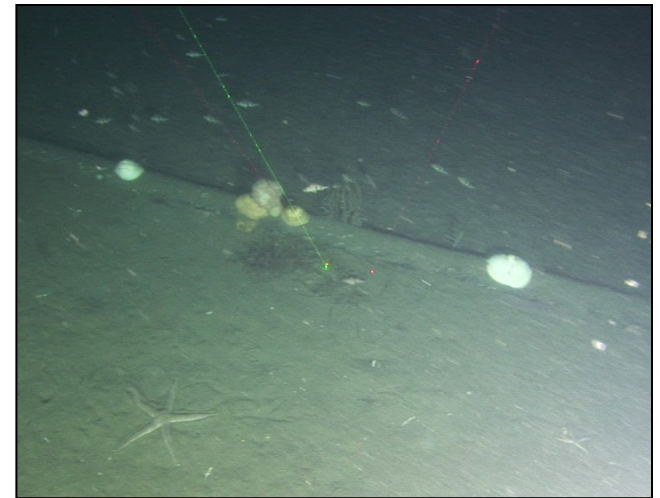
## Pipeline as Proxy for Unenergized Cable in Shallow Water Surveys



**Some Findings from *in situ* Study**

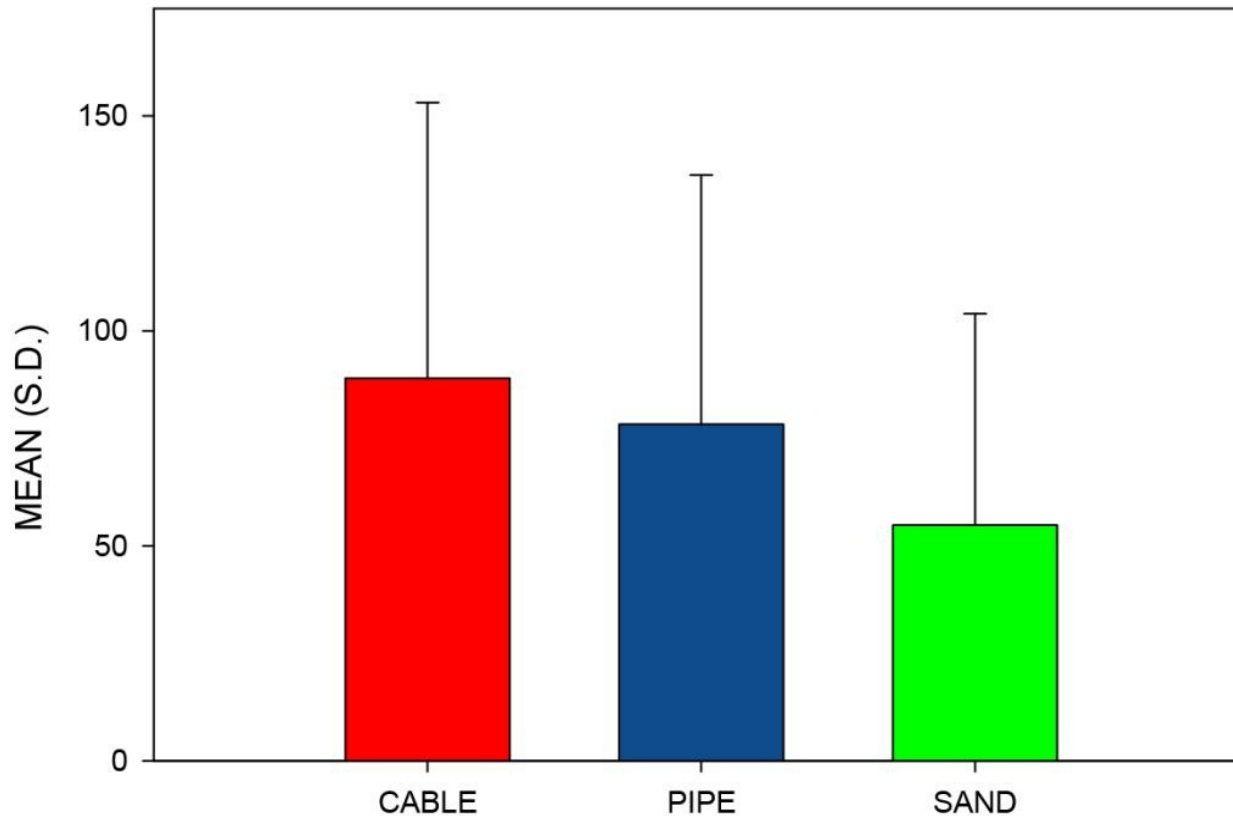
**Mean EMF readings in  $\mu\text{T}$**

	SCUBA 11-13 m	Submersible 100-200 m
On Pipeline	0.5 $\mu\text{T}$	NA
On Cable	112 $\mu\text{T}$	109 $\mu\text{T}$
At ~0.5 m	2 $\mu\text{T}$	3 $\mu\text{T}$
At ~1 m	0.3 $\mu\text{T}$	0.2 $\mu\text{T}$
On Mud/Sand	0.0 $\mu\text{T}$	~0.05 $\mu\text{T}$



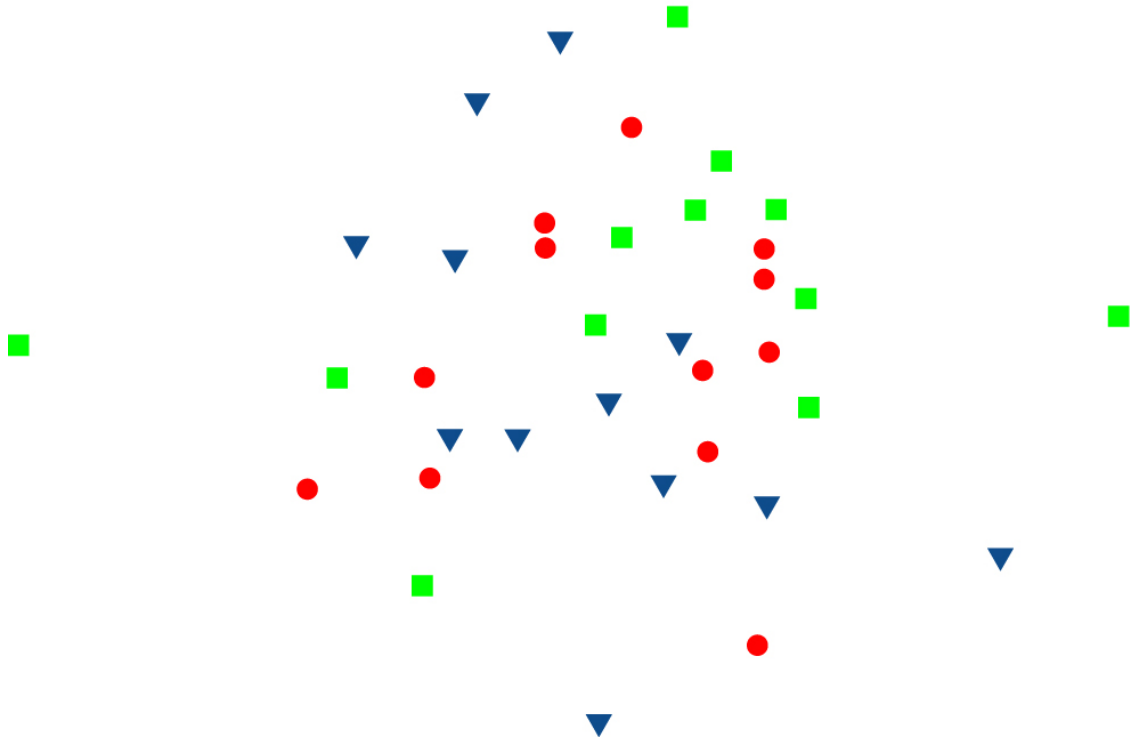
## Some Findings from *in situ* Study – Shallow Water Depth

Average Number of Fishes Observed in Cable, Pipe, and Sand Habitats  
Per Survey Date from May through August 2012



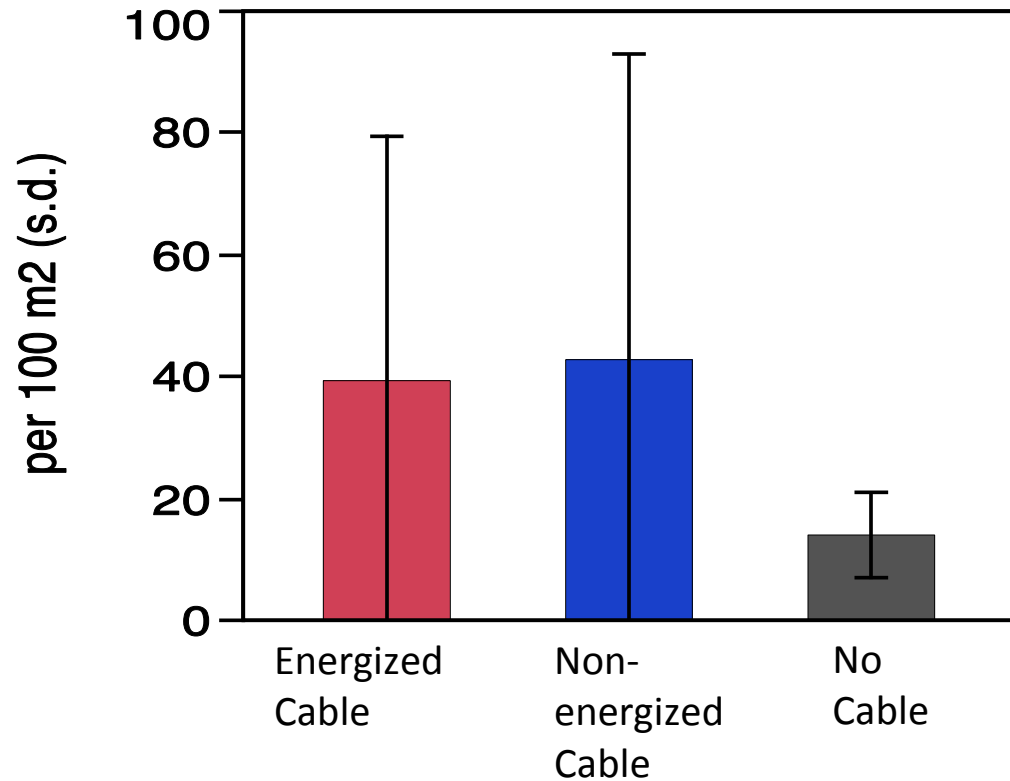
**Multidimensional Scaling  
All Fish Species – By Habitat  
May through August 2012**

- CABLE
- ▼ PIPE
- SAND

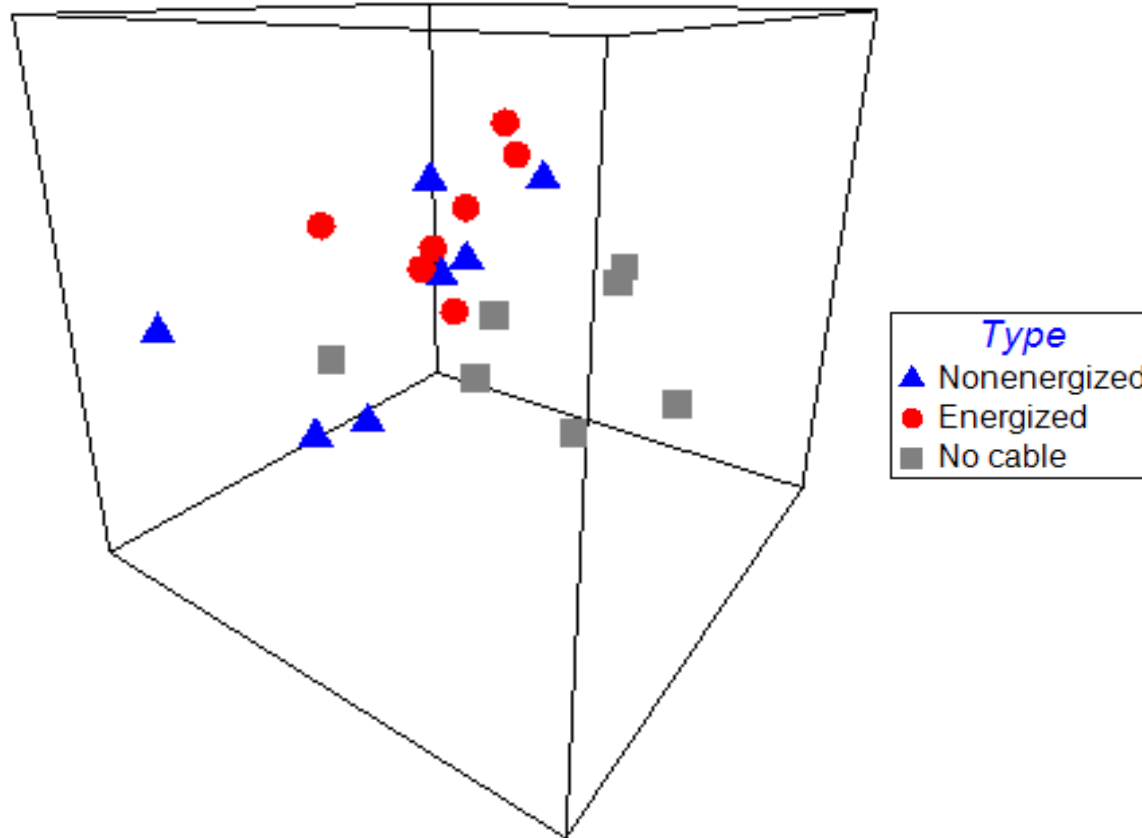


## Some Findings from *in situ* Study – Deepwater Depth

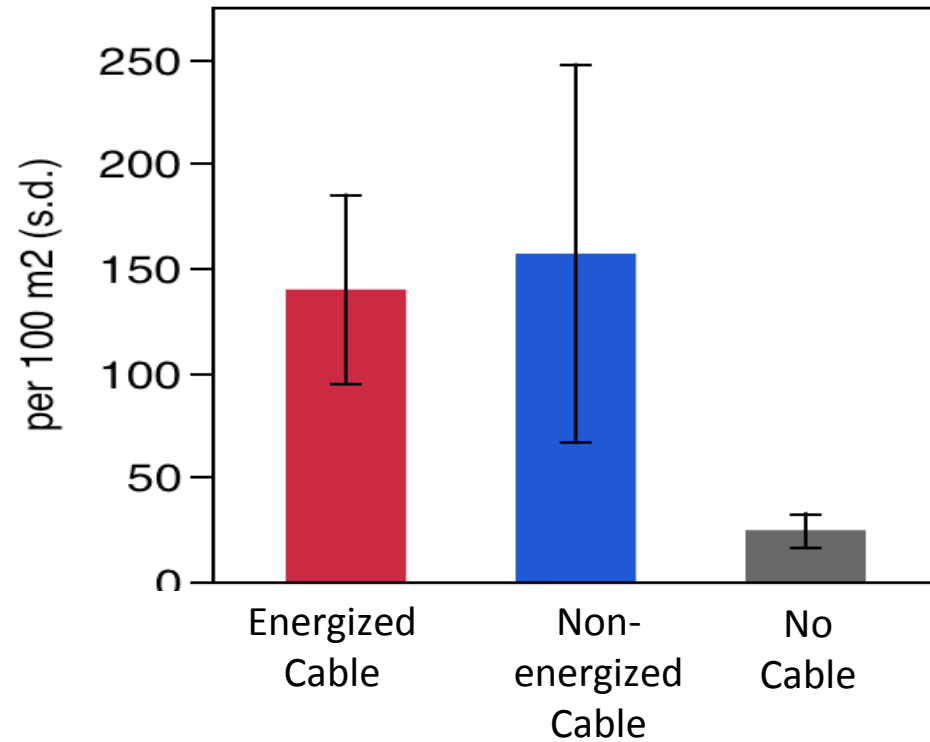
Fish Density  
24 Fish Species

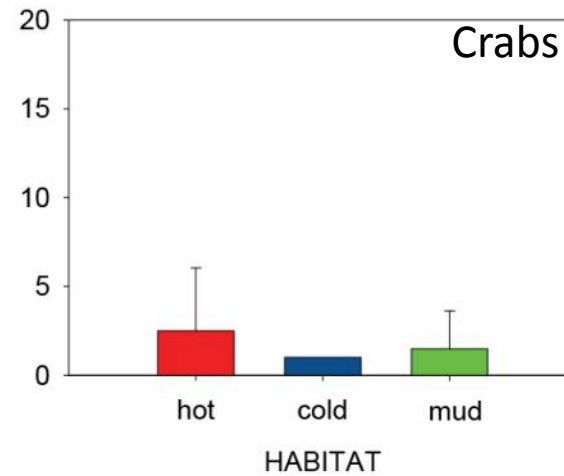
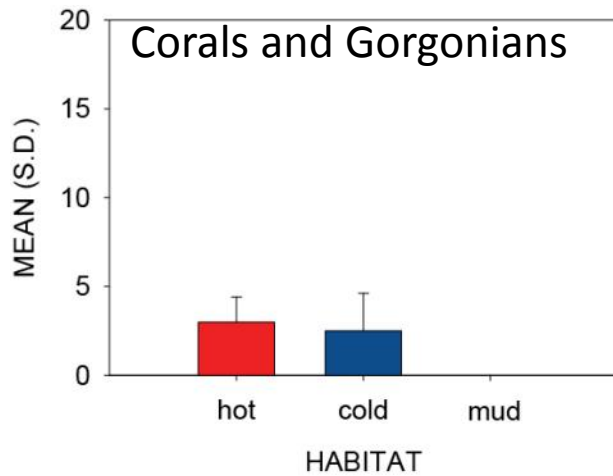
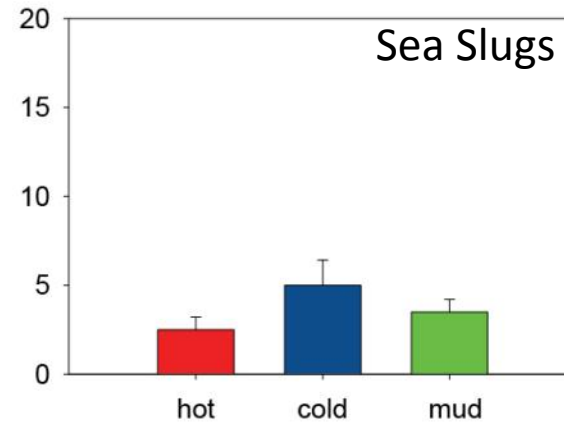
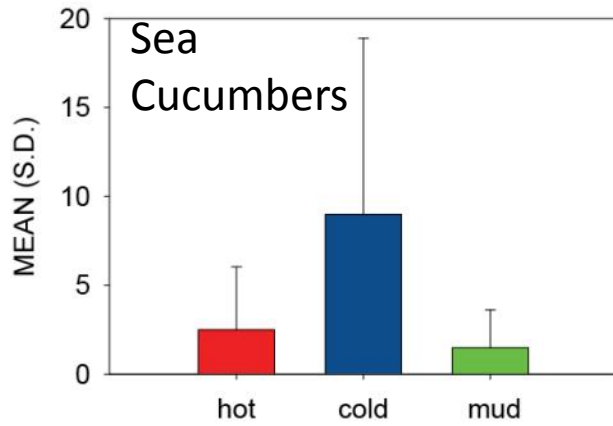


**Multidimensional Scaling  
All Fish Species – By Habitat  
From 1-2 Years of Submersible Dives**



## Invertebrate Density 16 Species





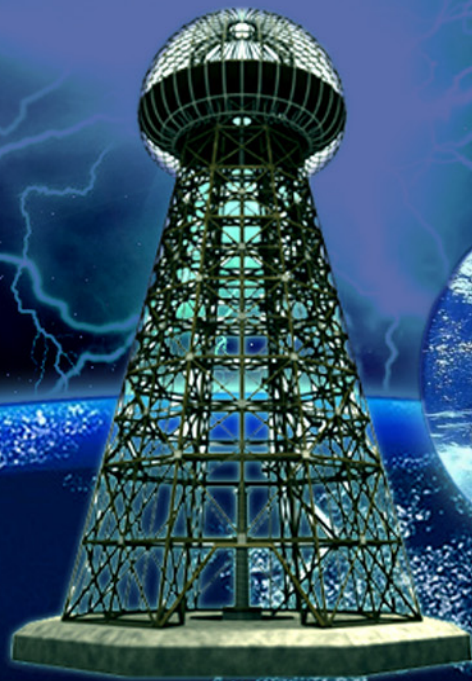


## **Preliminary Findings from *in situ* Study**

**Unpublished Results from 1-2 Years of Surveys  
Final Analyses (from All Years) will Clarify Conclusions**

- Results suggest no response (attraction/repulsion) from fish or macroinvertebrates to EMF from a 35 kV AC *in situ* power transmission cable.
- Differences in invertebrate communities may be associated with sediment characteristics close to the cable and their patchy nature of distribution.
- Actual EMF measured on the cables and away from cable output closely fits the model results found in BOEM Normandeau study
- Apparent lack of response would indicate burial is not always essential for biological reasons.
- The results will be published in scientific journals and issued as a 2015 BOEM report.

**Power Cable Observations  
EMF and Marine Organisms  
Study #2**



## Potential Impacts of Submarine Power Cables on Crab Harvest

Will EMF from a power cable affect commercial crab harvest?



### Objectives:

- Determine if rock crab and dungeness crab will cross a power cable and be caught in commercial baited traps.
- Determine likely impact on harvest for assessment documents and planning.

## Potential Impacts of Submarine Power Cables on Crab Harvest

Will two crab species cross a power cable into a baited trap?

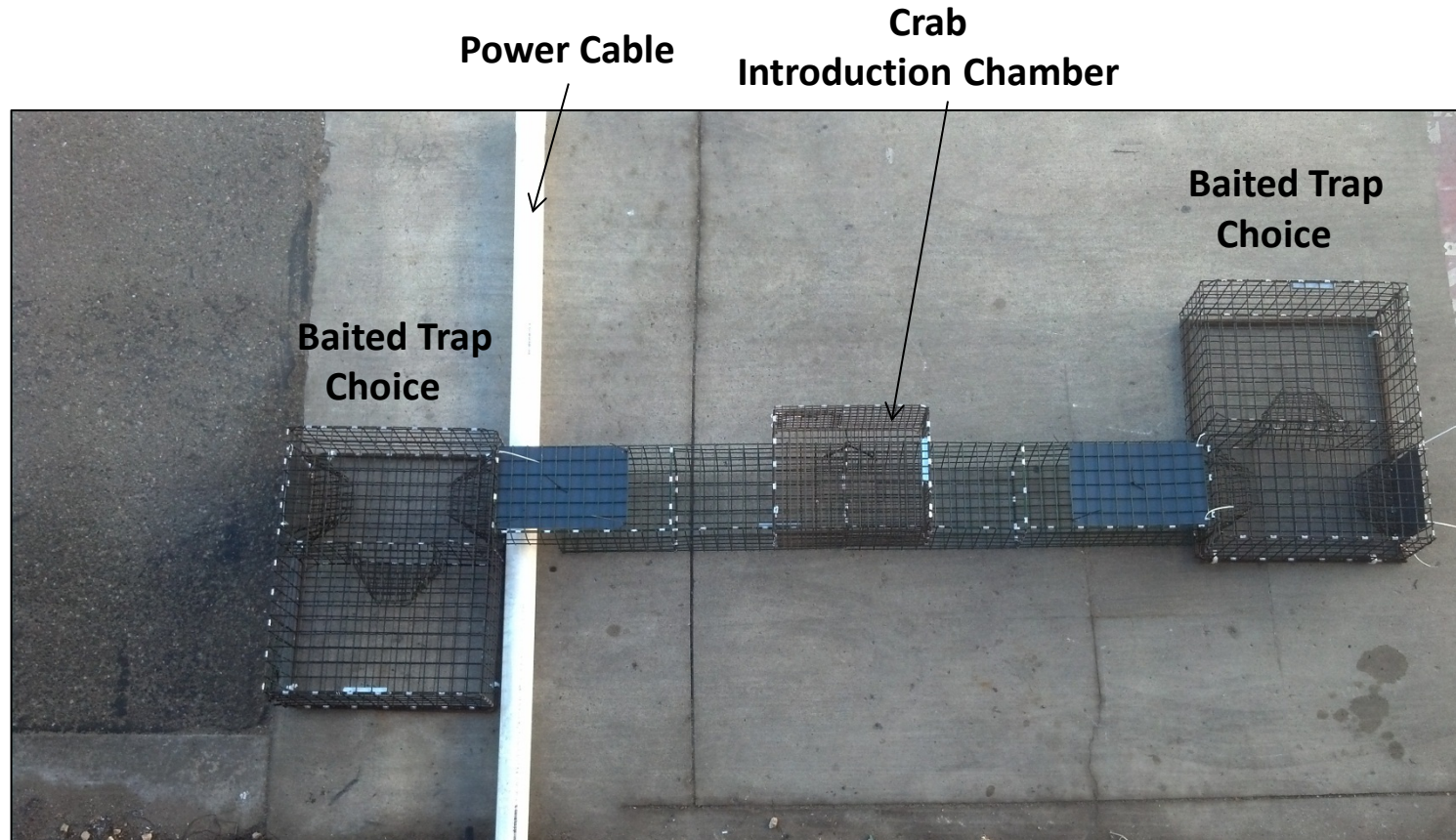


### Methods:

- Use commercial crab fishermen and species.
- Determine the *in situ* EMF at AC and DC submarine cables.
- Expose rock crabs to 35 kV power cable with response choice in Santa Barbara Channel.
- Expose dungeness crabs to HVDC and/or AC power cables with response choice in Puget Sound.

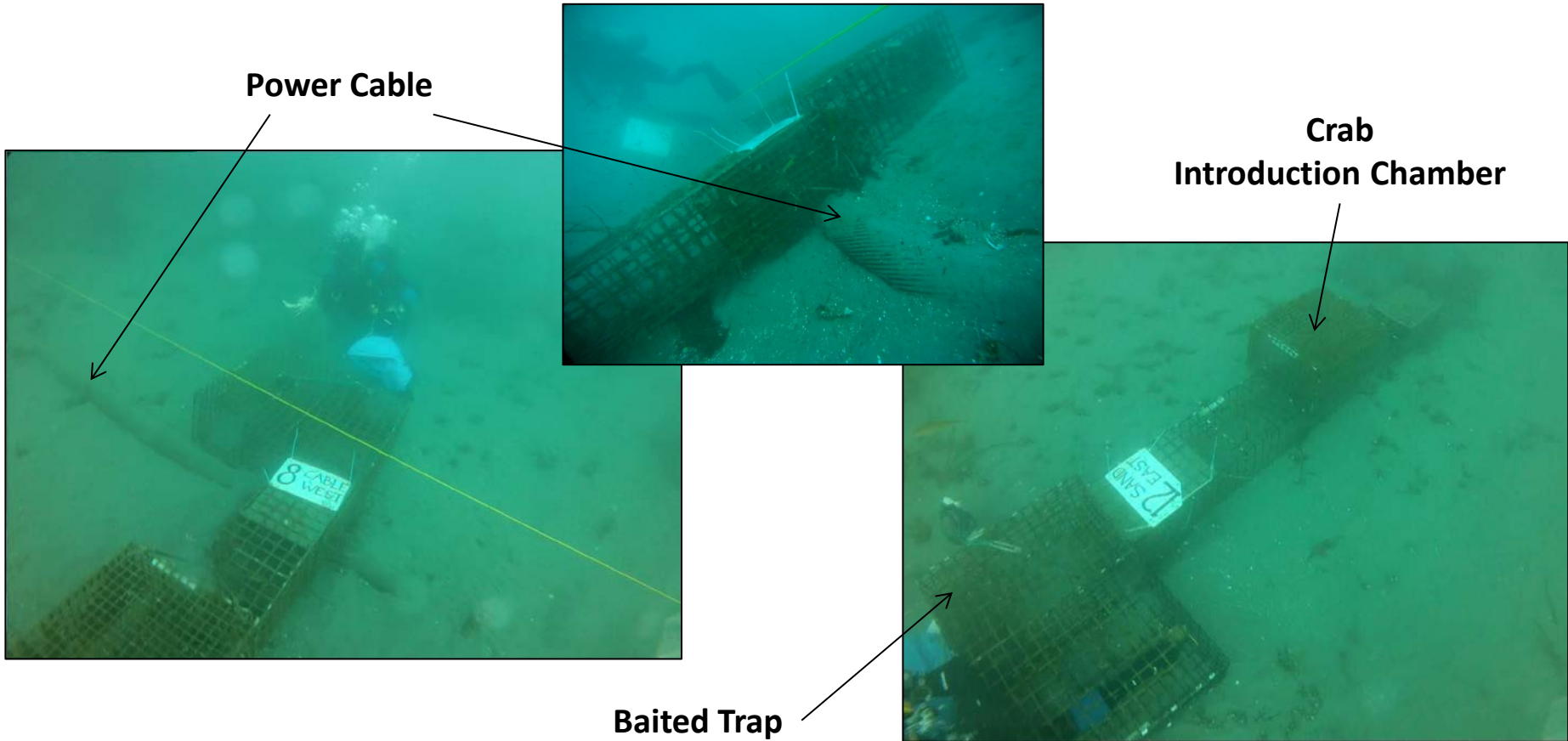
## **Crab Experimental Design**

Give Crabs a Choice to Decide if They will Cross a Power Cable  
in Response to a Baited Commercial Fishing Trap



# Rock Crab Experimental Design for Santa Barbara Channel

Give Crabs a Choice to Decide if They will Cross a Power Cable  
in Response to a Baited Commercial Fishing Trap



**Preliminary Findings from *Potential Effects on Crab Harvest Study*  
Unpublished Results from 505 Rock Crab Experiments**

Santa Barbara Channel  
Rock Crab  
Experiment

**Frequencies**

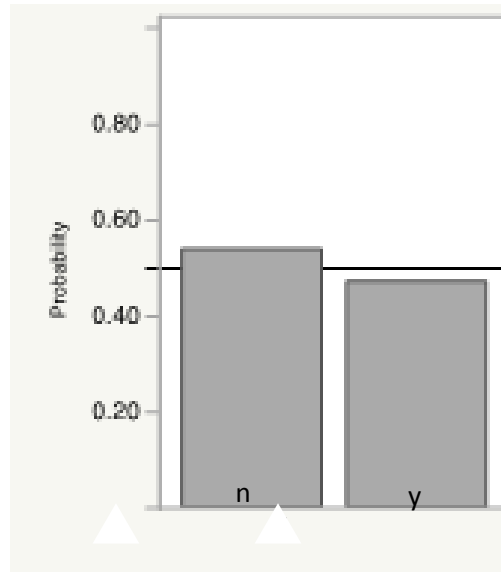
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y	235	0.46535
Total	505	1.00000

539 crabs deployed.  
34 crabs did not enter a trap.

**Test Probabilities**

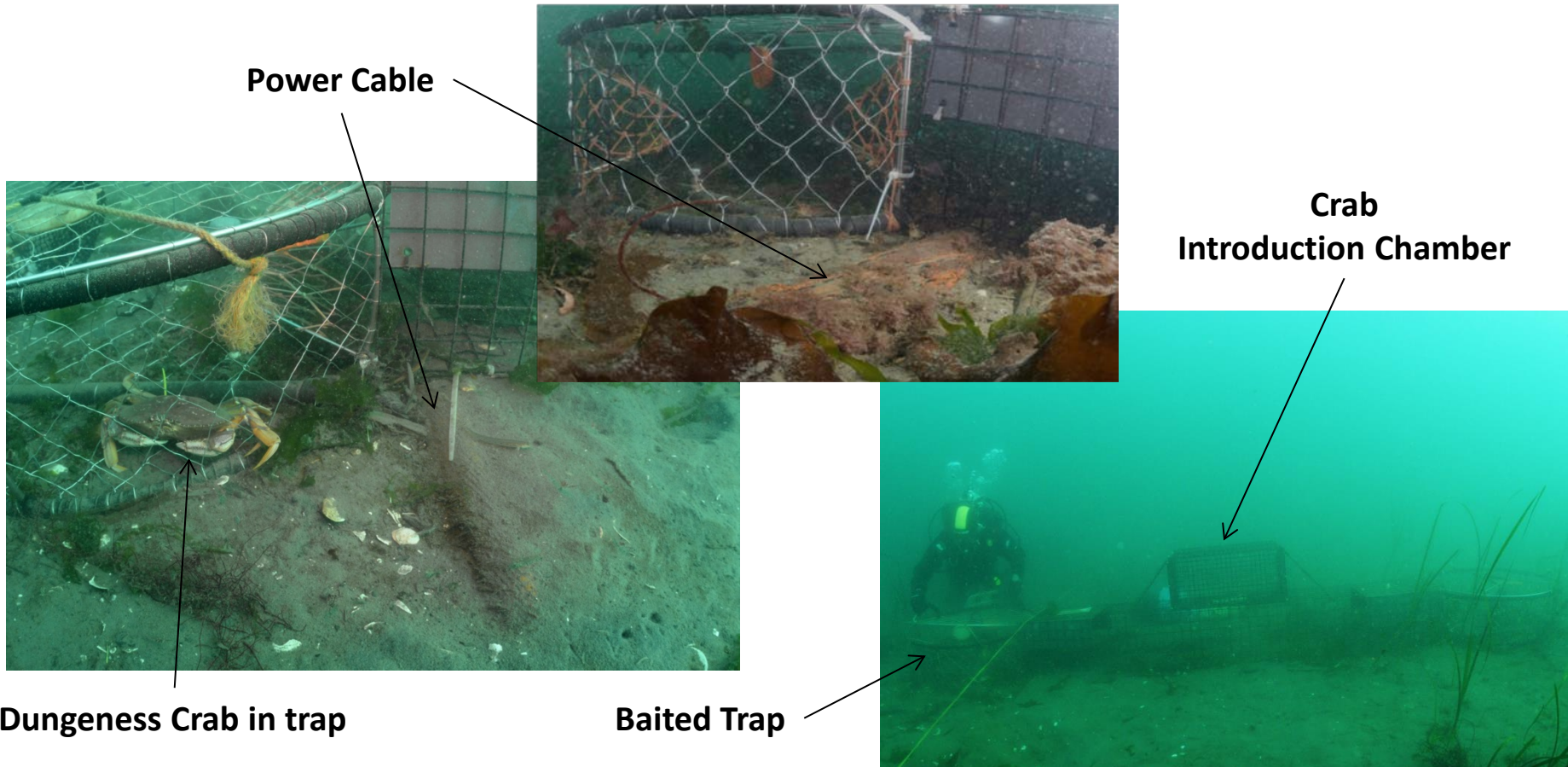
Level	Estim Prob	Hypoth Prob
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y	0.46535	0.50000

Test	ChiSquare	DF	Prob>Chisq
Likelihood Ratio	2.4277	1	0.1192



## Dungeness Crab Experimental Design for Puget Sound

Give Crabs a Choice to Decide if They will Cross a Power Cable  
in Response to a Baited Commercial Fishing Trap





**Preliminary Findings from *Potential Effects on Crab Harvest Study***

**Unpublished Results from 287 Dungeness Crab Experiments**

Puget Sound  
DungenessCrab  
Experiment

**Frequencies**

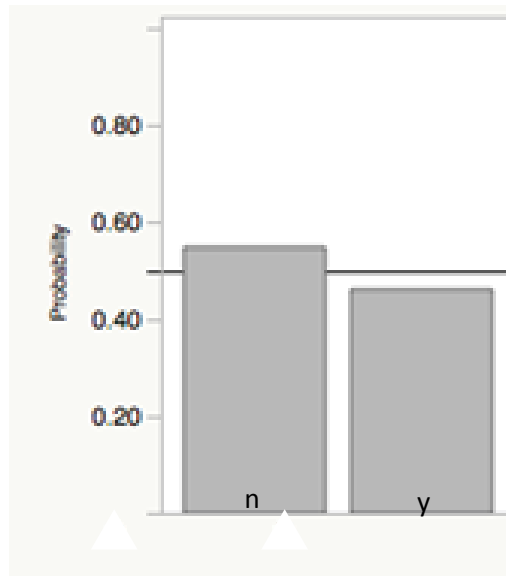
Level	Count	Prob
n	156	0.54355
y	131	0.45645
Total	287	1.00000

310 crabs deployed.  
23 crabs did not enter a trap.

**Test Probabilities**

Level	Estim Prob	Hypoth Prob
n	0.54355	0.50000
y	0.45645	0.50000

Test	ChiSquare	DF	Prob>Chisq
Likelihood Ratio	2.1805	1	0.1398



## Preliminary Findings from *Potential Effects on Crab Harvest Study*

### Unpublished Results from Rock and Dungeness Crab Experiments

- Results suggest rock crabs will cross an unburied 35 kV and dungeness crabs will cross an unburied 240 kV AC power cable to enter baited commercial traps.
- Results suggest rock and dungeness crabs will cross an unburied 35 kV and 240 kV AC power cable to enter baited commercial traps.
- The results will be published in scientific journals and issued as a 2017 BOEM report.



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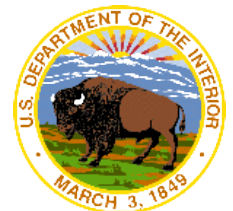
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