



**DOE Marine and Hydrokinetic  
Program Overview**  
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Conference**  
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# Marine and Hydrokinetic (MHK) Strategy Vision and Mission

**Vision:** A U.S. Marine and Hydrokinetic industry that expands and diversifies the nation's renewable energy portfolio by responsibly delivering energy from all high potential ocean and river resources

**Mission:** Increase MHK technology deployment in opportune markets by developing safe, reliable, and cost-competitive technologies and reducing deployment barriers.

The mission identifies two areas of opportunity:

- Deploying technologies in high cost, remote, and/or non-electric markets to prove technology in the near term and gain experience needed to further reduce costs
- Deploying array-scale technologies in lower cost utility-scale electricity markets over the longer term

# Core Challenges for MHK Industry and DOE Approaches

## Technology Maturity

- Testing Infrastructure
- Installation, grid integration, Operation & Maintenance
- Array configuration
- Design Optimization
- Evaluation Metrics

## Deployment Barriers

- Regulatory Concerns
- Environmental Effects
- Availability of accurate unbiased information
- Competing uses of ocean space
- Deployment infrastructure

## Market Development

- Risk quantification
- Resource characterization
- Investor relations
- Incentives and policy measures
- Workforce development



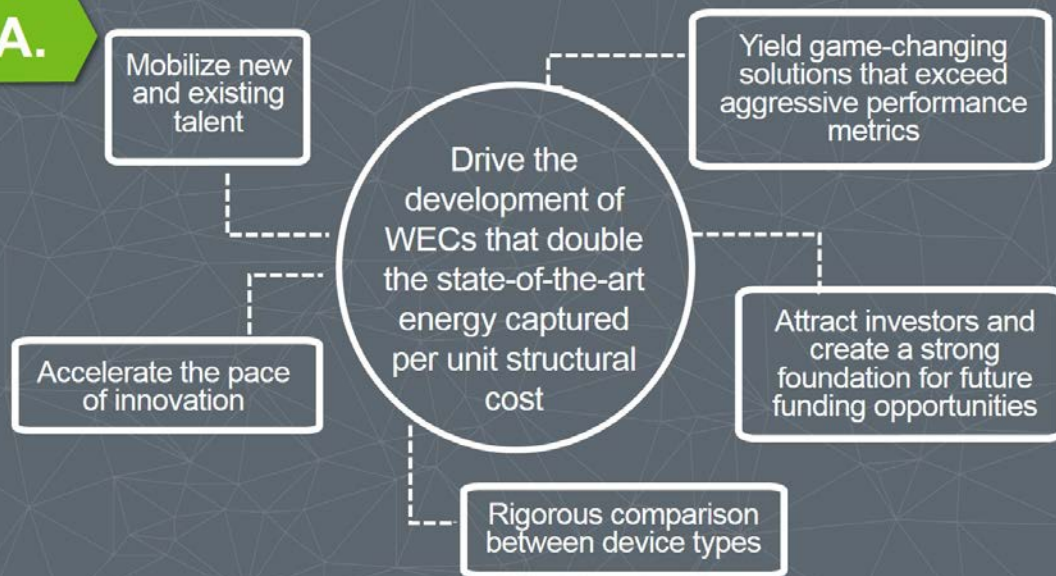
## Wave Energy Prize Schedule

- August 1 to mid-October: Testing @ MASK basin
- November 16: Winner(s) Announced at the Wave Energy Prize Innovation Showcase



## WHAT ARE THE PRIZE'S OBJECTIVES?

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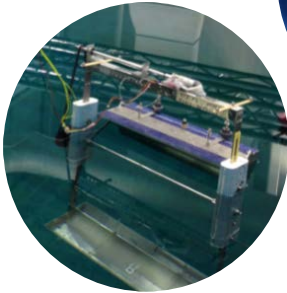


## Finalists

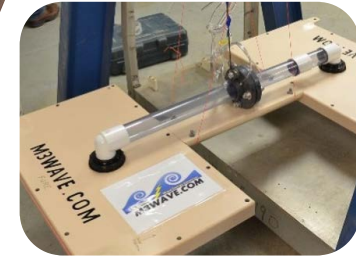
- AquaHarmonics (Portland, OR)
- CalWave Power Technologies (Berkeley, CA)
- M3 Wave (Salem, OR)
- Oscilla Power (Seattle, WA)
- RTI Wave Power (York, ME)
- Sea Potential (Bristol, RI)
- SEWEC (Redwood City, CA)
- Harvest Wave Energy (Research Triangle Park, NC)
- Waveswing America (Sacramento, CA)

# Wave Energy Prize innovations

Broad bandwidth energy absorption



Flexible membranes



Geometry

Controls

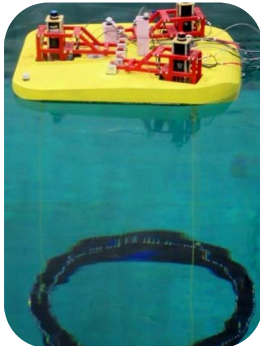
Materials

Power conversion

Use of new materials and manufacturing



Sea state + wave state control



Multi mode energy absorption



Changing heights in water column



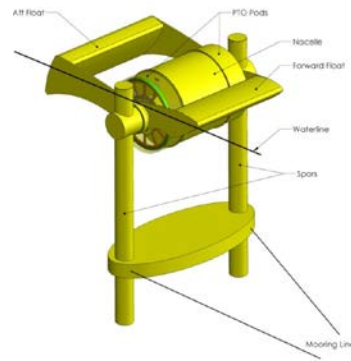
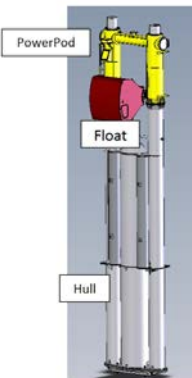
**Wave Energy Prize Updates**  
<http://waveenergyprize.org/newsroom>

<https://waveenergyprize.wordpress.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/WaveEnergyPrize>

# WECs @ Hawaii Wave Energy Test Site (WETS)

DOE is supporting companies testing their WECs @ the Navy's WETS @ Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii for comparison of performance, reliability, and LCOE

Developer	Technology	WETS Test Location	Estimated FY Testing Dates	DOE Support
Northwest Energy Innovations	point absorber (1:2 scale)	shallow berth (30m)	Fall, 2015 (extended)	design, fabrication, and testing
Ocean Energy	OWC (1:1 scale)	deep berth (80 m)	2017 (spring) (12 months)	design, fabrication, and testing
Columbia Power Technologies	point absorber (1:1 scale)	deep berth (80 m)	2018 (12 months)	design, fabrication, and testing
Northwest Energy Innovations	point absorber (1:1 scale)	deep berth (80 m)	2017 (end) (12 months)	design, fabrication, and testing





### Topic Area 1: Advanced Technology Integration and Demonstration (\$16.05M)

Will help advance wave and current energy (ocean/tidal/river) technologies by supporting projects that integrate advanced MHK components into system designs and then demonstrate the improved systems in full-scale open-water tests for at least 1 year.

1. Integrate an MHK hardware and/or software technology into an optimized system
2. Fabricate a full-scale system prototype
3. Install and demonstrate the system during a 1-year open water testing campaign
4. Demonstrate credible improvements in AEP and LCOE

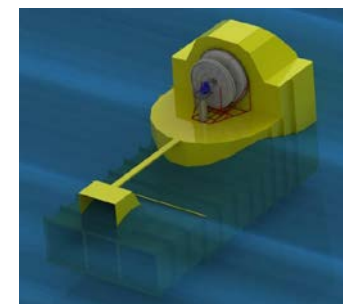
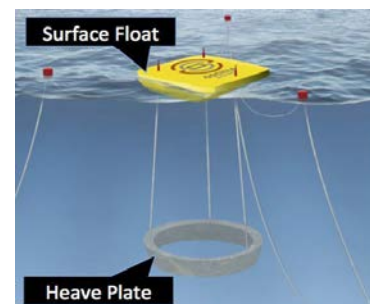
### Selectees:

#### Wave Energy Converters

- Oscilla Power (Seattle, WA)
- Dresser-Rand (Wellsville, NY)

#### Tidal Energy Converter

- Ocean Renewable Power Company (Portland, ME)



### **Topic Area 2: Innovation, Testing, and Validation of MHK Environmental Monitoring Instrumentation Performance (\$5.95M)**

Will support the progressive testing, innovation and validation of instrumentation for cost-effectively monitoring potential environmental impacts of MHK devices.

#### **Selectees:**

##### Acoustic outputs

- Integral Consulting, Inc. (CA)
- University of Washington (WA)

##### Electromagnetic Fields

- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (MA)

##### Marine Organism Monitoring

- BioSonics, Inc. (WA)
- Florida Atlantic University (FL)

##### Benthic Monitoring and Mapping

- Integral Consulting, Inc. (CA)

##### Integrated Sensor Package

- University of Washington (WA)



# FY16 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Open Water Test Infrastructure

To support the full-scale testing of MHK wave energy devices, the Water Power Program intends to fund a recipient to build and commission an open-water, grid-connected, fully energetic domestic wave test facility.

<b>Total Amount to be Awarded</b>	<b>Up to \$40 million*</b>
<b>Period of Performance</b>	<b>60 months</b>

### Site Location & Resource Requirements:

- Located in U.S. Federal waters (territorial sea or contiguous zone) or state waters.
- Test berths subject to full (unprotected) oceanic wave regimes
- Wave average annual power density  $\geq 30$  kW/m
- Testing berth water depths  $\geq 60$ m

### Site Capacity:

- At least three testing berths, with sufficient infrastructure and support capacity to accommodate simultaneous testing of the corresponding number of WEC devices
- Rated test capacity of each berth to accommodate WEC devices approximately 1 MW in size
- Access & approval for grid interconnection with sufficient line capacity to operate all testing berths simultaneously at rated power

### Facility Life-Span:

Any proposed facility developed and constructed under this FOA should be capable of supporting industry testing for a minimum of 20 years prior to decommissioning . EERE anticipates making awards that will run up to 60 months in length.

# Market Acceleration & Deployment Program Goals

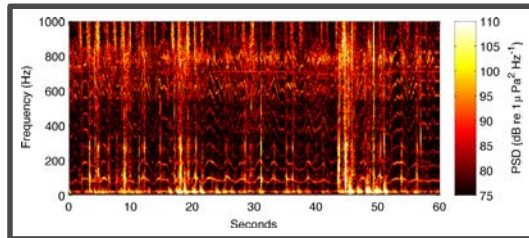
A DOE research strategy to proactively address the highest priority environmental information needs will reduced the time and cost of permitting and licensing for MHK projects

Data Collection  
&  
Experimentation

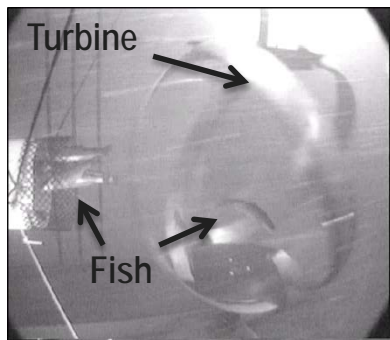
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# Data Collection & Experimentation



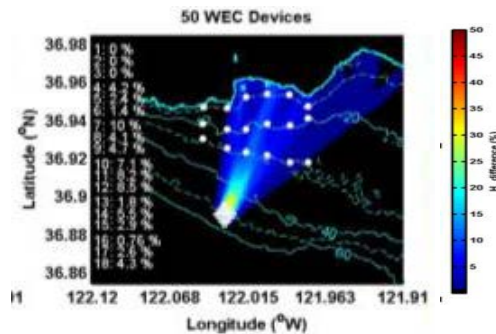
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Underwater noise measurements of a 1/7th scale wave energy converter, MTS/IEEE Oceans 2011, Kona, HI, September 19-22.



- Data collection around deployed MHK devices and surrogates
  - Fish behavioral response to tidal turbines
  - Marine organism susceptibility and response to EMF
  - Reefing effects
  - Acoustic signature of WECs
  - Marine mammal response to marine renewable energy converter noise

- Laboratory Experiments
  - Fish response to tidal turbine noise
  - Fish survival when passing through tidal turbines

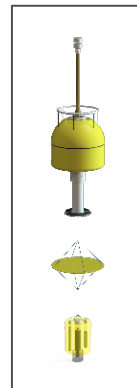
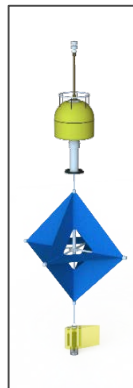
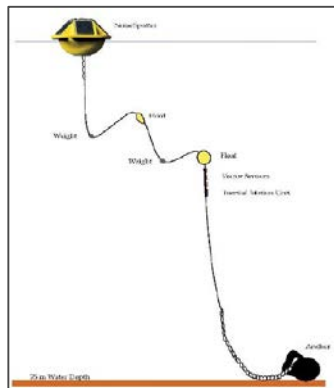
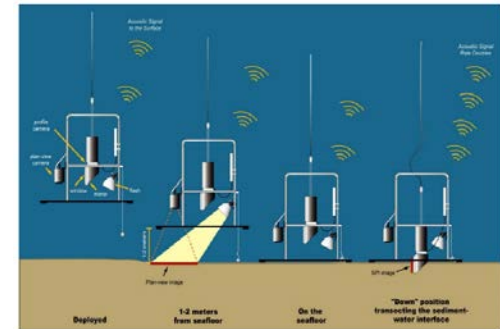
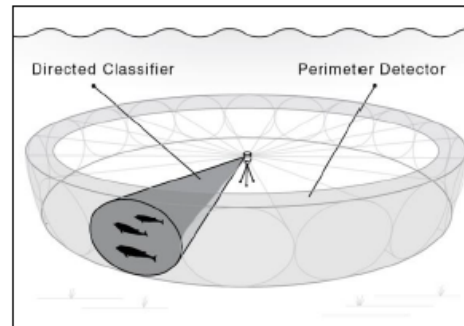
- Numerical Modeling
  - Impacts of energy removal from Wave and Tidal Energy converters
  - Acoustic propagation of MHK-produced noise
  - Eulerian-Lagrangian Agent Method for modeling fish behavior near tidal turbines





# Monitoring & Mitigation Tools & Techniques

- Develop cost-effective, fit-for-purpose monitoring tools and techniques to address high priority regulatory concerns
  - Marine Organism Monitoring
  - Acoustic Outputs of MHK Devices
  - Electromagnetic Fields
  - Integrated Sensor Packages
  - Automated Data Processing

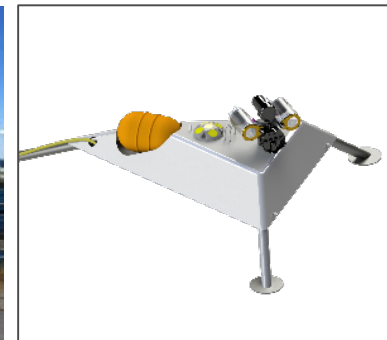
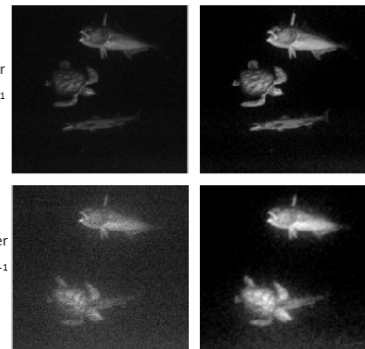


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Turbid Water  
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Enhanced Image



# Information Sharing & International Collaboration

ABOUT TETHYS CONTENT CONNECTIONS BROADCASTS HELP

Two Expert Forums sponsored by Annex IV were held in August. The video recordings for both Forums can be found [here](#).

Tethys is a knowledge management system that actively gathers, organizes, and disseminates information on the environmental effects of marine and wind energy development.

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**Tethys Story**  
**Are Larvae and other Planktonic Organisms at Risk from Tidal Energy Development?**  
As tidal energy development ramps up in Europe and North America, questions have been raised about the potential for turbine blades to strike marine mammals, fish, and other marine organisms. Less attention has been paid to potential threats to smaller planktonic organisms such as the larvae of...

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## Annex IV

- International collaborative of the Ocean Energy Systems (OES), under the International Energy Agency (IEA) Technology Network
- Engage members of the Marine Renewable Energy community around key environmental interactions important to the siting and permitting of devices and arrays
- Provide useful, accessible information for regulators to reduce uncertainty around environmental effects

<http://tethys.pnnl.gov>

# 2016 Annex IV State of the Science Report



## ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF MARINE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD

- This report is the **most comprehensive** synthesis of the state of scientific understanding of environmental research of marine renewable energy ever produced.
- Summarizes interactions and effects of MRE devices on the marine environment
- The report will be used to:
  - **retire environmental risk** for marine energy technologies;
  - **avoid duplication of research and monitoring** efforts;
  - **promote the sustainable development** of marine renewable energy technologies;
  - and to ensure that accurate and up-to-date **information is available** to regulators, industry members, and scientists worldwide.

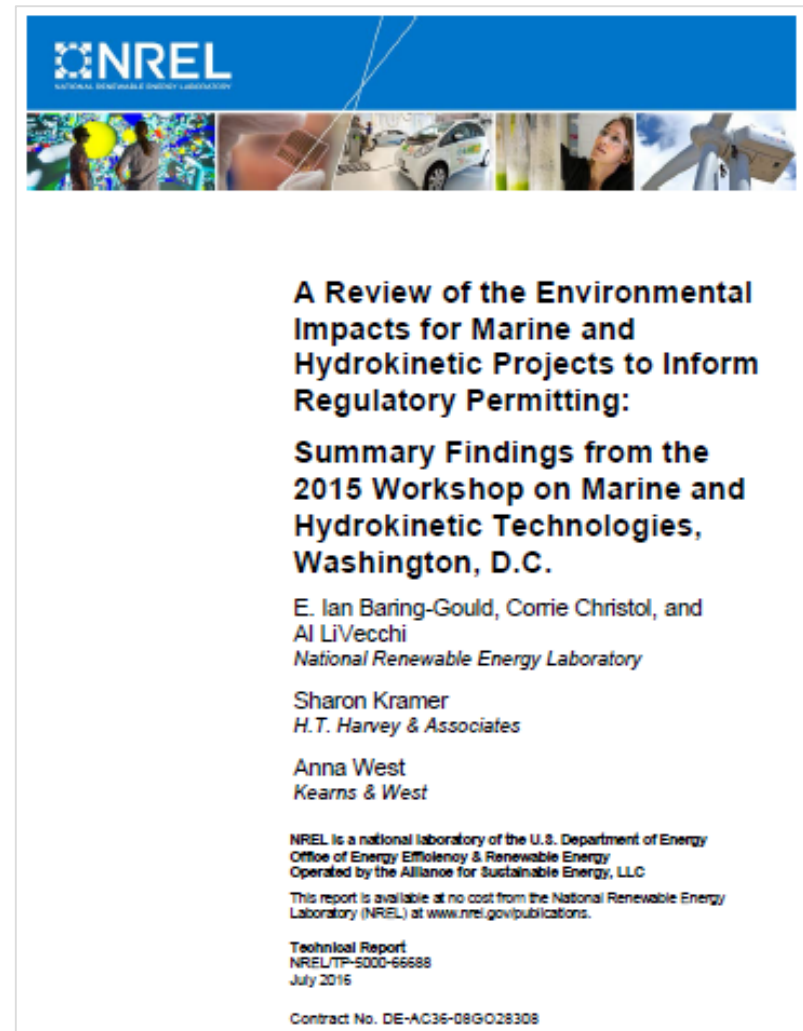
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# MHK Regulator Workshop Report

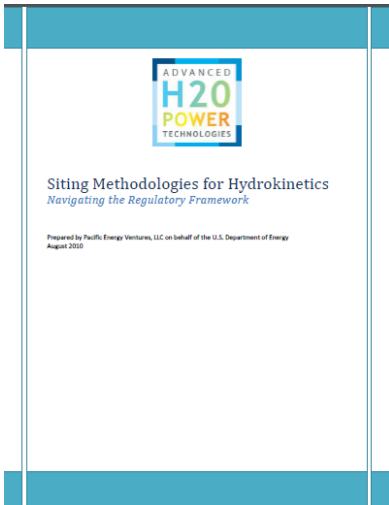
## Results from workshop held in Washington D.C. in 2015 with U.S. regulators and prominent scientific experts to review:

- Historical experiences related to environmental monitoring required from U.S. deployments
- Existing information on the potential likelihood and severity of any environmental impacts
- Any recommendations for future shifts in regulatory considerations or approaches



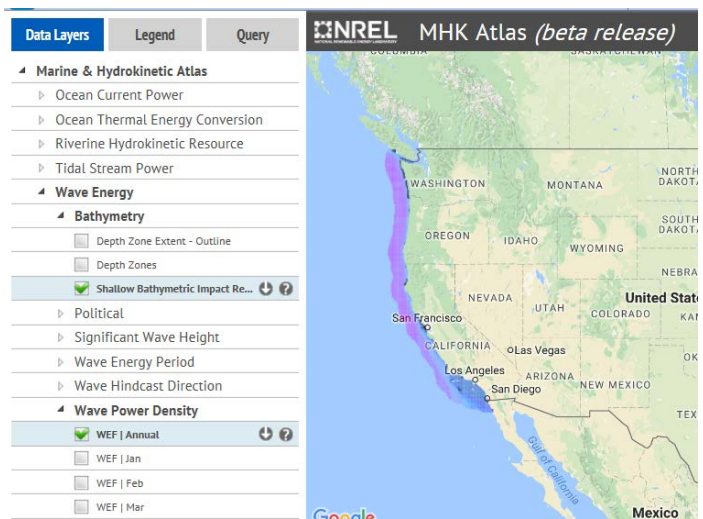
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# Other Useful Resources



## Siting Methodologies for Hydrokinetics – Navigating the Regulatory Framework

- Will be updated in 2017
- [http://tethys.pnnl.gov/sites/default/files/publications/PEV\\_2010\\_Siting\\_Methodologies.pdf](http://tethys.pnnl.gov/sites/default/files/publications/PEV_2010_Siting_Methodologies.pdf)



## MHK Resource Assessments and Atlases

- <http://www.nrel.gov/gis/mhk.html>

# Questions?

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