# Planning Challenges for Renewable Ocean Energy Projects

#### **Perspectives from an Ocean Energy Developer**

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- Introduction to the Renewable Ocean Energy Industry
- Ocean Energy Project Development
- Project Development Perspective: Wave Energy Breakwater Project in Tillamook

# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

## **Imagine!**

...what the situation today would be like if oil drilling did not exist in our coastal regions? And instead, there were a diverse mix of devices and installations in place harnessing ocean temperature gradients, current movement, wind blowing across the waves and wave movement all for the purpose of providing a clean, consistent source of electricity?

#### INTRODUCTION

#### RENEWABLE OCEAN ENERGY or otherwise referred to as MARINE HYDROKINETIC ENERGY

- Sector includes: ocean, wind, current, thermal, tidal and stream
- Marine hydrokinetic power (excluding ocean thermal) could provide 23 GW by 2025 and 100 GW by 2050 (Electric Power Research Institute, EPRI) (by comparison 51 GW = 34 coal-fired plants)

## THE NEXT HOT RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

#### Oscillating Water Column



Tidal





Attenuator



#### Overtopping

#### Offshore Wind



## HOW IS OCEAN POWER TURNED INTO KILLOWATT HOURS?



Offshore Wind Tillamook



Point Absorber Coos Bay, Reedsport & Newport



Fixed Structure Energy Generator *Tillamook & Reedsport* 



Hydro-electric Wave Energy Converter Location TBD



## PROPOSED TECHNOLOGIES IN OREGON

#### Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition (OREC)

 U.S. ocean renewable energy trade association in Washington D.C.

## Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET)

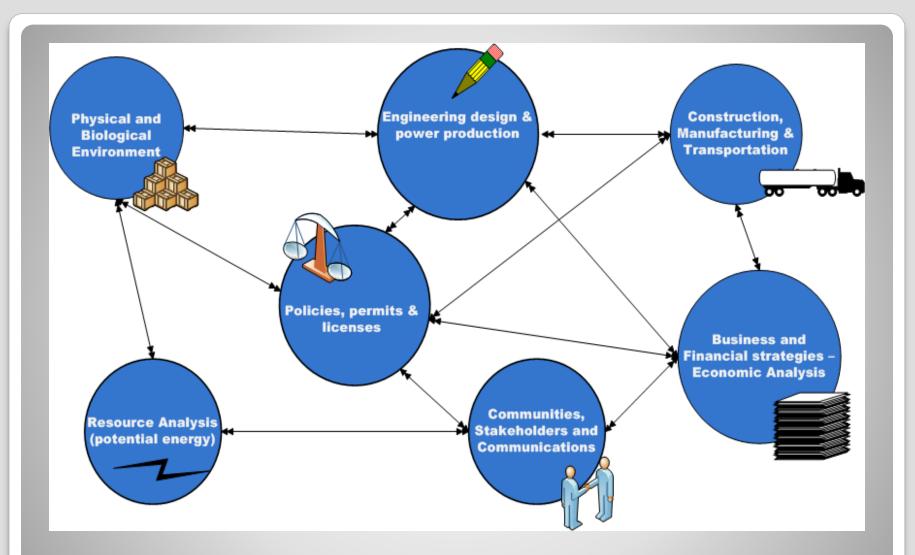
Wave energy development association in Oregon

# Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)

Canada's renewable ocean energy sector development association

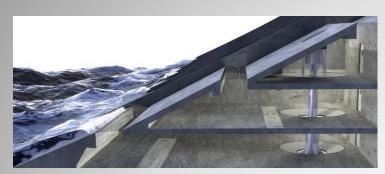
# **OCEAN ENERGY ORGANIZATIONS**

# Developing Ocean Energy Projects



## **Ocean Energy Project Development**

# Project Development Perspective Tillamook Wave Energy Project



- WAVEenergy AS ocean energy company from Norway
- Technology supplier of fixed wave energy generating structures
- Installation based on the overtopping principal
- 2 projects currently in development Demonstration project in Norway & Commercial scale project in Denmark

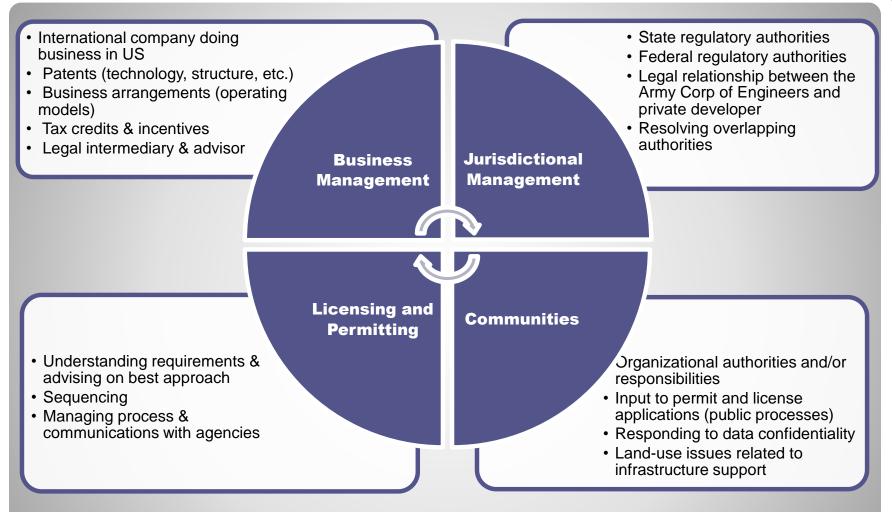


Conceptual illustration of a commercial scale installation



Port of Garibaldi North Jetty

# **PROPOSED TILLAMOOK WAVE ENERGY FEASIBILITY STUDY**



#### **POLICY, LEGAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES FOR PROPOSED TILLAMOOK PROJECT**

\*\* This is not a complete list of issues

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