



## REEDSPORT WAVE ENERGY PROJECT FERC PROCESS

**November 30, 2006**

***In attendance:***

Steve Kopf, OPT  
Therese Hampton, Oregon Solutions  
Teena Monical, COE  
Merina Christoffersen, COE  
Kathy Roberts, USFWS  
Cathy Tortorici, NOAA Fisheries  
Greg McMurray, DLCD  
Patty Burke, ODFW

Dave Van't Hof, Governor's office  
Justin Klure, ODOE  
Lucia Mack, US Coast Guard  
Lt. Shierman, US Coast Guard  
Chris Castelli, Dept. of State Lands  
Jim Hastreiter, FERC  
Mikell O'Mealy, DEQ

***Meeting Summary***

Steve Kopf provided a project overview with added emphasis on buoy and array design. Jim Hastreiter provided an overview of the FERC process. Jim caveated that the information he was sharing is based on the hydro licensing process and the process subject to change for wave energy. Jim's primary message is that all aspects of the FERC process are streamlined when there is collaborative agreement among the stakeholders.

Key areas of the FERC process that are streamlined by collaborative agreement:

- Scoping process (pre-application)
- Study Plan (pre-application)
- Project Effects (post-application)
- Mitigation Plans (post-application)

Jim provided a FERC rule of thumb that it takes one year from time of application with settlement agreement to license.

Simply to inform the schedule, the group discussed what the timeline would look like if there was a settlement agreement filed with the application. Assuming installation of the array by September 2008, a license would be needed by May 2008. If you were to assume a settlement agreement, the application would need to be filed by May 1, 2007.

**May 1, 2007**                      Application Filed with Settlement  
**May 1, 2008**                      License Issued

Based on this schedule, specific study information or data can be collected from the single buoy to support the FERC process for the array. The FERC process will be supported by qualitative information rather than quantitative information. This lead to a conversation about what sources of existing information could be used and what is the key information that is needed. Below is the initial list of our sources and key questions:

**Sources of information**

- OPT's Hawaii buoy
- OPT's New Jersey buoy
- Aqua Energy's Macau Bay Environmental Assessment
- Oil/Gas industry to assess impacts of POD
- OSU (Amy Winthrop) Scientific Workshop

**Questions to ask and answer:**

- What's on the sea floor
- Marine Mammal effects
- Specific project information
- What grows on the project?
- What is attracted or repulsed to/by the project?
- What can get caught in the project?
- What does the project change by being there?

In addition, given that the FERC process would be based on qualitative information, there was some discussion about FERC process and potential removal of the 13 buoys if they were found to be causing harm. There was also discussion about navigational and public safety and how to define the project as not safe for travel. There will be further discussion on both of those subjects.

***Next Steps:***

- Follow-up meeting scheduled for Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Location and agenda to be determined and will be distributed by Therese.
- Therese to touch base with some team members to help determine the best agenda for the next meeting.