The Industrialization of Our Ocean:

Wave Device Arrays: Blessing or Curse?

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Our Coast Now:

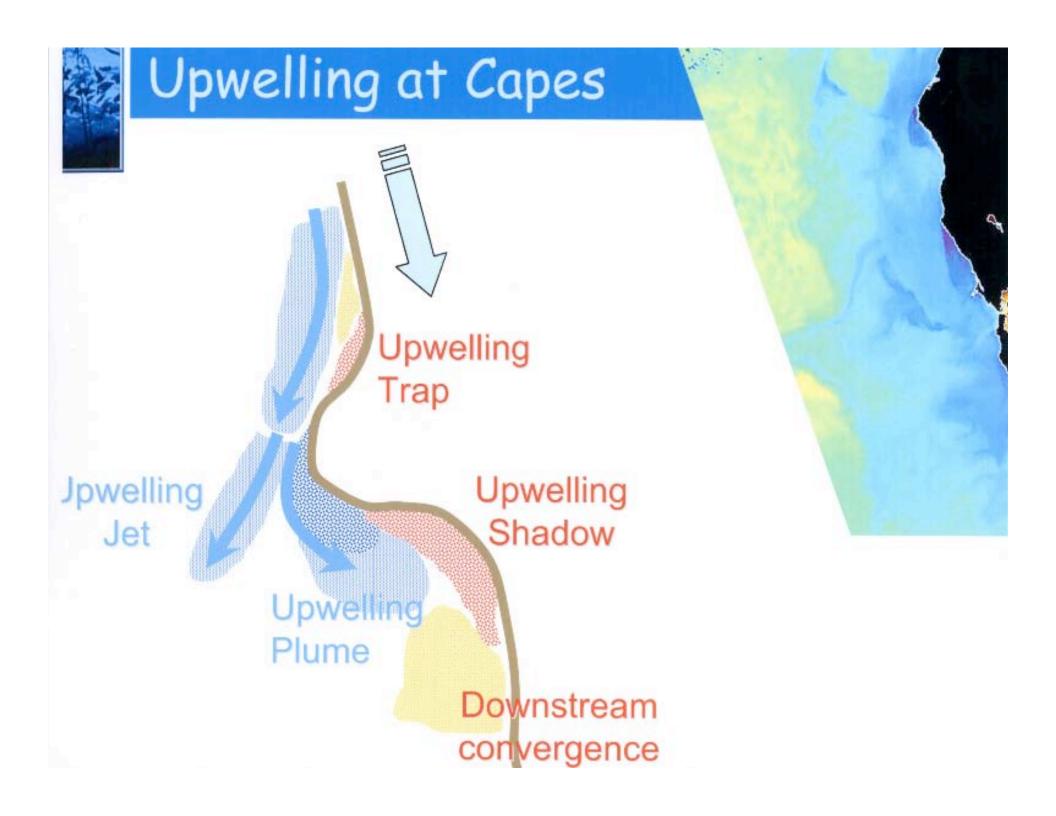


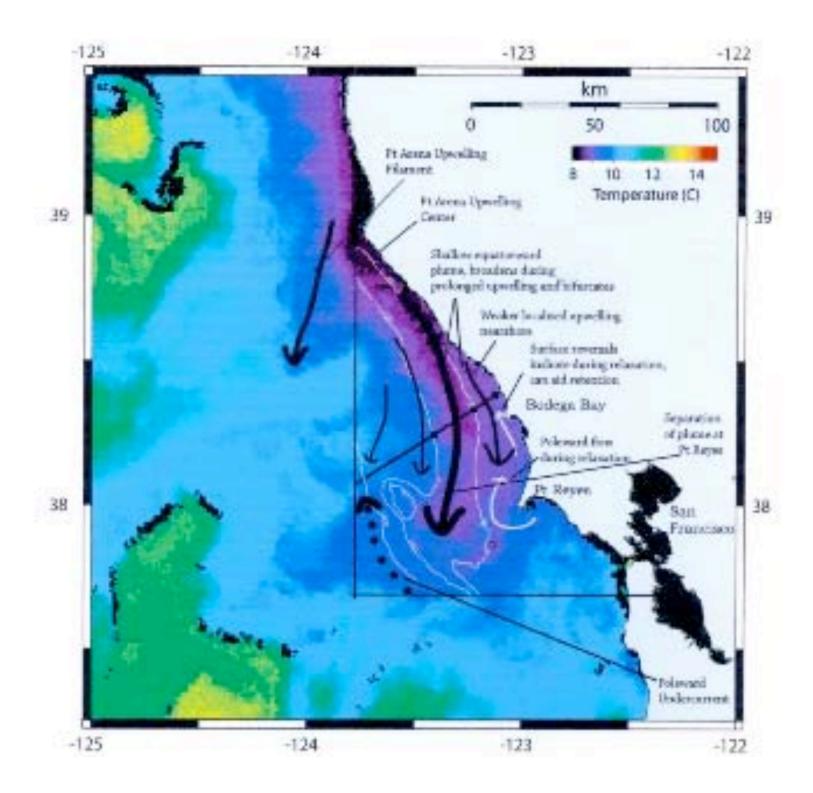
World's four major productive oceanic upwelling centers:

- Humboldt Current off the coast of Chile and Peru.
- Canary Current off northwest Africa and the Iberian Peninsula.
- Benguela Current off northwest Africa.
- California Current: Just north of Ft. Bragg to Pt. Arena.
- Each located on the western edges of their continents at midlatitude, where the winds that drive upwelling persist.

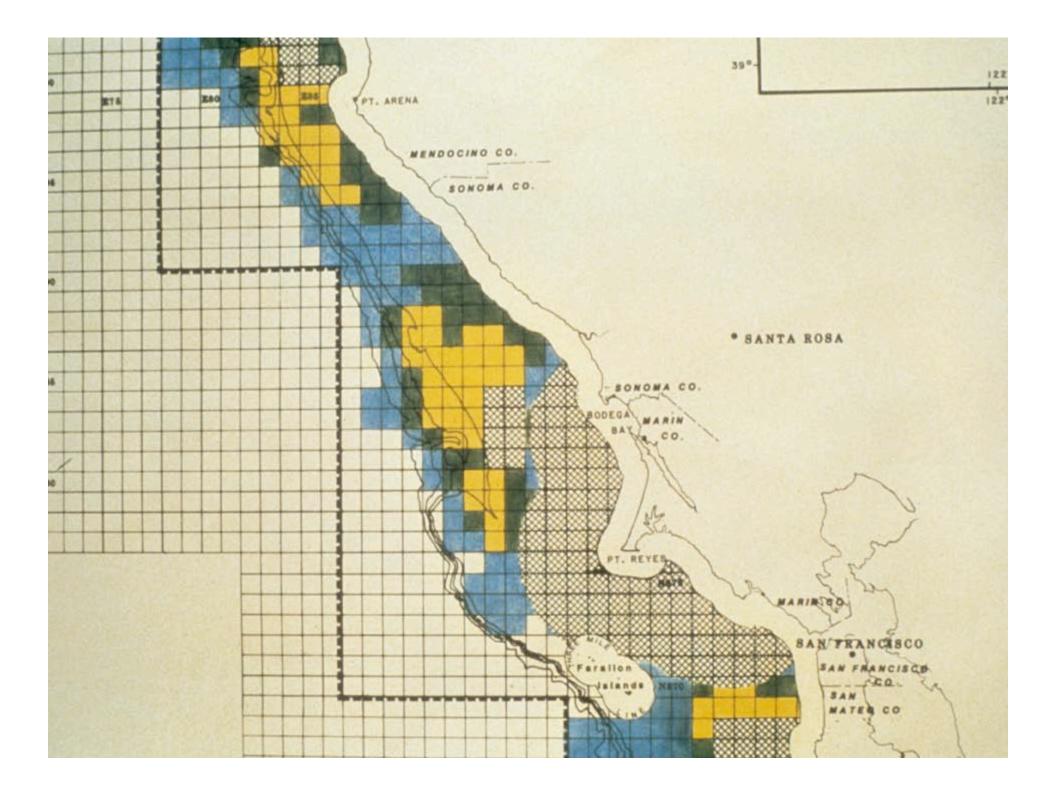
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 Though upwelling centers make up less than 2 percent of the surface area of the ocean, these regions have historically supplied approximately half of the world's fish catch.



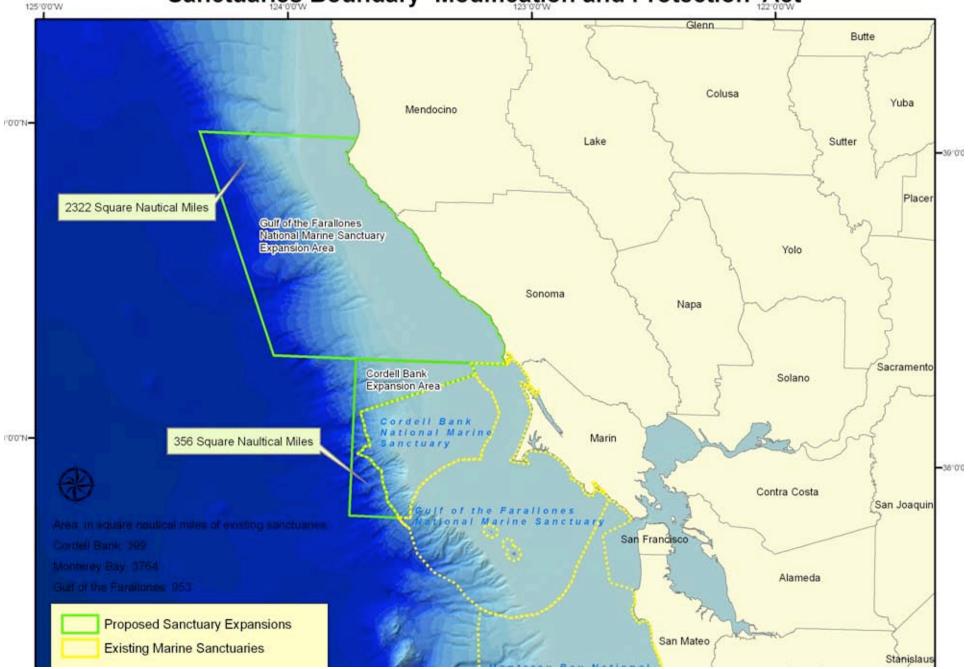


Current Status of Ocean Zoning



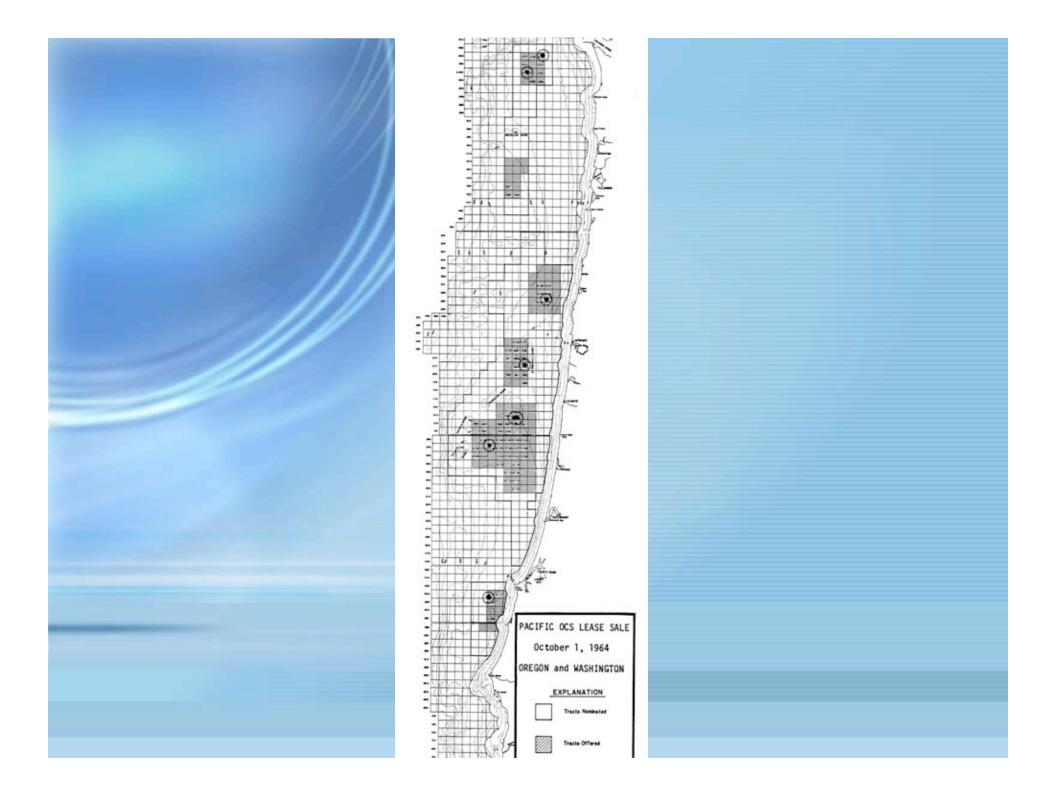


Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act



FEDERAL WATERS (Minerals Management Service, Department of Interior) STATE WATERS (California State Lands Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission)

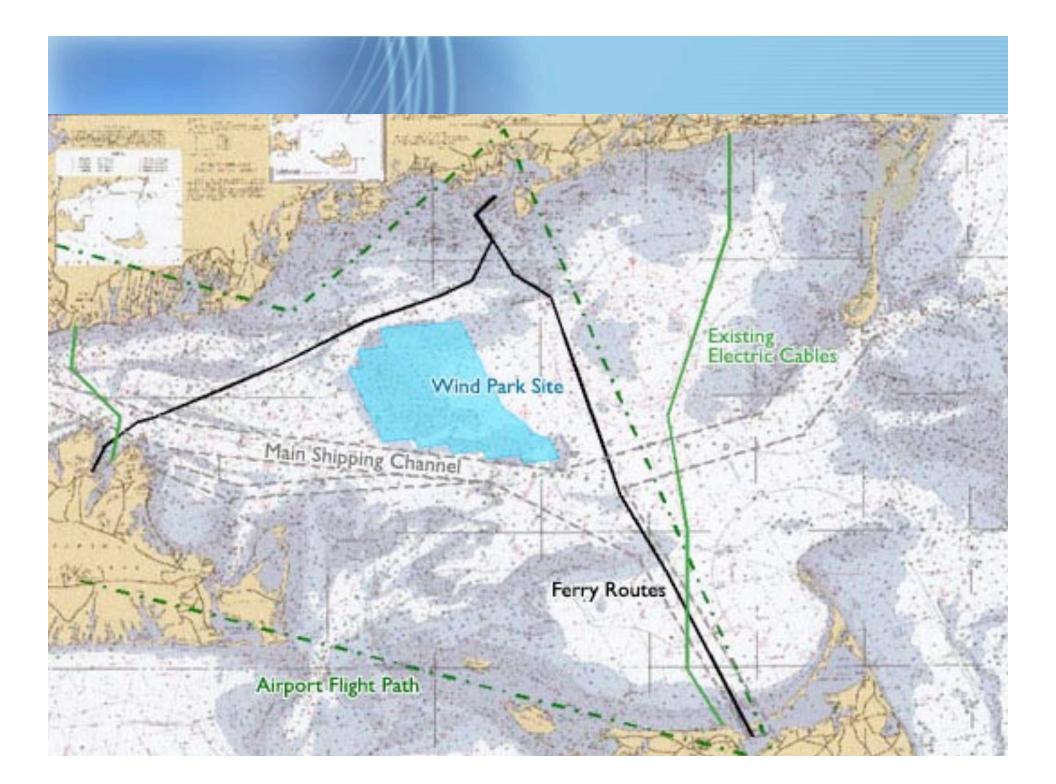
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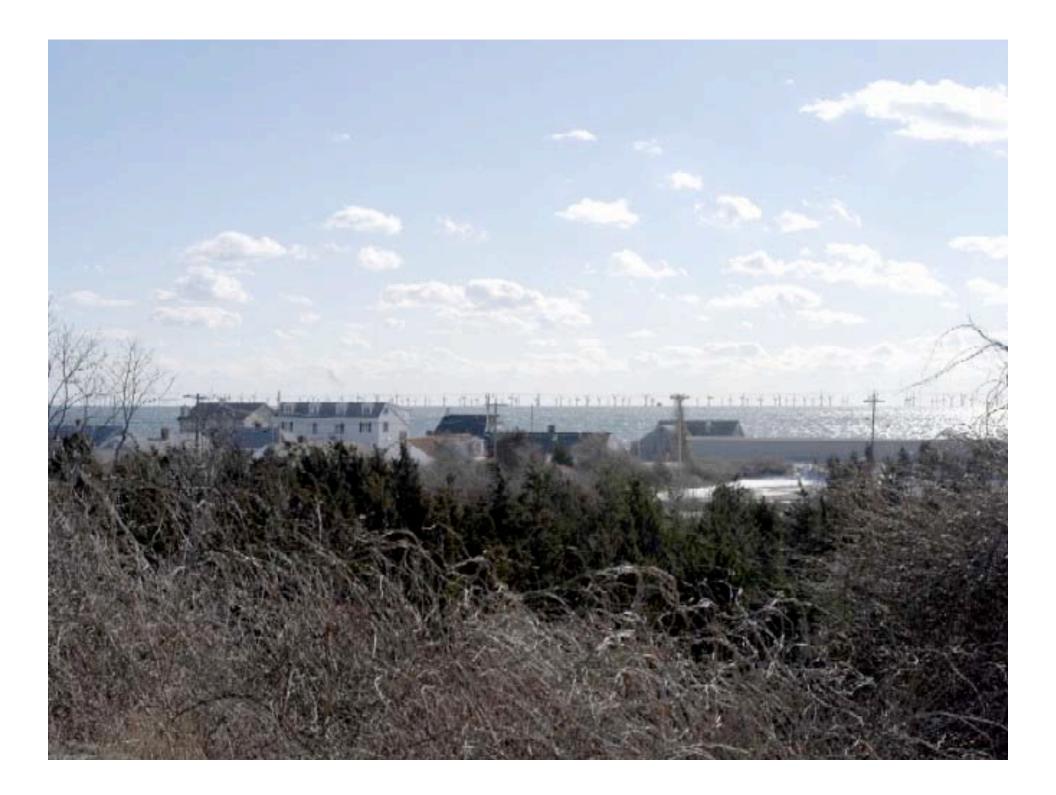




Environmental Impacts of Renewable Energy



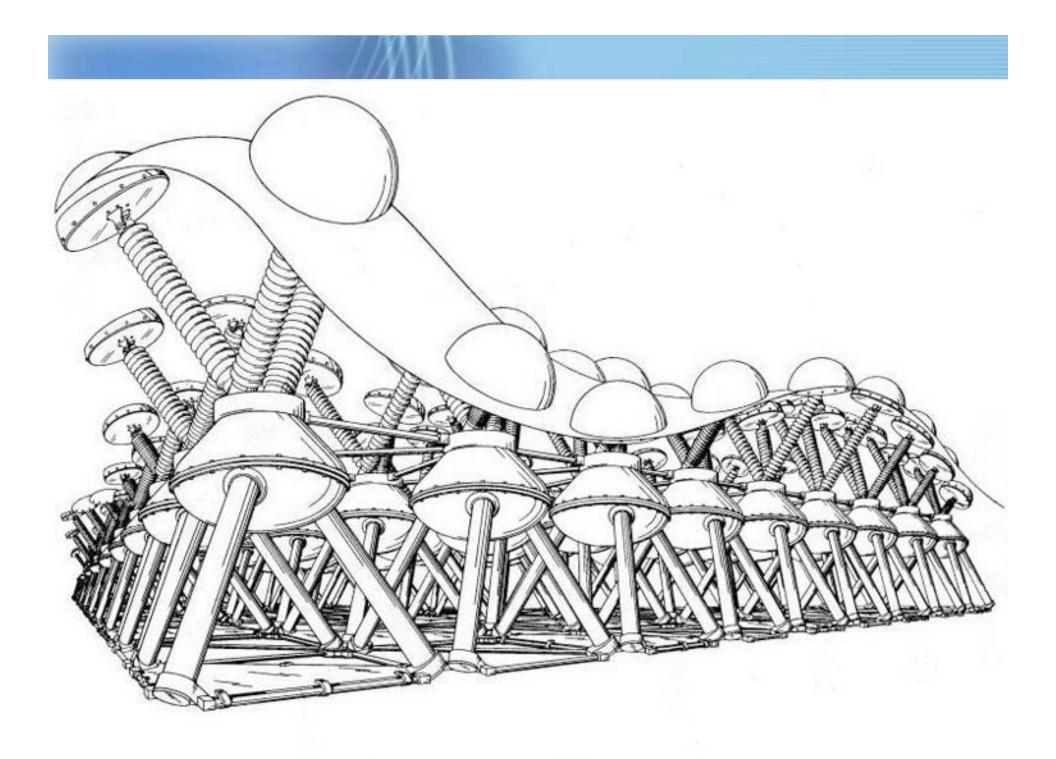




Klondike Wave Rush







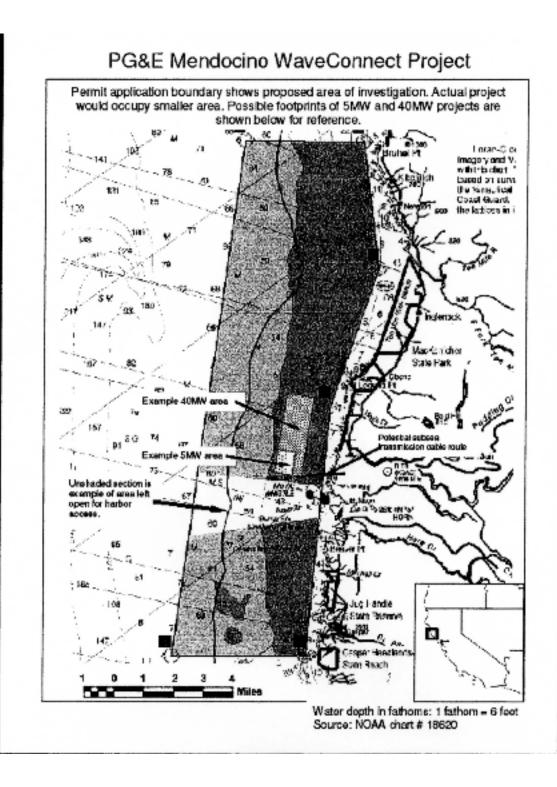


Wave Energy Issues: Hazards to Navigation. Toxic Biofouling Chemicals. Cable Routing, Landfalls. Marine Mammal Interactions. Seabirds. Space Use Conflicts: Fishing Grounds, Safe Anchorages. Habitat Conversion.

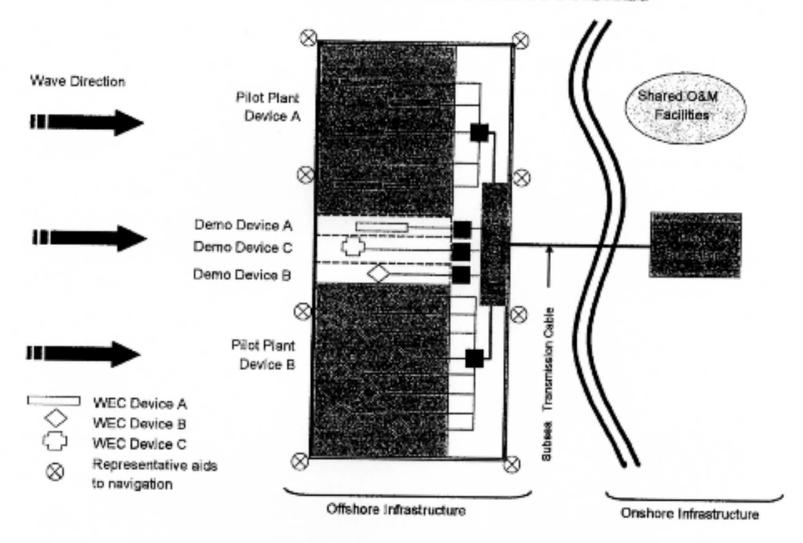
Responsible Decommissioning

-Thorough Site Restoration Post-Project.

-Bonding.



PG&E MENDOCINO WAVECONNECT PROJECT DIAGRAM



PG&E Proposal off of Mendocino County: Proposed Capacity 40 MW. From one-half to six miles off the coast of Mendocino County. Permit boundary straddles line between state submerged lands and federal Outer Continental Shelf lands.

Streamlined Permit Proposal for Wave Installations: FERC Jurisdiction. "Small" Projects, 5 MW or less. Connected to Power Grid. Revocable, if damage to environment can be proven. Can be Extended to 30-50 years.

- Circumventing Federal Environmental Laws:
 Marine Mammal Protection Act.
 National Environmental Policy Act.
- Endangered Species Act.
- National Historic Preservation Act.
- Coastal Zone Management Act.

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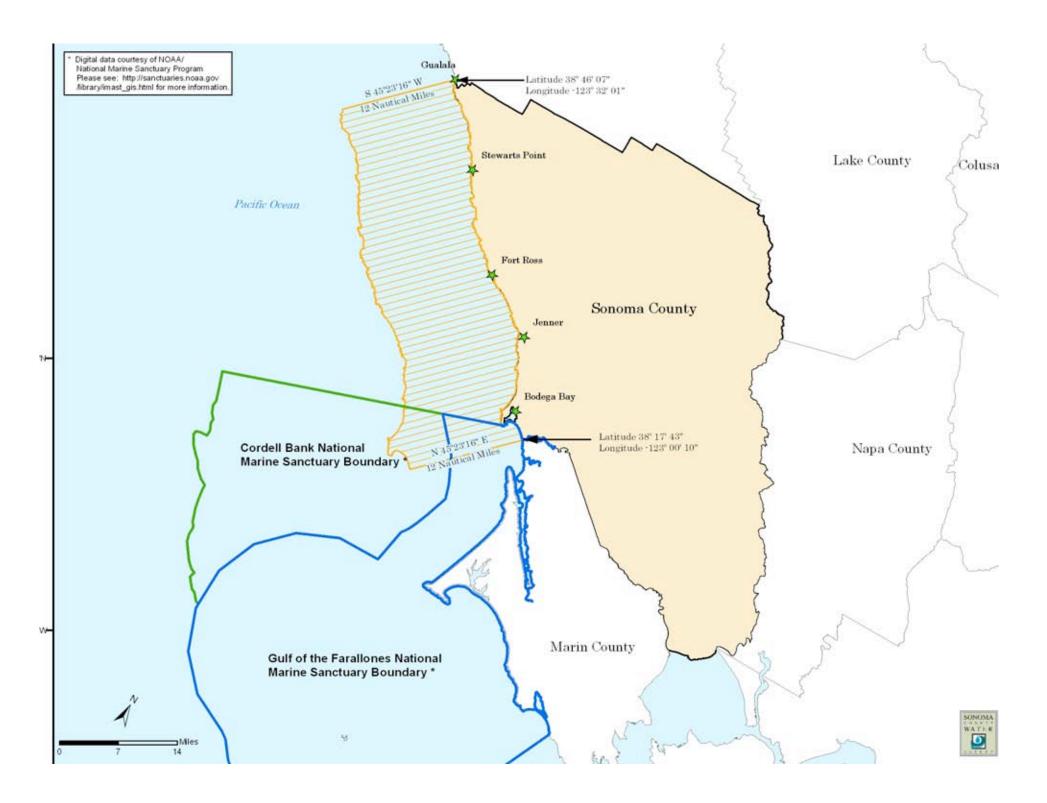
- Proposing Company Becomes Lead Agency.
- Generic "Environmental Assessment" Document.
- Fiscal Incentives.

SONOMA COAST HYDROKINETIC ENERGY PROJECT

Why Apply to FERC ?

- AB-32
- Agency and County GHG Reduction Commitment
- Emphasis on Renewable Energy Resources
- Local Control of Process

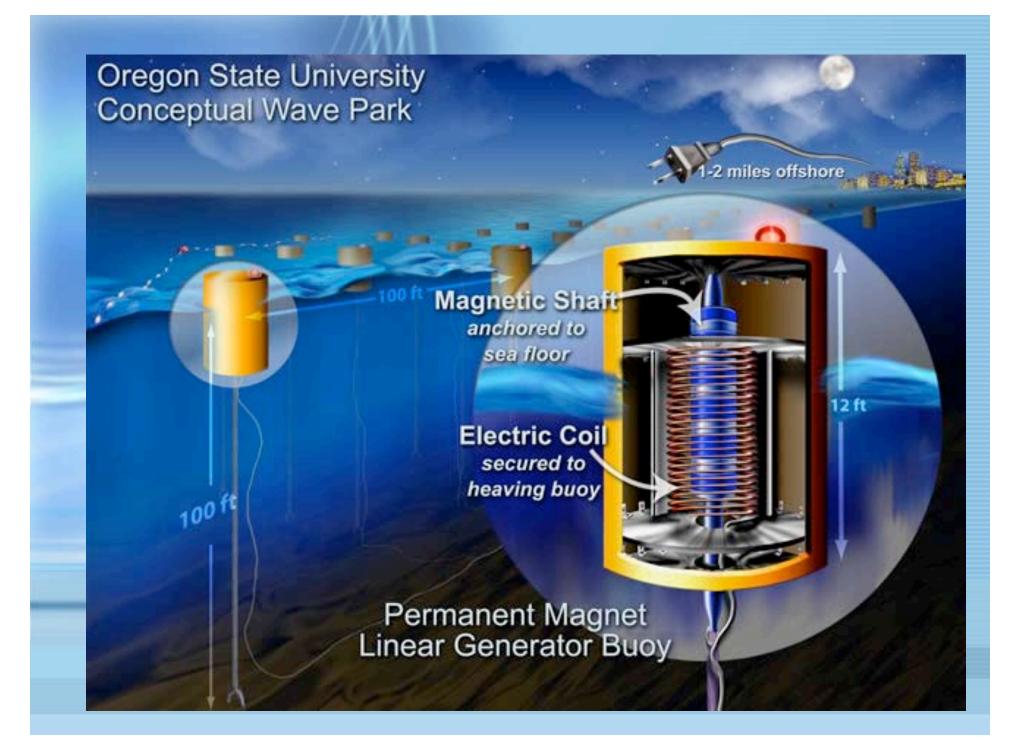


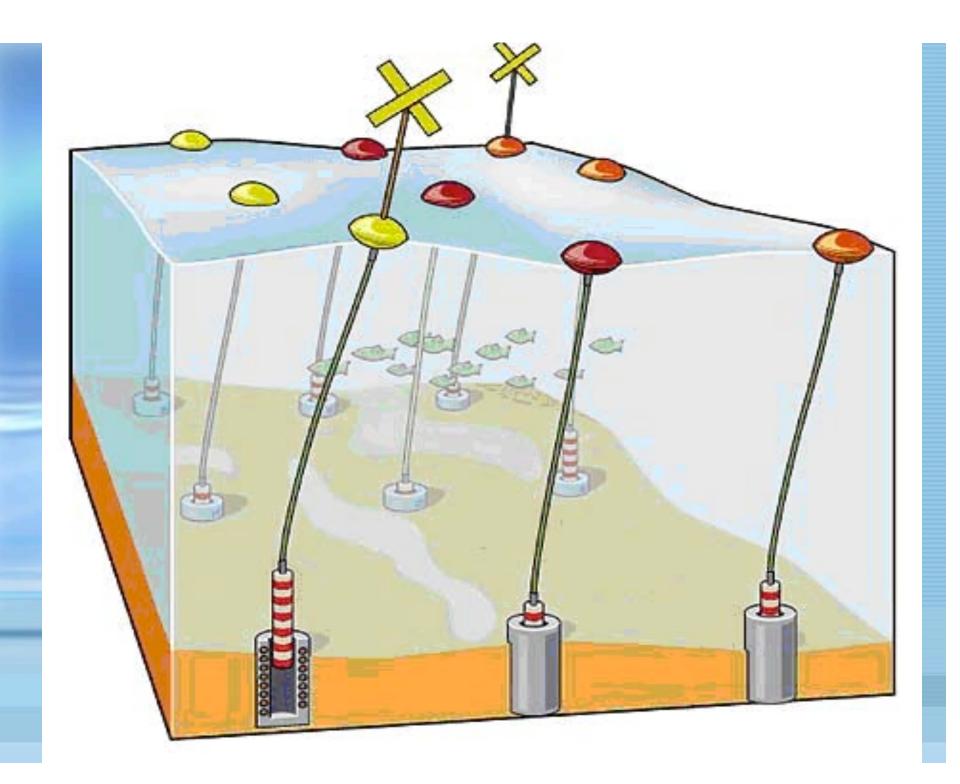


Emerging Technologies

- Magnetic Generator Buoy
- Point Absorber
- Pelamis Wave
 Power Converter
- Other Technologies









Full Scale Pelamis



Issues to be Considered

- Environmental Impacts
- Aesthetic Impacts
- Economic Impacts
- Power Transmission
- Cost

Sonoma County Ocean Energy Considerations

- Previous HF Radar Infrastructure Investment
- Local Governance consistent with sustainable objectives & Ocean Commissions recommendations
- Consistent with IRWMP objectives
- Allows for scalable and manageable benefits
- CeNCOOS member

Estimated Costs

- Review and study of feasibility (\$250,000)
- Field Studies (\$250,000)
- Evaluation of Specific Sites and Technologies (\$250,000)
- Focused Evaluation of Project Alternatives (\$250,000)
- Environmental Report (\$750,000)

Wave of the Future??





