# **BOEM Offshore Renewable Energy Workshop**



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DOE - Offshore Wind and Marine Hydrokinetics (MHK) Overview July 29, 2014 Alana Duerr, Ph.D. Ocean Engineer New West Technologies, LLC In Support of the US Department of Energy - Wind and Water Power Technologies Office

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**Mission:** To accelerate the deployment of wind and water power technologies through improved performance, lower costs, and reduced market barriers.

## WWPTO Role

- Inform citizens and decision makers
- **Convene** leaders and **facilitate** national and international information exchange
- Support innovation partnerships to research, develop, demonstrate, and deploy unique technology solutions to address offshore wind and marine hydrokinetic challenges.





# **Global State of the Offshore Wind** Industry

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## State of the Industry

- 80 projects, 6,800MW installed (end of 2013) primarily in Europe
- Initial projects based on marinized land-based technologies
- Upwind, three blade rotor configuration with • primarily geared generators
- High project and O&M costs contribute to high cost of • energy and project risk

## **Yesterday**

- Bottom fixed (monopiles)
- 2-4MW turbine with geared generator

## Today

- Bottom fixed (jackets, monopiles)
- 4-6 MW turbine with direct drive generator

### **Tomorrow**

- **Floating foundations**
- 6+ MW turbine with direct drive generator

## **Global Leaders**

- Most development in Europe so far – UK leading
- Japan is investing in floating technology development and demonstration
- China has over 5 GW approved, with 500 MW under construction



# U.S. Gross Offshore Wind Resource





# **National Offshore Wind Strategy**



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# **Realizing DOE Goals**





- NREL and Clemson Dynamometer Facilities commissioned in 2013
- Large blade test facility in Massachusetts opened in 2011
- US market reports assessing:
  - Offshore wind vessels (Douglas-Westwood, 2013)
  - Ports report and tool (Garrad Hassan, 2014)
  - Manufacturing and supply chain (Navigant, 2013)
- Environmental studies in progress
  - Biodiversity Research Insititute mid-Atlantic Baseline Surveys
  - Stantec bat offshore habitat use
- Innovative technology development floating and transitional depth system design work on-going

# Offshore Wind Demonstration Projects: Original Selection





# Why Offshore Wind Demos Now?

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# Development of the US offshore wind industry will not look like Europe

 Unique solutions needed for different wave and bottom conditions, hurricanes, and large deep water resource



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# State of the US Industry

- No US offshore wind farms currently exist
- 3 GW are in advanced stages of development along East and Gulf Coasts

# Demo Projects will Reduce Barriers

- Cost of energy reduction
- Clarification of regulatory uncertainties
- Address questions about environmental impacts
- Supply chain will start to develop to support the industry



DOE is in a unique position to jump start the offshore wind industry in the U.S. through targeted investments.



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Drive down the cost of offshore wind with demonstration project innovations





- Create a pathway and advance the regulatory frameworks vital to implementing offshore wind in the U.S.
- Collect environmental data before, during and after construction to inform future siting and approval processes
- Address public concerns associated with the concept of offshore wind







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# Offshore Wind Demonstration Projects: Down-Selected Projects





# **Floating Wind Advantages**

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- Versatility
- Serial production
- No pile-driving needed — 3 or 4 mooring lines and anchors for station keeping
- Quayside assembly and tow-out to site
- No heavy lift ships
- Equipment is removable – not like a hydroelectric dam



# **Floating Wind Advantages**

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# **Floating Wind Advantages**





# Floating Foundations: Statoil Hywind Spar

- Floating spar foundation
- 3-point mooring
- Potential for "float-and-flip" installation concept
- 2-MW demonstration off of Norway in operation since 2009
- Demonstration has experienced
  extreme wave conditions











# Floating Foundations: Principle Power WindFloat



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# Project Highlights

- Semi-submersible foundation
- 16 nm of Coos Bay, Oregon in 1,200 ft of water (350 m)
- Five, 6-MW Siemens turbines
- No heavy-lift vessels required quayside assembly, tow-out installation and tow-in O&M
- Mooring and anchors are preinstalled
- Dynamic electrical cable
  connecting turbines together
- Potential for mass production
- 2-MW WindFloat 1 off of Portugal since 2012

# **MHK Development Opportunities**

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A range of marine resources, each with its own set of unique characteristics and challenges...

leading to a wide variety of technology types and device designs...

none yet mature nor optimized for performance (technical, environmental, cost).

# **MHK Strategic Objectives**



- Prove technical credibility and optimize performance through technology advancement and demonstration
- Strengthen MHK device quality and rigor through comprehensive testing infrastructure and instrumentation
- Quantify operating conditions and reduce siting risk through resource characterization
- Boost investor confidence and reduce regulatory barriers through addressing a wide range of environmental and market barriers.

DOE aims to compress technology development timelines with the goal of reducing the LCOE for MHK devices to local coastal hurdle rates of 12-15 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) by 2030.

# Wave Device Testing Facilities on the West Coast



# California Polytechnic State University California Wave Energy Test Center

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- Open water, grid connected full scale wave test site preliminary design
- Will select from two potential sites near Eureka and Vandenberg AFB
- Builds on previous work from WaveConnect project

# Pacific Marine Energy Center (Newport, OR)

- Grid-connected test facility, to evaluate utility scale wave energy conversion (WEC) device performance, environmental interactions, and survivability
- Builds on previous NNMREC test infrastructure work



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# Environmental Monitoring of MHK Projects

# Fish behavioral responses to MHK devices

- Oregon State University
  - Behavioral response and reefing around WEC devices

# Characterization of generated noise

# Oregon State University

Characterization of WEC generated noise

# University of Washington

 Characterization of turbine generated noise and marine mammal response







# Conclusion

- The Offshore Wind Demonstration Projects are a learning opportunity
  - Highly instrumented with many data collection opportunities
  - Opportunity to study offshore wind before moving into commercial scale development
- Data sharing opportunities for future offshore wind and marine hydrokinetic development
- Communication and collaboration
  - Keep lines of communication open
  - Collaboration with key parties



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