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# Offshore Renewable Energy Future in the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Region

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# Why Renewables?

- ▶ Carbon reduction and climate change
- ▶ Energy security and diversifying the domestic portfolio
- ▶ Clean energy and public health
- ▶ Reduction in water use
- ▶ Regional economic development and jobs



# Marine Renewable Energy Sources



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- ▲ Wave energy
- ▲ Ocean current
- ▲ Tidal currents
- ▲ Offshore wind in shallow water
- ▲ Offshore wind energy in deepwater
- ▲ Ocean Thermal Power Conversion (OTEC)
- ▲ Salinity gradient
- ▲ Marine biomass



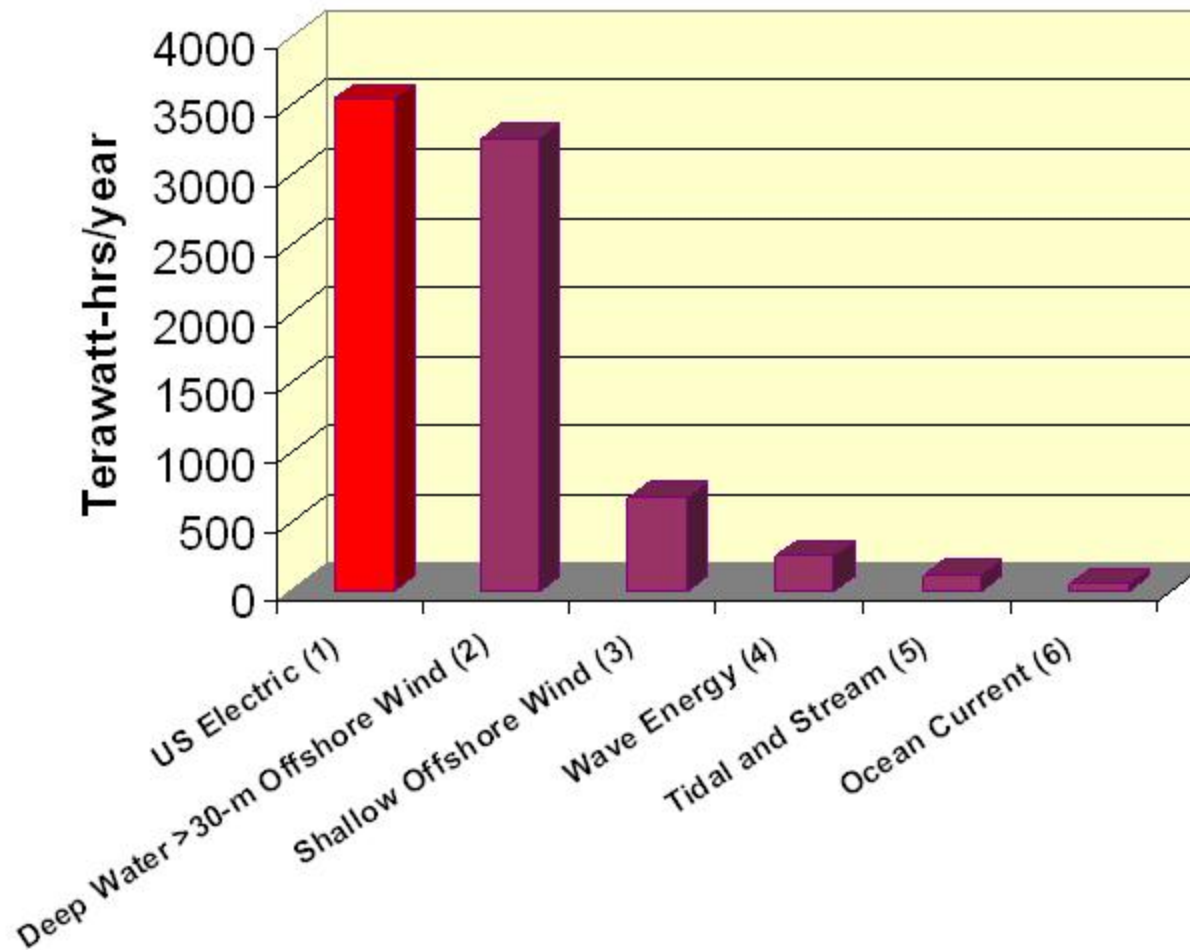
**- No Silver Bullet Solution-  
The Future Energy Supply Will Required a  
Diverse Portfolio of Clean Energy Sources**

# US Marine Renewable Energy Electric Potential Estimates <sup>(7)</sup>



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# *Offshore Wind*



# Why Offshore Wind?



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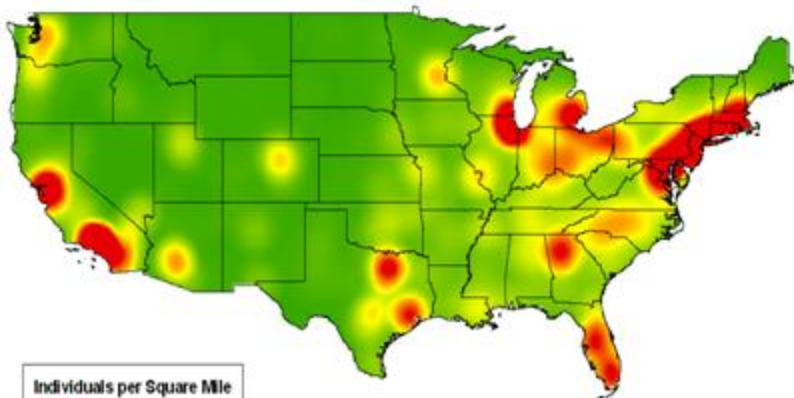
**28 coastal states use 78% of the electricity in US**

*Many coastal load centers are difficult to serve by land-based renewable resources*

*Renewable energy goals cannot be achieved without offshore contributions*

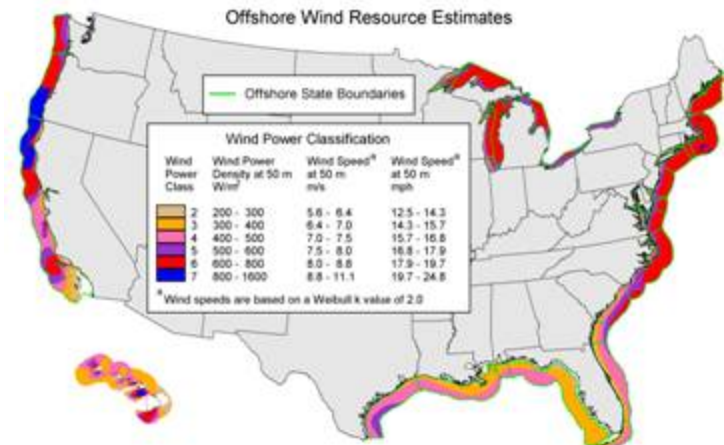
Population Density of the Conterminous United States

## US Population Concentration



Graphic Credit: Bruce Bailey AWS Truewind

## U.S. Wind Resource

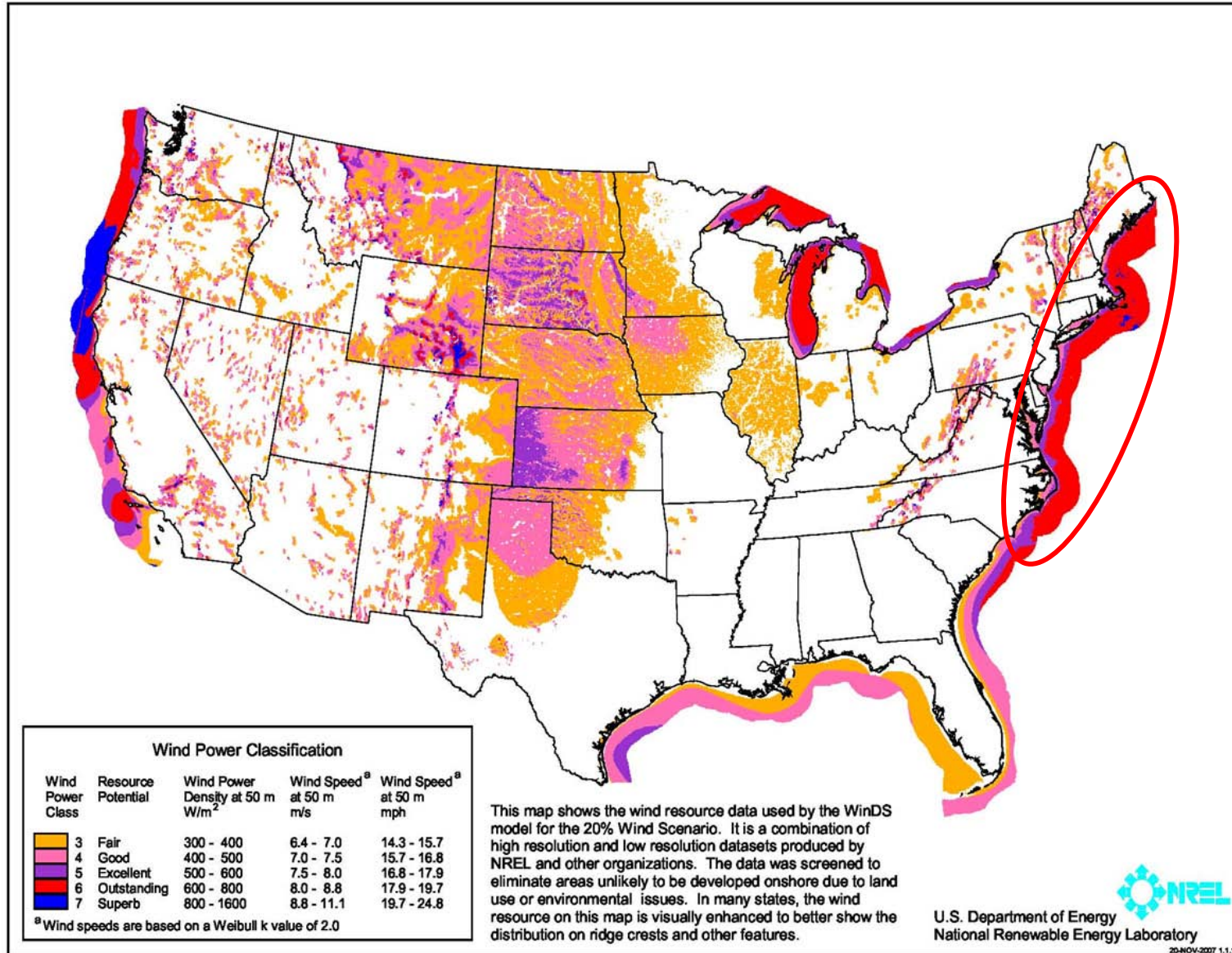


# U.S. Wind Resource Potential at 50 m



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# Offshore Wind Benefits

- ▶ Better wind resources
  - Reduced turbulence – steadier wind
  - Higher mean wind speed
- ▶ Aesthetics – Visual concerns will be less objectionable at greater distances.
- ▶ Increased transmission options
  - Proximity to high value load centers
  - Access to less heavily loaded lines
- ▶ Avoid constraints on turbine size
  - Larger machines may be more economical.
  - **Shipping** – onshore roadway limits
  - **Erection** – onshore crane limits





**Land-based**

**Shallow  
Water**

**Transitional  
Depth**

**Deepwater  
Floating**

**Offshore  
Wind  
Technology**

**Commercially  
Proven  
Technology**

**Demonstration  
Phase**

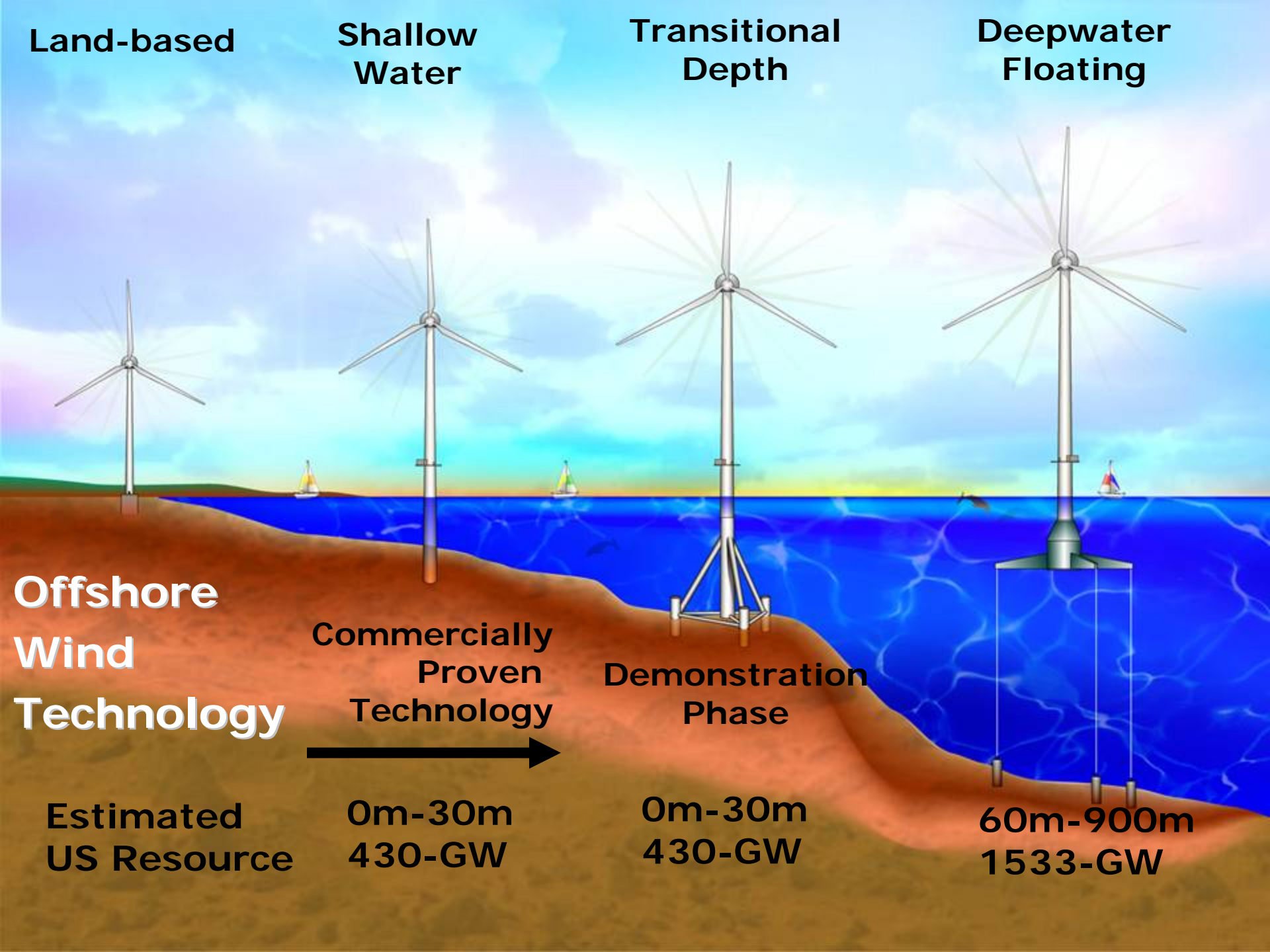


**Estimated  
US Resource**

**0m-30m  
430-GW**

**0m-30m  
430-GW**

**60m-900m  
1533-GW**



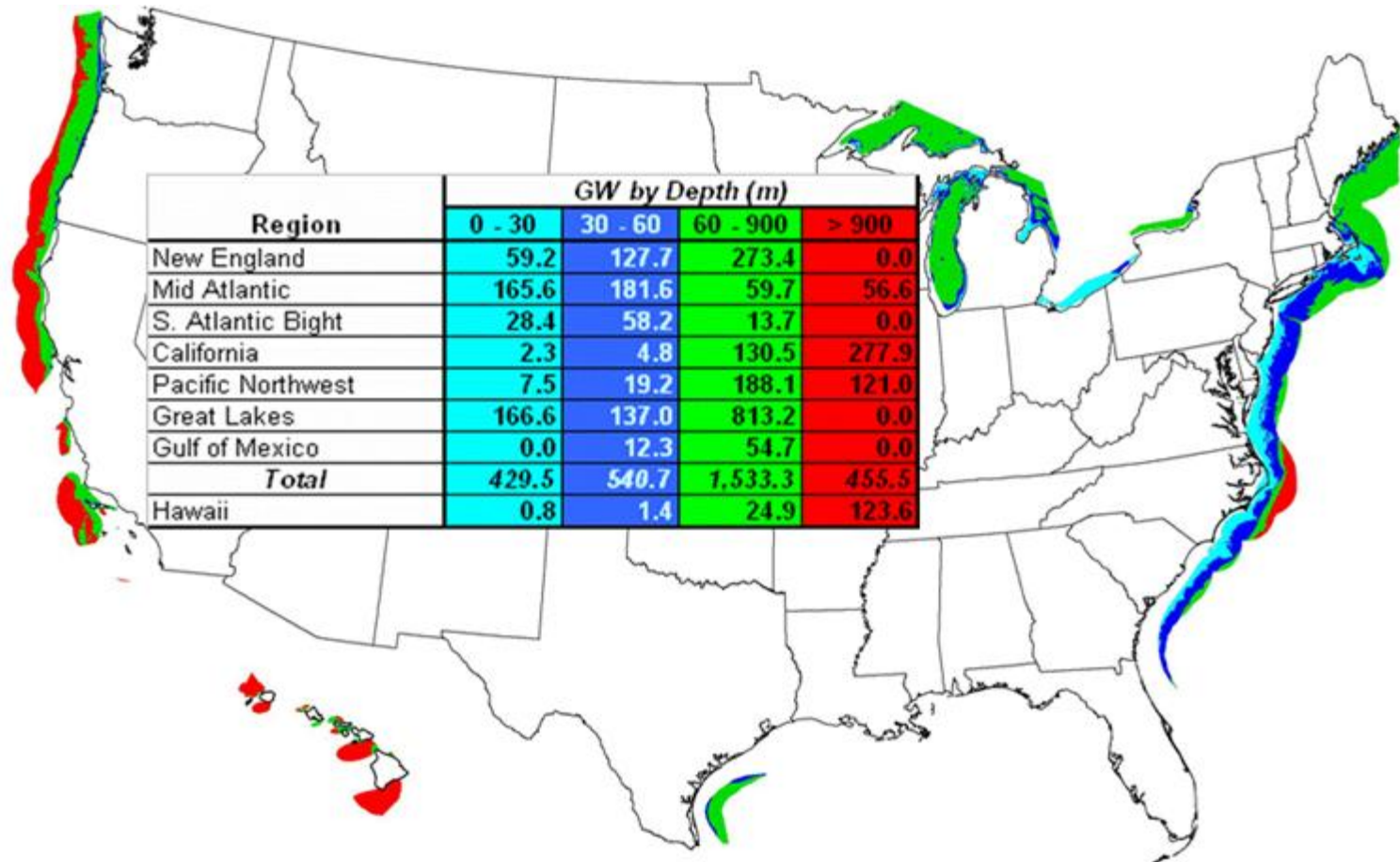
# Resource is Abundant



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**With no exclusions, the US offshore potential is 2500-GW  
One of the largest potential renewable-electric energy sources**

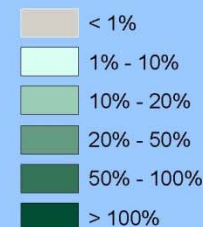


# Potential Electricity Supply from Shallow Offshore Wind by State

*Class 5 or greater wind in waters less than 30 meters deep within 50 nautical miles of shore*

Spain is investing  
€32 Million on  
Deepwater Floating  
Wind Turbines over  
the next five years

Percent of total 2004 state electricity consumption which could potentially be supplied by offshore wind resources of Class 5 or greater in waters less than 30 meters in depth within 50 nautical miles of shore. No offshore areas were excluded in this analysis.



Pacific Ocean

Atlantic Ocean

Gulf of Mexico

0 250 500 1,000 Kilometers

0 150 300 600 Miles

February 12, 2007

Data Source: 200702musial\_osbystate\_rev3.xls

Map produced by  
U.S. Department of Energy  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory





# Projects and Initiatives Proposed

## No U.S. Offshore Wind Projects Installed

US Offshore Wind Initiatives

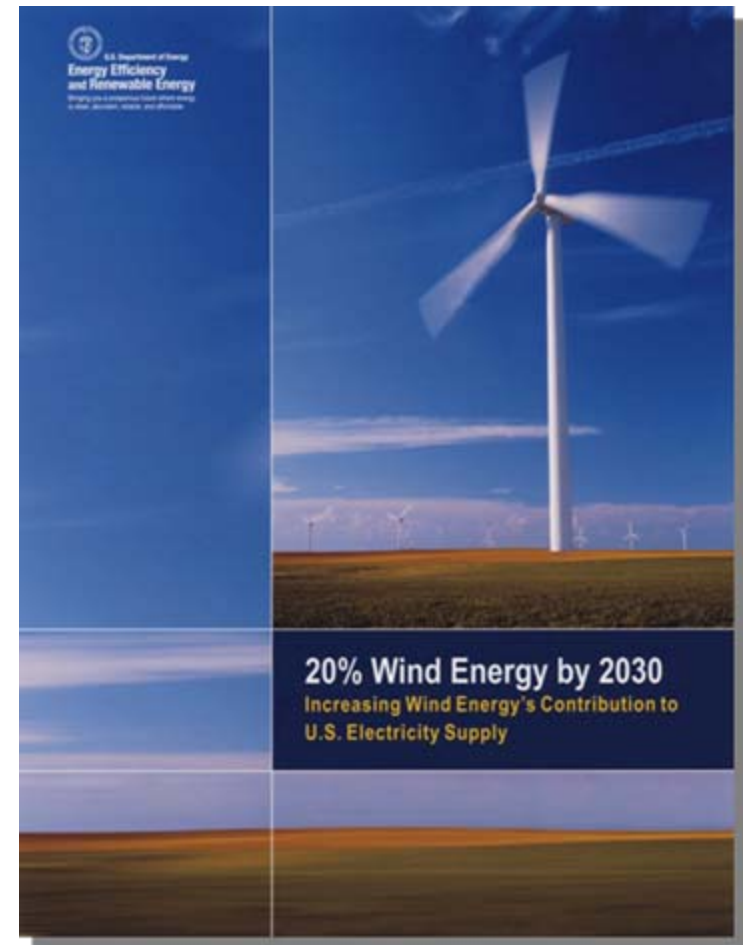
Project	State	MW
Capewind	MA	420
Hull Municipal	MA	15
Buzzards Bay	MA	300
Block Island (DeepWater Wind)	RI	400
Winergy	NY	10
New Jersey (BPU)	NJ	350
Delmarva	DE	<600
Southern Company	GA	10
W.E.S.T.	TX	150
Cuyahoga County	OH	20
<b>Total MW</b>		<b>2275</b>



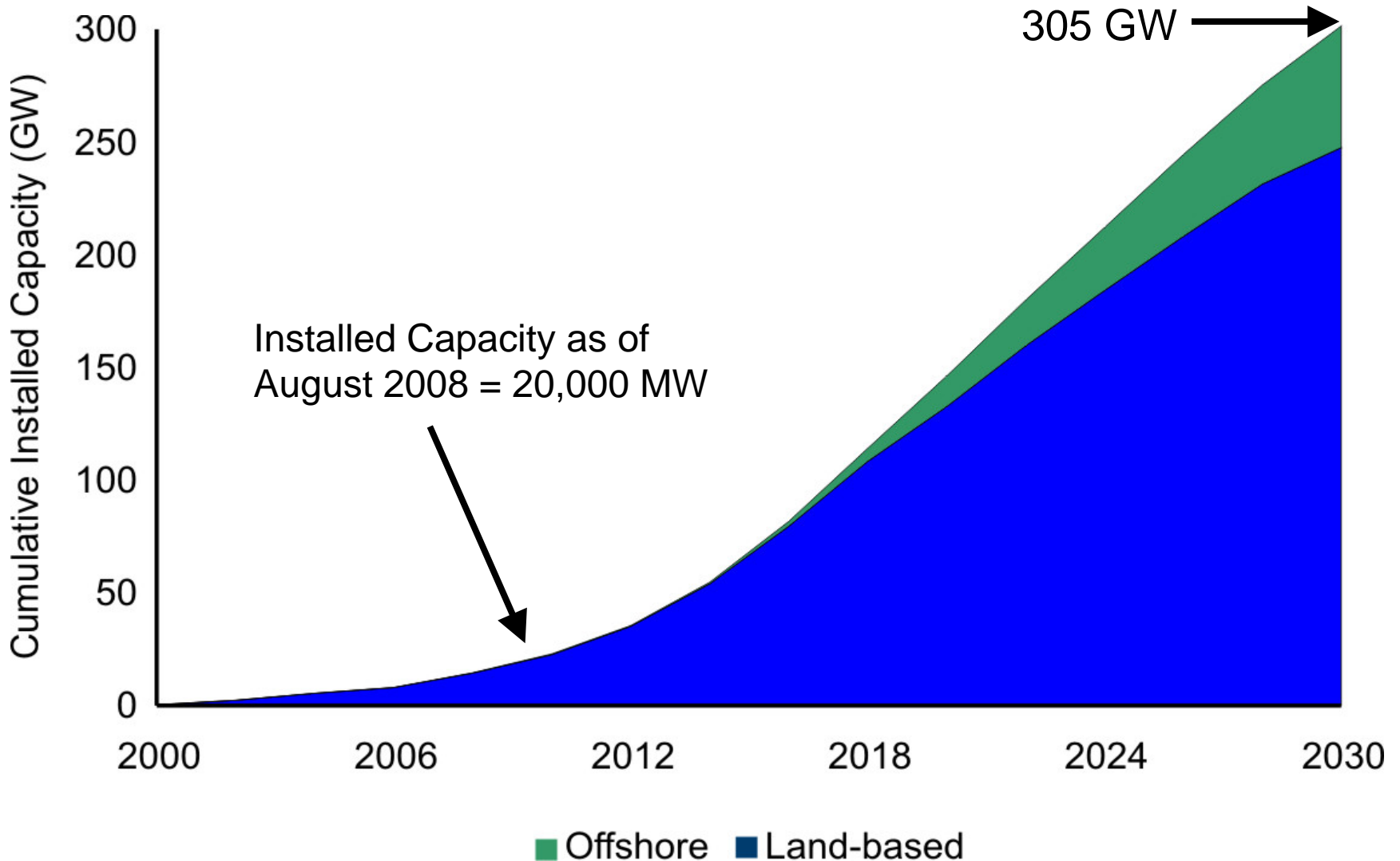


# The 20% Wind Energy Scenario

- U.S. electricity consumption will grow 39% from 2005 to 2030 -- to 5.8 billion MWh (Source: EIA)
- No major breakthroughs in technology needed
- 20% electricity would require 300 GW (300,000 MW) of wind
- Affordable, accessible wind resources available across the nation
- Cost to integrate wind modest
- Emissions reductions and water savings
- Transmission a challenge
- Environmental risks and human dimensions



# DOE's 20% Wind Scenario: 54 GW Offshore Wind



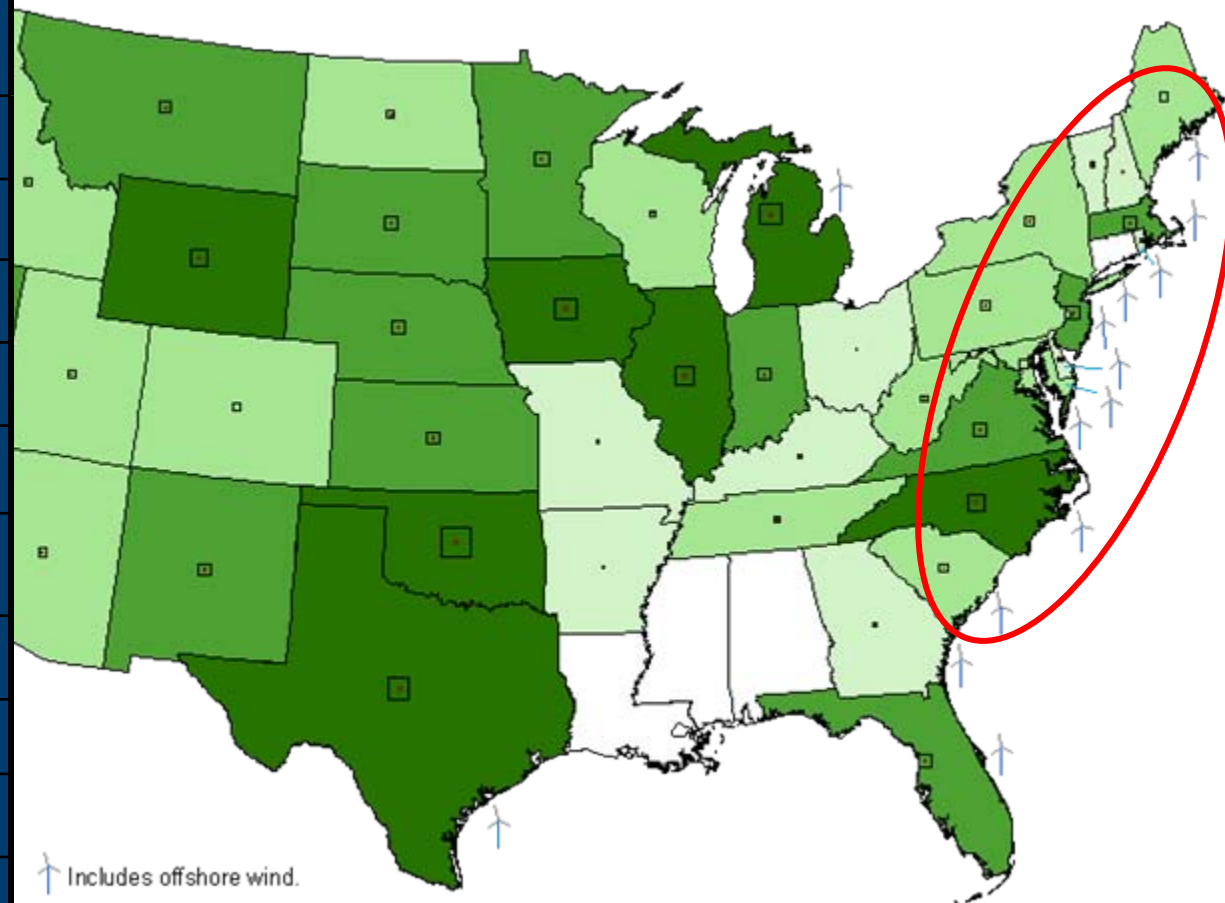
# 20% Scenario: Shallow Offshore Installed Capacity



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State	20% Installed Capacity (GW)
DE	0.66
MA	7.53
MD	1.27
ME	2.01
NC	10.44
NJ	9.85
NY	2.69
RI	0.97
SC	3.13
VA	6.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>45.12 GW</b>



# ***Marine Hydrokinetic Energy***



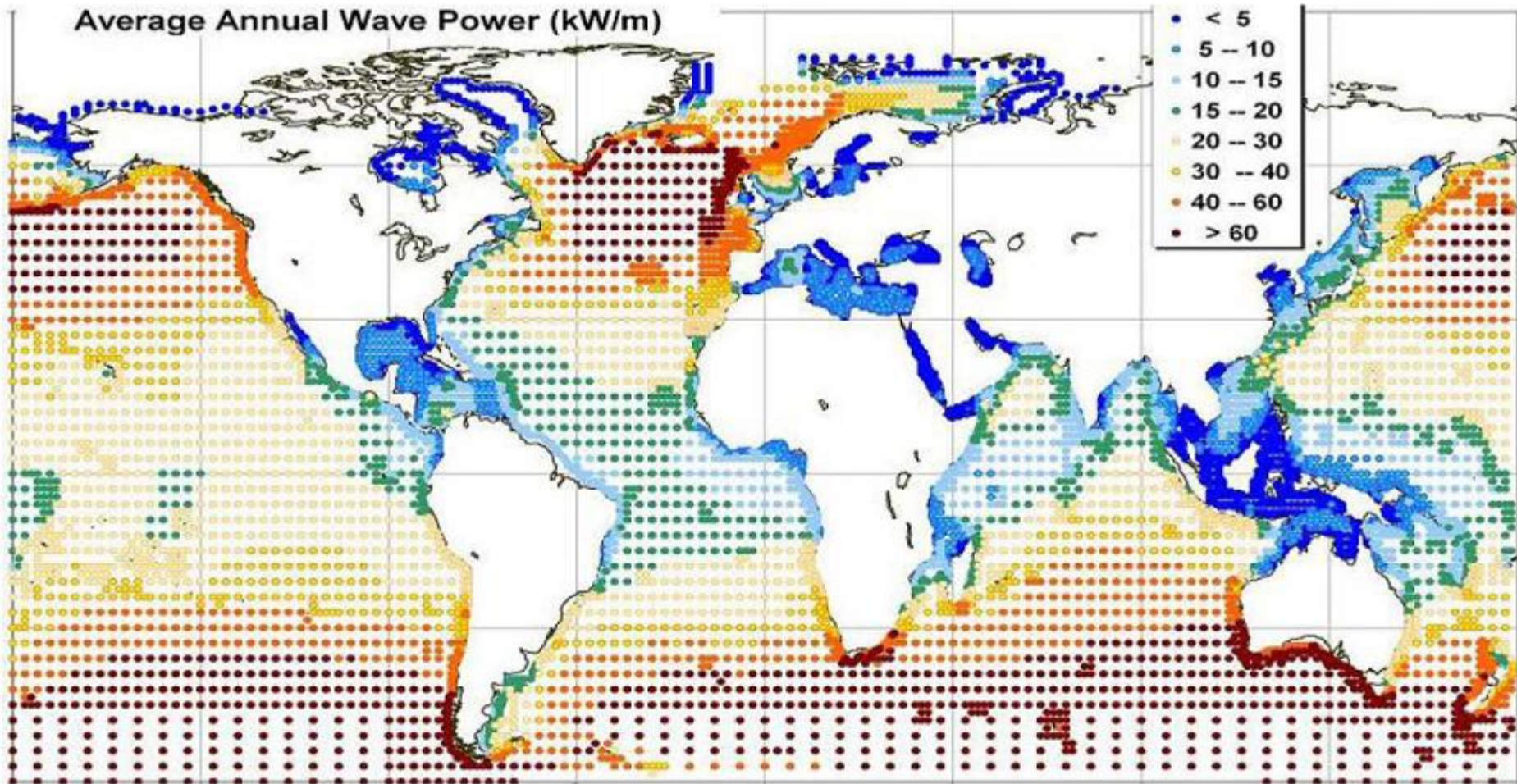


# Ocean Wave Energy Distribution



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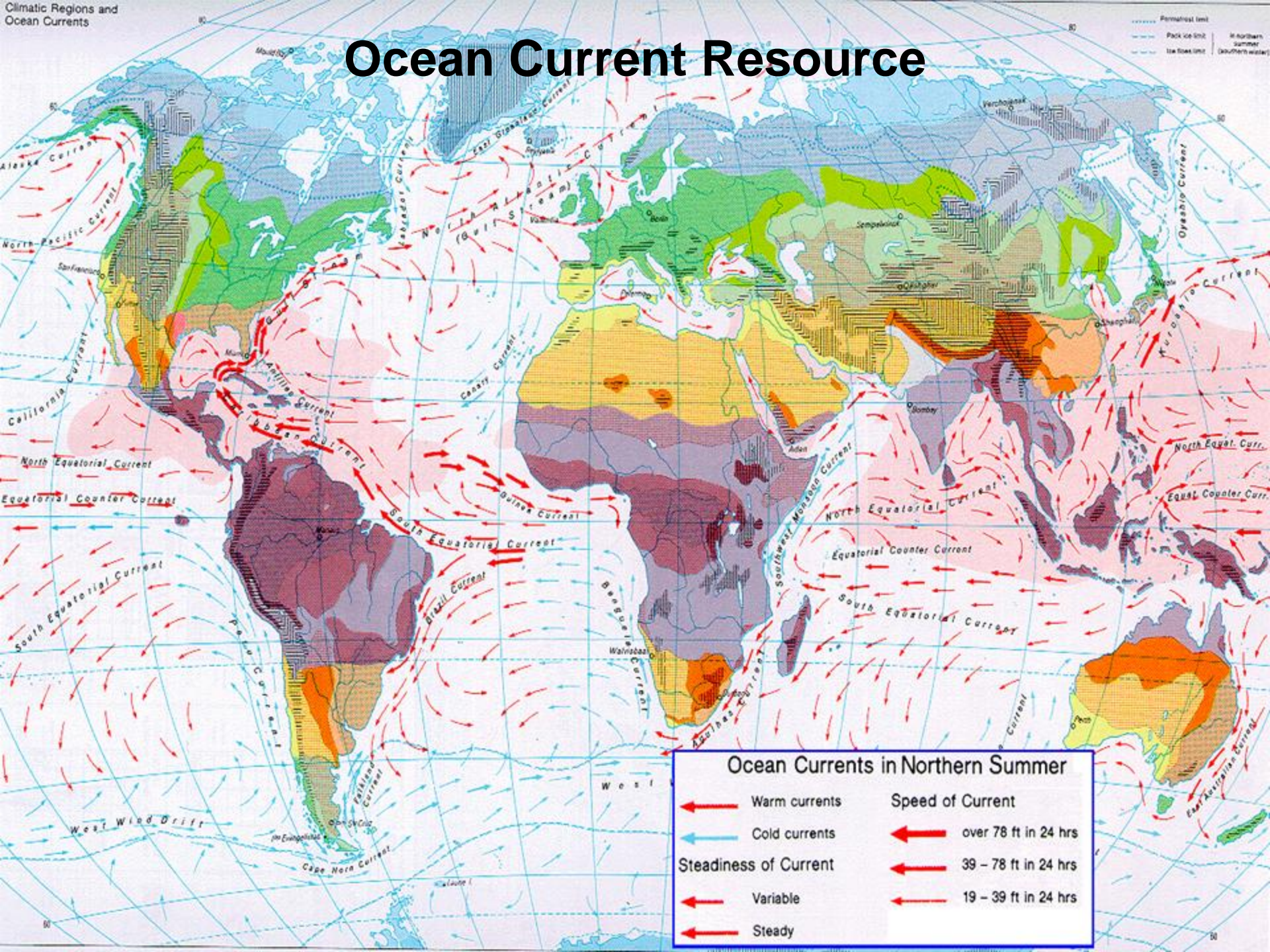
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(Source: ECMWF, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts)



# Ocean Current Resource



Perennial limit  
 Pack ice limit  
 Ice flow limit  
 If northern summer  
 (southern winter)

**Ocean Currents in Northern Summer**

← Warm currents	<b>Speed of Current</b>
← Cold currents	← over 78 ft in 24 hrs
<b>Steadiness of Current</b>	← 39 – 78 ft in 24 hrs
← Variable	← 19 – 39 ft in 24 hrs
← Steady	



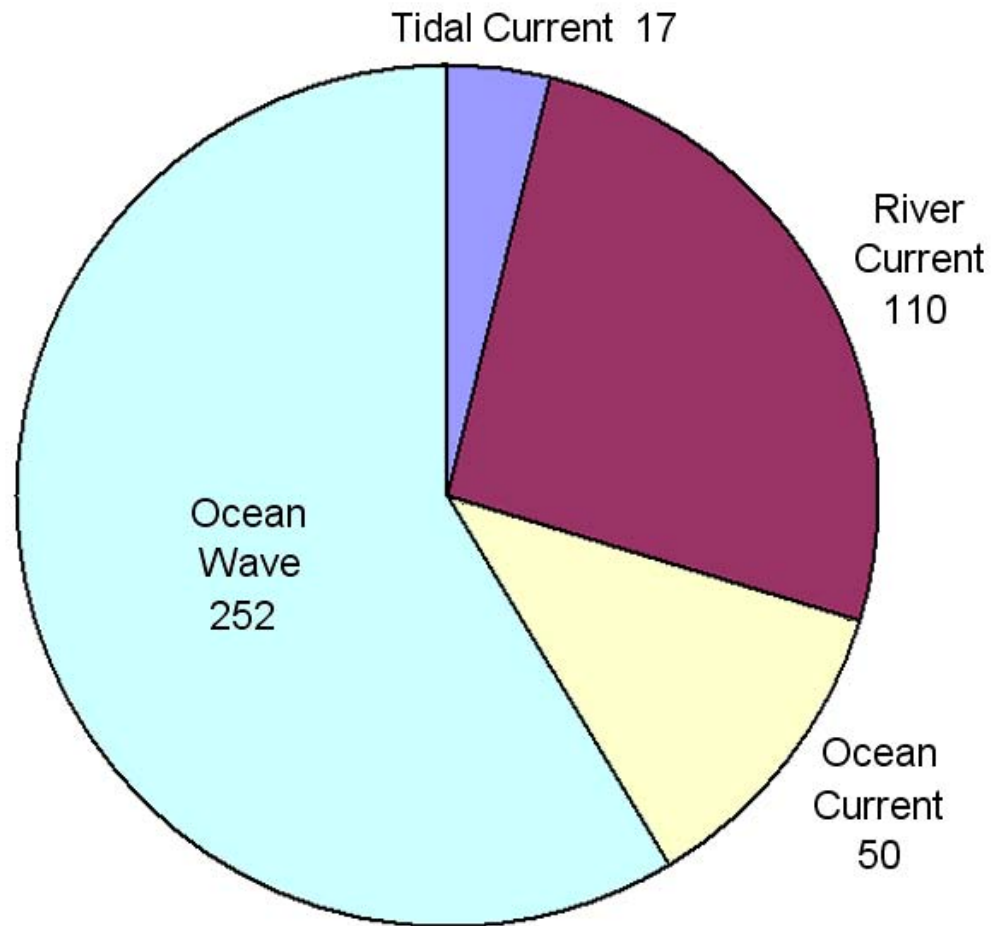
# U.S. Marine Hydrokinetic Energy Resource Production Potential



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## Hydrokinetic Production Potential (TWh/yr)



# Two Basic Forms of Marine Hydrokinetic Energy



## CURRENTS

- Activating force flows in same direction for at least a few hours
- Tidal, river, and ocean variants
- Conversion technology is some sort of submerged turbine



## WAVES

- Activating force reverses direction every 5 to 20 seconds
- Conversion technology can be floating or submerged, with a wide variety of devices still being invented and developed



# US Marine Hydrokinetic Energy Resource Issues

- Resource estimates are incomplete
- High uncertainty
- Extraction limits are preliminary and unproven.
- Energy extraction dependent on device type, environment, and regional demand.
- Much work is needed to establish contribution to national energy strategy.
- Maximum potential approximately equal to conventional hydro (EPRI)

# Wave Energy Devices Are Highly Diverse

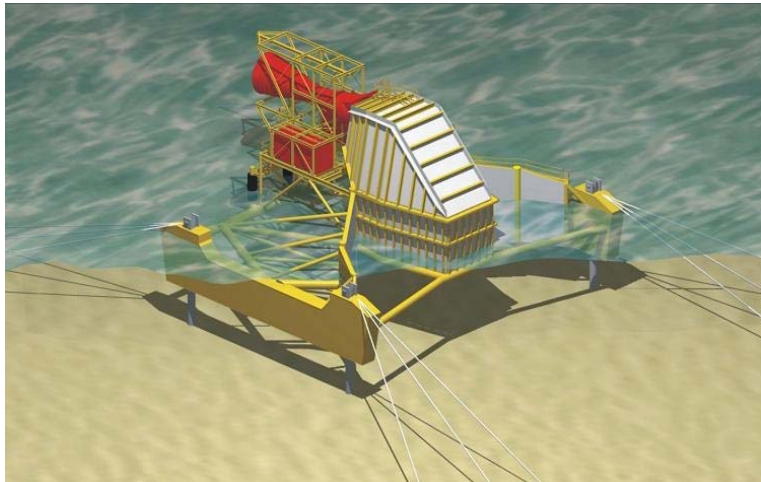


Floating  
**Point Absorber**  
(*AquaBuOY*)



Floating  
**Attenuator**  
(*Pelamis*)

Oscillating Water Column  
**Terminator** (*Oceanlinx*)

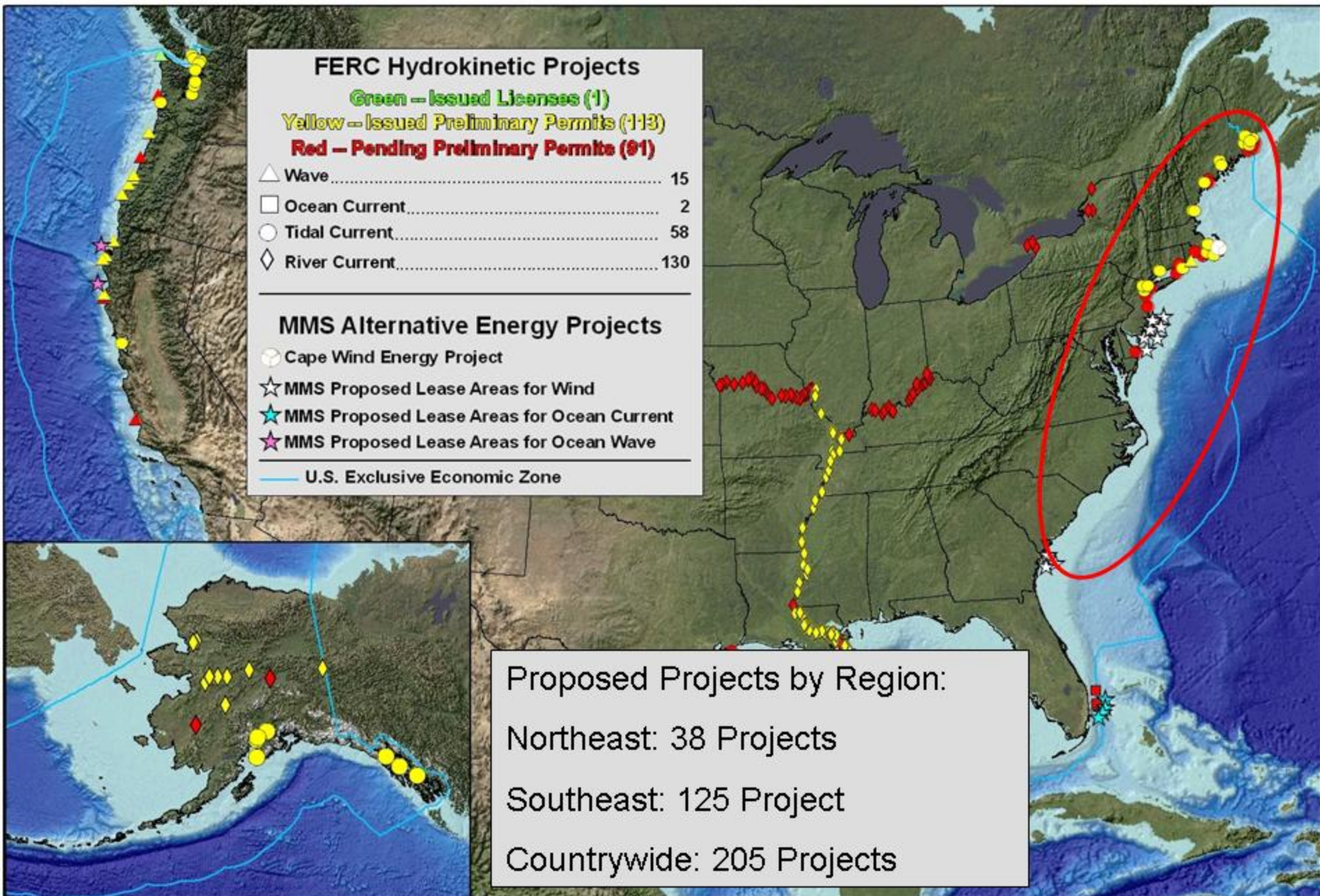


Floating Overtopping  
**Terminator** (*Wave Dragon*)





# FERC Hydrokinetic Projects and MMS Alternative Energy Projects in the U.S.





# ***Coastal Zone Impacts***



# Selected Offshore Wind Energy Environmental Documents from the U.S.

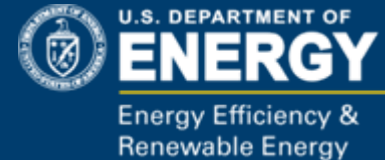


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Project Name	Organization	Environmental Documentation
Cape Wind	MMS	Cape Wind Draft EIS January 2008
Long Island Power Authority	MMS	Notice of Intent to Prepare June 2006 <b>Never completed</b>
New Jersey	NJBPU	Blue Ribbon Panel on Development of Wind Turbine Facilities in Coastal Waters Final Report
Proposed Rule: Alternative Energy and Alternate Use of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf	MMS	Environmental Assessment of Proposed Rule July 2008
National Program	MMS	Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement November 2007 Record of Decision January 2008

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Project Name	Organization	Environmental Documentation
Oahu Kaneohe, HI Ocean Power Technologies	Department of the Navy	Environmental Assessment January 2003
Makah Bay, WA Finavera	FERC	Draft EA October 2006
Verdant Power	Verdant	Studies ongoing during test phase; To be released in FERC license application
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# Potential Environmental Risks

- ▲ Seabed sediments
- ▲ Marine and coastal processes
- ▲ Seabed contamination
- ▲ Water quality

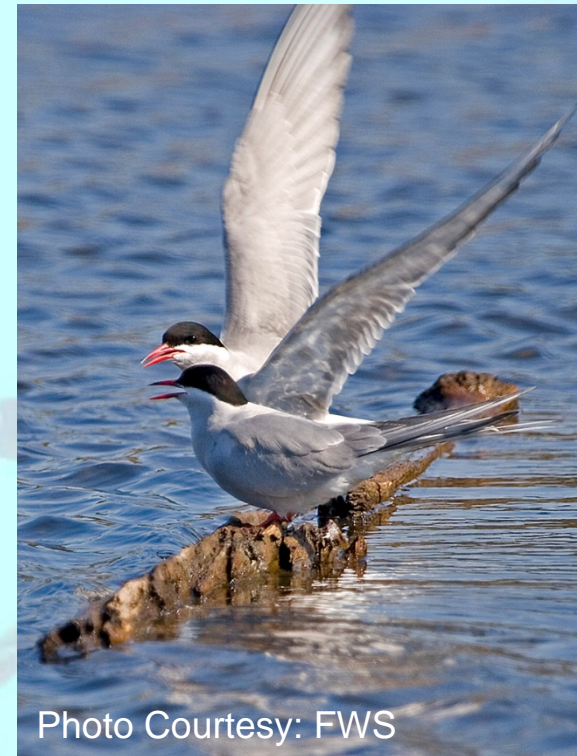


Photo Courtesy: FWS



Photo Courtesy: NOAA

# Potential Environmental Risks



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- ▶ Protected sites and species
- ▶ Benthic ecology
- ▶ Fish and shellfish/ Fisheries
- ▶ Marine birds
- ▶ Marine mammals

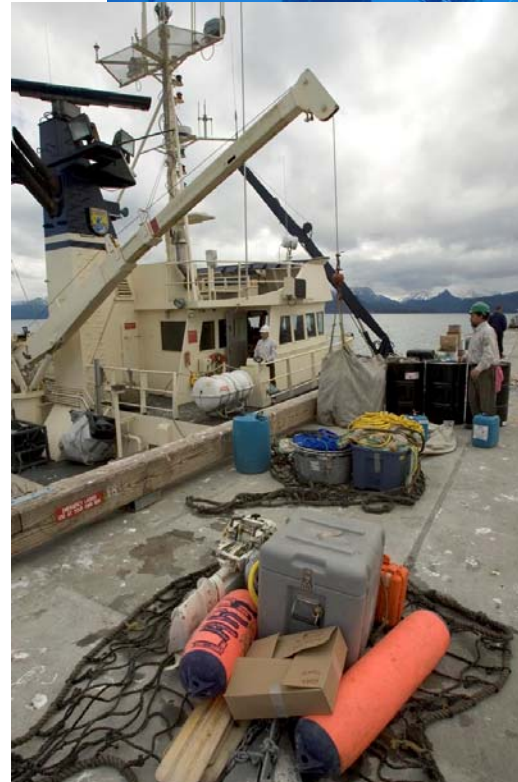
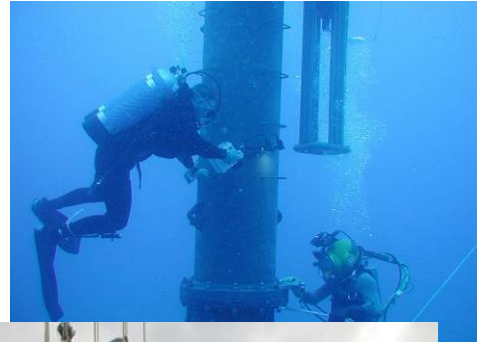
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# Potential Project Risks

- ▶ Cables and pipelines
- ▶ Military activities
- ▶ Radar security screening
- ▶ Disposal areas
- ▶ Electronic and magnetic fields
- ▶ Onshore grid connection
- ▶ Noise and vibrations
- ▶ Decommissioning





# Community and Human Dimensions



- ▶ Worker health and safety
- ▶ Integrity of coastal communities
- ▶ Tourism and recreation
- ▶ Aesthetics
- ▶ Cultural/historic views
- ▶ Property values
- ▶ Fisheries
- ▶ Shipping and navigation
- ▶ Local community and involvement



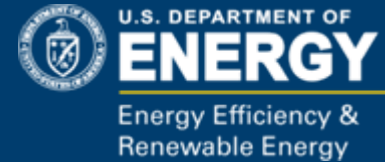
**Pre-visualization of the Horns Rev wind farm from Blåvands Huk (above) and actual post-construction photograph from Blåvands Huk (below)  
(Credit: DONG Energy)**



- ▶ Core funding for initiation of the Offshore Wind Collaborative
- ▶ Proposal review in competitive solicitations (RI and NJ)
- ▶ IEA Wind and Ocean Energy Annexes
- ▶ Marine Hydrokinetic R&D funding:
  - **Verdant Power Inc. (New York, N.Y.)** Improved structure and fabrication of large, high-power kinetic hydropower systems rotors for tidal turbines.
  - **Concepts ETI, Inc (White River Junction, Vt.)** Development and demonstration of an Ocean Wave Converter (OWC) Power System.
  - **Lockheed Martin Corporation (Manassas, Va.)** Advanced Composite Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) cold water pipe project.
  - **PCCI, Inc. (Alexandria, Va.)** Identification of potential navigational impacts and mitigation measures to provide improved guidance to help developers understand how marine and hydrokinetic devices can be sited to minimize navigational impact and to expedite the U.S. Coast Guard review process.



Thank you!



Questions?

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## Wave Energy Resources

Available at [www.epri.com/oceanenergy/](http://www.epri.com/oceanenergy/)

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2. New England – “Southern New England Wave Energy resource Potential” March 2001, George Hagerman
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5. California: California Small Hydropower and Ocean Wave Energy Resources” May 2005, Mike Kane, Asfaw Beyenne, Mirko Previsic

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7. EPRI TP- 003 Site Survey Reports
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9. Coriolis Program: A Review of the Status of the Ocean Turbine Energy System” Lissaman & Rackey, AeroVironment, 1979

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## Slide 4: Assumptions

1. U.S. electric consumption based on 2005 EIA statistics.
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3. Class 5 wind or better; depths between 0-m and 30-m; included; 60% exclusions; HI and AK not included; 0-50nm from shore; 45% cap factor; Source NREL.
4. 15% of incident wave energy; 20% conversion losses; AK and HI Included; Wave climate 10kW/m or better; Source EPRI.
5. Estimated from aggregate siting studies; 15% extraction permitted; In stream river kinetic estimated by EPRI.
6. Estimated from *Coriolis Study*, *Aquantis*, and FAU; Miami/Gulf Stream region only, 57% capacity factor; 10-GW rated capacity.
7. OTEC, salinity gradient, marine biomass not evaluated.

## Slide 19: Assumptions

**Ocean Wave** - 15% of incident wave energy; 20% conversion losses; AK and HI Included; Wave climate 10kW/m or better.

**Tidal Current** estimated from aggregate siting studies; 15% extraction permitted; Incomplete.

**River Current** estimated in 1986 NYU study; EPRI has estimated a few specific sites.

**Ocean Current** estimated from *Coriolis Study* and by *Aquantis*; Miami/Gulf Stream region only, 57% capacity factor; 10 GW rated capacity.