

**Ocean Policy Advisory Council
Wave Energy Working Group
October 9, 2006
Newport, OR**

The Wave Energy Work Group held a short meeting to share information about recent actions and events that were occurring around wave energy in Oregon and nationally. A summary of the August 8, 2006 WEWG meeting was distributed.

A report was provided by Jeff Kroft of Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) on the State Land Board's approval of the department's efforts to begin the rule-making process for leasing of the seafloor for wave energy projects. The agency's authority covers projects that would impact state-owned land which includes the territorial seabed. The language for the rule likely will be similar to that used in the rule for leasing the seafloor for fiber-optics cables.

Greg McMurray informed the work group members that Ann Miles from FERC will participate in tomorrow's meeting, providing a presentation.

There is a Minerals Management Service (MMS) meeting scheduled for October 16 and 17 in Salem to discuss the Services renewable energy rulemaking.

Amy Windrope from PISCO (Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans) at OSU reported that she has begun work with Dr. George Boehlert of the Hatfield Marine Science Center to organize a science workshop that could be held in February or March of 2007 to focus on the ecological effects of wave energy projects.

The Oregon Solutions Team had an October 4 meeting in Reedsport on Ocean Power Technology's Reedsport project. OPAC participants included McMurray, Hartmann, McMullen and Husing. The Solutions process is seeking agreement among stakeholders around the one-buoy and 13-buoy array. The Solutions Team process is derived from the Governor's Sustainability executive order and legislation. The process will focus for six to eight months on just the Reedsport project. About 25-30 people are involved on the Solutions Team, including local people from Reedsport.

Hartmann introduced the group to Part Two of the Territorial Sea Plan and recommended that it be reviewed in the near future by WEWG participants, so they can become familiar with its content and be able to offer options to the full OPAC for potential use of components of Part Two for reviewing and assessing wave energy projects. Components of Part Two that could be applicable to wave energy projects and helpful to the agencies and the OPAC include: the requirements for conducting an inventory of all aspects of the proposed ocean development project; requirements for assessing an ocean development project; approving a "limited environmental disturbance" as a way to study a proposals potential ecological and economic impacts; and establishing a joint review panel to advise the OPAC on projects and/or on cumulative effects of projects.