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## Scottish Renewables' Marine Conference

SR's Marine Conference took place in Edinburgh on 26 September. [Check out what was on the agenda.](#)

Conference attendees heard from Scottish Government's Director of Energy and Climate Change, Kersti Berge, as well as other industry speakers covering themes as diverse as corporate PPAs, leveraging finance and effective political messaging.

All delegates were invited to join [a free business breakfast event hosted by the University of the Highlands and Islands](#) to hear more on the university's marine energy activities, as well as a lunchtime event on the Europe Leading Blue Energy (ELBE) Project, [hosted by Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group.](#)



## Scottish Renewables visits Orkney

Scottish Renewables' Chief Executive Claire Mack and Deputy Chief Executive Jenny Hogan visited Orkney this summer and found "a remote but forward-thinking testbed for the future of energy".

Read more about their trip in [this blog](#), and find out why a comment from a hotel receptionist provided heartening news for the marine industry.

## Setting out the socio-economic benefits of marine energy development

Scottish Renewables is working with industry representatives to produce a short paper clearly setting out the wider benefits of marine energy.

The report will have a UK focus and will highlight how, with the right support in place, marine energy meets UK Government's Industrial Strategy asks and other objectives, including those of the devolved nations and the inclusive growth agenda.

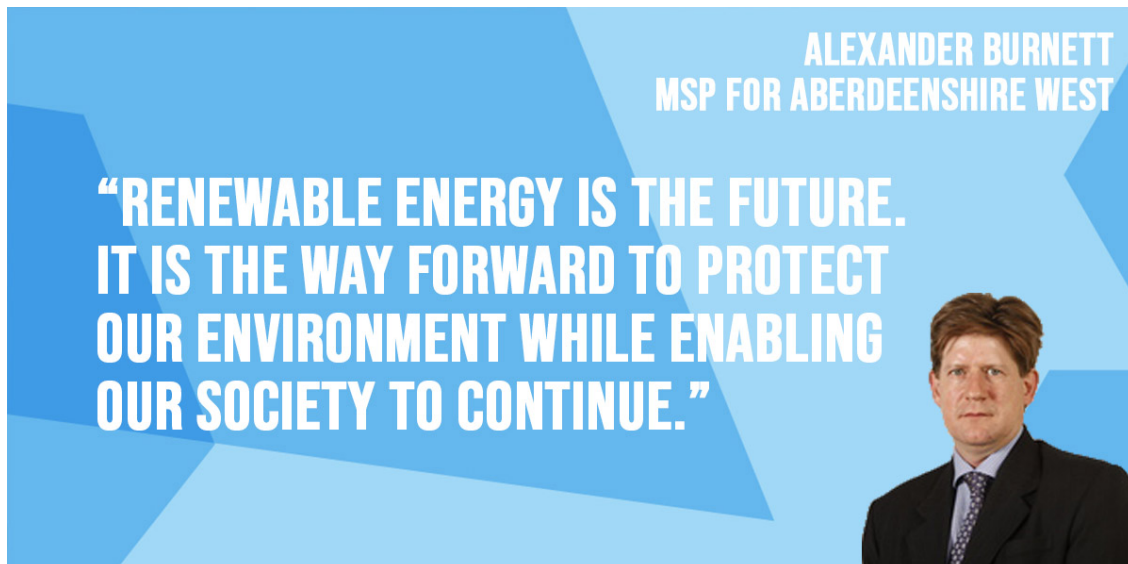
It will form part of the UK Marine Energy Council's ongoing work on future support models, and will be used to inform the Scottish Government's Ministerial Marine Energy Liaison Group.

Please contact Senior Policy Manager [Hannah Smith](#) if you would like to know more.

## Holyrood Debate

Scottish Renewables worked with Liam McArthur MSP to secure a [Members' Business Debate](#) on the Marine Energy Industry's Potential to Grow in the Scottish Parliament.

Cross-party contributions celebrated the successes of wave and tidal technologies and discussed Scotland's vast marine potential.



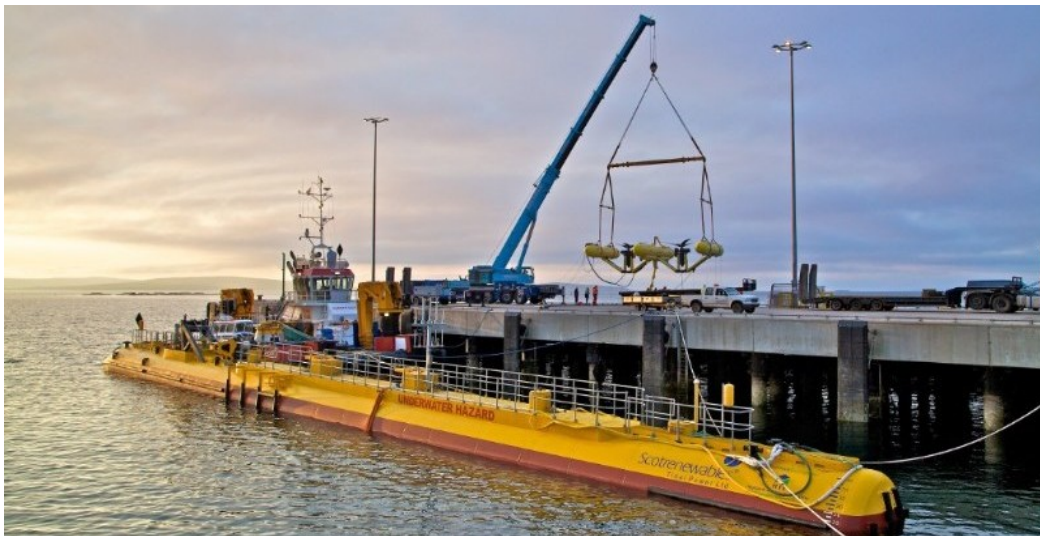
## Media Reaction: Orbital Marine Power's achievement

Orbital Marine Power (formerly Scotrenewables) announced in August that its 2MW floating tidal stream turbine has generated over 3GWh of renewable electricity in its first year at EMEC in Orkney.

Responding, Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said:

"This milestone for the tidal energy industry truly demonstrates the untapped potential of this emerging sector.

"Scotland's remarkable marine energy resource has placed us front and centre in developing this industry with global potential."



## National Marine Plan Review 2018

A report of the first review of Scotland's National Marine Plan was published in March.

The report reflects feedback provided by SR, as well as a range of public authorities, marine industries and users. Scottish Ministers will now consider the review and decide whether to replace or amend the plan.

## Media Reaction: Nova Innovation

Tidal energy developer and Scottish Renewables member Nova Innovation was granted an extension of its seabed lease at the Shetland Tidal Array in May – the world's first.

Commenting, Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said:

"Nova Innovation's work in Shetland shows how far this industry has come, and is playing a key role in making sure it continues to progress.

"Local supply chains, thriving coastal communities and the chance to capitalise on a potential multi-billion pound global market are, with the right support, all within our grasp."

## Marine Scotland - bringing the offshore energy and fisheries sectors together

Scottish Renewables' Policy Manager [Stephanie Conesa](#) attended a Marine Scotland meeting of representatives from the offshore energy and fisheries sectors on May 31 to discuss best practice for co-existence and mitigation in line with Scotland's National Marine Plan.

Scottish Renewables is committed to working constructively with government and other marine sectors as offshore renewable developments progress.

## Where renewables fit in our crowded seas

The [Multi-Use in European Seas \(MUSES\)](#) project is a two-year [Horizon 2020](#) funded project co-ordinated by [Marine Scotland](#), exploring the opportunities for encouraging collaboration and reducing conflict between sectors in the five EU sea basins.

The second workshop, *Embracing Opportunities – Ocean Multi-Use Action Plan Development*, was hosted in Venice on June 27 by [Thetis SpA](#).

Scottish Renewables' Policy Manager Stephanie Conesa attended the workshop and reflects on the project in [this blog](#).





## SpORRan Coordination Group meeting

Scottish Renewables' Policy Manager [Stephanie Conesa](#) attended a Marine Scotland meeting of the Scottish Offshore Renewables Research Framework (SpORRAn) Coordination Group. This was an opportunity to discuss progress updates on each specialist group and its corresponding evidence map, as well as funding opportunities and future plans.

Scottish Renewables is committed to working with relevant stakeholders to identify gaps in knowledge and research priorities to support offshore and marine renewable energy developments.

### Media Reaction: ORE Catapult report

Scottish Renewables responded to [a report published by the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult](#) in April which assessed the value in further public support for the tidal stream and wave energy industries.

[Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables](#), said: "This report shows that with even modest global deployment the sector could rapidly reduce its costs, drive economic growth in rural communities and export around the world."

## Scottish Government Marine Energy Industry Group meeting

SR's Deputy Chief Executive, Jenny Hogan, attended the Scottish Government's [Marine Energy Industry Working Group](#) in September. The Ministerial government-industry liaison group discussed the latest updates on academic research on the sector, priority messages for the Ocean Energy Europe conference in Edinburgh in October, cost reduction pathway analysis and future revenue support needs.

### Marine Scotland Consenting and Licensing Manual for Offshore Wind, Wave and Tidal Energy Applications

Marine Scotland has published its [Consenting and Licensing Manual for Offshore Wind, Wave and Tidal Energy Applications](#). This document provides guidance on applying for consents and marine licences for offshore renewable energy projects within both Scottish Territorial Waters (out to 12 nm) and Scottish Offshore Waters (12-200 nm).

This updates and replaces the draft Marine Scotland Licensing and Consents Manual (2013). It is a live document and comments are welcome.

## Media Reaction: Swansea tidal lagoon

An announcement by the UK Government on June 25 means that the Swansea Tidal Lagoon project will not be going ahead.

Responding, Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "While this project will not go ahead, it's crucial to remember that the UK maintains a world lead in developing wave and tidal energy.

"These sectors in Scotland are at the forefront of marine energy innovation, with a number of significant achievements over the past 12 months, helping drive the cost reductions which will assist them to fully commercialise."

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