

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor



Date: August 23, 2006
To: Scott McMullen, Chair, Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC)
From: Jessica Hamilton, Governor's Natural Resources Office
Re: Wave Energy

As you know, Governor Kulongoski has identified renewable energy development as one of his highest priorities, and is particularly excited about the energy and economic development potential of developing commercial wave energy projects at appropriate locations off the coast of Oregon.

The Governor has very recently initiated a process to pull together a statewide stakeholder group around the topic of wave energy. Initially, the group will focus on developing consensus around the steps required for Ocean Power Technologies to obtain a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the establishment of a wave energy facility off the coast at Reedsport, in Douglas County. Governor Kulongoski is hopeful that this process could be replicated to facilitate wave energy siting and development along the Oregon coast.

The Governor would appreciate OPAC's support for his effort, which could include:

- (1) Identifying an OPAC member for this stakeholder group, possibly playing a convening role along the lines of the Oregon Solutions model; and
- (2) Identifying other coastal interests outside of OPAC who should be engaged and helping to make sure that coastal issues are adequately covered in the stakeholder process.

David Van't Hof, Governor Kulongoski's Sustainability Advisor, will be the primary representative for the Governor on wave energy. I will continue to serve as a liaison between OPAC and David as he initiates the stakeholder process.

We look forward to working with you on this important effort.