



# Marine Operations and Logistics for Wave Energy Conversion Devices

Marine Corps Base, Oahu, Hawaii

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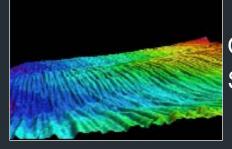
- Founded in Hawaii in 1973, Sea Engineering, Inc. provides marine engineering, construction and diving services.
- Currently have four offices in Hawaii and California and serve professional, business and industrial firms; marine contractors; government agencies and research institutions globally.

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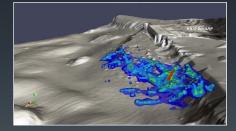
#### **Core Competencies**



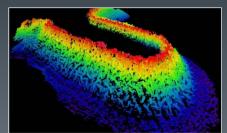
Coastal Engineering



Oceanographic Studies



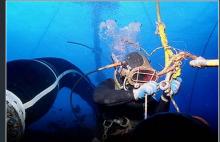
Marine Environmental Studies



Hydrographic & Geophysical Surveys











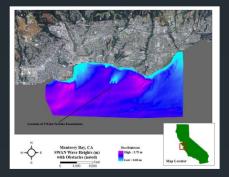
Commercial Diving

**Boat Services** 

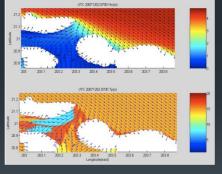
Renewable Energy

### Sea Engineering, Inc. Core Competencies – Renewable Energy

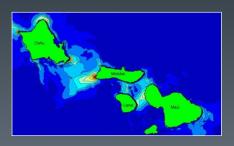




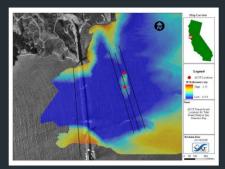
Sediment Transport Modeling for Offshore Wind and WEC Device Farms



Wave Energy Modeling & Assessments (Peahi, Maui)



Ocean Current Energy Resource Assessment (Hawaiian Islands)



Tidal Power Generation Studies (Golden Gate Bridge)



WEC Engineering Services and Marine Operations Support (MCBH)

## MCBH Wave Energy Test Site

Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Oahu, Hawaii



- Energetic wave climate, without hurricane force waves.
  - Positive test environment for prototypes
- Year-round consistent wave climate
- Near year-round weather windows for inspection & maintenance
- Access to Heeia Kea Small Boat Harbor & MCBH.

 Larger vessel deployments are a 4 to 6 hour transit



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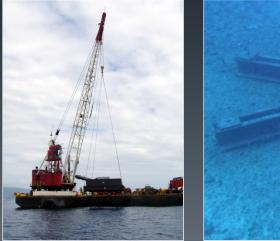
Ancillary Component Installation



#### Power Cable(s)



#### Mooring and Anchor Installation







Ancillary Component Installation



#### **Transformer Pod**



#### Sub-Surface Float(s)





Wave Energy Conversion Device Installation





WEC Device being Transported to Water



WEC Device Deployed at Shipyard



WEC Device Being Towed Out of Honolulu Harbor



WEC Device Being Towed Out of Shipyard

Wave Energy Conversion Device Installation





WEC Device Being Delivered On-Site



#### WEC Device Final Positioning

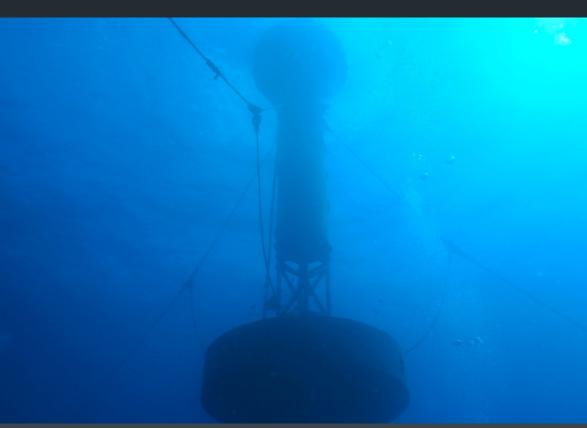


WEC Device In-Situ

**Inspection & Maintenance** 



- WEC device and all ancillary components
- R&D Phase Wear patterns and unexpected failures
- In-depth monthly inspection to catalog wear and identify any maintenance requirements

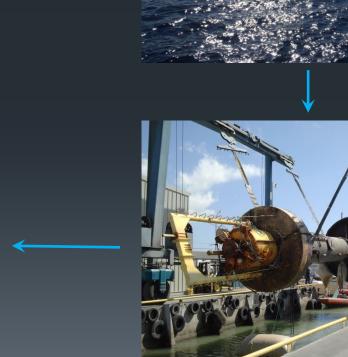


Regular (ex. monthly) inspections are essential for complete understanding of long-term performance of components and materials and to minimize significant maintenance events

### Marine Operations & Logistics Wave Energy Conversion Device & Component Recovery









## **Operational Considerations**



### Site Location & Available Infrastructure

- Design should take into account local infrastructure and capabilities
- In the U.S, WEC device development is occurring where there is no oil and gas industry.
- WEC device industry is not mature enough to support their own deep water diving and vessel operations – local marine services a must

#### Diving operations

- Developers should work early in the design phase with marine engineering contractors to identify operational tasks which require diving operations. If possible, redesign that task to be completed on the surface.
- As developers move into deeper water, designs should incorporate deep water tasks to be completed with ROV's, or strive to keep diving tasks within 100 ft. W.D.
- Partner with marine engineering firms early in the design process. Early planning can help lower deployment and O&M costs.