## Tidal Power Development Scenarios in Puget Sound, WA

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# **Tidal Energy Projects in Puget Sound, WA**



#### **Key Questions for Puget Sound**

What is the hydrokinetic power potential?

What are the effects of extracting kinetic power?





# **Barotropic, Far-field Environmental Effects**

Category	Potential Change	<b>Example Impacts</b>
Tidal Range	Local contraction or expansion	Drying or inundation
<b>Tidal Currents</b>	Local reduction or intensification	Sediment transport Hydrokinetic resource
Mixing	Local reduction or intensification	Dissolved oxygen concentration

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## **Approach: Puget Sound, WA Model**



- Goals:
  - Determine tidal
    hydrokinetic potential of
    Puget Sound, WA
  - Preliminary understanding of far-field effects
- Model Puget Sound as a series of rectangular channels of constant crosssection
  - o Flow dominantly 1D
  - o Neglect salinity





# **Approach: Hydrokinetic Turbines**

Power dissipation as a discontinuous decrease in total energy

$$\frac{u_1^2}{2g} (1 - \varepsilon \eta_d) + h_1 = \frac{u_2^2}{2g} + h_2$$

**Power** *Dissipated* by Hydrokinetic Turbines



• Garrett, C. and Cummins, P. The efficiency of a turbine in a tidal channel. J. Fluid Mech. 2007, 588, 243-251.



#### **Calibration: Constituent Amplitude**







## **Results: Pilot – 0.5 MW Average Electric**



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#### **Results: Commercial – 100 MW Rated**

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## **Results: Resource Limit – 3 GW Rated**

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 Resource Limit: the point at which additional turbines would produce less total power.

#### Superseding Limits

- *Environmental*: far-field and near-field impacts
- *Technical*: available space to deploy turbines
- *Economic*: diminishing returns

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## Conclusions

- Hydrokinetic tidal energy in Puget Sound represents a regionally important renewable energy resource.
- Far-field environmental effects depend on the scale of and site chosen for hydrokinetic development.
- These effects are predicted to be negligible at *pilot scale*, but may be important at *commercial scale*.
- For pilot scale installations, near-field environmental risks likely to be of greatest concern.

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#### **Results: Site Variability**

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