

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority



Ke-ahole Point





NELHA

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority

"Hawaii's most innovative ocean science and technology park"

**Welcome to the
Natural Energy Laboratory
of Hawaii Authority**



Learn how NELHA and its
business and research partners
are using sunshine,
seawater and ingenuity
to bring economic
development and diversity
to the State of Hawaii.



- Highest Solar Insolation (Coastal USA)
- Abundant Cold Sea Water Source (~5°C)
- Abundant Warm Class AA Sea Water Source (~26°C)
- Deepest-Widest-Longest Pipeline Infrastructure
- World Leader in Algae Technology
- Acres of Undeveloped Land
- Borders International Airport
- Free Trade & Enterprise Zones
- Culture of Experimentation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship

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NELHA MISSION STATEMENT:

To develop and diversify the Hawai'i
economy,
by providing resources and facilities
for energy and ocean-related
research, education, and commercial
activities
in an environmentally sound
and culturally sensitive manner.

What is NELHA?

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- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- RESEARCH SUPPORT FACILITY
- TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR
- BUSINESS INCUBATOR

NELHA Contribution



- Over 300+ JOBS (90% privately funded)
- Over \$35 M annual economic impact

Local Employees New Skills
Value to the Community

NELHA AND OTEC

THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY HAWAII AUTHORITY [NELHA] AND OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION [OTEC] HAVE BEEN INTEGRALLY CONNECTED SINCE THEIR ORIGINAL CONCEPTION IN 1974.

THE INTERESTS IN NELHA & OTEC HAVE DRAWN A DIRECT PARALLEL TO ENERGY [OIL] COSTS.

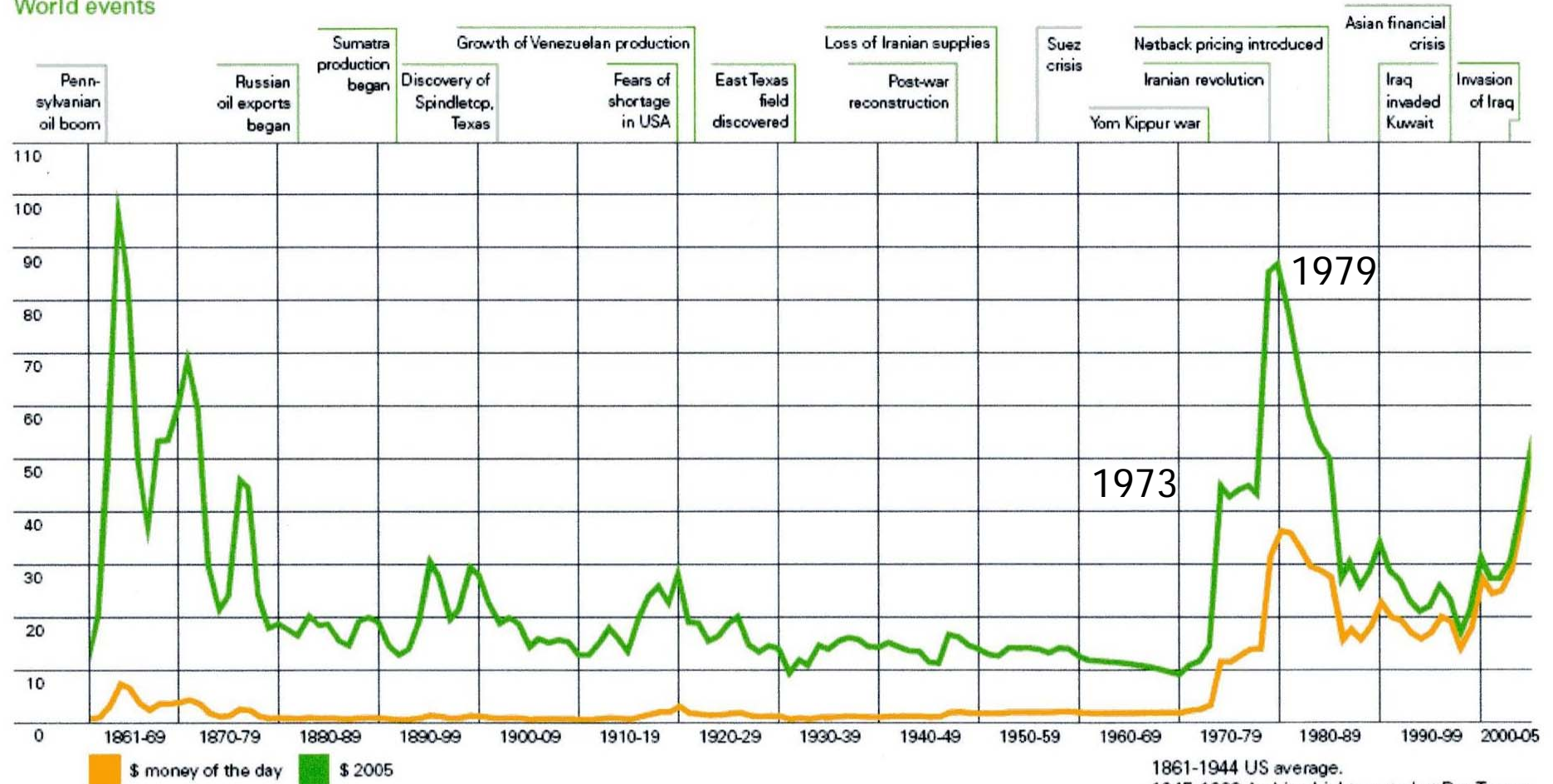
Crude oil prices since 1861



Crude oil prices since 1861

US dollars per barrel

World events



AN ANCIENT MARINER



"The status quo is too entrenched - the next generation will benefit from these technologies"

John Craven

NELHA HISTORY

- 1974, NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY HAWAI'I [NELH] MANDATED BY HAWAI'I FOR OTEC RESEARCH AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES; ~324 ACRES.
- 1976 EARLY MARINE BIOFOULING AND CORROSION EXPERIMENTS AT KEAHOLE POINT FUNDED BY DOE
- 1979, MINI-OTEC BARGE AT KEAHOLE POINT DEMONSTRATES WORLD'S FIRST NET ELECTRICAL POWER VIA CLOSED CYCLE.
- 1979, WARM SURFACE SEA WATER [SSW]
- 1981, 2000' COLD DEEP SEA WATER [DSW]

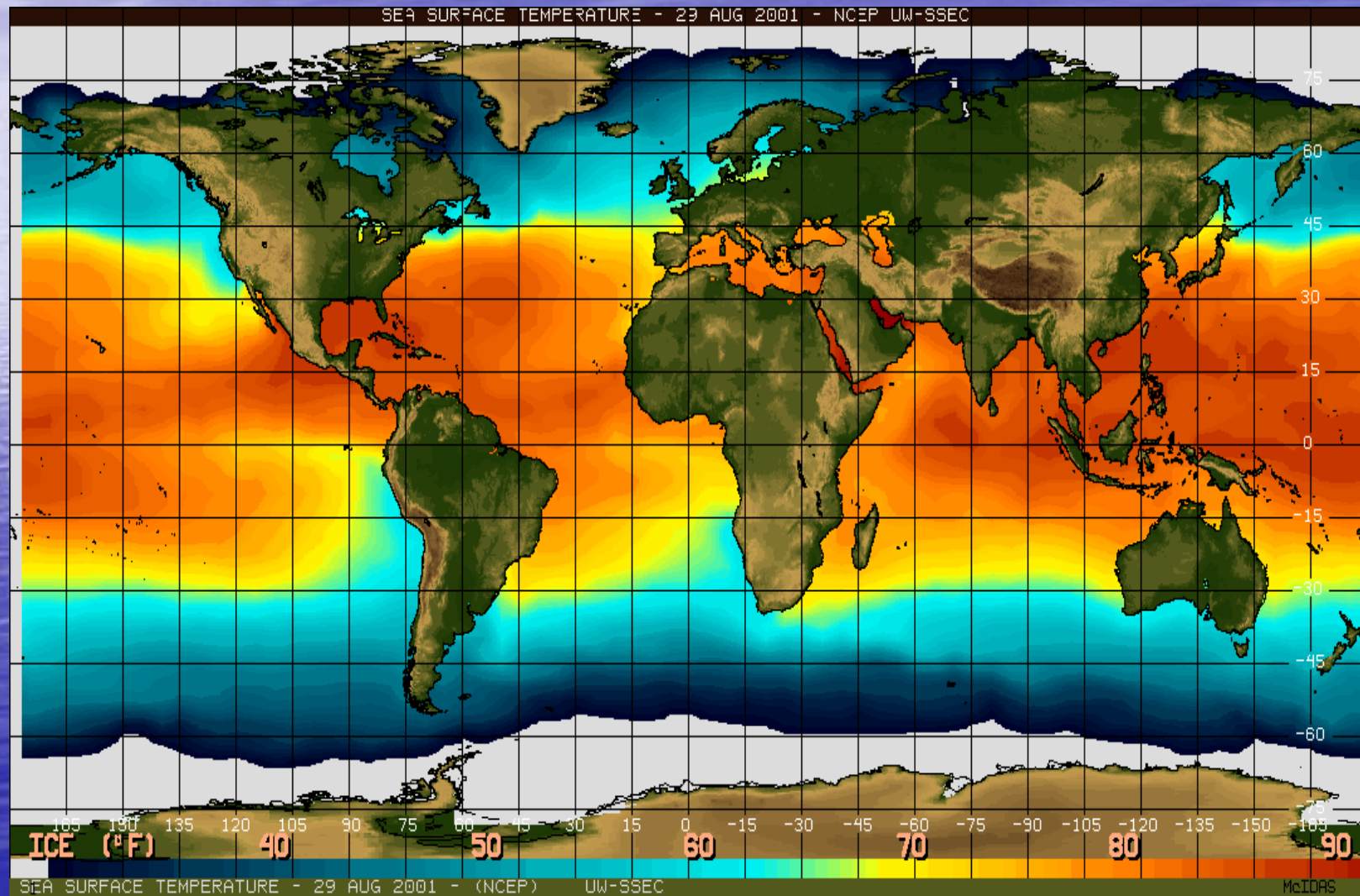
WHAT IS OTEC

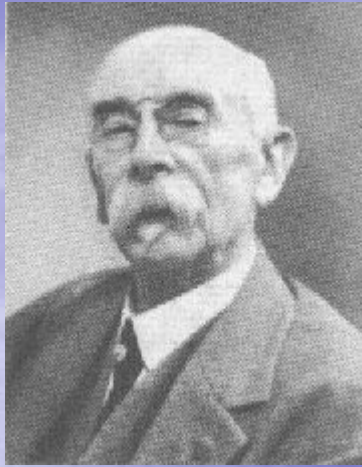
- MASSIVE THERMAL ENERGY RESOURCE
- FIRM BASE LOAD POWER – 24/7
- ENERGY RESOURCE THAT DOES NOT COMPETE WITH LAND, FOOD, WATER
- ENERGY SOURCE FOR NH_3 / H_2

WHY OTEC?

- WARM AND COLD OCEAN TEMPERATURES AVAILABLE ACROSS A WIDE AREA OF THE WORLD'S EQUATORIAL OCEANS (20-DEGREE N/S)
- NO FOSSIL FUELS REQUIRED OPERATIONS
- NO POLLUTION EMITTED TO THE ATMOSPHERE
- OPEN CYCLE BYPRODUCT: CLEAN WATER
- DSW RETURN FROM OTEC HAS MANY USES, AS SHOWN AT NELHA

SURFACE SEAWATER TEMPERATURES





OTEC OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION

JACQUES D'ARSONVAL

- 1881 CLOSED CYCLE OTEC CONCEPT PROPOSED BY JACQUES D'ARSONVAL
- 1930 - 1ST OTEC PLANT MATANZAS BAY, CUBA BY GEORGES CLAUDE (OPEN CYCLE - NEGATIVE NET POWER)
- 1979 - MINI-OTEC - WORLD'S FIRST NET POWER PRODUCING OTEC PLANT (NELH - KEAHOLE POINT HAWAI'I)



OTEC: OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION

- MINI-OTEC: 1979

50 kW_{gross}



*First net
power Up to
15 kW!*



- OPEN-CYCLE OTEC:
1993

210 kW

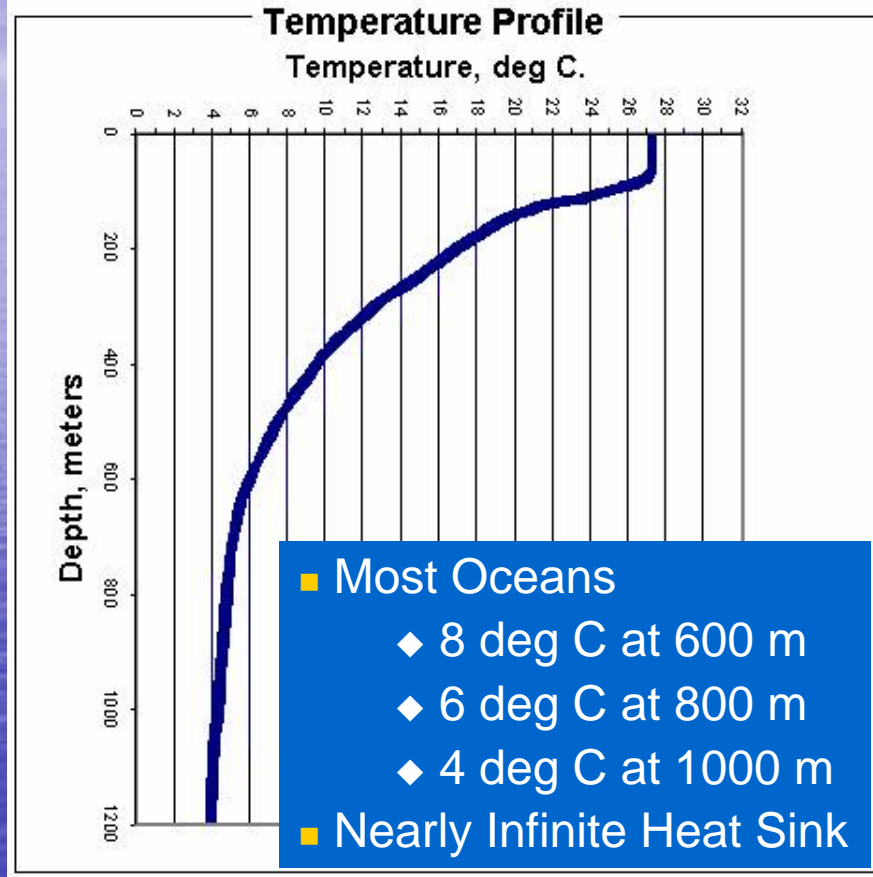


OTEC AT KEAHOLE PT.?

NEAR IDEAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT KEAHOLE POINT (DELTA TEMP ~ 40 DEG F)

- SURFACE SEA WATER [SSW], ~80 °F, CAN BE TURNED DIRECTLY INTO STEAM BY LOWERING THE PRESSURE TO NEARLY A FULL VACUUM (32"/Hg).
- DEEP SEA WATER [DSW] [~40 °F] IS USED TO CONDENSE THE STEAM OR VAPOR TO A LIQUID.
 - THE CONDENSED STEAM IS A SOURCE OF PURE WATER [OPEN CYCLE]
 - THE CONDENSED VAPOR IS RECYCLED [CLOSED CYCLE]

Cold Water: Valuable Resource



NELHA HISTORY

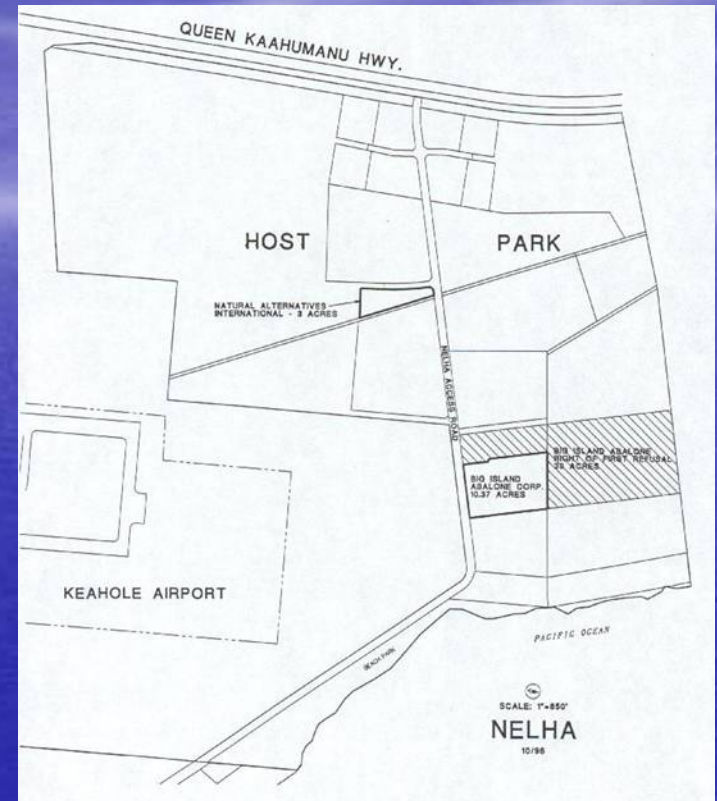
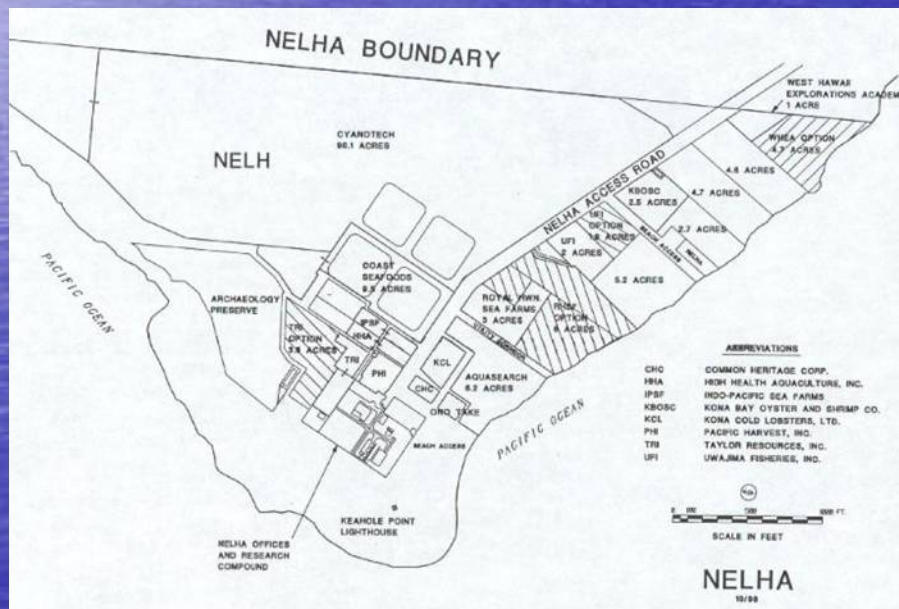
- 1980-1983, EXPANSION OF TESTING PROGRAM FOR BIOFOULING, CORROSION AND COUNTERMEASURES OF HEAT EXCHANGERS USING SSW & DSW
- 1984, HAWAI'I RECOGNIZES MANY PROFITABLE USES AS A BYPRODUCT OF OTEC DSW/SSW
 - EXPANSION INTO COMMERCIAL USE ON STATE LAND
- 1986, HAWAI'I CREATES HAWAI'I OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY [HOST] PARK. ~547 ACRES AND VALUABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ADDED TO NELHA

NELHA

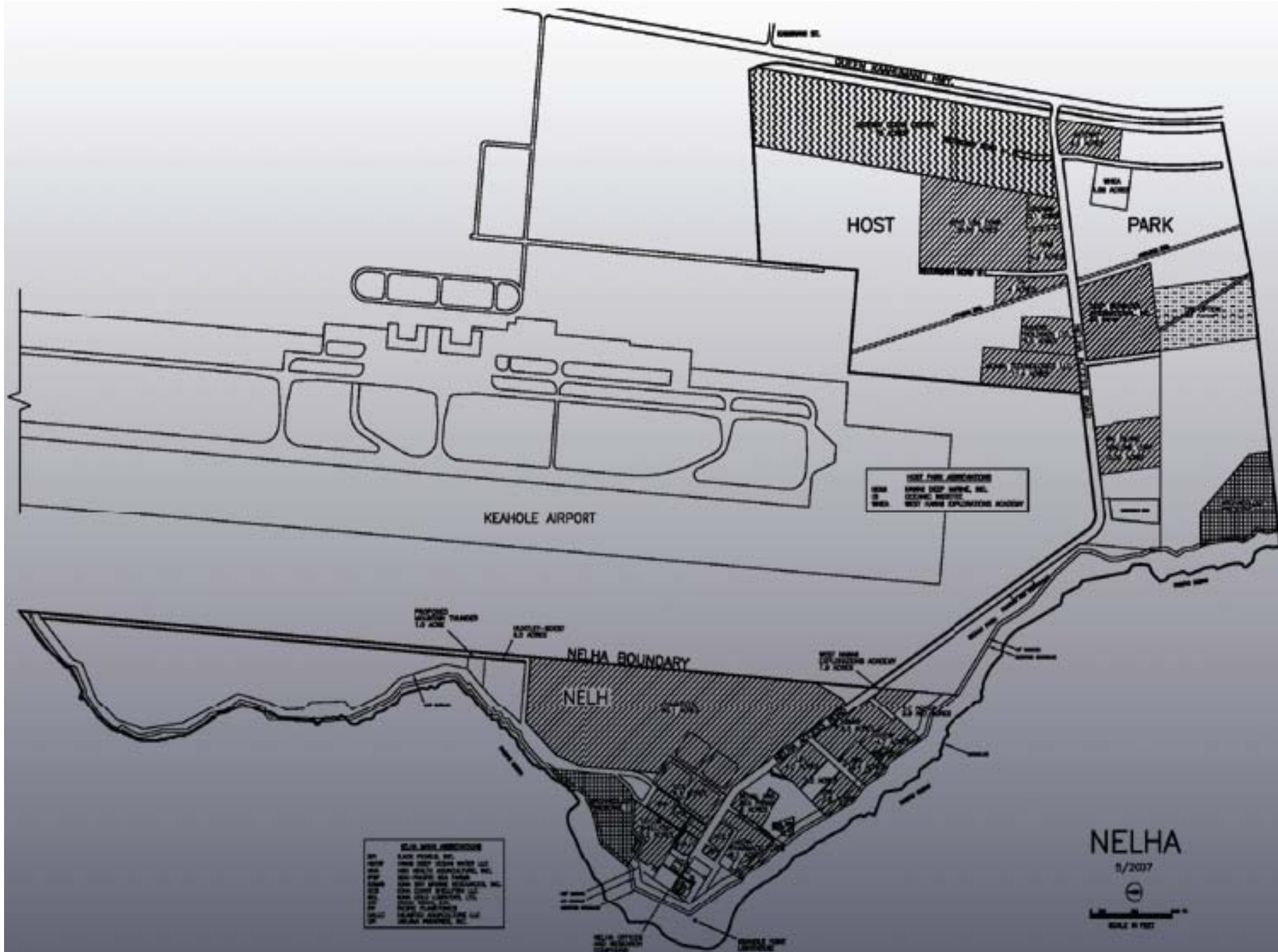


NELHA Site Map

NELH – 1974 (324 ACRES)



HOST Park – 1990
(547 Acres)



NELHA HISTORY

- 1990, NELH & HOST MELDED INTO NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY HAWAI'I AUTHORITY [NELHA]
- 1993-1998, 210 kW CLOSED CYCLE OTEC OPERATES AT NELHA
- 1999, ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ALLOWED AT NELHA TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERATE REVENUES.

NELHA OTEC OPEN CYCLE RESEARCH

210 KW OC - OTEC
EXPERIMENTAL
POWER PLANT AND
HEAT & MASS
TRANSFER SCOPING
TEST APPARATUS
(1987 - 1998)





Team Ahead for Ocean-Energy

...n of this ocean thermal energy conversion plant is
to begin in Hawaii. The concrete shell, which a
y, Washington firm helped design, is a huge
amber that turns warm sea water
This drives the turbine
generate electricity.
pumped into the center
ber condenses the
otable water.

House:

al high-density, crack-resistant
experimental power plant is 31
22 feet in diameter.

Chamber:

a water is drawn into the
nber, where it turns to steam.

ses to the top of the chamber
d to the turbine blades by a
The stator focuses the steam
push on the turbine blades.

the steam:

the turbine, steam flows down
ped central passage where it
r in the surface condenser or the
ers.

ter:

water is pumped out of the
ly for drinking or irrigation

the ocean:

than when it entered the
s sea water is piped back
n.

Hot-water
discharge

Discharge
pumps

Intake:

Two massive pipes will feed
the OTEC experimental
plant. One pipe, a mile long
and 40 inches in diameter,
goes 2,800 feet deep and
sucks cold water. A shorter
one sucks 80-degree warm
water from 80 feet below the
surface. The pipes are
polyethylene to
friction.

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resist sea-water corrosion.

Turbine
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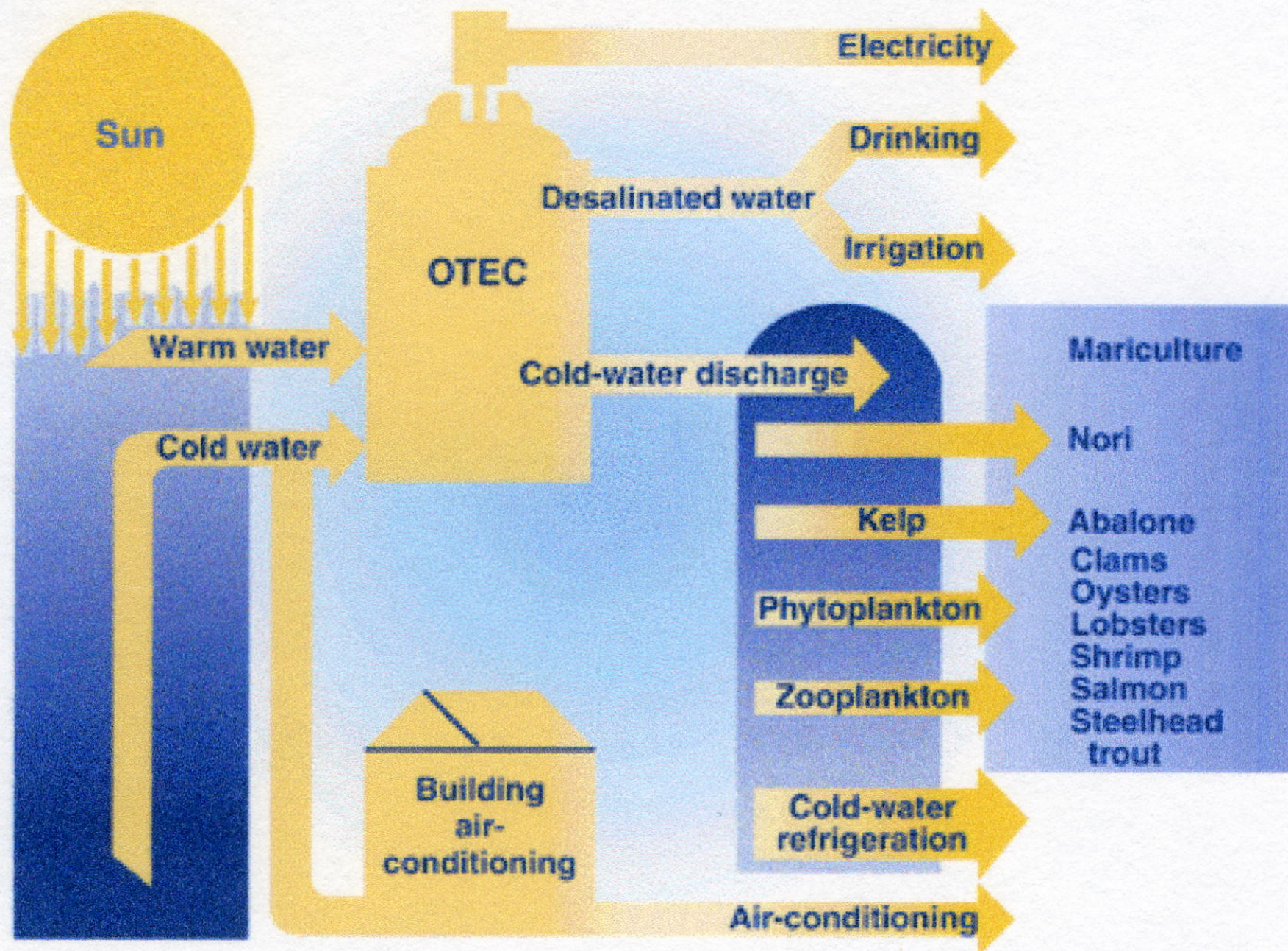
Evaporate
discharge
pool

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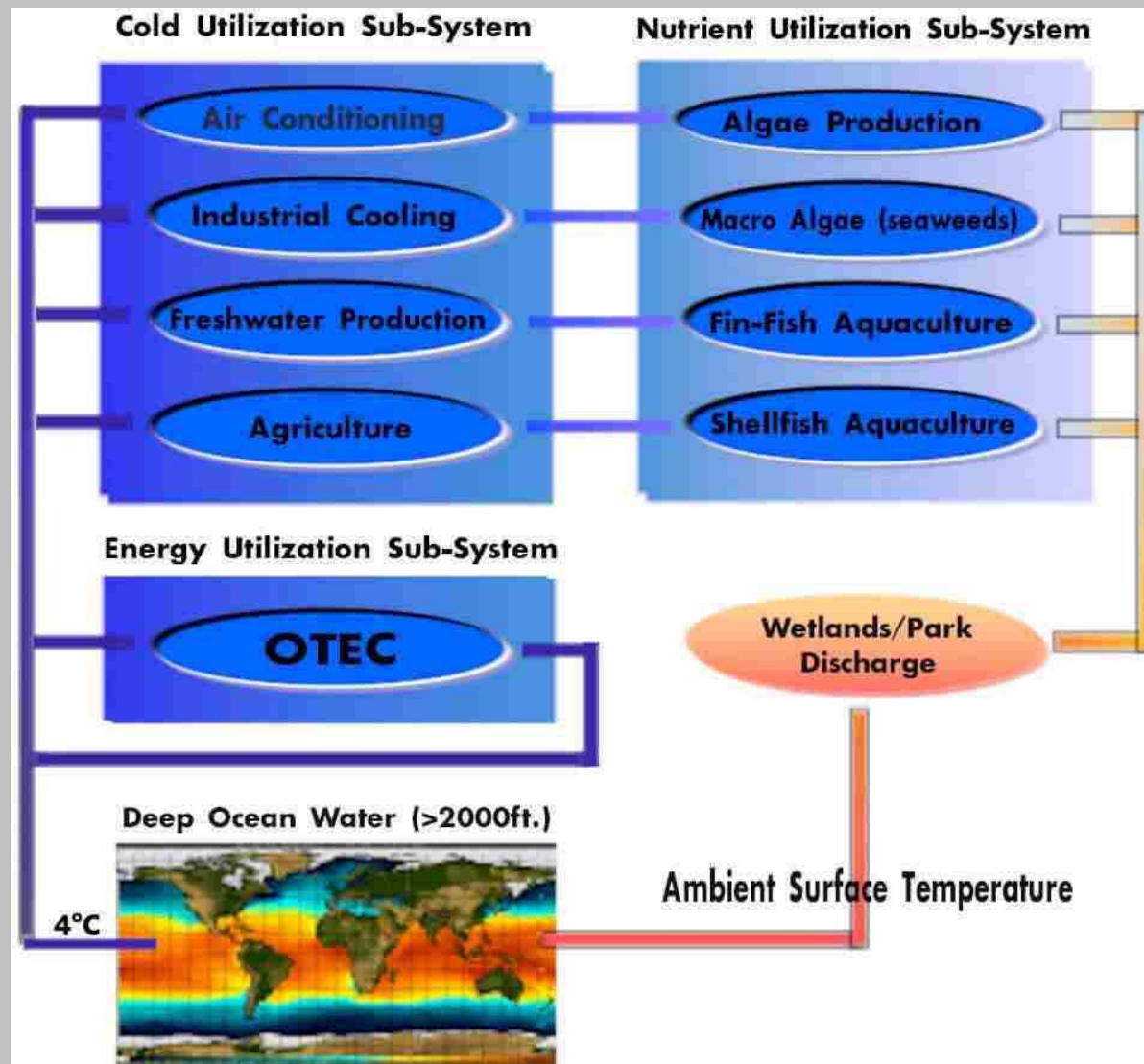
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OTEC & BEYOND



MODEL: Deep Ocean Water Energy Recovery System



NELHA'S DUAL SEA WATER SYSTEMS

- THREE SETS OF WARM AND COLD SYSTEMS
 - DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE ON SHORE RUN IN PARALLEL TO THE VARIOUS TENANTS
 - TENANTS REGULATE TEMPERATURES
 - EACH DUAL SYSTEM SUPPLIES SPECIFIC TENANTS
 - SYSTEMS ARE NOT NORMALLY CROSS CONNECTED



Awarded 2002 ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award



*The American Society of Civil Engineers - Hawaii Section
Presents the*

*2002 Hawaii Section Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement
Award
to the*

*HOST Park 55-Inch Deep
Seawater Supply Pipeline,
State of Hawaii, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii*

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ASCE Hawaii Section President





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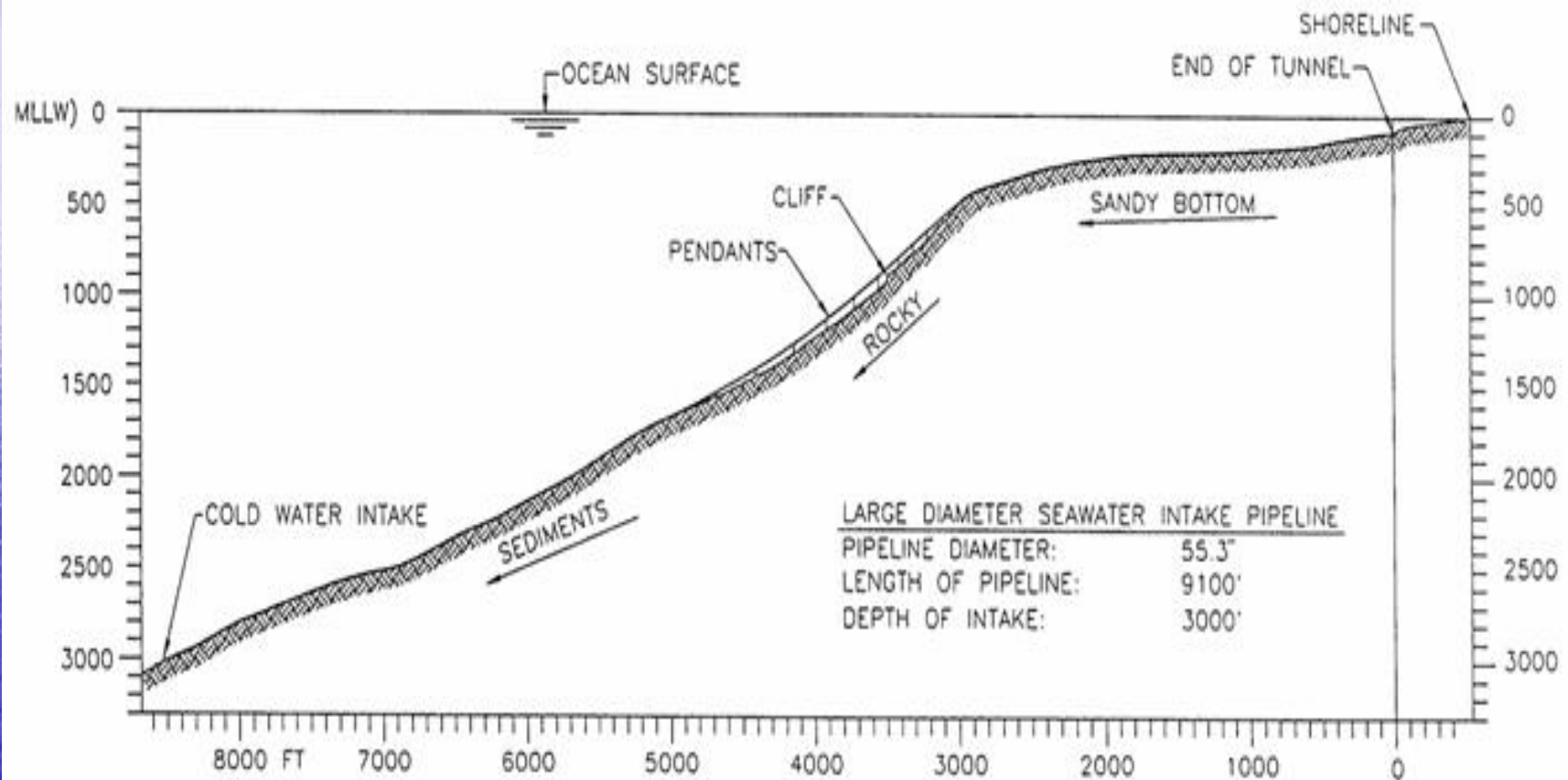
The Fusion Machine

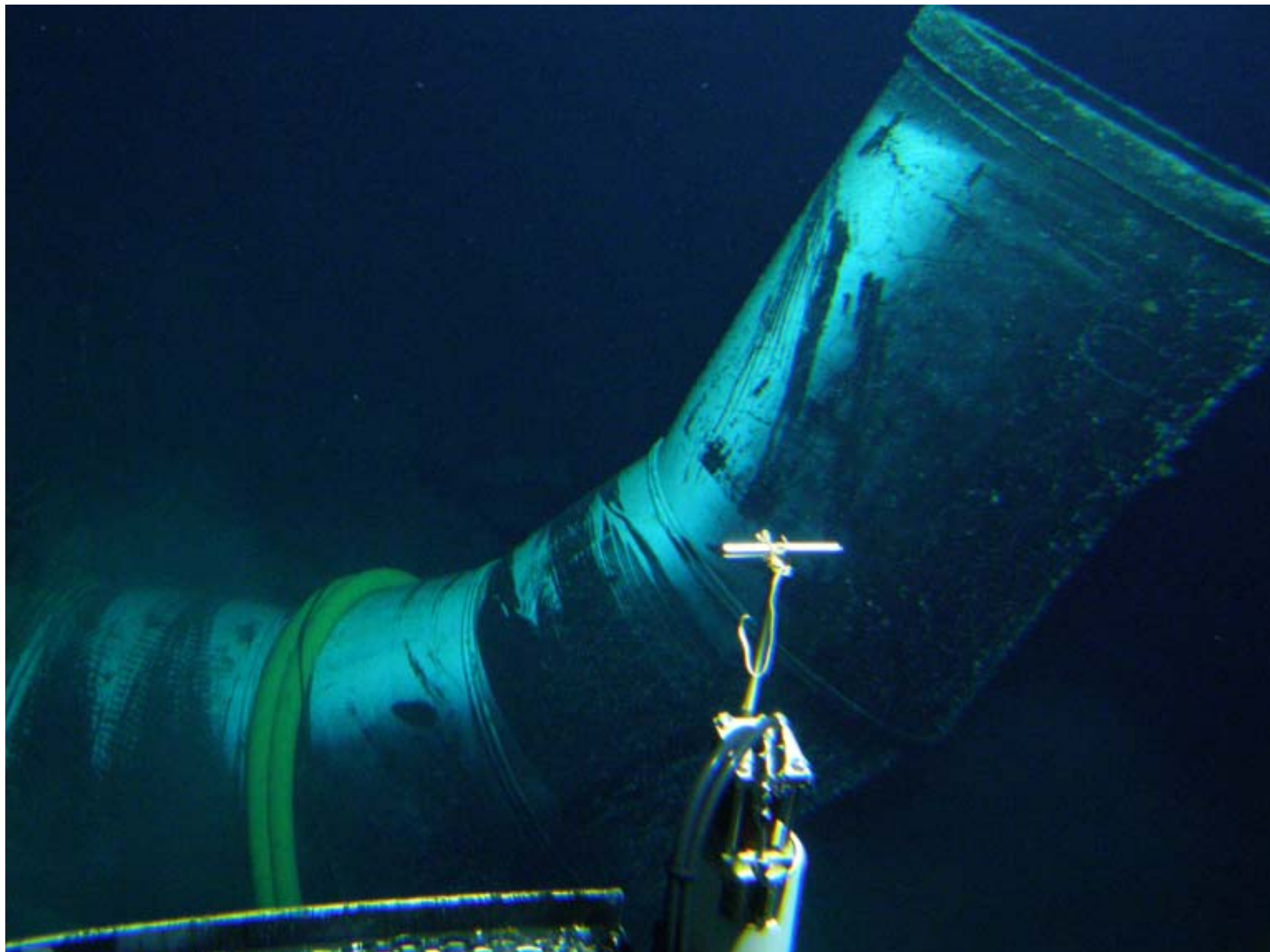


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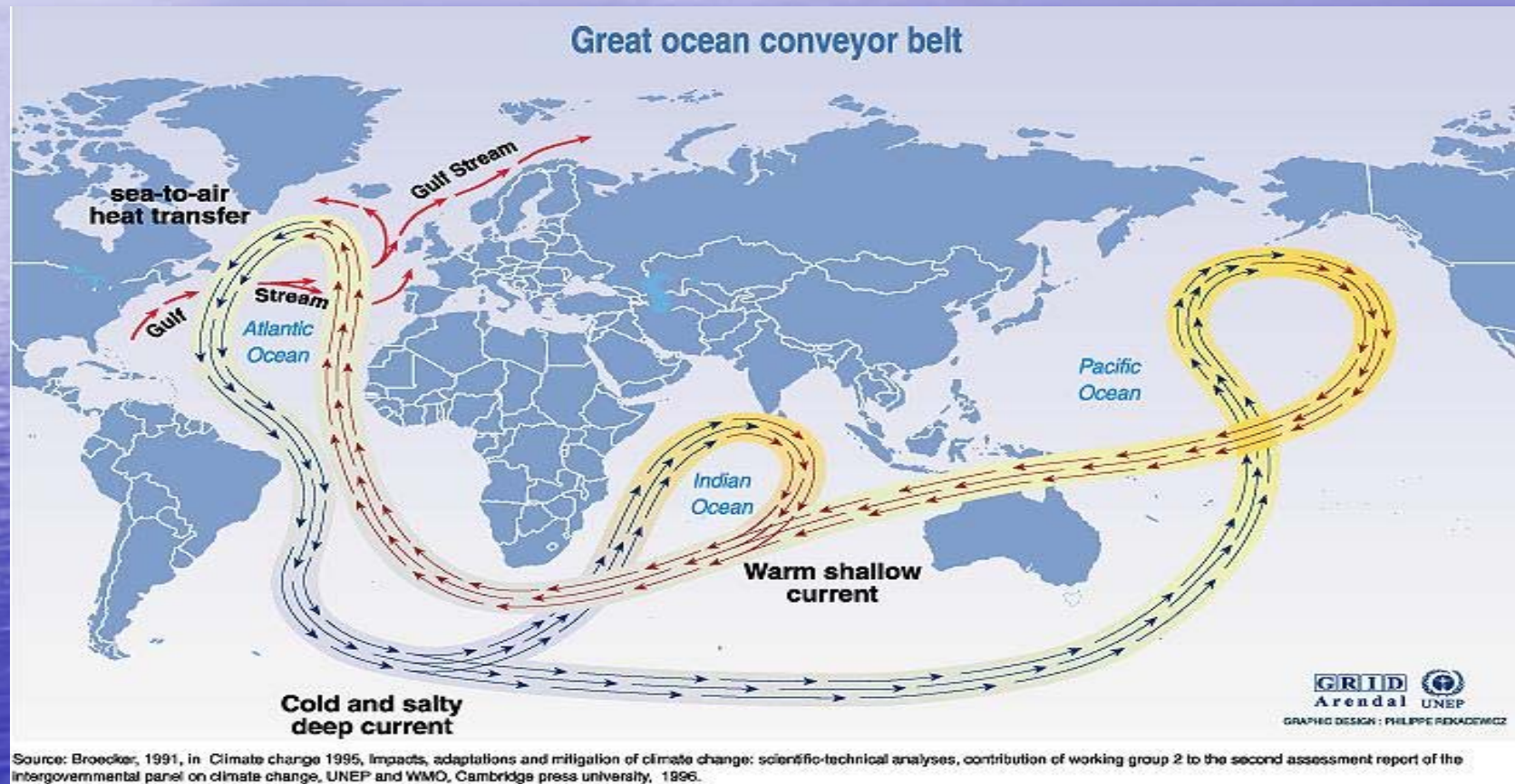


Side View / Offshore Profile





THERMOHALINE OCEAN CONVEYOR BELT







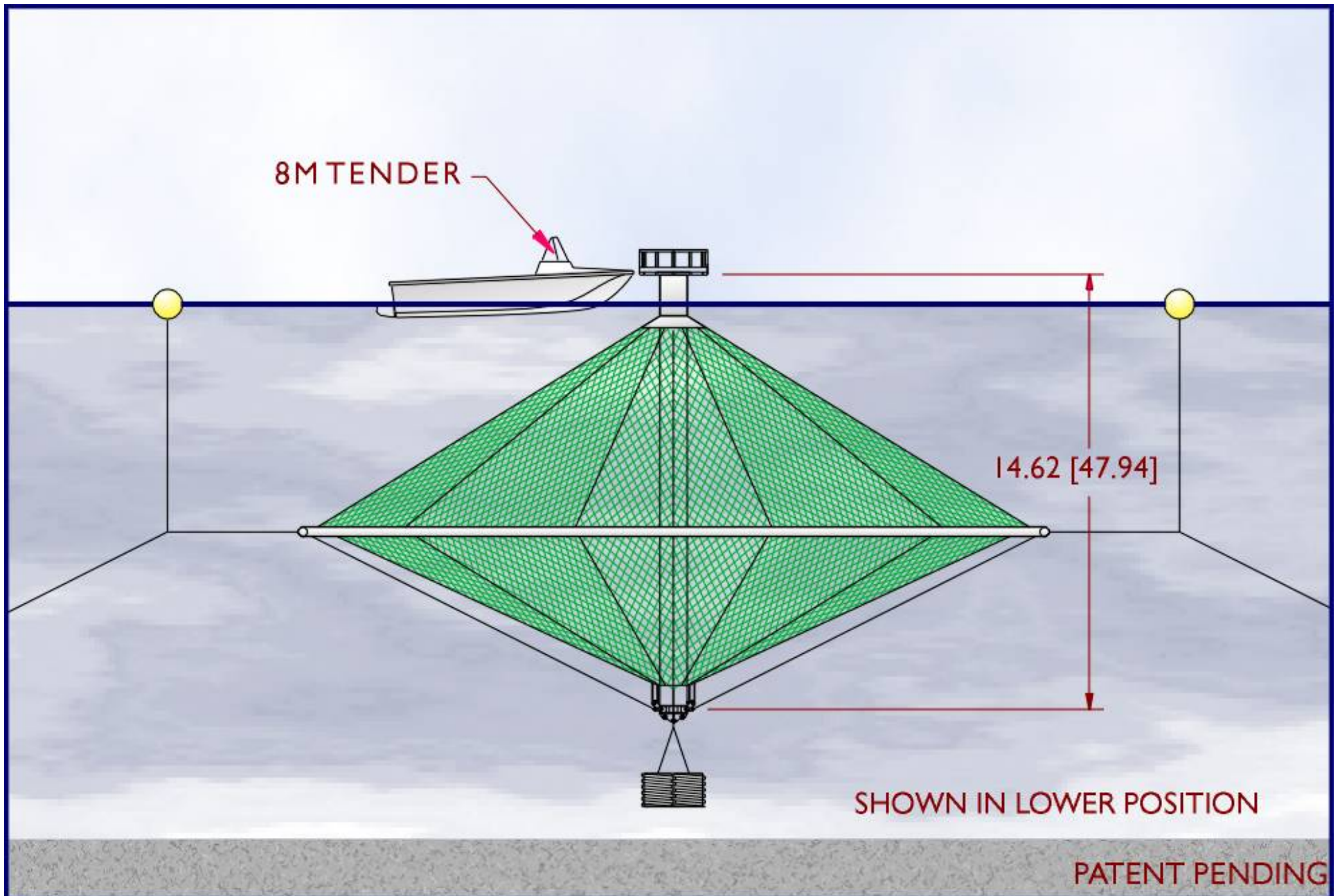
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PRODUCT: BOTTLED WATER

- NEW MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR ASIAN & INTERNATIONAL MARKET
- NOVEL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FROM NELHA DEEP SEAWATER
- INCREASE EXPORTS FROM HAWAI'I TO ASIA







Sketch of OceanSpar SeaStation 3000 at the surface

PRODUCT: AQUACULTURE



IN AN INTEGRATED DSW SYSTEM, DEEP SEAWATER CAN
BE USED TO GROW VALUABLE SEAFOOD PRODUCTS.

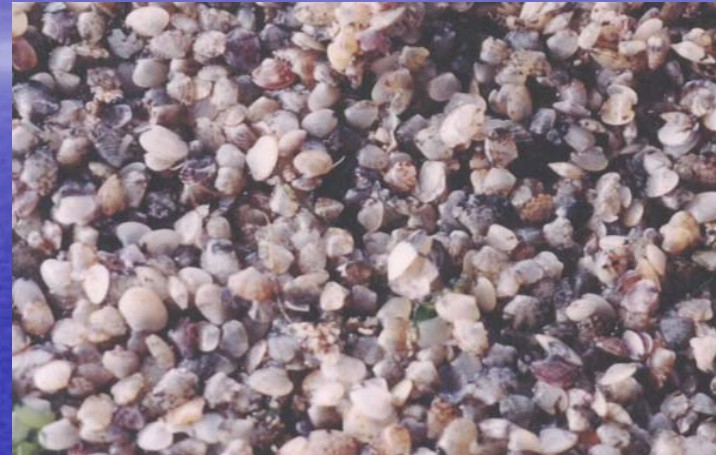
A close-up photograph showing a person's hands holding a large crayfish. The crayfish is dark grey with prominent claws and long antennae. It is being held over a blue mesh net, which is likely used for harvesting or sorting. The background is slightly blurred, showing some outdoor foliage.

PRODUCT: SPF SHRIMP BROODSTOCK

- SPF CERTIFIED SHRIMP BROODSTOCK
- STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT GENETIC LINES DEVELOPED THROUGH TRADITIONAL BREEDING TECHNIQUES

PRODUCT: CLAMS/OYSTER SPAT

- READY FOR SALE AFTER 3.5 MONTHS
- NURSERY PRODUCTION NOT LIMITED BY NATURE'S SEASONS
- COST EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION AT 'WINTERLESS' NELHA



PRODUCT: COLDWATER ABALONE

- ABALONE IN SHORT SUPPLY WORLDWIDE
- OPTIMIZED GROWING CONDITIONS WITH NELHA RESOURCES



PRODUCT: MARINE ORNAMENTALS

- AQUARIUM INDUSTRY SPECIALTIES WITH INTERNATIONAL MARKET
- R&D AT NELHA PROVIDES BREAKTHROUGHS ON CAPTIVE-BREEDING OF HIGH VALUE, POPULAR SPECIES
- REDUCE PRESSURE ON WILD STOCK



PRODUCT: NATURAL ASTAXANTHIN

HUMAN NUTRACEUTICAL FROM
MICROALGAE:

- POWERFUL ANTIOXIDANT
- SUNBURN PROTECTION
- HEALTH BENEFITS FOR:
 - CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME
 - RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS
 - MACULAR DEGENERATION



PRODUCT: SPIRULINA

HUMAN NUTRACEUTICAL FROM MICROALGAE:

- CERTIFIED ORGANIC MICROALGAE
- HIGHEST GRADE OF SPIRULINA
- NUTRIENT-RICH DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- RESEARCH EVIDENCE SHOWS SUPPORT OF HUMAN IMMUNOLOGICAL RESPONSE



PRODUCT: DSW COLDAG



A BOOST TO AGRICULTURE: GRAPES GROW TO HARVEST WITHIN ONLY 120 DAYS, ALLOWING THREE CROPS PER YEAR.

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Excellence for Research in Ocean
Sciences

New Ocean Technology for Hawai'i

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Secure Homing System



Neptune Technologies 
Inc.

NELHA HISTORY

- 2004, HAWAI'I GATEWAY ENERGY CENTER COMPLETED.
- 2005, LANDMARK EVENT, OPERATION OF 55" DSW PIPELINE COMMENCES SERVICE FROM ~3000'.
- 2007/8, RFP FOR 3 MW RENEWABLE PROJECT
- 2008, RFP FOR 1 MW OTEC
 - INCLUDES PHASE II VERTICAL 55" PUMPS

HAWAI'I GATEWAY ENERGY CENTER AT NELHA



SOLAR CHIMNEY

Tropical Air

Solar Energy

HOT AIR IS
EXHAUSTED OUT

OUTSIDE AIR IS
DRAWN IN

COOLING COIL

FRESH
WATER

COOLED AIR

Deep Sea Water

SECTION THROUGH THE GATEWAY
VISITOR CENTER AND SOLAR CHIMNEY

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NELHA PAST & FUTURE

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- RESEARCH SUPPORT FACILITY.

- BUSINESS and TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Why Energy at NELHA?

- Charter for Natural Energy development
- Seawater Delivery is 60-80% Energy Cost
- Abundant Natural Resources
 - Highest Solar Insolation in Coastal US
 - Abundant cold = deep water
 - Abundant heat = surface water, solar intensity
 - Undeveloped land
 - West Hawai'i need
 - Majority of Power transmitted from East Side

NELHA = GREEN ENERGY ZONE



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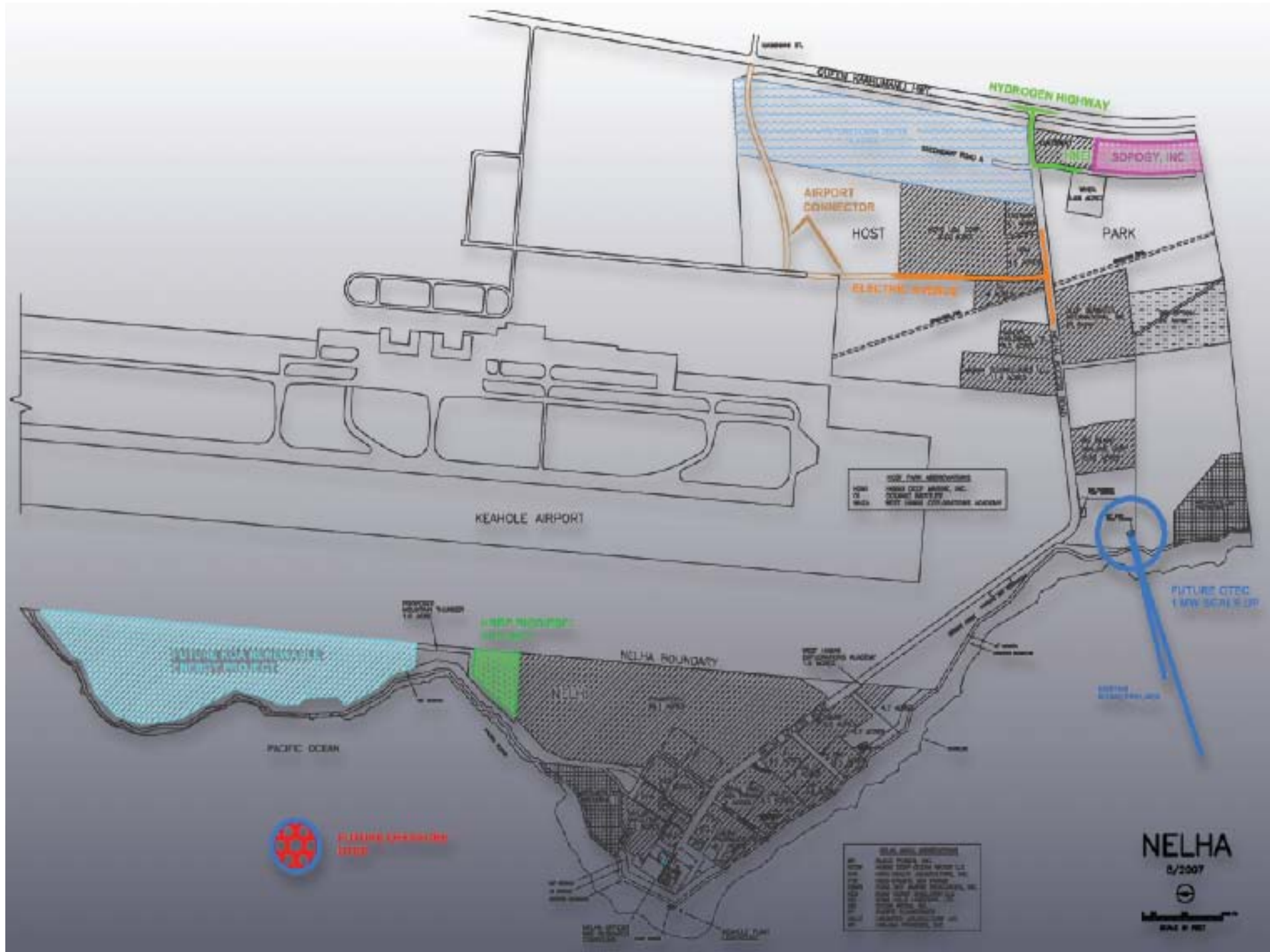


Green
Energy

Fast
Track
Permitting

Tax
Cuts
Economic
Incentives

Green
Energy
Zone



Energy Sustainability

High Technology Jobs

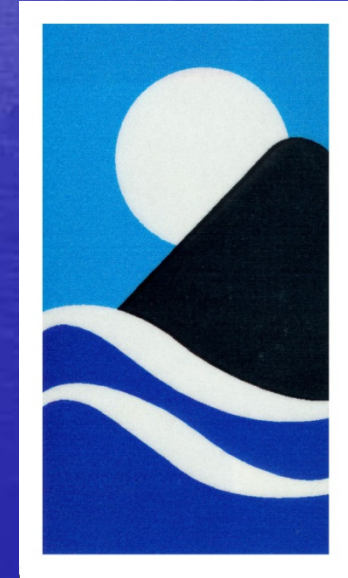
Economic Diversification



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VISION STATEMENT:
Growing sustainable industries for the 21st century



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