

Bill No. 29

MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT

- NOVA SCOTIA TOOK A BOLD STEP WHEN IT CREATED FORCE THE PROVINCE MADE A COMMITMENT TO EARLY STAGE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF TIDAL TECHNOLOGY

- THAT COMMITMENT HAS PAID OFF
- WE KNOW MORE ABOUT TIDAL ENERGY THAN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION IN THE WORLD
- WE HAVE PIONEERED INNOVATION & RESEARCH IN MULTIPLE AREAS.
- WE ARE ON THE LEADING EDGE OF INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT RIGHT HERE IN NS.

- THE STEPS THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN IN BILL 29 IS THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF OUR TIDAL ENERGY INDUSTRY.

- NEW ENTERANTS SUCH AS BMP HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE AT FORCE BY THE ORIGINAL ENTERANTS. BERTH HOLDERS AND PARTNER.
- WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THEIR WORK; BENEFITED FROM THEIR SUCCESS, ~~AND~~ EXPERIENCE
- NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED, WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

- I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE
- * TIDAL ENERGY IS FOLLOWING A CURVE SIMILAR TO WIND ENERGY
- * DENMARK WAS A PIONEER ~~IN~~ THE WIND INDUSTRY MANY YEARS AGO ~~BACK~~. THEY LEAD NOT ONLY BY EXAMPLE BUT ALSO THROUGH INVESTMENT OF TIME AND PUBLIC RESOURCES.
- * WIND WAS EXPENSIVE IT WAS INEFFICIENT.
- * BUT IT EVOLVED; IT GOT BETTER; IT GOT CHEAPER
- WIND IS NOW AN IMPORTANT PART OF EVERY ENERGY PORTFOLIO IN EVERY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION OF THE WORLD - and THE PRICE CONTINUES TO FALL.
- ~~WE ALL HAVE RETIREMENT AND FINANCIAL PLANS. THE FIRST THING WE ARE TOLD ON THAT FIRST MEETING WITH OUR ADVISOR IS TO DIVERSIFY OUR PORTFOLIO~~
- ENERGY SUPPLY IS NOW THE SAME:
 - * a DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO ~~COMPOSED~~ OF MULTIPLE SOURCES OF ENERGY
 - WIND ;
 - HYDRO HAVE BECOME A PART OF THE PORTFOLIO
 - TIDAL IS NEXT.

- So when I look ~~at~~ ^{WE} Nova Scotia and what ~~WE~~ ^{ARE} doing through Bill 29 ~~WE ARE~~ ^{IS} taking the next ~~which~~ step.
- > ATTRACTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ~~THE~~ TECHNOLOGY
- > DRIVING DEVELOPERS TO PUSH THE PRICE LOWER AND LOWER
- > SETTING STANDARDS THAT WILL BUILD ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE BAY AND PUSH US TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE.
- > London Conference
- NS HAD A CHOICE SIT BACK AND HOPE TIDAL TECHNOLOGY EVOLVES ON IT'S OWN, ELSEWHERE.
OR BUILD ON THE FIRST STEPS WE TOOK A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO AND LIKE DENMARK ^{WIND} BUILD A TIDAL INDUSTRY HERE. ~~AS~~ THAT CAN BE EXPORTED AROUND THE WORLD
- AS A NS, AS SOMEONE WORKING TO HELP BUILD THAT INDUSTRY, I AM ~~PROACT~~ ^{INTRODUCED} THE GOVERNMENT HAS ~~THIS~~ ^{INTRODUCED} BILL 29 TAKING ^{THE} ~~STEP~~ ^{TO} BUILD THIS INDUSTRY RIGHT HERE.