

Social and Economic Effects of Marine Renewable Energy

Marine renewable energy projects may positively or negatively affect people, communities, and other marine industries. This could include affects to tourism, fishing, social services like local infrastructure, and ports and shipping. For example, marine renewable energy devices in the ocean could become a tourist attraction and lead more people to visit an area, bringing more money into a community. In addition, temporary construction activities related to developing a marine renewable energy project, especially large-scale arrays, may impact ports used by other marine industries or local traffic. Social and economic effects of marine renewable energy are often tied to environmental effects, and it is important to consider them together.

