## **Social and Economic Effects**

In addition to understanding how marine renewable energy devices interact with the environment, it is also important to understand how it may affect people and communities. Before a device is put in the water, researchers work to understand how new devices and projects could affect the people who live and work in the area. Planning a project carefully can help create new jobs and support the local community while protecting the ways people have already been using the area for work or for fun. And best of all — marine renewable energy helps to fight climate change by using renewable energy for electricity!

