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## Media Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OEER receives nearly \$5 million from Crown Share funds for marine research

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The OEER Association (Offshore Energy Environmental Research), is pleased that the Government of Nova Scotia has been able to secure significant funding for offshore energy research. The OEER will receive \$4,688,000 of the \$234.4 million Crown Share settlement with Ottawa due to the province in 2007-08. The Association says the multi-million dollar grant from the province for marine energy and environment research will significantly advance the province's research agenda.

The funding will go towards a number of OEER research priorities. These priorities include: marine noise and practices and technology to mitigate such impacts, tidal and other forms of ocean renewable energy and their impact on the environment, sub-sea pipeline impacts, marine discharges, air emissions and technology that measures environmental impacts, and assessment of technology and industry practices to mitigate risks on the ocean environment.

“We look forward to pursuing these new research initiatives and collaborating with the Nova Scotia Department of Energy, Natural Resources Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other institutions to carry out this research over the next five years,” said Dr. Anthony Secco, President and Director of the OEER Association.

A significant portion of the Association's share of the Crown Share settlement will be used by the OEER to fund tidal energy research identified in the Association's Strategic Environmental Assessment for marine renewable energy in the Bay of Fundy. A total of \$2 million in existing and now funding will be used in this area.

OEER is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering offshore energy and environmental research and development including examination of renewable energy resources and their interaction with the marine environment. OEER's members are Acadia University, St. Francis Xavier University, Cape Breton University and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy. Funding for OEER

activities and research began in March 2006 from grants that now total \$7,538,000 from the Nova Scotia Department of Energy.

For more information on the OEER Association, please visit our website at [www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca](http://www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca).

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