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***Skating to where the puck will be: emergence of a unique tidal energy,
innovation, and economic strategy***

Nova Scotia has progressively delivered on a Canadian strategy to be a significant part of the emerging worldwide tidal energy industry. The focus on being ready for the world's first prototype power plants was built on environmental reviews and research, development of FORCE as a unique tidal industry development incubator, and attraction of most of the world leaders in technology and project development. With the launch of the 2014 project development plans, FORCE will become a centre for development of the industry. The consolidation of pilot projects in the same development site, and on similar time frames, provides a unique opportunity for collaboration. The need for reductions of risks and costs, particularly in the balance of projects beyond the core tidal devices, creates openings for innovations and new business activities. The Canadian strategy has been to create the opportunity for Canadian researchers, innovators and companies to use these pioneer projects to qualify themselves for a worldwide market. Ernst and Young recently reviewed the state of the marine renewables world - their conclusion, the puck is bouncing between Scotland, France and Nova Scotia, while the rest of the world looks on!