

## Wave Energy Test Facility Opens in Oregon

The NNMREC Newport Ocean Test Facility is open for business! With permitting and environmental clearances complete, the Ocean Sentinel was deployed this weekend. Environmental monitoring will begin soon including acoustics, benthic habitat and species, derelict gear, marine mammals and electromagnetic fields.

It has been a truly herculean effort on the part of so many, from the US Department of Energy, the Oregon Wave Energy Trust, a plethora of state and federal regulatory agencies, Oregon Sea Grant, the local community and

NNMREC staff. The hard work and cooperation has just been astounding! The first test at the new test facility will commence with the WET-NZ ocean energy device in the next two weeks. Stay tuned for a NNMREC-hosted event to see the test up close soon. If you have questions or comments please contact Belinda Batten (541)737-9492 or Kaety Hildenbrand (541)574-6534.

