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**Cook Inlet Hydrokinetic Energy Study Announced**  
AEA and NOAA to Assess Potential

(Anchorage) –The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently signed a memorandum of agreement to conduct a baseline assessment of tidal hydrokinetic energy in Cook Inlet.

Over the next few years, NOAA will be measuring and modeling water levels and three-dimensional current, salinity, and temperature fields within Cook Inlet to identify regions with promise for the generation of hydrokinetic energy.

“We are pleased to partner with NOAA on this project,” said AEA Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency Deputy Director Peter Crimp. “Many Alaskans know the power of Cook Inlet tides, and through these studies we will gain valuable information for harnessing that power.”

AEA and NOAA will hold a Stakeholder Meeting from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on August 24, 2011, at the Clarion Suites Downtown, 1110 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage.

NOAA and AEA hope to gather input from stakeholders with interests in Cook Inlet hydrokinetic energy to compile needed observations, engineering requirements, and environmental considerations. The meeting is open to the public.

Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state whose mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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