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Marine Foundations Committee

The Marine Foundations Committee is pleased to announce that the DFI Committee Project Fund Research Project, “Comparison of Impact Versus Vibratory Driven Piles: With a Focus on Soil-Structure Interaction,” by Dr. Paul Doherty of Gavin and Doherty GeoSolutions, has been released in its final version. This project was jointly endorsed by the Driven Pile Committee. The report is available for download from the Marine Foundations Committee webpage and on the Committee Project Fund page at www.dfi.org.

Currently, the committee has been looking at other topics for DFI-funded research, including studying the use of geopolymer concrete for marine structures. This topic was discussed at our last committee meeting in Oakland in October 2015.

The subcommittee selected the recipient for the 2016 Ben C. Gerwick Award for

Innovation in Design and Construction of Marine Foundations. The award was given at SuperPile '16 in Chicago in June to the Traylor-Massman-Weeks Joint Venture. The group was recognized for its development and successful implementation of an Assembly Line Construction Approach for construction of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Storm Surge Barrier for the City of New Orleans.

Other committee activities include exploring future specialty seminar opportunities and looking at possible updates to *Deep Marine Foundations — A Perspective on the Design and Construction of Deep Marine Foundations* (originally published in 2009).

Those interested in the Marine Foundations Committee should contact staff@dfi.org.

