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FISTFUL OF FAKE WAVES: SURF PARKS SET TO LAUNCH GLOBALLY



Stanley Norman training at Surf Snowdonia © Surf Solutions

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Waves Pool

NLand Surf Park readies to launch as world looks to man-made waves

Surfersvillage Global Surf News, 6 September, 2016 – With the current push of surf parks around the world it's strange to think that surfers competing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics will be bobbing around in the ocean.

Conceivably, land-locked nations could build a pool, train their best gymnasts and have a team ready to go in four years. This sounds a lot like cult movie classic “North Shore” where wave pool hot shot Rick Kane leaves the chlorinated surf to find he's ill-suited for real ocean waves. But the reality of a Tibetan surf team is only a matter of time.

While only one park is open for business, Surf Snowdonia in Wales, the internet surf set is happily consuming clips of reeling waves at NLand Surf Park in Texas and Kelly's Wave in California waiting for their chance to score. Australia has three parks planned by a company called URBNSURF and Vancouver Canada just announced their first proposed park.

NLand Surf Park in Austin, Texas welcomed the New York Times recently for a look-around, indicating they are almost ready to open for the public after some delays due to local pool requirements.



Back to the Future: Artist's 2013 Olympic wave pool concept © WebberWavePools.com

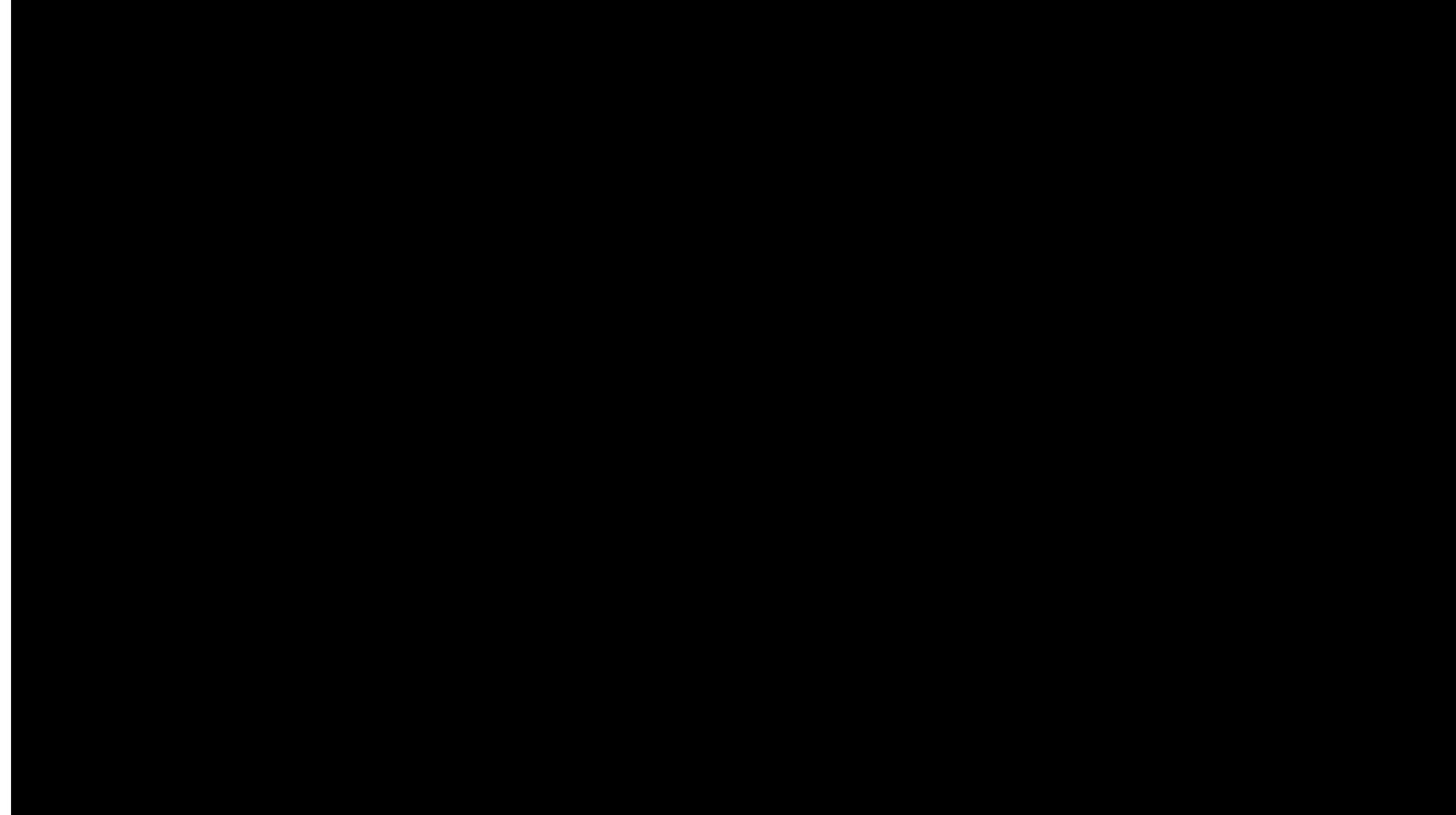
It would seem that ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening Wavegarden generated lineups will be a weekly occurrence in the near future. For the multi-billion-dollar surf industry this means more surfers. For surfers tired of Mother Ocean's fickle nature it means more sessions. For those bent on nailing a trick, it offers hope of improvement.

[But most importantly, for land-locked souls it offers the chance to become a surfer.](#)

“It takes a long time to become a surfer,” said Fernando Aguerre, president of the International Surfing Association, told the [New York Times](#). “If you’re in the ocean for an hour, and you get six, seven waves, you’re very lucky. Learning to surf is like learning to play the guitar when you can only strum once every 30 seconds.”

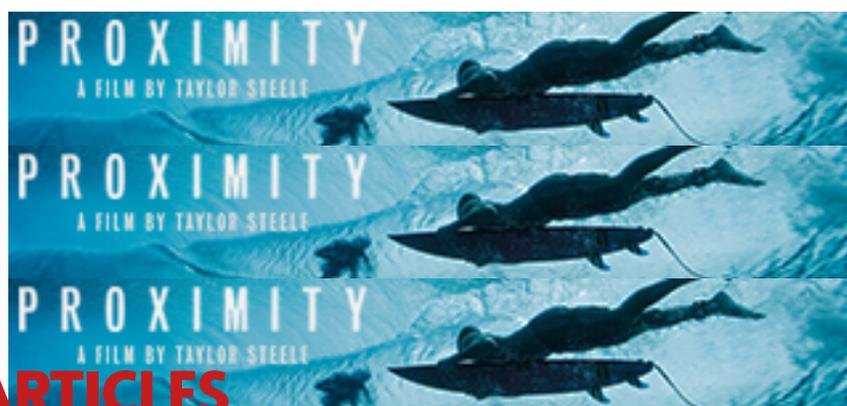
For your amusement we've compiled a collection of clips from parks both open and in the planning stages:





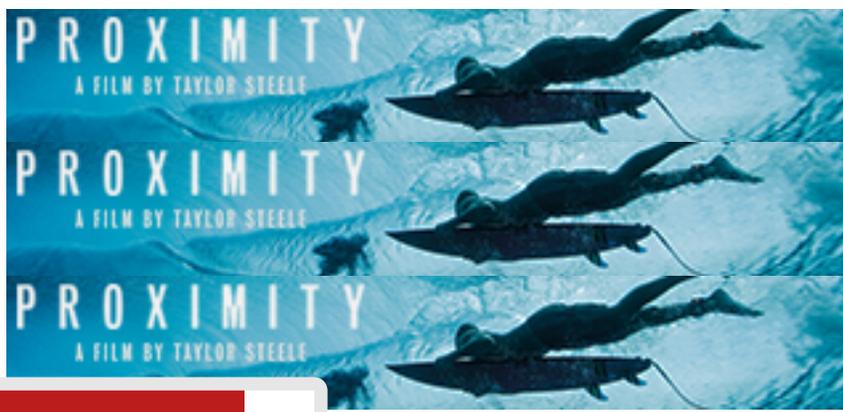
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