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**2021 Alaska Coastal & Ocean Mapping Summit**

December 2, 2021 | Virtual





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# Keynote Address: Take 2


**Senator Lisa Murkowski**







# Agenda

- 9:00-9:30**      **Welcome and Keynote addresses on Ocean Mapping**
  - 9:30-10:35**    **Why is Ocean Mapping Important?**
  - 10:45-12:00**   **How Could We Fill the Data Gaps?**
  - 12:30-1:45**    **What Are We Doing?**
  - 1:55-2:55**      **Breakout Session in Google Meet**  
**30 min brainstorm on ways to improve collaboration + 15 min recap**
  - 2:55-3:00**      **Closing Remarks**
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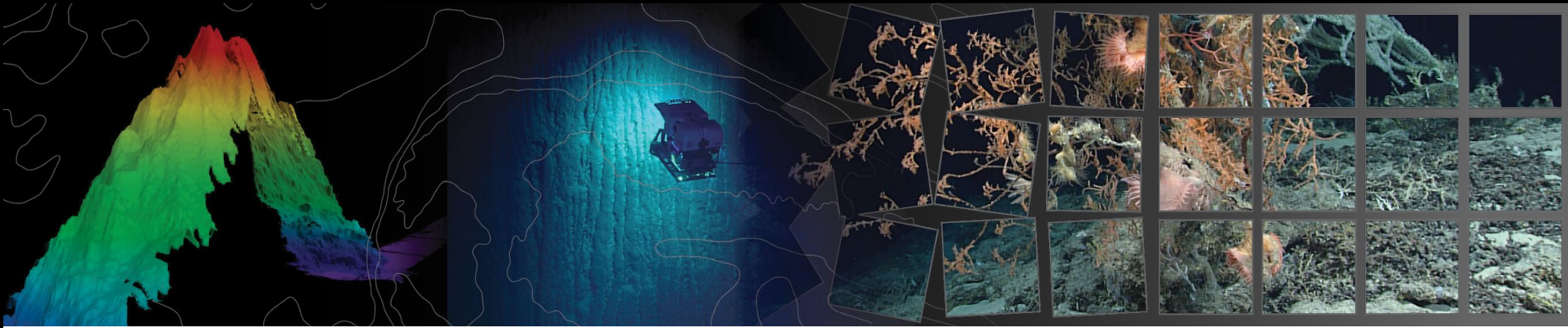


# NOMEK Strategy

Ashley Chappell

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# National Strategy for Ocean Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the United States Exclusive Economic Zone

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Ashley Chappell  
NOAA Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping



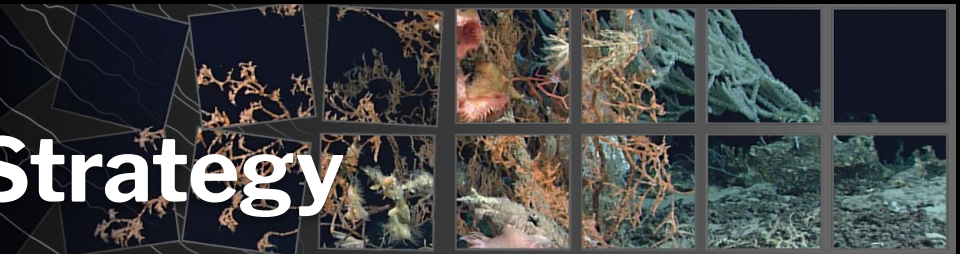
# Setting the Stage: National Mapping Plans

National Ocean Mapping, Exploring, and Characterization of the U.S. EEZ (NOMECE)

Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy (ACMS)



# Goals of the NOMECS Strategy



## GOALS

- 1 Coordinate Interagency Efforts and Resources to Map, Explore, and Characterize the United States EEZ
- 2 Map the United States EEZ
- 3 Explore and Characterize Priority Areas of the United States EEZ
- 4 Develop and Mature New and Emerging Science and Technologies to Map, Explore, and Characterize the United States EEZ
- 5 Build Public and Private Partnerships to Map, Explore, and Characterize the United States EEZ

IP released in January 2021



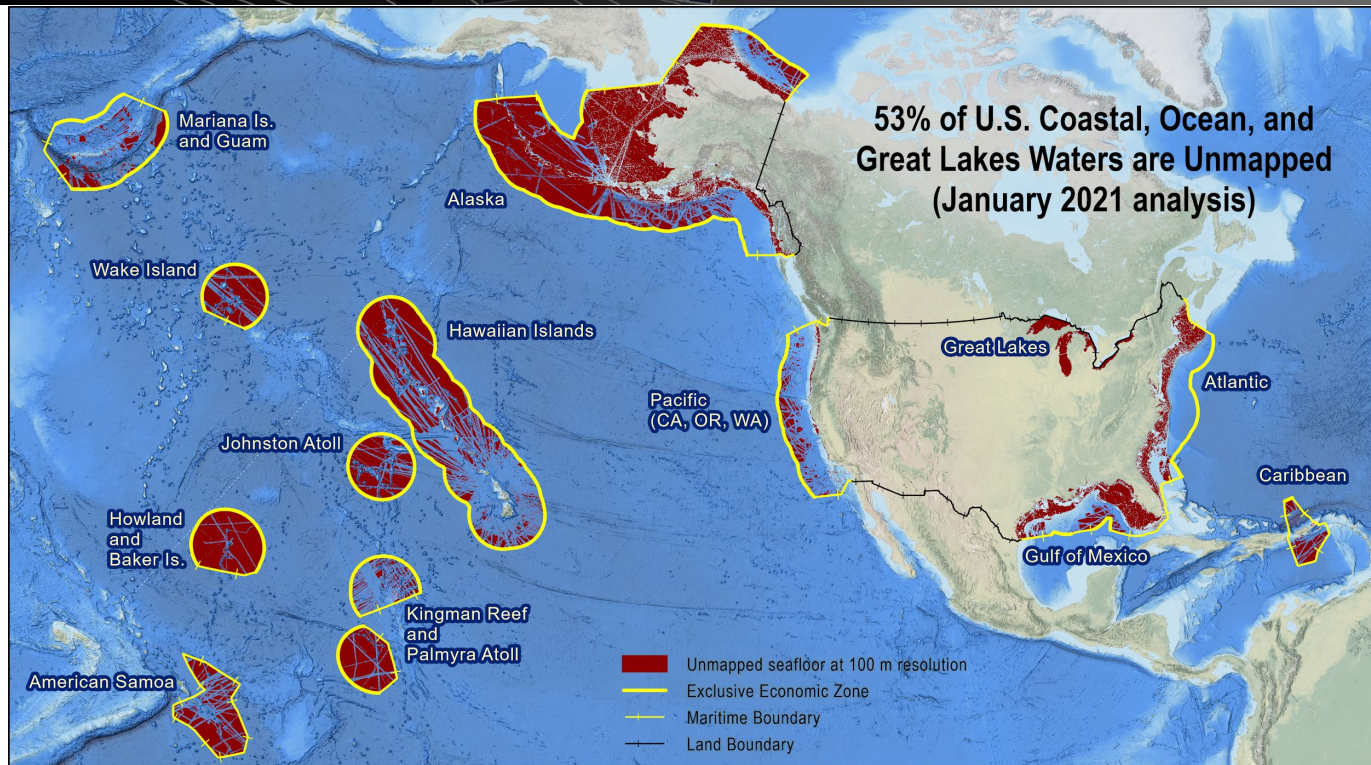
# Progress Report on Unmapped U.S. Waters

1st annual report covering progress up to December 2019, released March 2020

2nd annual report covering progress up to December 2020, released March 2021

3rd annual report coming soon!

Reports located at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/seabed-2030-status.html>





# Interagency Effort



Plans available at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/about/strategic-plans.html>

# NOMECEC Goal 2

Map the U.S. EEZ

2.1 Establish a Standard  
Ocean Mapping Protocol

2.2 Coordinate & Execute  
Campaigns to Map the U.S.  
EEZ

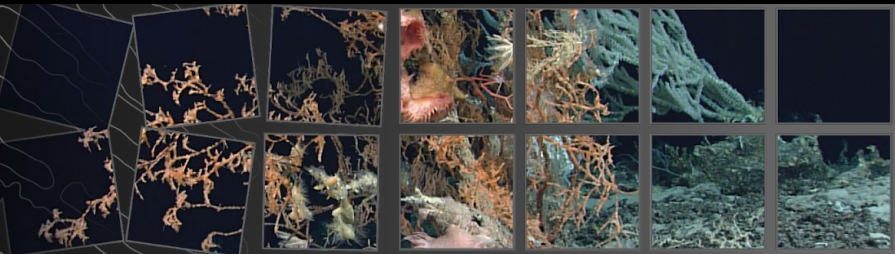
2.3 Make Data Usable and  
Available

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This protocol will (at minimum) include specification for the following (7) primary features

- ❖ Bathymetry data
- ❖ Seabed backscatter
- ❖ Water column data
- ❖ Sub-bottom profiling
- ❖ Side scan sonar
- ❖ Magnetometer data
- ❖ Data management

# NOMECC Goal 2



## Map the U.S. EEZ

2.1 Establish a Standard Ocean Mapping Protocol

2.2 Coordinate & Execute Campaigns to Map the U.S. EEZ

2.3 Make Data Usable and Available





# Data, Data, Data

- Existing OCM data has great value, if accessible
- Inventories of existing data
- Outreach to stakeholders to share any data they still have lurking
- External stakeholders may have data collected for one purpose that can now benefit more

The screenshot shows the 'Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping' website. The header features the title and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, DATA SHARING, MAPPING & SURVEY PLANNING, STANDARDS & PROTOCOLS, MAPPING CAMPAIGNS & ANNUAL OPERATIONS, INNOVATION, and ABOUT US. The main content area is titled 'Data Sharing' and includes a sub-header 'Data Repositories – How to Contribute Data'. Below this, there are four featured data repositories, each with a representative image and a brief description:

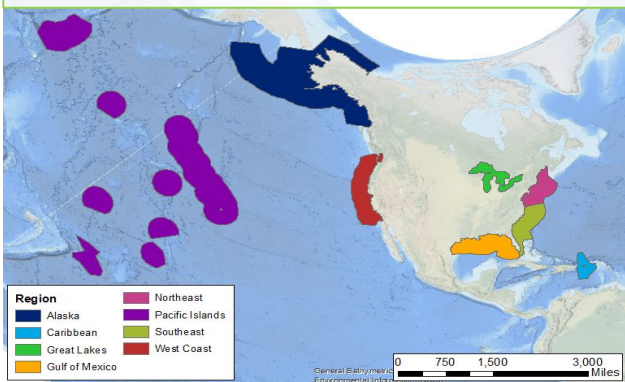
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LAMONT-DOHERTY CORE REPOSITORY	Research vessel at sea	National, International
Coastal LIDAR and Orthoimagery Data Access	Color-coded bathymetric map	National
The National Map, serving 3DEP Topo/Bathy and Topo LIDAR	USGS map of the United States	National

# Mapping Priority Areas



## IWG-OCM Federal Spatial Prioritization Study Complete!

- Participation from multiple agencies: **BOEM, USGS, NPS, USCG**, departments of **EPA** and **DOE**, and others
  - Analysis to begin shortly
- Now branching out to regions and external stakeholders (Mid-A, AK)



Spatial Prioritization

Welcome karen!

Align Out

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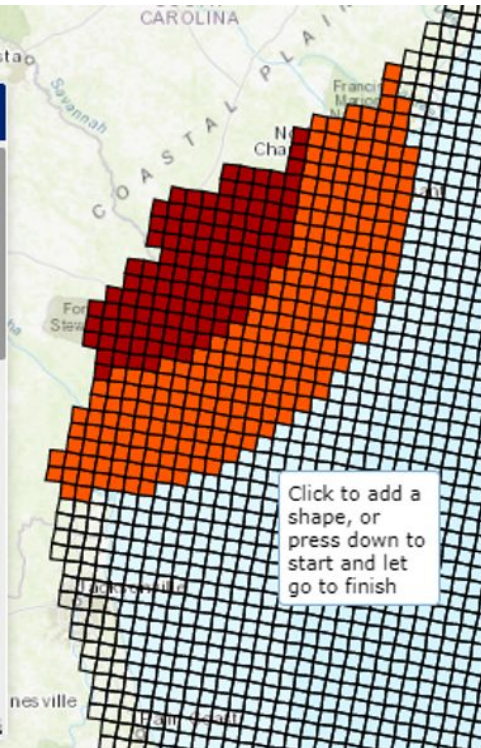
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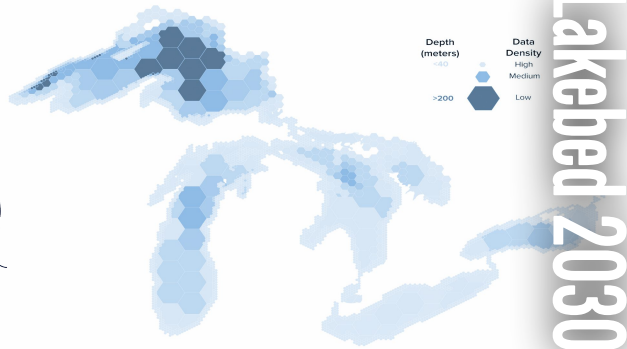
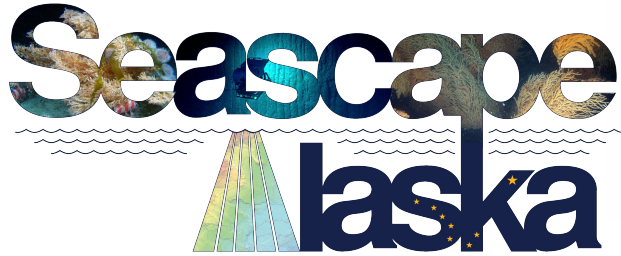
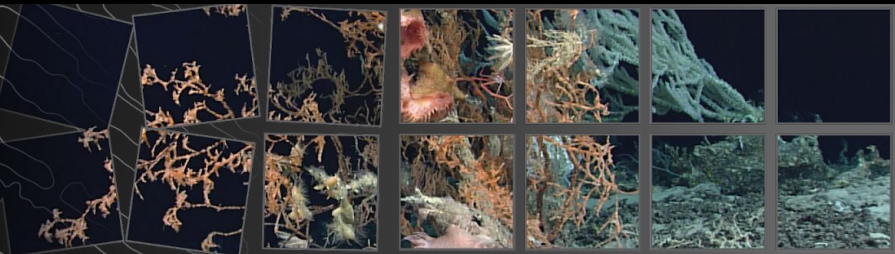
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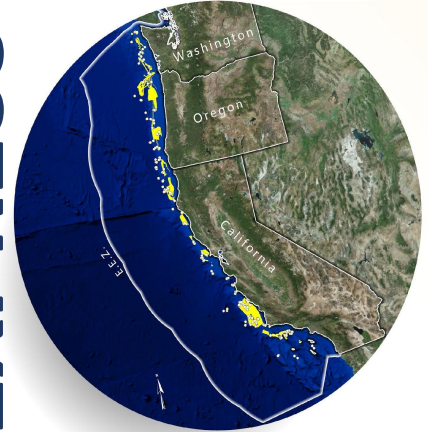


# Regional Campaigns



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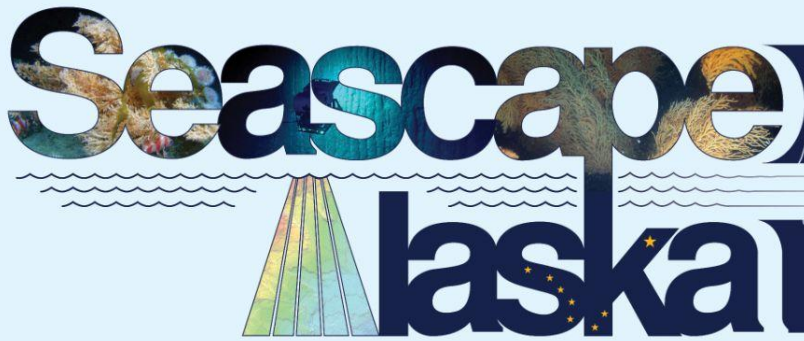


# Introduction to Seascape Alaska

Meredith Westington

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Working together to understand the depths of Alaska's vast seascape

## Introduction to Seascope Alaska

A Regional Mapping Campaign in Support of the National Strategy for Ocean Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. EEZ

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Meredith Westington  
NOAA Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping



**Why?** *"Mapping, exploring, and characterizing the ocean and coastal shoreline advances scientific understanding, safeguards the Nation's economic prosperity, and promotes the health and security of our people. This knowledge is essential to advancing America's understanding of the marine environment and addressing sustainable ocean resource management."*

## NOMECS Mission

Completely map the seafloor within the outer boundary of the United States EEZ (deep waters (>40 meters) by 2030, coastal (< 40 meters) by 2040); explore and characterize priority areas; and leverage the expertise and resources of multi-sector partnerships

## NOMECS Strategic Goals

1. Align priorities in efforts to map, explore and characterize the U.S. EEZ

2. Coordinate mapping efforts to completely map U.S. waters > 40m by 2030 and waters 0-40m deep by 2040

3. Identify priority areas and coordinate interagency and cross-sectoral efforts to explore and characterize the U.S. EEZ

4. Coordinate efforts to promote and advance new technologies

5. Support cross-sectoral partnerships to ensure MEC goals are completed

A diagram illustrating the alignment of the Seascope Alaska Portfolio with NOMECS Strategic Goals. At the bottom is a light blue rectangular box labeled "Seascope Alaska Portfolio". Five blue arrows point upwards from this box to five strategic goals listed above. The second goal, "Coordinate mapping efforts to completely map U.S. waters > 40m by 2030 and waters 0-40m deep by 2040", is circled in pink.

Seascope Alaska Portfolio



Accessible, high  
quality data and  
products



Data and  
products follow  
best practices



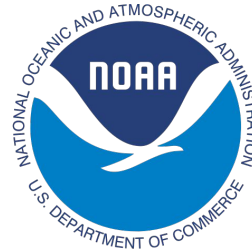
Members work  
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Innovation is  
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Plans and  
progress are  
shared broadly

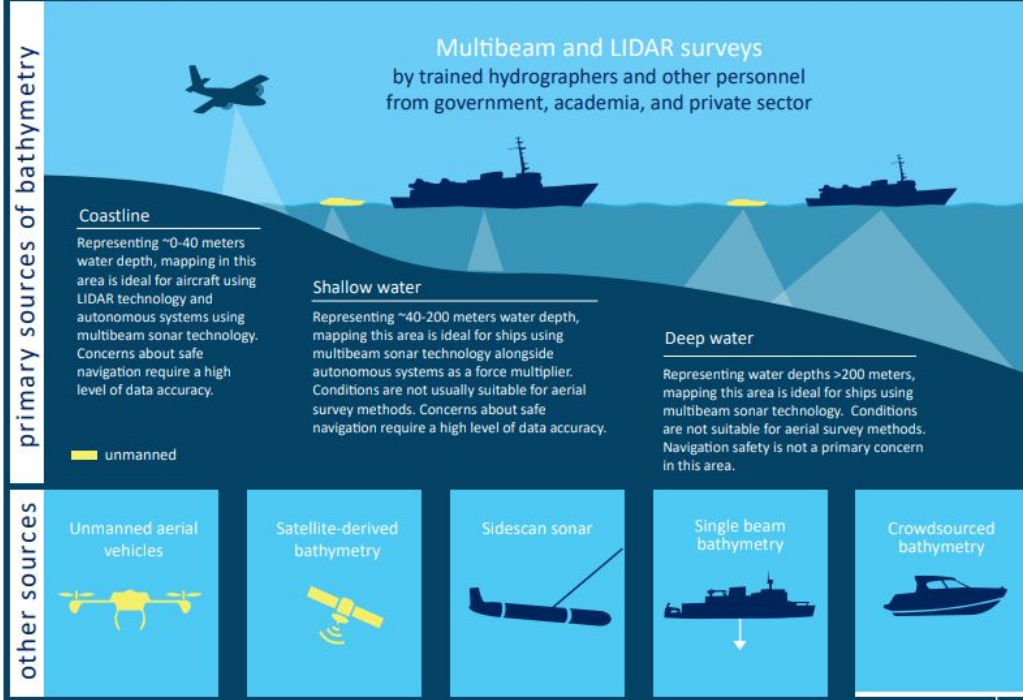


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### Mapping the Seafloor



### Seascape Alaska In-scope Mapping Operations

- U.S. EEZ off of Alaska
- All projects that include mapping
- Any operations that could yield transit data

### Standard Ocean Mapping Protocol

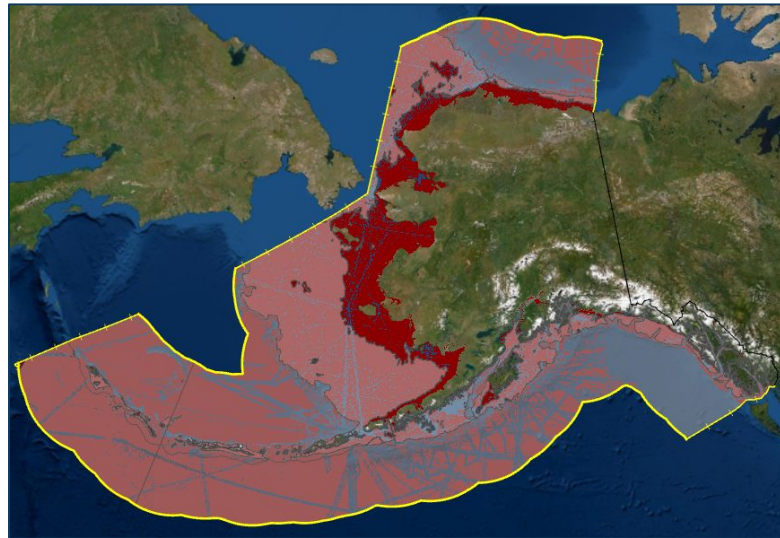
- A guide for data acquisition and processing to encourage widest possible access and usage
- Specs cover bathymetry, backscatter, water column, sub-bottom profiles, magnetometer, side scan sonar + data management to get data into public archives

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In Work by  
IWG-OCM

## 4. Alaska

Total Area = 1,080,200 snm



Actual rate of progress:  
~1% per year

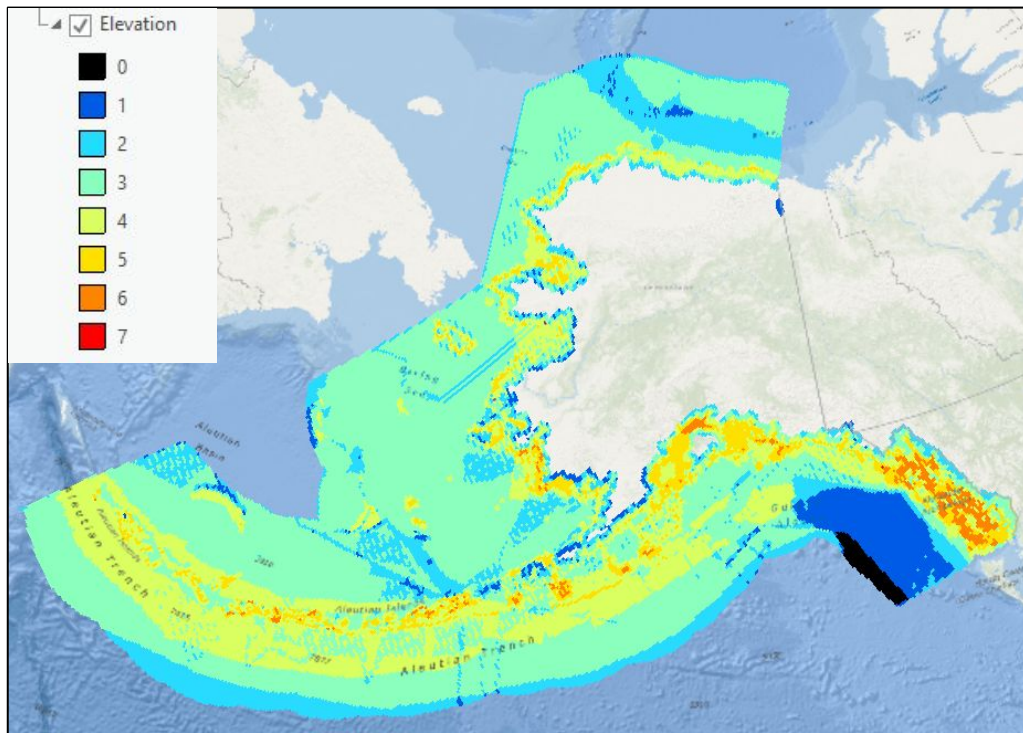
Needed rate of progress:  
~7% per year

**Alaska portion of Goal 2 performance indicator:** Acquire

approximately **70,000** square nautical miles (snm) of new bathymetric data coverage annually

YEAR	All of Alaska (sq nautical miles)	
	Goal	Actual: UnMapped
2017		796,800
2018		790,100
2019		778,538
2020		772,360
2021	695,124	
2022	617,888	
2023	540,652	
2024	463,416	
2025	386,180	
2026	308,944	
2027	231,708	
2028	154,472	
2029	77,236	
2030	0	

NOAA Results: # of offices requesting elevation data



Results will be posted on the U.S. Mapping Coordination website- <http://fedmap.seasketch.org/>

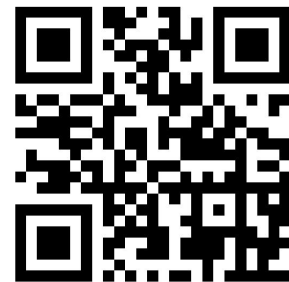
Supports:

- Identifying partners
- Better coordination to reduce duplication of effort
- Sharing of funds/assets

**Open call for non-federal, AK participation!**

Register at <https://arcg.is/19XW49>

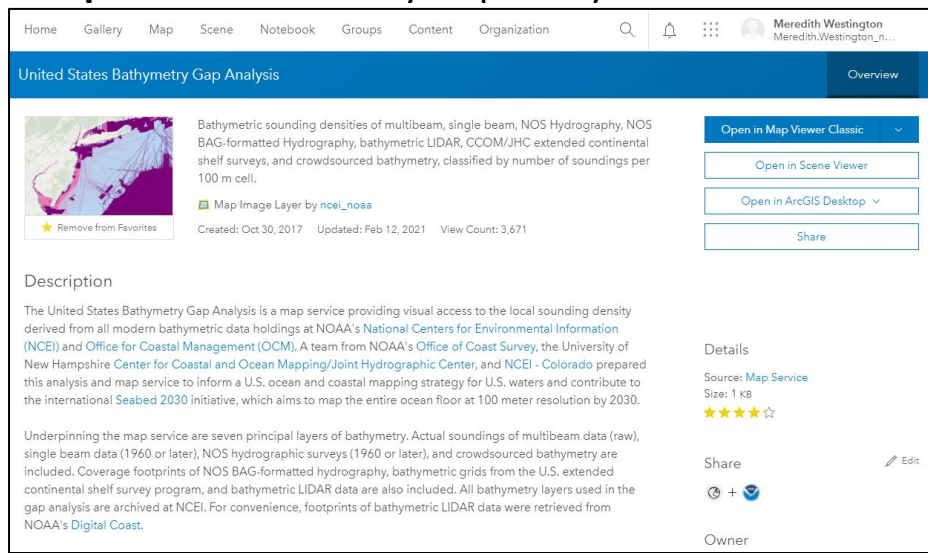
Target completion date: Dec 10





## Got Bathymetry Data?

### Step #1: Review Bathy Gap Analysis



Home Gallery Map Scene Notebook Groups Content Organization Meredith Westington

United States Bathymetry Gap Analysis Overview

Bathymetric sounding densities of multibeam, single beam, NOS Hydrography, NOS BAG-formatted Hydrography, bathymetric LIDAR, CCOM/JHC extended continental shelf surveys, and crowdsourced bathymetry, classified by number of soundings per 100 m cell.

Map Image Layer by ncei\_noaa

Created: Oct 30, 2017 Updated: Feb 12, 2021 View Count: 3,671

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Description

The United States Bathymetry Gap Analysis is a map service providing visual access to the local sounding density derived from all modern bathymetric data holdings at NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) and Office for Coastal Management (OCM). A team from NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, the University of New Hampshire Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center, and NCEI - Colorado prepared this analysis and map service to inform a U.S. ocean and coastal mapping strategy for U.S. waters and contribute to the international Seabed 2030 initiative, which aims to map the entire ocean floor at 100 meter resolution by 2030.

Underpinning the map service are seven principal layers of bathymetry. Actual soundings of multibeam data (raw), single beam data (1960 or later), NOS hydrographic surveys (1960 or later), and crowdsourced bathymetry are included. Coverage footprints of NOS BAG-formatted hydrography, bathymetric grids from the U.S. extended continental shelf survey program, and bathymetric LIDAR data are also included. All bathymetry layers used in the gap analysis are archived at NCEI. For convenience, footprints of bathymetric LIDAR data were retrieved from NOAA's Digital Coast.

Details

Source: Map Service

Size: 1 KB

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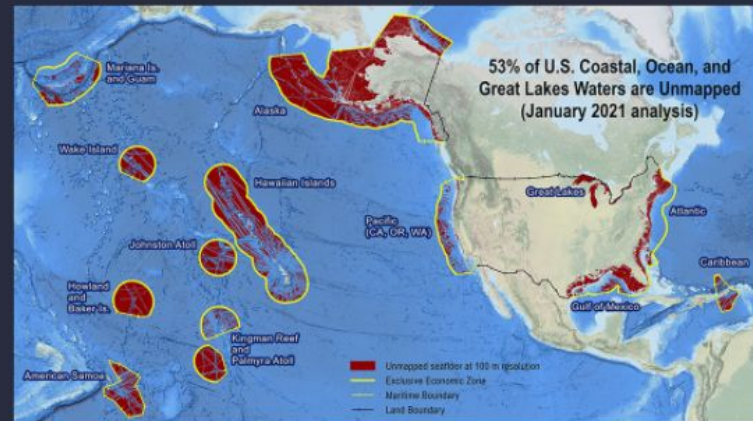
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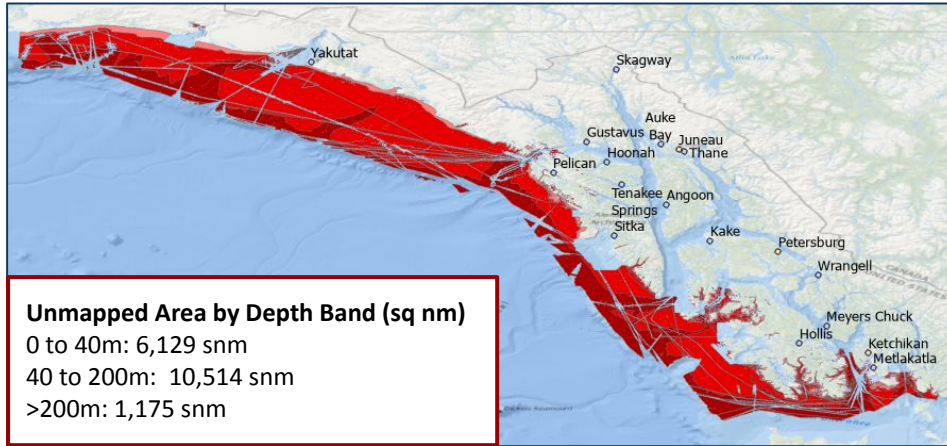
### Step #2: Let us know if you have data

Thank you for helping us reach our data goals!

Did you know that as of January 2021, 53% of U.S. waters remain unmapped?



<https://iocm.noaa.gov/data-sharing/provider-engagement-form.html>



### SE Alaska

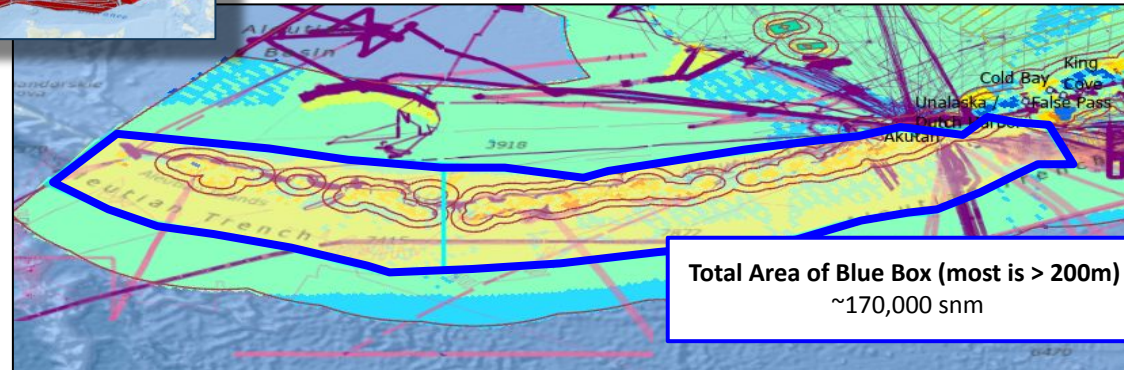
#### Goal

Develop a mapping plan of action that has us filling gaps in 1-2 years

### Aleutians

#### Goal

Develop a mapping plan of action that has us filling gaps in 2-3 years







**Thank you!**

**New Factsheet** at

[https://iocm.noaa.gov/documents/Seascope%20Alaska%20Factsheet\\_September%202021.pdf](https://iocm.noaa.gov/documents/Seascope%20Alaska%20Factsheet_September%202021.pdf)

**Questions or would you like to join and participate?**

For more information on **Seascope Alaska**, contact  
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For more information on **AK Spatial Priorities Study**, contact  
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Thank you!



# Poll Question

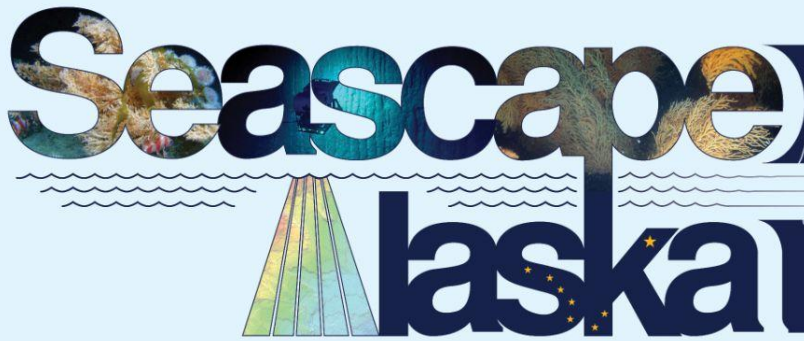
How did you hear about the Alaska Coastal and Ocean Mapping Summit?

Alaska Coastal and Ocean Mapping Summit  
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# Poll Question

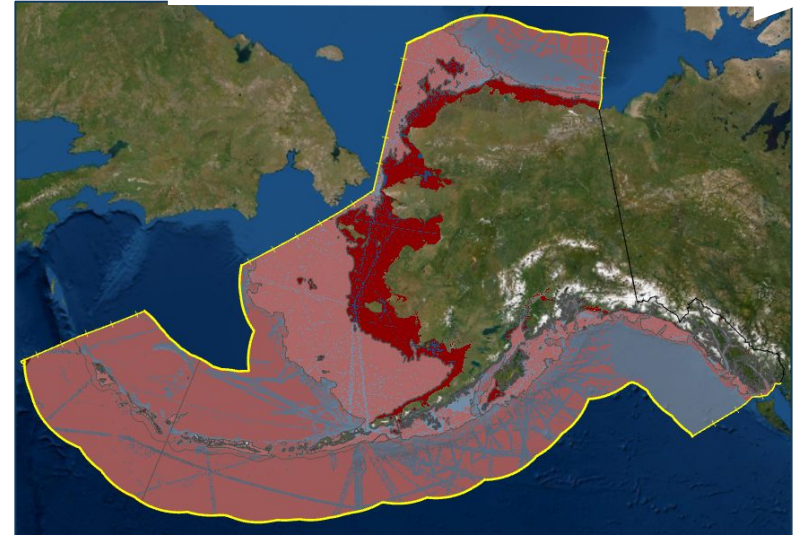
What stakeholder group(s) do you best represent?



Working together to understand the depths of Alaska's vast seascape

## Introducing Panel 1: Why is mapping important?

- ★ Community Perspective - Veronica Padula, Aleut Community of St. Paul
- ★ Navigator's Perspective: Prioritizing Mapping Surveys Where Vessels Operate - Ed Page, Alaska Marine Exchange (*retired*)
- ★ Hydrographic Health and Charting - Christy Fandel, NOAA Office of Coast Survey
- ★ Ocean Mapping: Importance to Fisheries Science - Bob McConnaughey, NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center
- ★ Brief overview of potential critical mineral resources near Alaska - Paul Knorr, BOEM
- ★ Examples of using multibeam bathymetry to study earthquake, landslide, and tsunami hazards in Alaska - Peter Haeussler, USGS
- ★ Submarine Volcanism and Methane Seepage - Jeff Beeson, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab
- ★ Topobathymetric Requirements for Marine Energy - Jeremy Kasper, Alaska Center for Energy & Power
- ★ 20 minute panel Q&A



**72% unmapped, as of January 2021**





## **Aleut Community of St. Paul Perspective**

Veronica Padula

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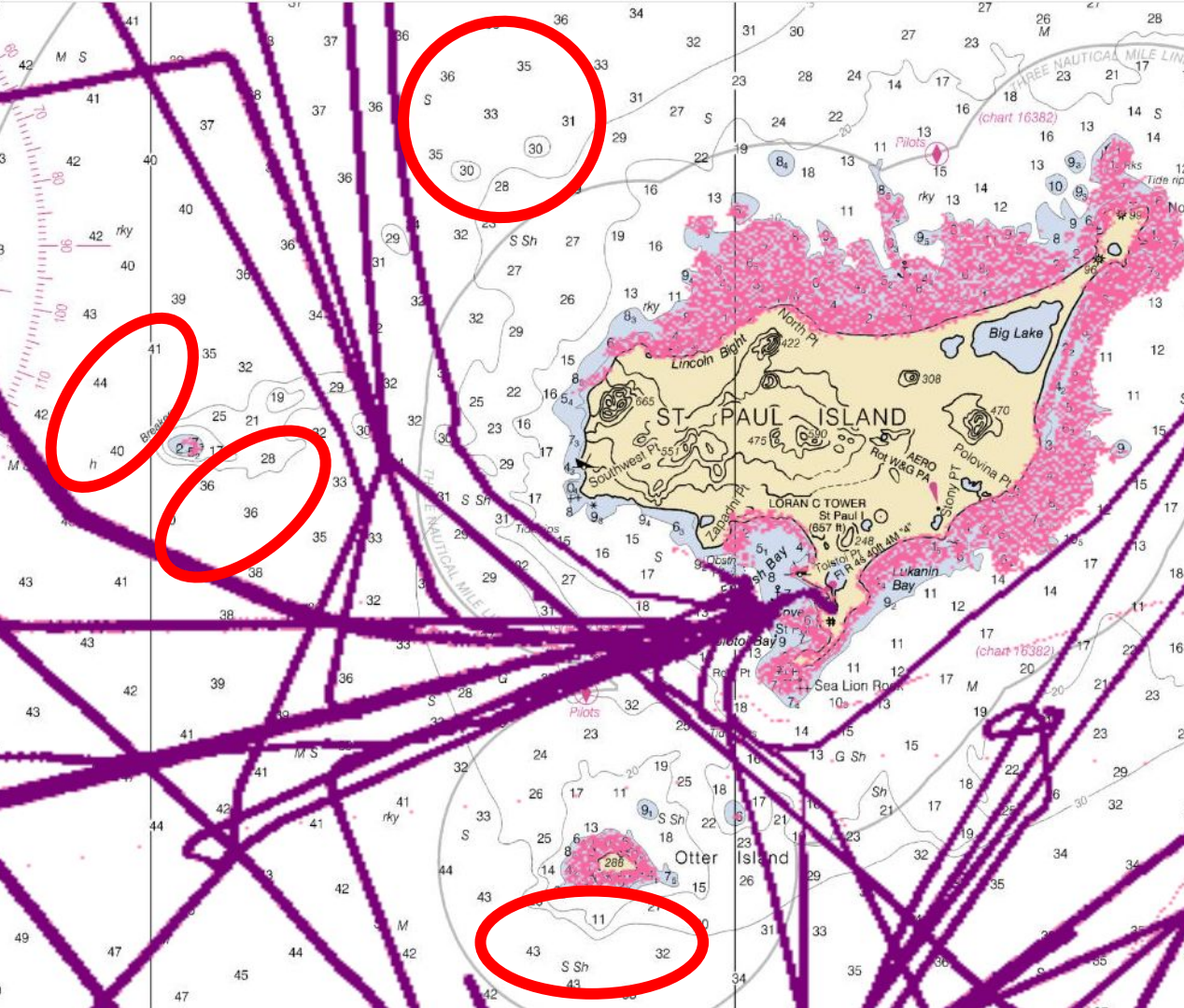
**ALEUT  
COMMUNITY OF  
ST. PAUL**

**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**

Veronica Padula  
Assistant Director  
Ecosystem Conservation Office  
Email: [vmpadula@aleut.com](mailto:vmpadula@aleut.com)







Derelict fishing gear on the seafloor damages habitat and covers valuable fishing grounds

Local fishermen are unable to access these locations

In a mapping exercise, fishermen identified sites around St. Paul Island where derelict fishing gear is problematic

Mapping can better determine the locations of derelict gear and develop a removal plan





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Thank you!





## **Navigator's Perspective: Prioritizing Mapping Surveys Where Vessels Operate**

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## Navigator's Perspective Prioritizing Mapping Surveys Where Vessels Operate

Captain Ed Page, USCG (Retired)  
Marine Exchange of Alaska





# **Dynamic Maritime Activity**

## **Changing Mapping Needs**

### **Provide Accurate Mapping to:**

- Support Alaska's Evolving Blue Economy
- Aid Maritime Safety
- Minimize Adverse Environmental Impacts







# Vessel Activity - International

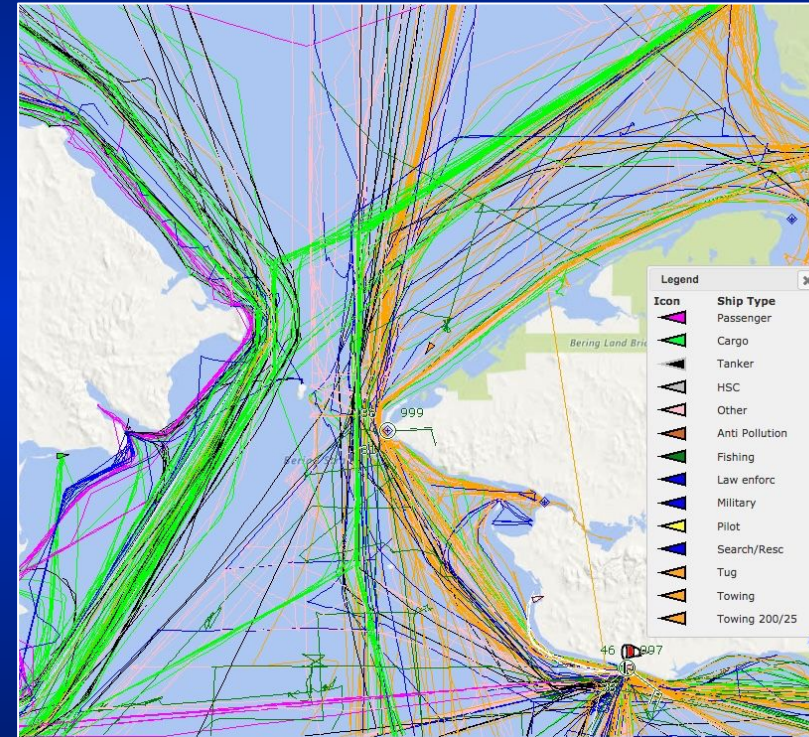
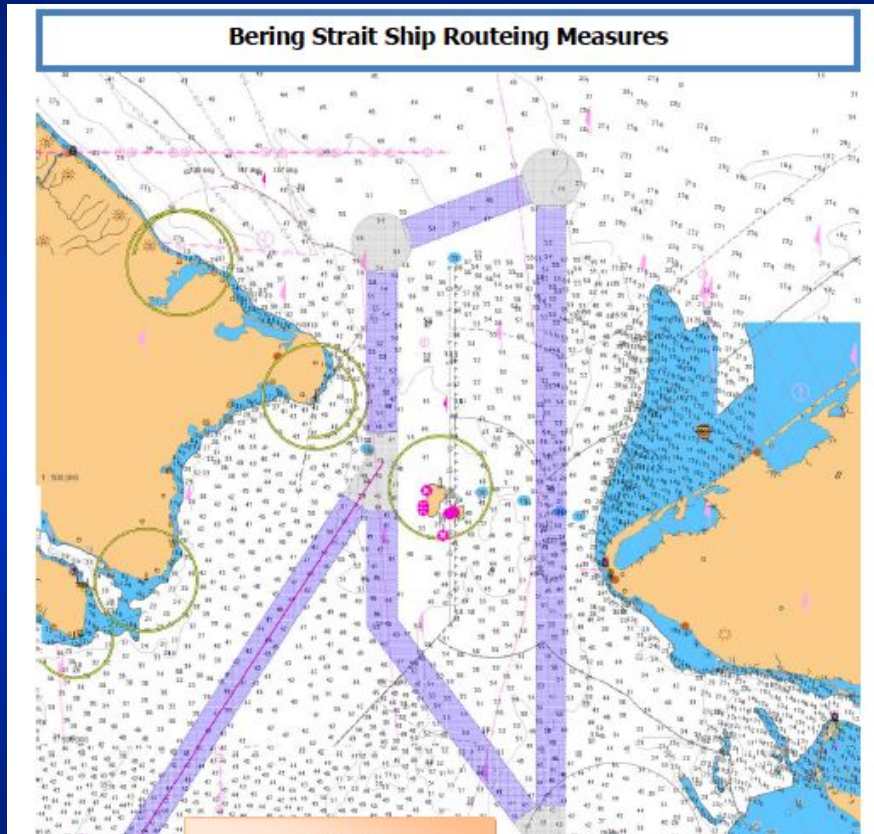
Annually

4,500 Unique Vessels 10,000 Transits of Aleutians  
Tankers, Bulkers, Passenger Vessels, Fishing, Barges



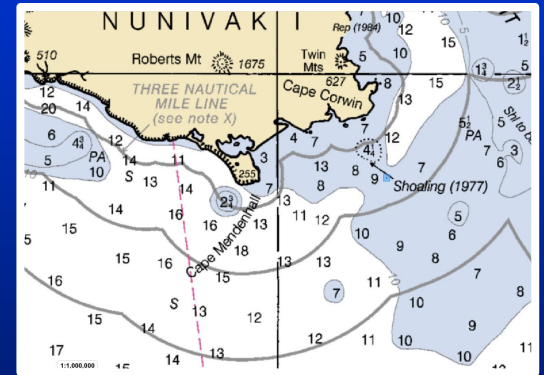
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## Port Access Route Study



# Tanker EBONY CHAMPION

## Grounding









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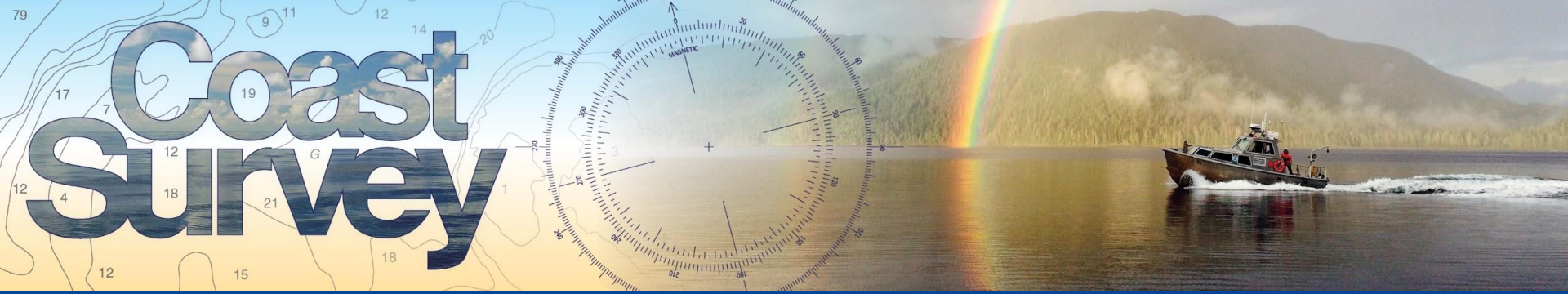


# Hydrographic Health and Charting

Christy Fandel

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# Hydrographic Health and Charting

Coast Survey / Hydrographic Surveys Division / Operations Branch

Christy Fandel  
Chief, Operations Branch



US Exclusive Economic Zone

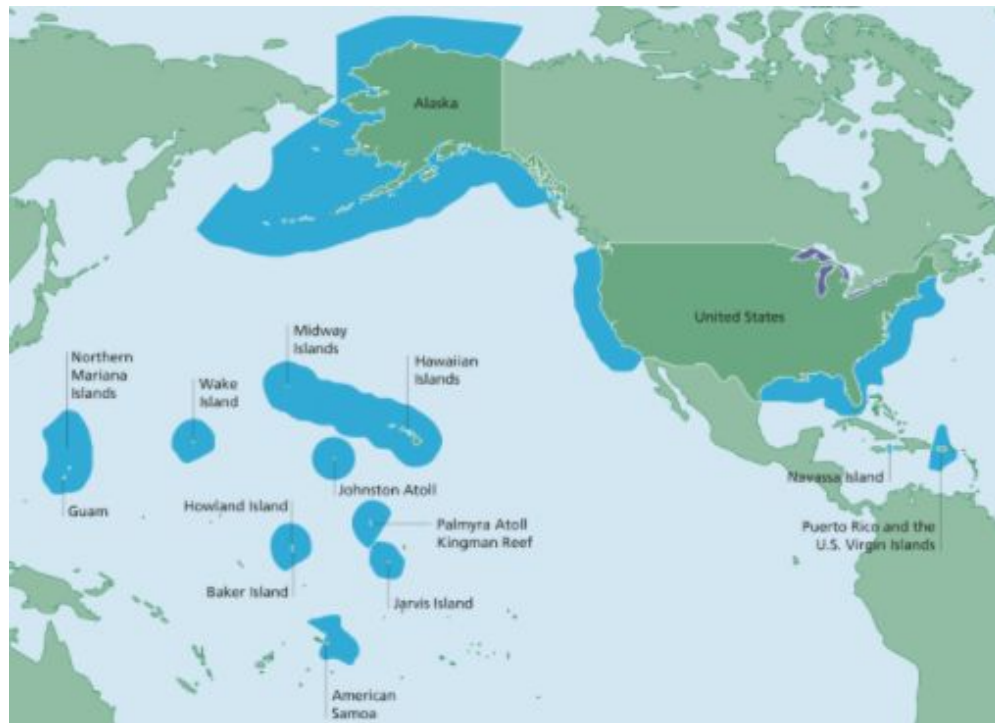
**3,400,000 SNM**

Surveyed to “Modern Standards”

**~47%**

Average Annual Hydrographic Acquisition

**3,000 SNM**



# Hydrographic Health Model

$$\text{Hydrographic Health} = \underbrace{\left( \text{Desired Survey Score} - \text{Present Survey Score} \right)}_{\text{Hydrographic Gap}} \times \underbrace{\sum \left( \text{Consequence} \times \prod (\text{Likelihood}) \right)}_{\text{Hydrographic Risk}}$$

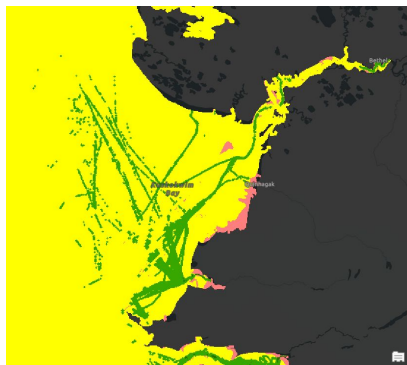
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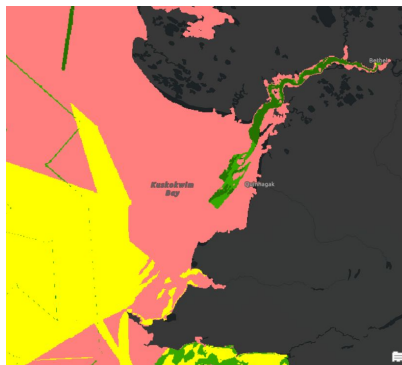


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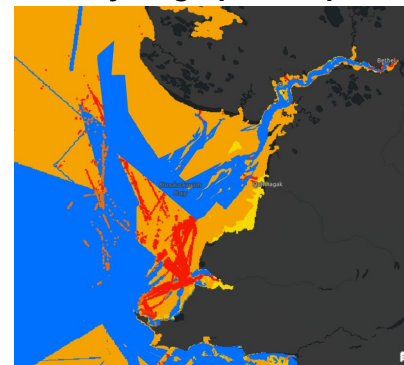
Lesser

Present Survey Score



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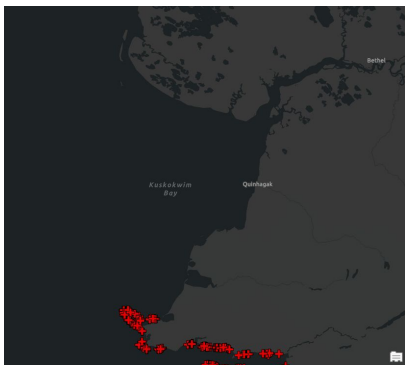
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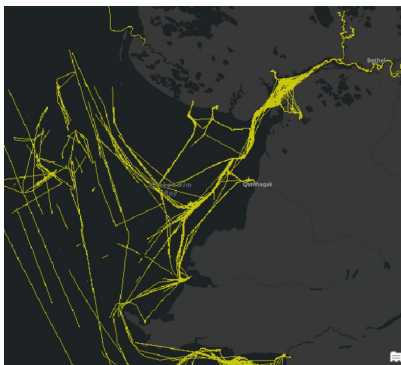
No Gap — Increasing Gap →

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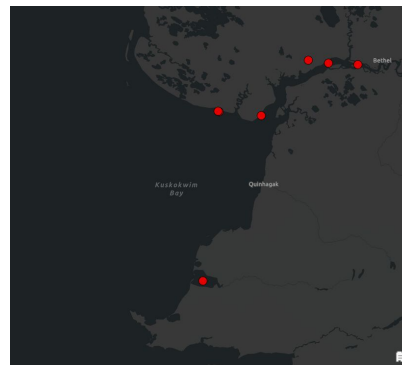
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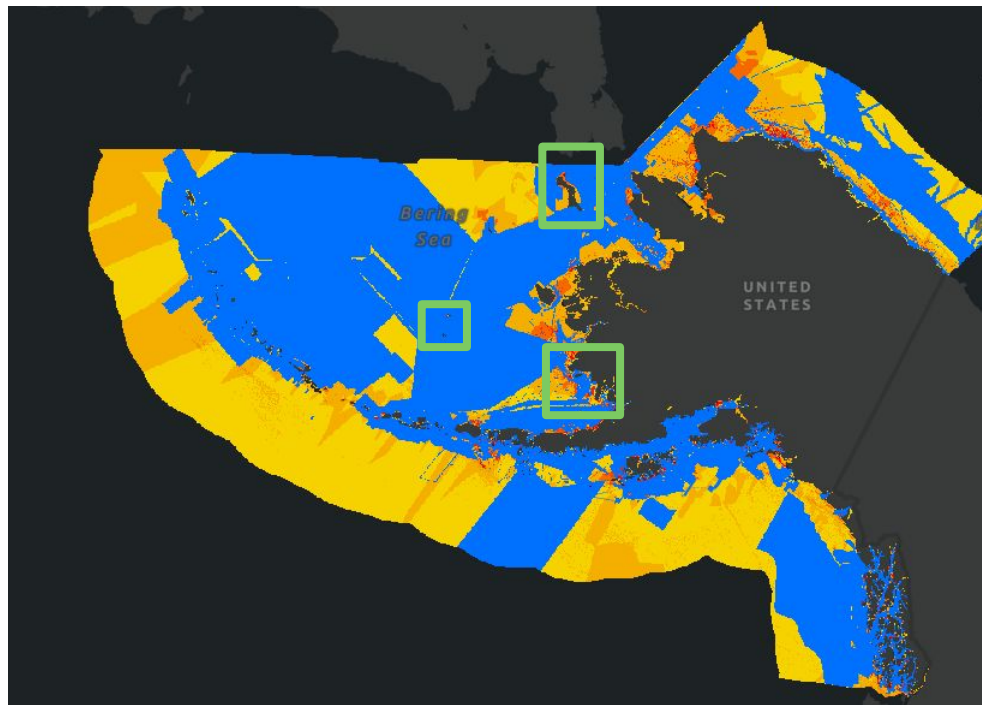
**Vessel Traffic**



**Groundings**



# Hydrographic Health Model







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Thank you!





## Ocean Mapping: Importance to Fisheries Science

Bob McConnaughey

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# Ocean Mapping

## Importance to Fisheries Science

NOMEK Summit Panel 1

*Bob McConnaughey*  
*Alaska Fisheries Science Center*

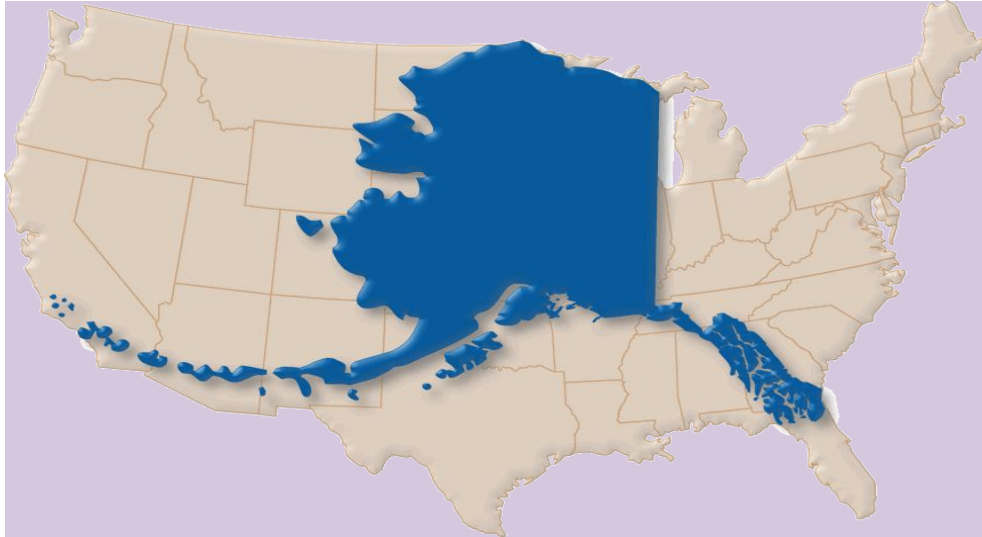


**NOAA FISHERIES**



# NOAA Fisheries

## Alaska



### **Vast Area**

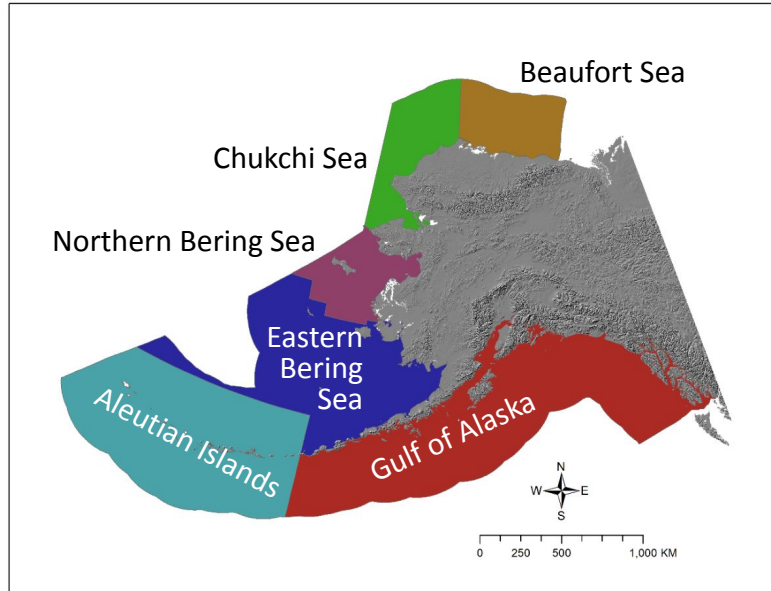
- 70% U.S. shelf
- 28% EEZ
- 47K mi shoreline

### **Valuable Fisheries**

- 69 managed stocks
- >50% U.S. landings
- \$4.5B wholesale

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center is the branch of NOAA Fisheries that is responsible for research on living marine resources in the coastal oceans off Alaska.

# Operational Units For Research & Management



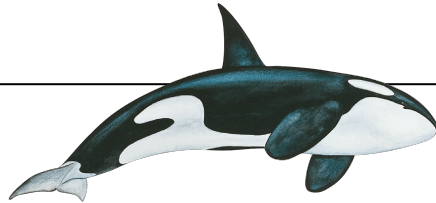
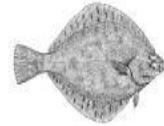
Region	Km <sup>2</sup>
Gulf of Alaska	1,199,958
Aleutian Islands	1,000,110
Eastern Bering Sea	776,011
Northern Bering Sea *	224,942
Chukchi Sea *	268,728
Beaufort Sea *	243,144

\* Expanded mission  
(loss of sea ice) 3,712,815

# Scientific & Management Activities

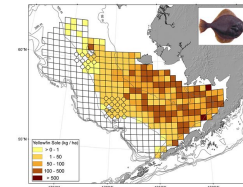
Alaska Fisheries Science Center / Alaska Regional Office

- Stock assessment surveys
- Population modeling (harvest advice)
- Biological studies (food habits, age & growth, behavior, recruitment)
- Habitat / ecosystem studies
- Consultations





# Mapping Applications



## Fish Surveys

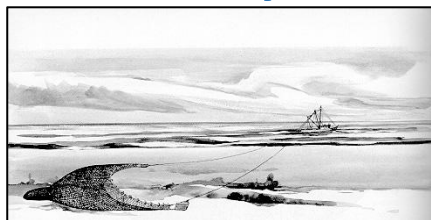
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## Enviro Data

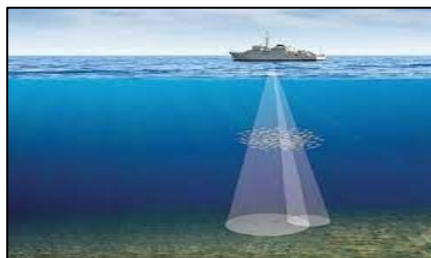
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## Spatial Modeling

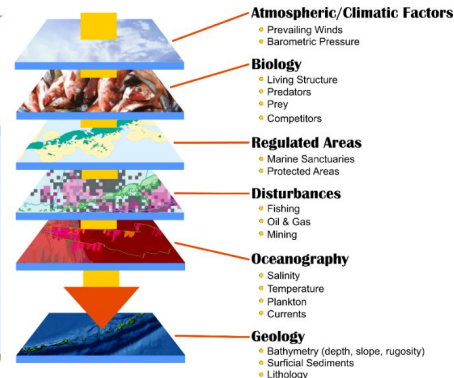
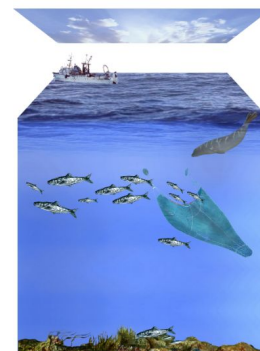
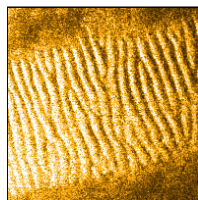
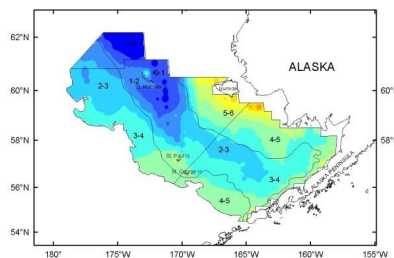
$$Y = a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + a_3 X_3 + \dots$$



Bottom trawls



Midwater sonars



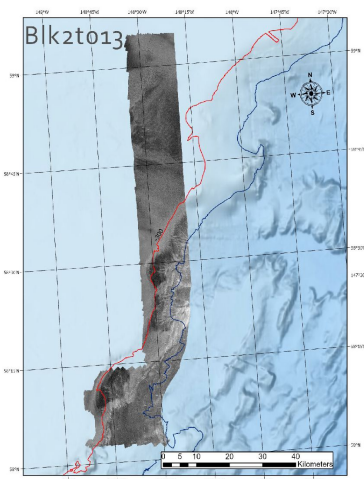
Spatially link fish abundance with physical & biological factors

# Example: Untrawlable Habitat Modeling

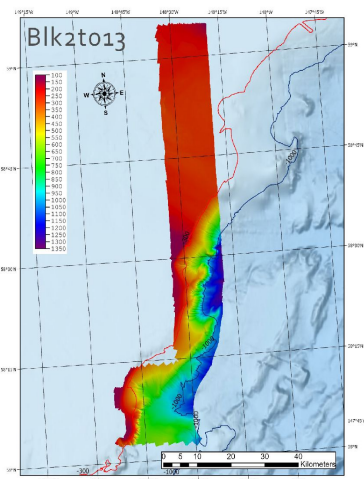
## Reduce Bias in Bottom-Trawl Surveys



### 1. Hydro survey



Backscatter

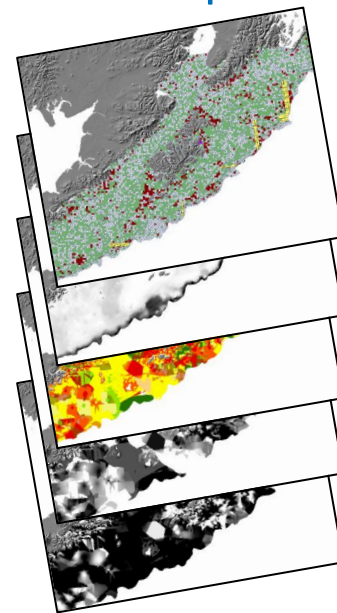


Bathymetry



### 2. Extract descriptive statistics

### 3. Spatial model



Trawlability

Seabed Characteristics

`gam(trawlable ~ s(slope) + s(rugosity) + s(mean_bs) + ... )`

# Questions?

## Ocean Mapping Importance to Fisheries Science



Pacific ocean perch, Aleutian Islands survey





# End of Presentation

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Thank you!





# **Brief overview of potential critical mineral resources near Alaska**

Paul Knorr

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## Mapping Marine Critical Minerals Offshore of Alaska

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Alaska Coastal and Ocean Mapping Summit

December 1-2, 2021

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# What are Critical Minerals?

- **Non-fuel mineral or mineral material essential to the economic and national security of the U.S.**
- **Serves a vital function in the manufacturing of a product**
- **Supply chain is vulnerable to disruption**
- **U.S. is dependent on foreign sources of critical minerals**
  - USGS identified 35 critical minerals
  - 14 lack any domestic production
  - More than 50% import-reliant for 29
  - About half are found on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)



# Critical Minerals Occurring Offshore

**Yellow** = Occur in marine minerals within the US Exclusive Economic Zone

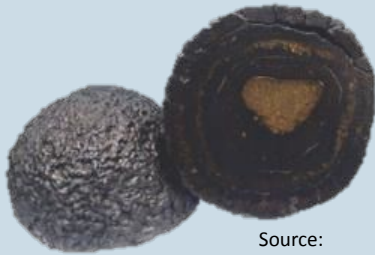
- Aluminum (bauxite)
- **Antimony**
- Arsenic
- Barite
- Beryllium
- **Bismuth**
- Cesium
- Chromium
- **Cobalt**
- Fluorspar
- **Gallium**
- **Germanium**
- Graphite (natural)
- Hafnium
- Helium
- Indium
- **Lithium**
- **Magnesium**
- **Manganese**
- **Niobium**
- **Platinum group metals**
- Potash
- **Rare earth elements**
- Rhenium
- Rubidium
- **Scandium**
- Strontium
- Tantalum
- **Tellurium**
- **Tin**
- **Titanium**
- Tungsten
- **Uranium**
- **Vanadium**
- **Zirconium**

The types of critical minerals that occur in offshore deposits are used in transportation (**lithium, cobalt, manganese**) and defense and national security (**germanium, rare earth elements**)

Table adapted from 83 FR 23295

# Main Deposit Types Containing Critical Minerals

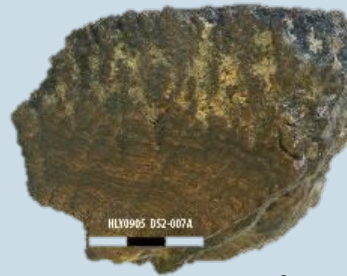
## Manganese (or Polymetallic) Nodules



Source:  
USGS

**Depth:** 4,000 to 7,000m  
**Occurrence:** Authigenic precipitate in soft sediments of abyssal plains  
**Extent:** Occur in all ocean basins, most abundant in central Pacific  
**Growth Rate:** **2-10 mm / million years**  
**Critical Minerals:** **Cobalt, manganese, REE, tellurium, platinum, bismuth, niobium, zirconium**

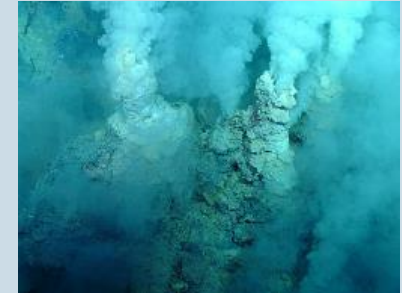
## Ferromanganese Crust



Source: USGS

**Depth:** 600 to 7,000m  
**Occurrence:** Authigenic precipitate on flank and summit of seamounts  
**Extent:** Central and western Pacific  
**Growth Rate:** **1-4 mm / million years**  
**Critical Minerals:** **Cobalt, manganese, REE, tellurium, platinum, bismuth, niobium, zirconium**

## Seafloor Massive Sulfides (SMS)



Source: NOAA

**Depth:** 100 to 7,000m  
**Occurrence:** Precipitate of minerals leached from host rock and magmatic fluid  
**Extent:** Globally along active tectonic boundaries  
**Growth Rate:** variable to  $\leq$  cm / day  
**Critical Minerals:** **Antimony, bismuth, gallium, tellurium, germanium**



# Main Deposit Types Containing Critical Minerals

**Placer deposits: collections of particles concentrated by gravity**



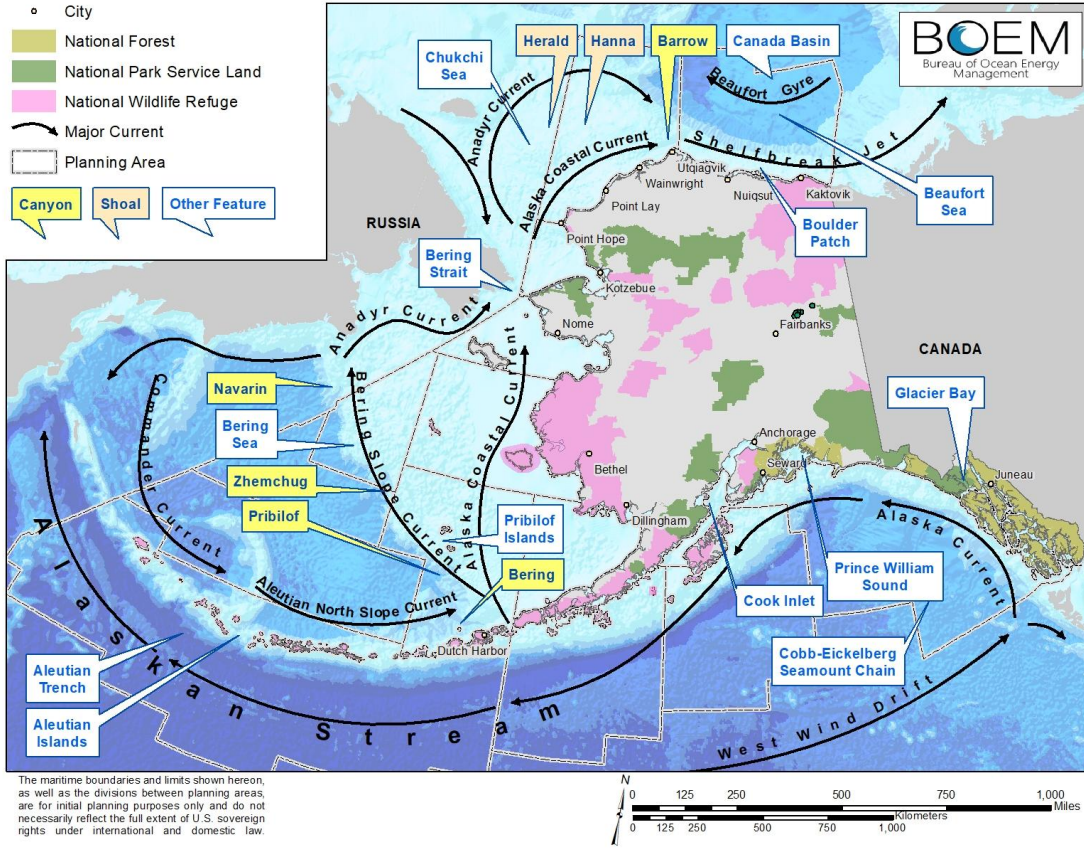
Source: Utah Geological Survey



Source: USGS



# Critical Minerals – Environmental



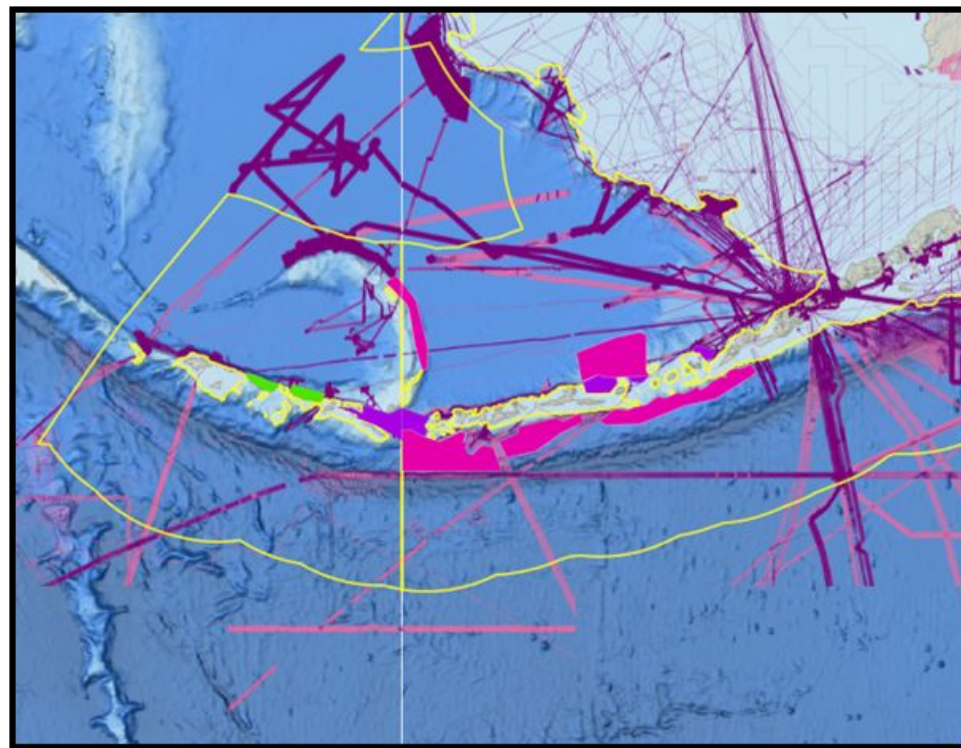
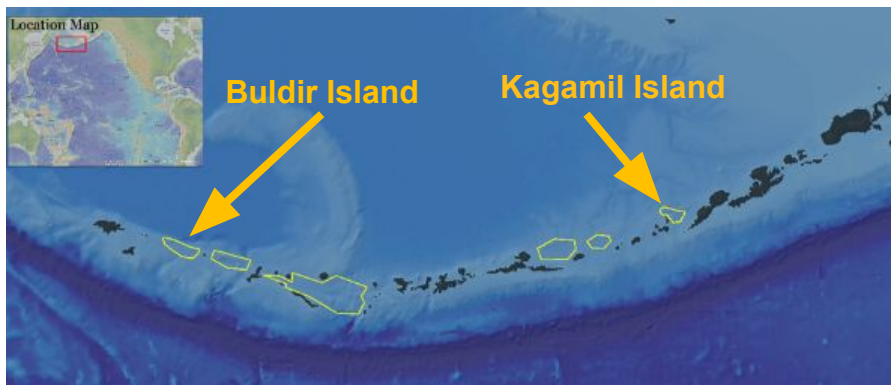
Planning factors could include Marine Protected Areas (MPA), Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC)





# Alaskan Mineral Resources – Aleutians – Hydrothermal

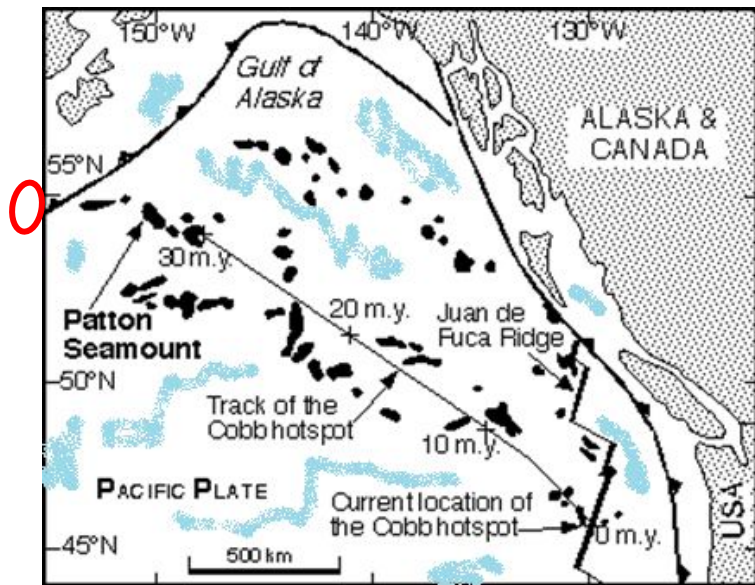
- MM 21-04 Seamount Benthic Mapping and Characterization for Deep-Sea Corals, Benthic Ecosystems, and Critical Minerals and of the Aleutian Islands (Knorr, Mueller)
- BOEM will be funding an exploratory study in FY2022 w/ NOAA and USGS
- Phase 1 – Identify potential vent systems and target areas for a Phase 2 ROV effort



Green and purple are BOEM/USGS areas of interest



# Alaskan Mineral Resources – Gulf of Alaska – Crust

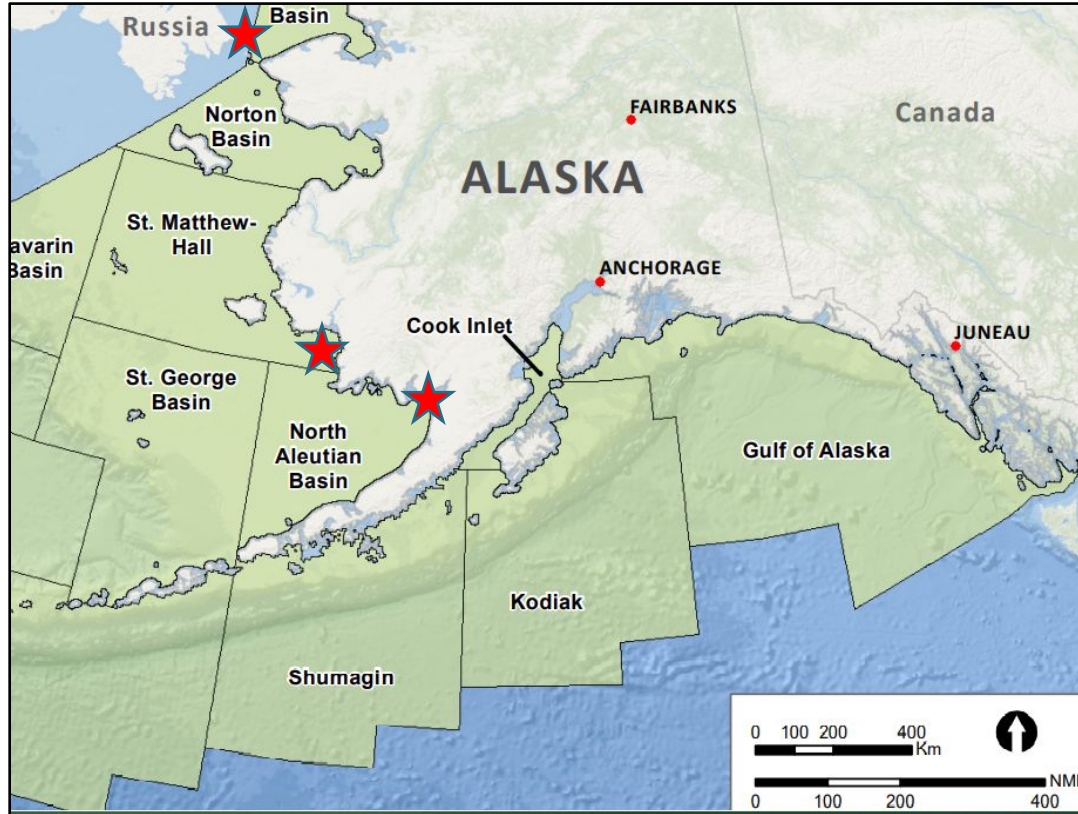


Source: oregonstate.edu



Iron-manganese crust on Patton Seamount surface

# Alaskan Mineral Resources – Overview – Placers



# Alaskan Placers – Bristol Bay



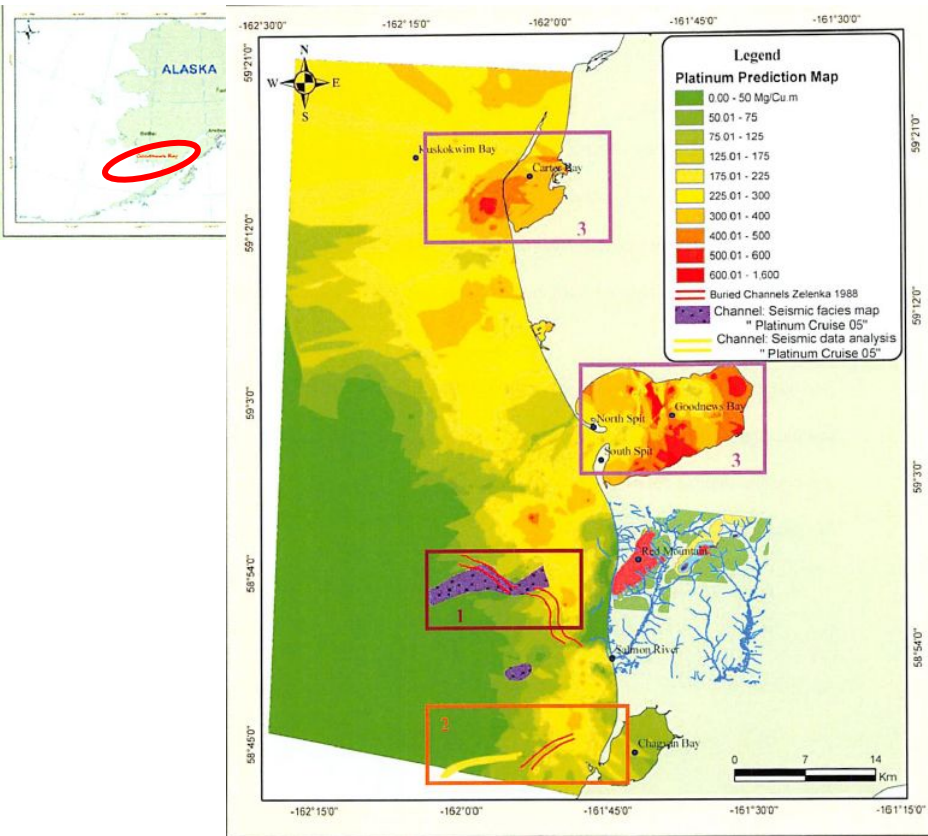
Iron, **titanium**, garnet, and olivine-rich sands

25 miles 50 km





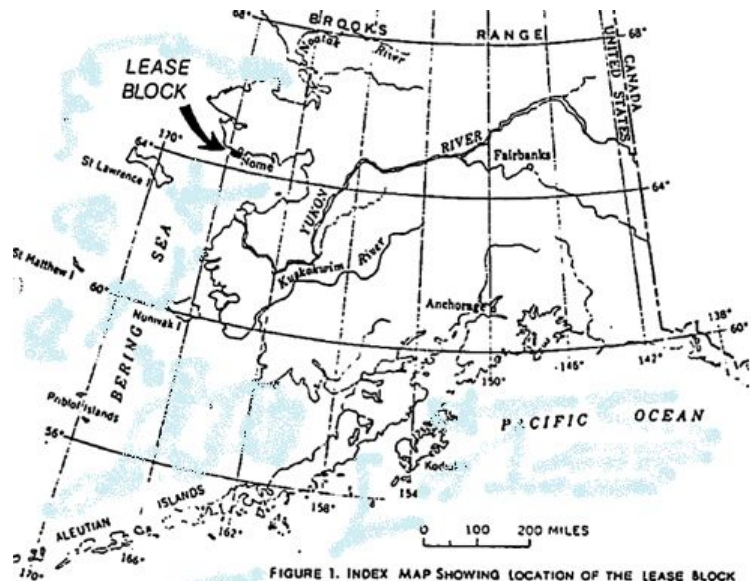
# Alaskan Placers – Goodnews Bay



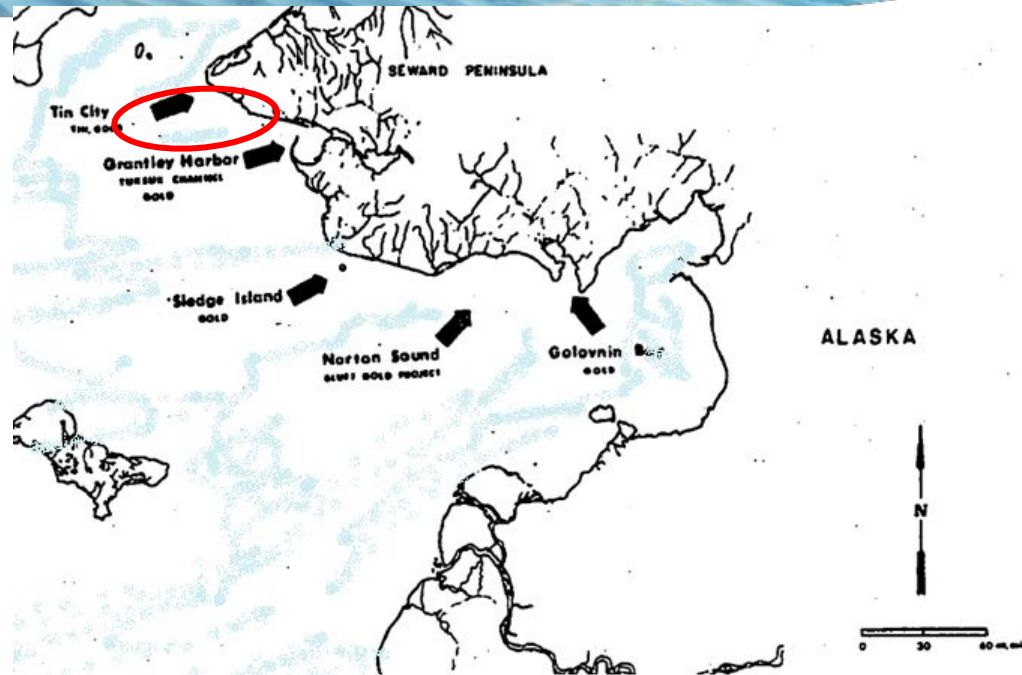
**Platinum** group (critical)



# Alaskan Placers – Norton Sound / Bering Sea



Source: boem.gov



Gold (not critical) and **tin** (critical)

Source: Moore and Welkie, AGS Proceedings '76







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Thank you!







## Examples of using multibeam bathymetry to study earthquake, landslide, and tsunami hazards in Alaska

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**Peter Haeussler** *USGS - Anchorage*

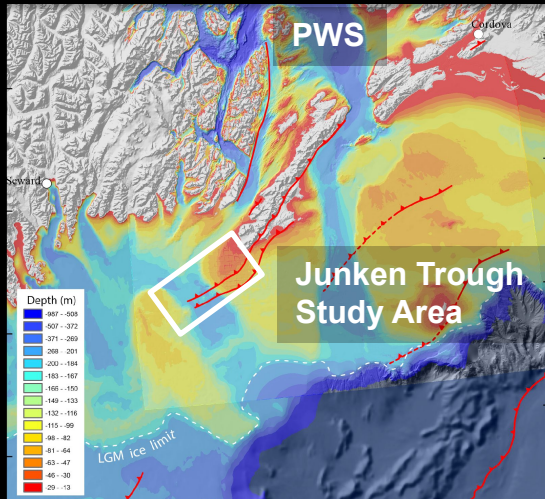
Alaska Coordinator, Earthquake hazards program  
ACOMS Meeting, December 2021





# Fault characterization: Megathrust splay faults

- Important tsunami-generating faults
- Mapped onland after 1964, but inferred to extend to offshore Seward







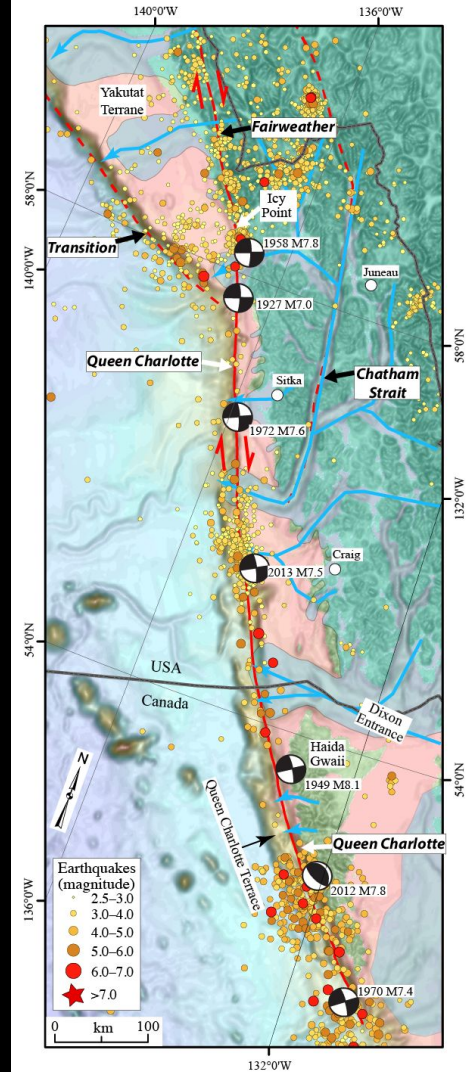
# Fault Characterization: Queen Charlotte fault

- Major fault – “the San Andreas of the north”
- 7 major (M7+) earthquakes in last 100 years
- Almost no work on the fault prior to 2015



Major earthquakes since 1900:

- 1927 M7.0
- 1949 M8.1
- 1958 M7.8
- 1970 M7.4
- 1972 M7.6
- 2012 M7.8
- 2013 M7.6



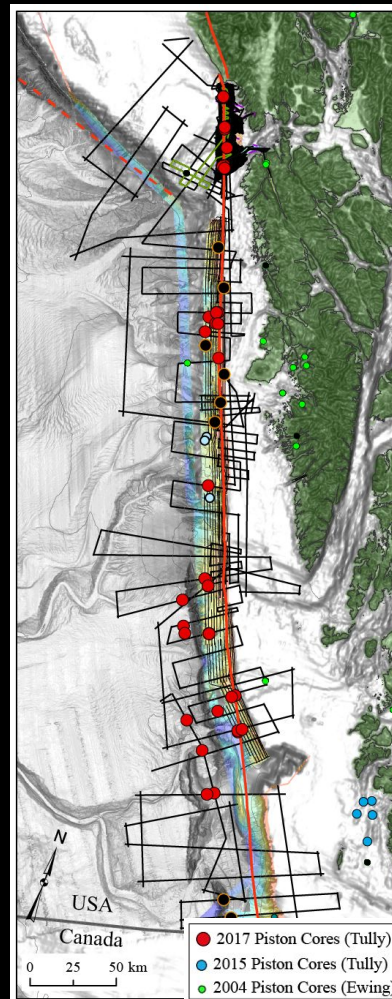


# The entire fault is now mapped!

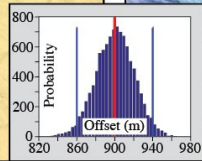
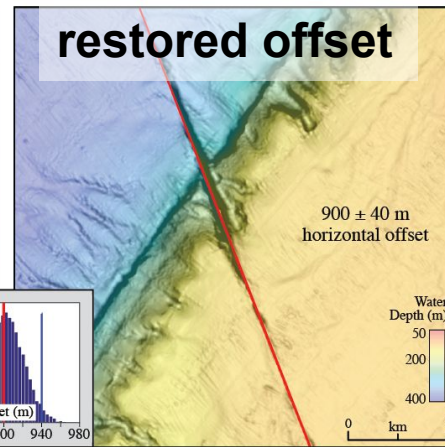
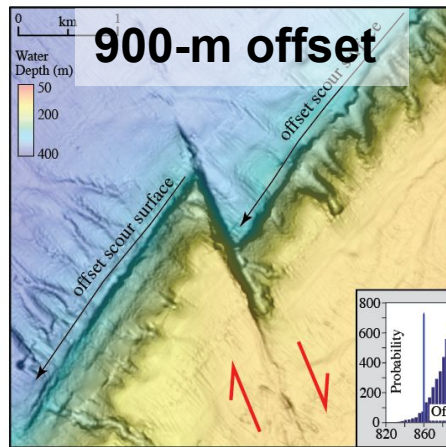
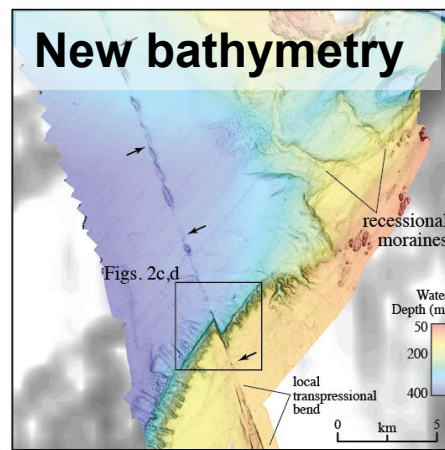
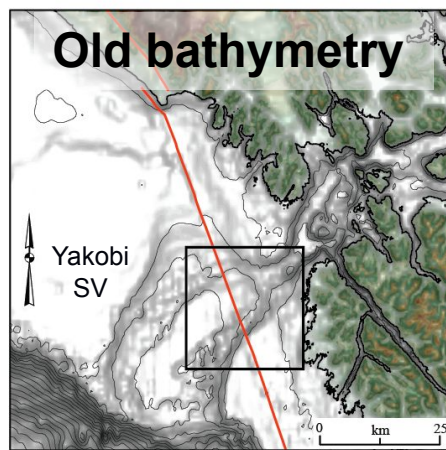
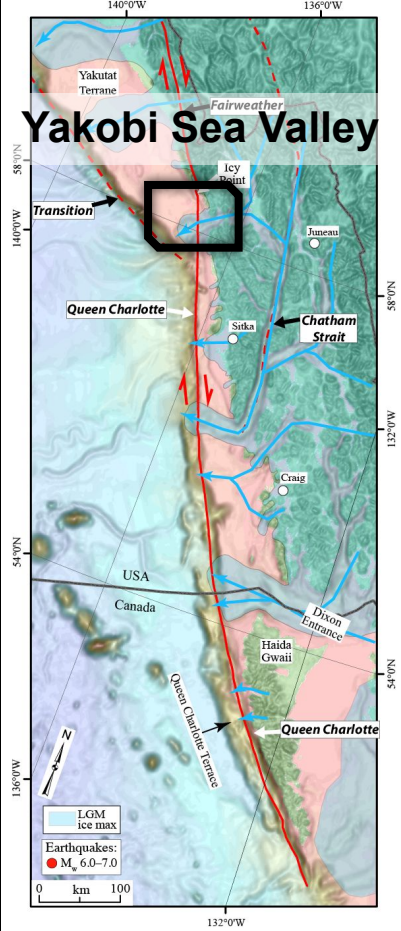
- 2015-2018: 125 days at sea
- Combination of multibeam and sparker seismic data collected

## Cruises in U.S. Waters:

- 2015 *R/V Solstice* continental slope high-resolution MCS and MBES geophysical surveys
- 2015 *R/V Alaskan Gyre* continental shelf high-resolution MCS and Chirp geophysical surveys
- 2016 *R/V Medeia* continental slope high-resolution MCS and MBES geophysical surveys
- 2016 *R/V Norseman* continental slope high-resolution MCS geophysical survey
- 2017 *R/V Ocean Starr* high-resolution MCS and CHIRP geophysical surveys
- 2017 *R/V John P. Tully* high-resolution MCS, piston coring and bottom camera surveys
- 2018 *R/V Fairweather* MBES mapping survey





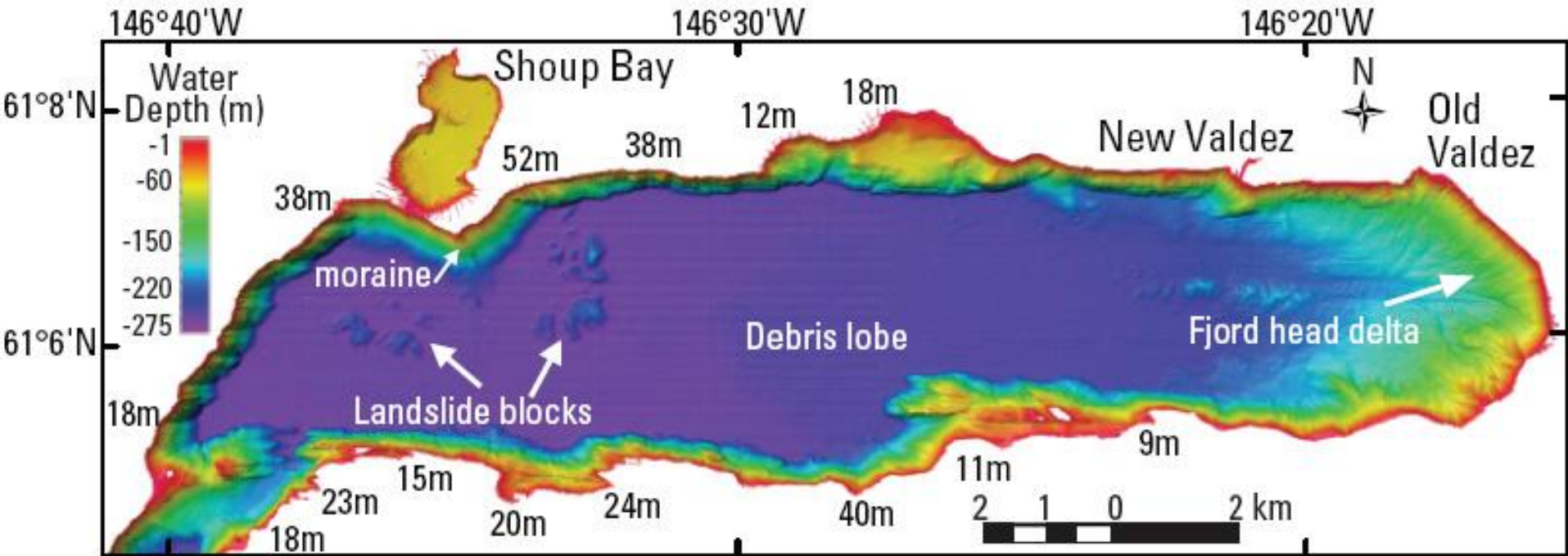


LaDiCaoz offset reconstruction (method based on Zielke et al., 2012)

**53±3 mm/yr slip rate**

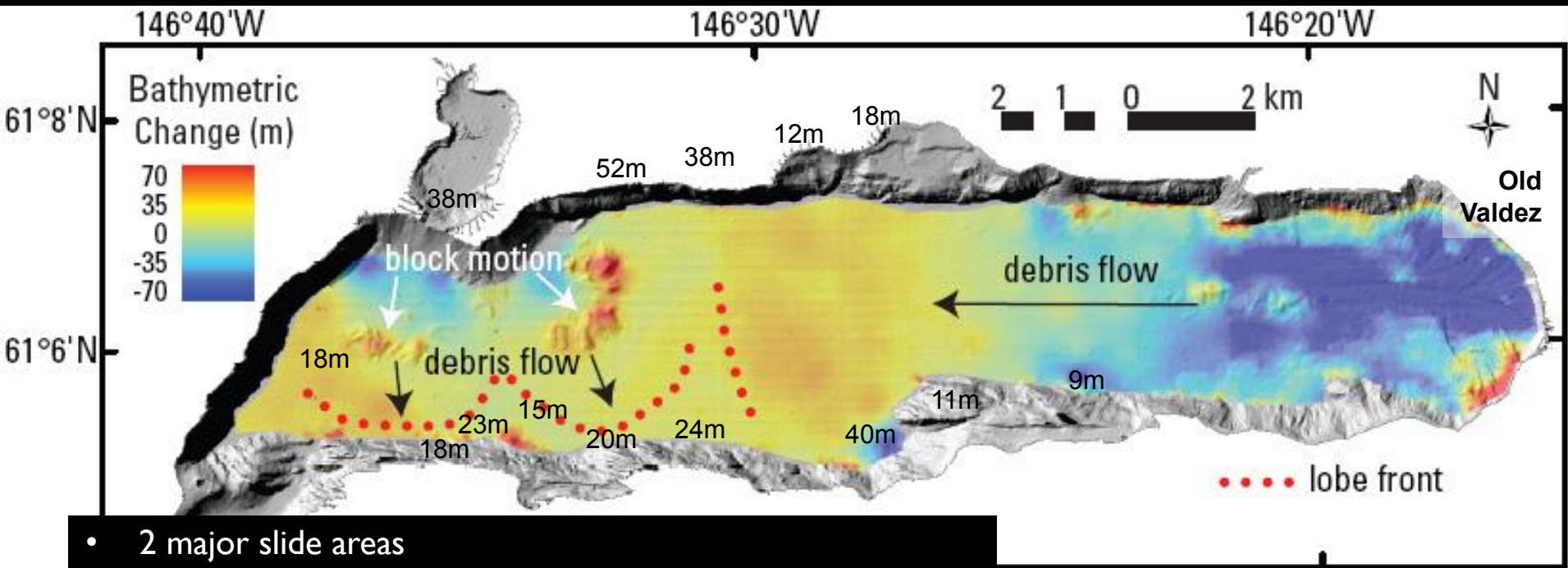
- We found offset reconstructions for 179 strike-slip piercing points
- These reveal consistent  $\sim 5.3$  cm/yr slip-rate over 650 km distance
- The entire plate boundary is localized to a single, knife-edge fault
- This is the worlds fastest continent-ocean transform fault!

# Submarine landslides – Port Valdez



2002-2003 NOAA bathymetry surveys

# Differential bathymetry reveals sources of tsunami



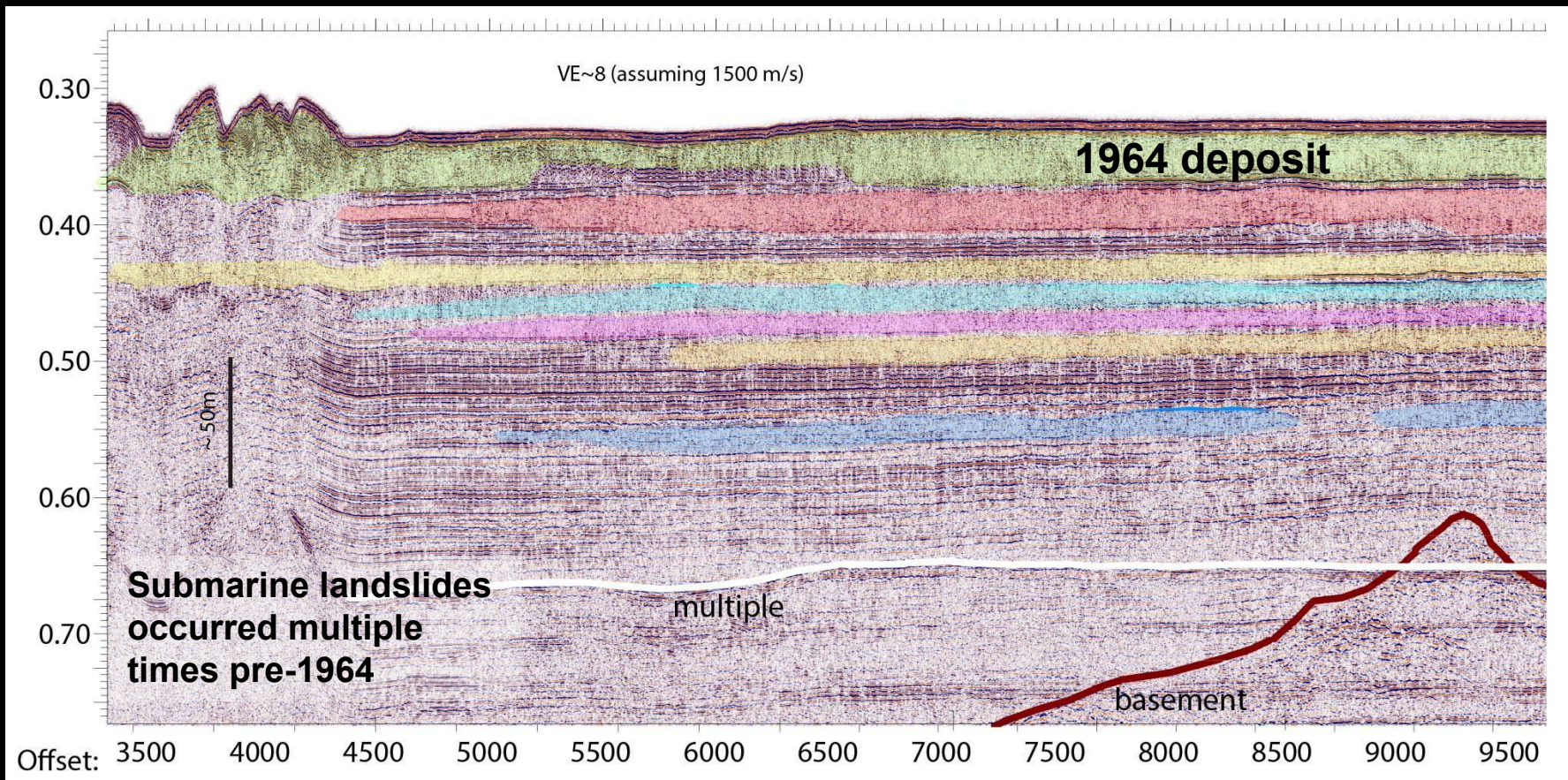
- 2 major slide areas
- Fjord-head delta failure
- Blocks fell off Shoup Bay moraine
- Information used to revise tsunami hazard maps

**Bathymetry difference map**

**Blue = deeper after 1964**  
**Warm = shallower after 1964**



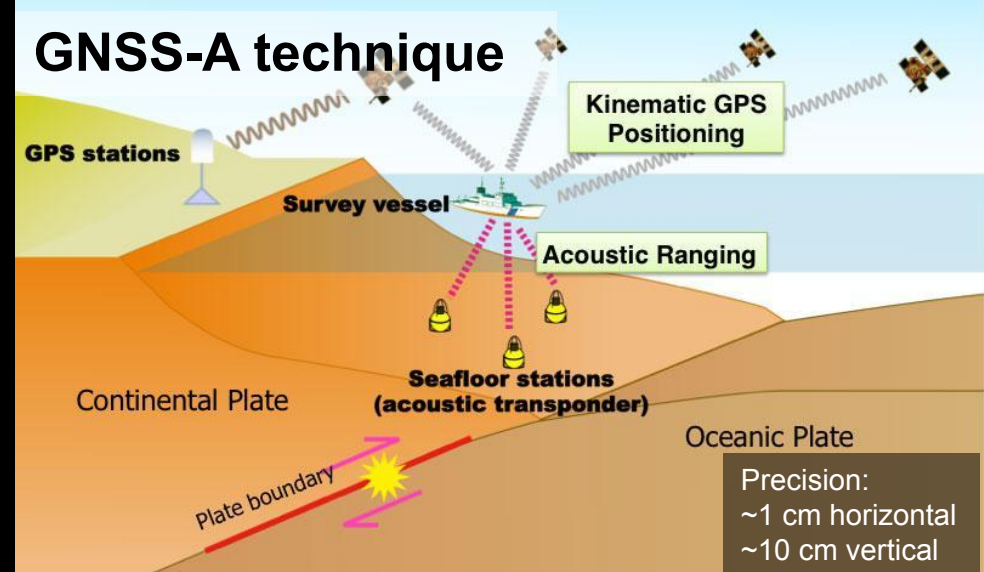
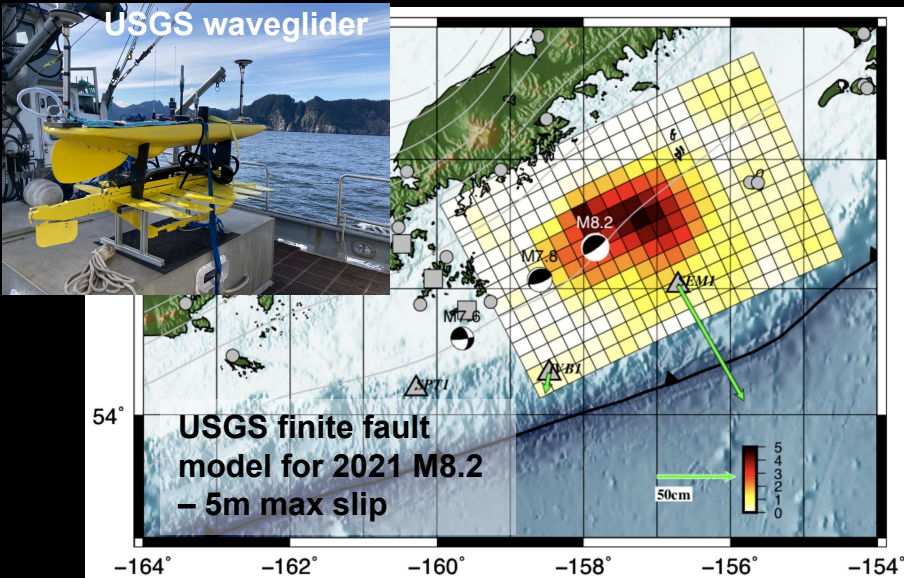
# Sub-bottom profiles show previous debris flows





# Seafloor geodesy

- My prediction: the biggest advances in understanding the hazard from megathrust earthquakes in the next decade will come from seafloor geodesy
- USGS has a wave glider for GNSS-A surveying



- USGS waveglider used to study the Shumagin Islands earthquake sequence of 2020 and 2021 in two deployments
- Three seafloor benchmarks (~\$100K/each) were deployed during and NSF-funded experiment in 2018



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Thank you!







## Submarine Volcanism and Methane Seepage: Why is mapping important?

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*Submarine Volcanism and Methane*  
*Seepage: Why is mapping important?*

*December 2nd, 2021*

Dr. Jeff Beeson - NOAA PMEL - Earth-Ocean Interactions Group  
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Discovering, measuring, understanding,  
and predicting ecological impacts of  
natural chemical, biological, and  
geological processes between the solid  
Earth and Ocean.

# Submarine Volcanism: Why is mapping important?



## Our Why

We explore globally to discover and characterize new hydrothermal vent sites and undersea ecosystems to assess their potential resources and their chemical impact on the ocean environment.

## Our How

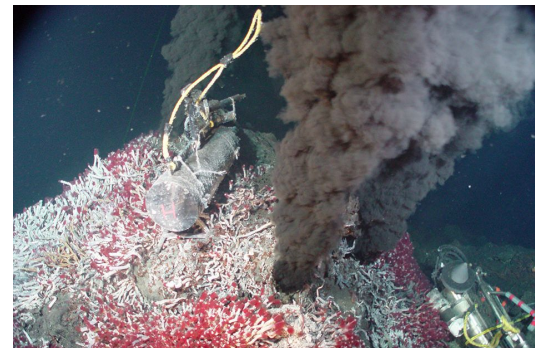
CTDs, camera systems, submersibles, remotely operated vehicles, autonomous underwater vehicles, and gliders, high-temperature water samplers, portable and moored hydrophones

## Our Who

Marine Biologist,  
Geologist, Marine  
Resource Managers,  
Physical/Chemical  
Oceanographers



**Mapping data** provides some of the first clues to where these submarine volcanoes are located





# Methane Seepage: Why is mapping important?

## Our Why

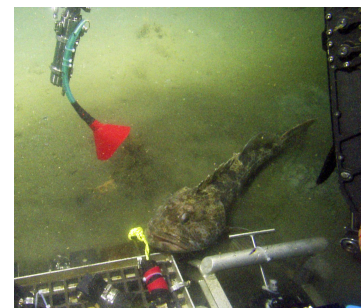
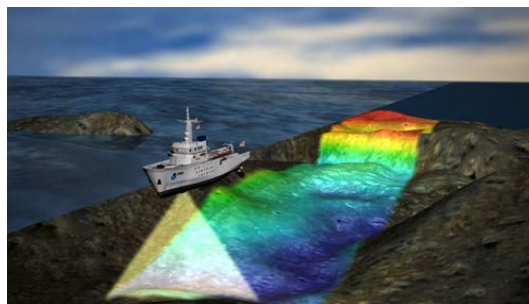
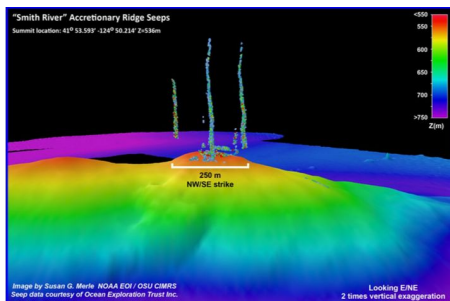
An unknown amount of methane is fluxing through continental margins, and up to ~5000 gigatons of carbon are stored in icy methane hydrate deposits within their sediment.

## Our How

EOI scientists use multibeam sonar and a remotely operated vehicles to document and characterize undersea methane sites

## Our Who

Geochemist, Geologist, Fisheries, Biologist, Marine Resources Managers, Climate Modeling, Oceanographers



Nearly **3,500 methane bubble streams**, clustered into more than 1,300 methane emission sites, have been identified along the US Cascadia margin, derived both from archived published data and 2011, 2016–2018 dedicated multibeam surveys using co-registered seafloor and water column data.

Merle et al. 2021 - **Distribution of Methane Plumes on Cascadia Margin and Implications for the Landward Limit of Methane Hydrate Stability**



# Thoughts on Alaska: Why is mapping important?

What impacts will a warming Alaska margin have on the carbon cycle?

We can assess the current state of methane seepage in Alaska's EEZ

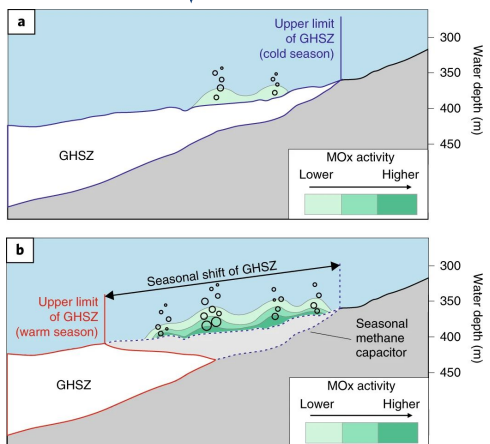
Mapping data will directly aid in the assessment of methane seepage in the waters offshore Alaska

Mapping data will allow a baseline to compare against as the Alaskan Margin continues to change

Mapping data will provide the information needed for more detailed exploration cruises to submarine volcanoes and hydrothermal vent sites

How does submarine volcanism impact ocean chemistry and biology in the north Pacific?

Changing pressure temperature conditions will alter the state methane hydrate in the subsurface



Ferré, B., Jansson, P.G., Moser, M. et al. Reduced methane seepage from Arctic sediments during cold bottom-water conditions. *Nat. Geosci.* 13, 144–148 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41561-019-0515-3>

PMEL Acoustics will be deploying a quad hydrophone array north of Adak Island in summer 2022

Goal: detect submarine volcanic sources along the central and western Aleutian arc.

Mapping Data of these areas will be of great help to our volcano detection efforts.



Find more information at  
<https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/eoi/>

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### Submarine Volcanism

Time-series studies of interactions between geology, chemistry and biology focused on Axial Seamount.

Submarine Volcanism - Time-Series Studies

Hydrothermal Vents - Global Exploration

Continental Margin - Methane Seeps

#### What's New

##### Expedition to Axial Seamount September 2020

September 03, 2020  
The Axial 2020 research cruise on R/V Thompson departed Newport, Oregon, midday on September 1 with ROV Jason and AUV Sentry on board. The axial 2020 cruise will work for the next 3 weeks at Axial Seamount, which is an active submarine volcano with a summit depth of ~ 1500 m (almost a mile deep), located ~260 miles offshore on the Juan de Fuca Ridge. This cruise will consist of two separate NSF-funded projects: (1) one is to monitor inflation of the volcano by making pressure measurements with ROV Jason at seafloor benchmarks, and to conduct repeat bathymetric mapping with AUV Sentry as an independent way to measure seafloor uplift. (2) The other project is to deploy and recover new seafloor instruments designed to measure seafloor compliance (how "squishy" the seafloor is over the volcano) during ROV Jason dives. Between ROV Jason dives, we will deploy one long (1200 m) hydrophone mooring, recover and re-deploy four short (15 m) Bottom Pressure Recorder (BPR) moorings, and we will also make ~8 CTD casts to monitor hydrothermal plumes and collect water samples for e-DNA analysis. We will be streaming live video from ROV Jason during dives and from the deck of R/V Thompson in between dives at these URLs:  
<https://interactiveoceans.washington.edu/v20-live-video/>  
<https://interactiveoceans.washington.edu/tiny.html>

#### Research Sites

- Axial Seamount
- Cascadia Margin
- Marianas
- Lau Basin
- Kermadec Arc
- Explorer Ridge
- Ring of Fire

[YouTube EOI Channel](#)

#### Honors

**NOAA Distinguished Career Award 2019:** EOI's Robert Embley

**NOAA's Team Player of the Month:** EOI's Susan Merle!  
See NOAA-PMEL's awards site.

#### Feature Publication

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##### Post-eruption enhancement of hydrothermal activity

April 22, 2019

Estimates of hydrothermal heat flux (MW) for the 33-year time series (black dots; note break on the vertical axis). Pink band at bottom shows "normal" heat flux averaging ~15 MW. Yellow bands show intervals of increased heat flux following eruptions (red triangles and dashed lines), which reached values as high as 1200 MW. About two-thirds of the total heat flux occurred during the 10 years shown by the yellow bands.

About 80% of volcanic activity on Earth occurs on the deep seafloor of the global ocean. These eruptions are concentrated where the Earth's tectonic plates collide or separate, accelerating the

Map it, and they will  
come....

Thank you  
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# End of Presentation

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Thank you!





# Topobathymetric Requirements for Marine Energy

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# Topobathymetric Requirements for Marine Energy

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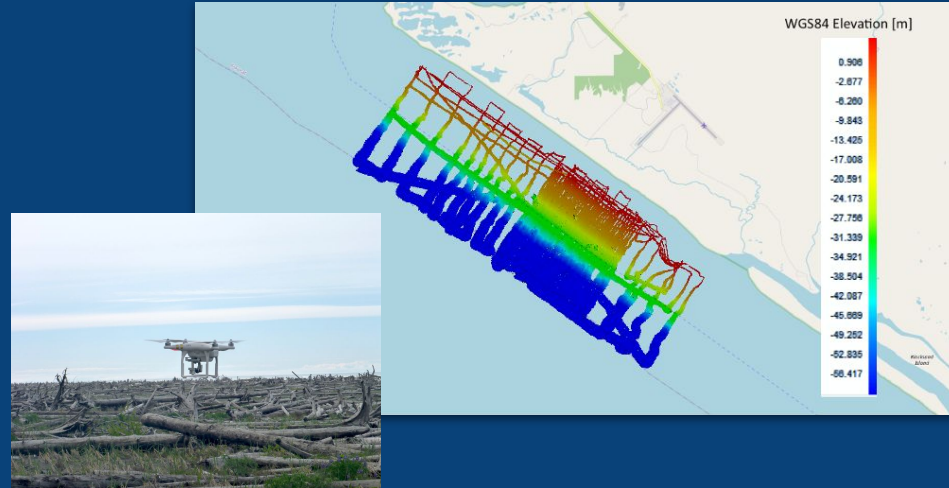
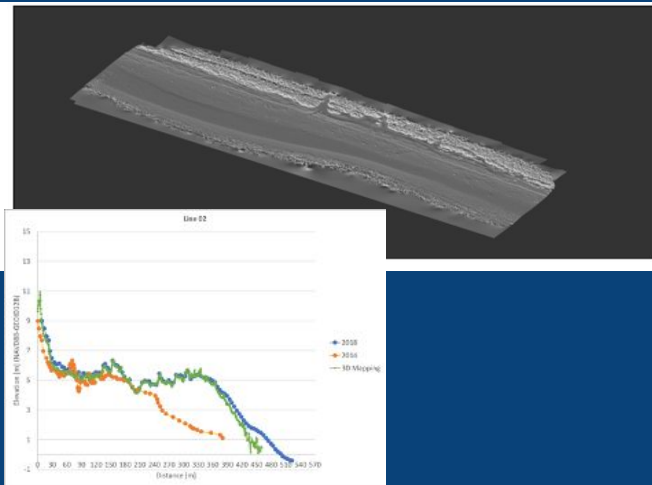
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- IEC Standards TC114 62600 -101, -201, -301 all require bathymetry (e.g. <10m horizontal spacing+any changes in bathy+hazards; following IHO, 2018, etc.)

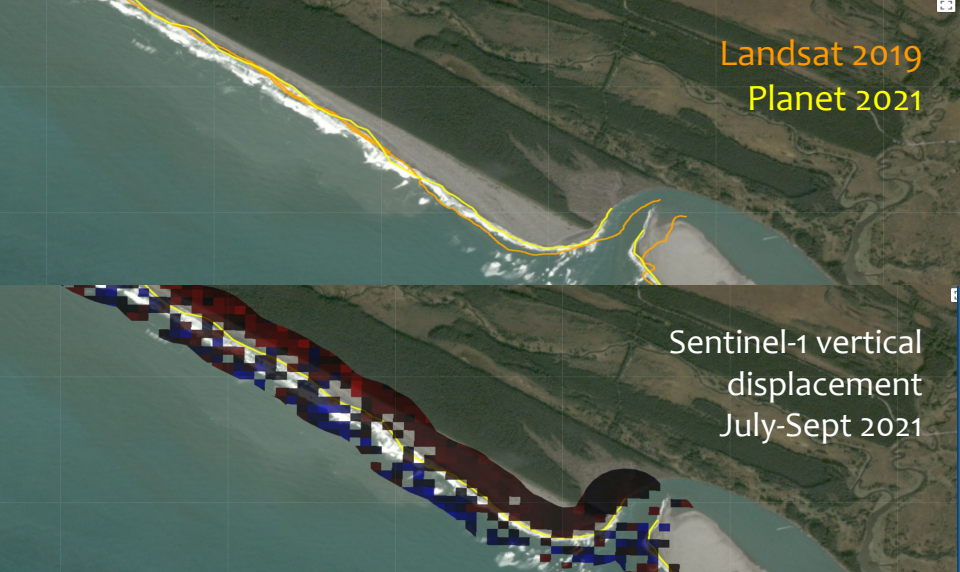
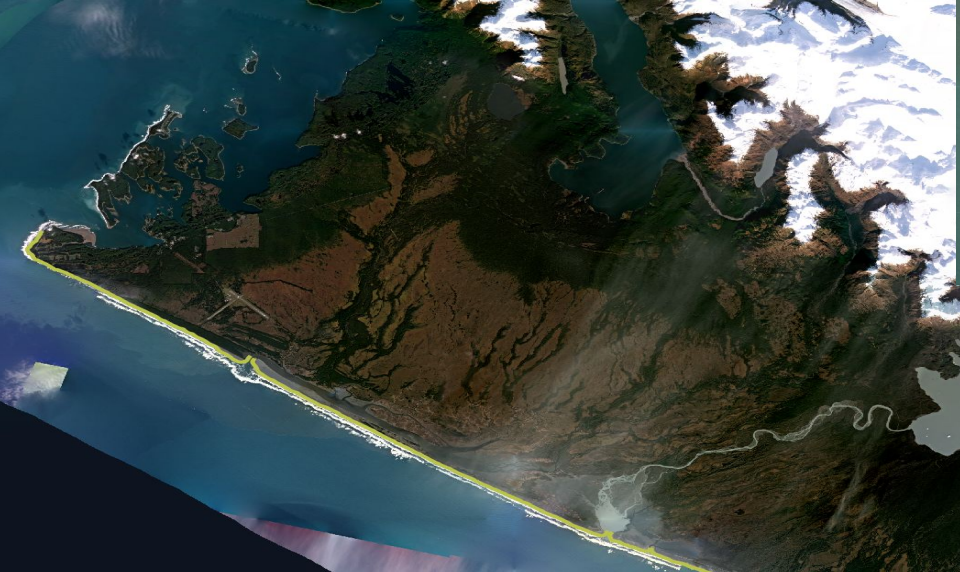


# WHAT DATA IS REQUIRED?

## Yakutat Wave Example

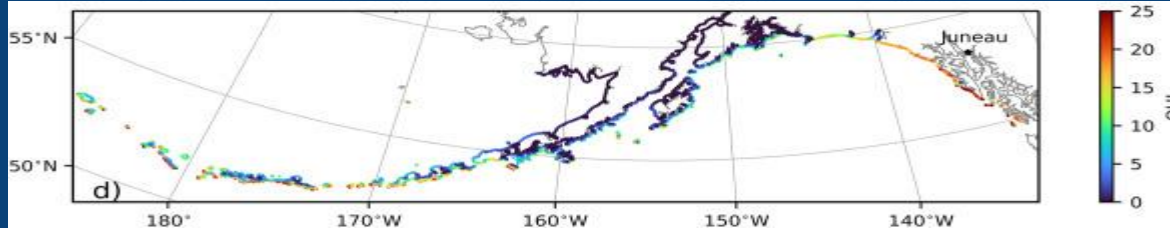


- 2016 wave resource assessment required bathymetry for wave modeling
- Follow-on assessments of coastal morphology and other site hazards



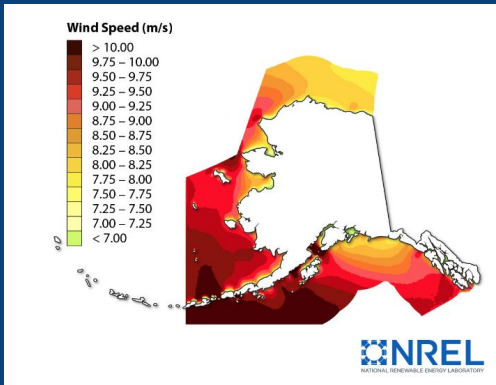
- End goal: topobathymetric surface, coastal position + quantifying change to assess site suitability/hazards
  - utilize multibeam sonar, UAVs, GNSS-based transects & satellite imagery to get there

## Wave Energy Hot Spots



From Garcia-Medina et al., 2020 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2021.02.005>.)

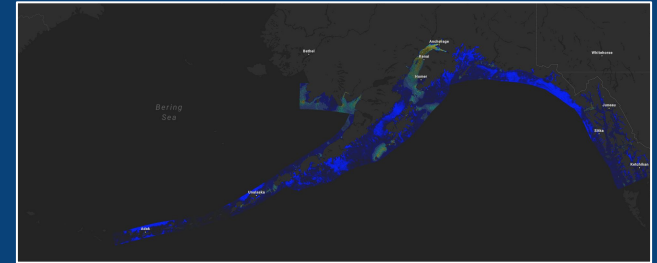
## Offshore Wind



From Doubrava et al., 2017 (NREL Technical Report NREL/TP-5000-70553)

# WHERE?

## Tidal Energy Hot Spots



From <https://maps.nrel.gov/marine-energy-atlas/>

## +WILDCARDS (e.g. mariculture, etc.)



From AOS Mariculture Portal  
(<https://mariculture.portal.aos.org/#map>)





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Thank you!



# Panel Questions

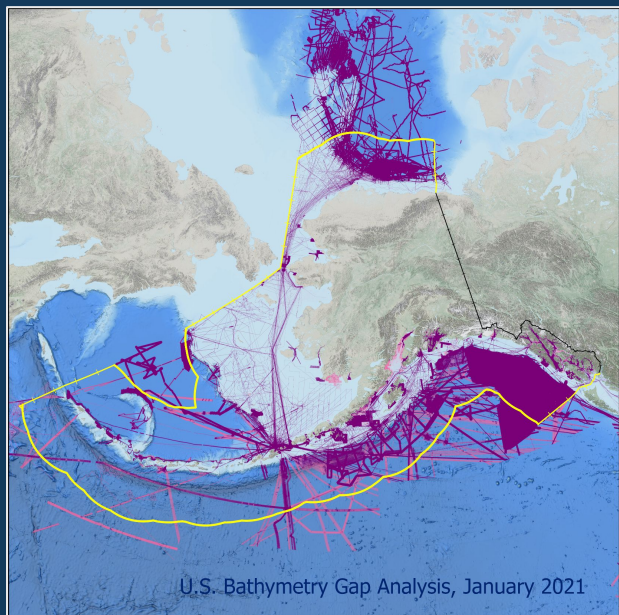
Enter your questions or comments in the Questions box in the menu pane.

# Poll Question

Why is mapping important to you?



# GOT BATHYMETRY DATA?



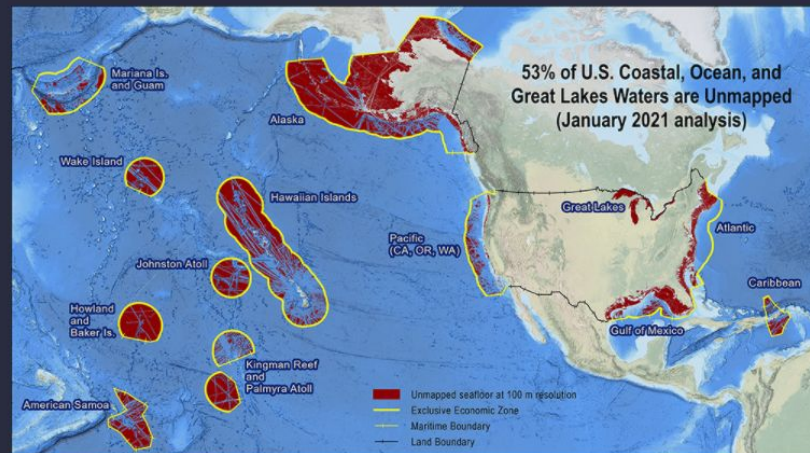
Review the current coverage (shown in purple/pink)

Let us know via the Form at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/data-sharing/provider-engagement-form.html>



Thank you for helping us reach our data goals!

Did you know that as of January 2021, 53% of U.S. waters remain unmapped?



Across NOAA and its sister federal mapping agencies, we are seeking new partners in order to make significant progress on the June 2020 U.S. [National Ocean Mapping, Exploration and Characterization Strategy](#) (NOMEC), the [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#), and the global [Seabed 2030](#) initiative. All efforts underscore our collective dependence on collaborative acquisition and sharing of ocean mapping data.

**Our goal is to coordinate, acquire, and share ocean mapping data with centralized repositories, such as [NCEI](#) and [Digital Coast](#).** To improve our knowledge of the ocean and ensure efficient use of limited mapping resources, we want to work with you to increase access to all existing ocean and coastal mapping data that you and other potential partners may have. Please use the following form to let us know if you have data that you are willing to contribute and we will follow up with you.

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**BREAK TIME**

**Back at 10:45am AKT**



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