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2022 Alaska Coastal & Ocean Mapping Summit

Technology Lightning Talks

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NOAA Coastal Mapping Project in Southeast Alaska as a Supporting Case for the Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy

Colin Cooper – NV5



THE ALASKA COASTAL MAPPING STRATEGY & A SUPPORTING
CASE OF NOAA'S COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM IN SE AK
Colin Cooper and Scott Venables

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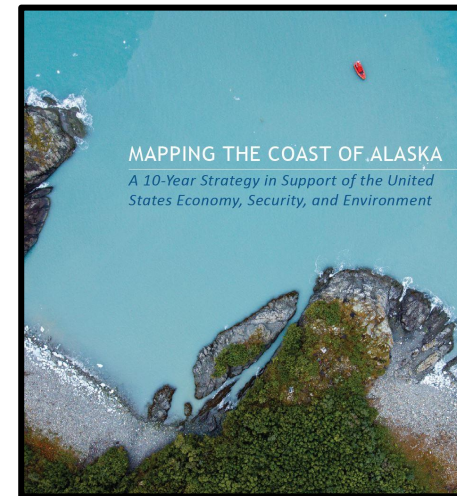
ALASKA COASTAL MAPPING INITIATIVE

NOAA NGS RSD Coastal Mapping Program

Requires the collection of airborne topographic/bathymetric Light Detection and Ranging (lidar) and digital camera imagery data to enable accurate and consistent measurement of the national shoreline.

Bathy Lidar Quality Level	Source	Vertical accuracy coefficients a,b as in $\sqrt{a^2+(b^2d)^2}$	Nominal Pulse Spacing (m)	Point Density (pt/m ²)	Example Applications
QL0 _B	Bathymetric Lidar	0.25, 0.0075	≤0.7	≥2.0	Detailed site surveys requiring the highest accuracy and highest resolution seafloor definition; dredging and inshore engineering surveys; high-resolution surveys of ports and harbors
QL1 _B	Bathymetric Lidar	0.25, 0.0075	≤2.0	≥0.25	
QL2 _B	Bathymetric Lidar	0.30, 0.0130	≤0.7	≥2.0	Charting surveys; regional sediment management General bathymetric mapping; coastal science and management applications Change analysis; deepwater surveys, environmental analysis
QL3 _B	Bathymetric Lidar	0.30, 0.0130	≤2.0	≥0.25	

November 19, 2019:
DCPD-201900811
Presidential Memorandum on
Ocean Mapping of the United
States Exclusive Economic Zone
and the Shoreline and
Nearshore of Alaska



REVILLAGIGEDO CHANNEL

Tasked for Topobathymetric Lidar, 4-band Imagery,
& Shoreline mapping Revillagigedo Channel

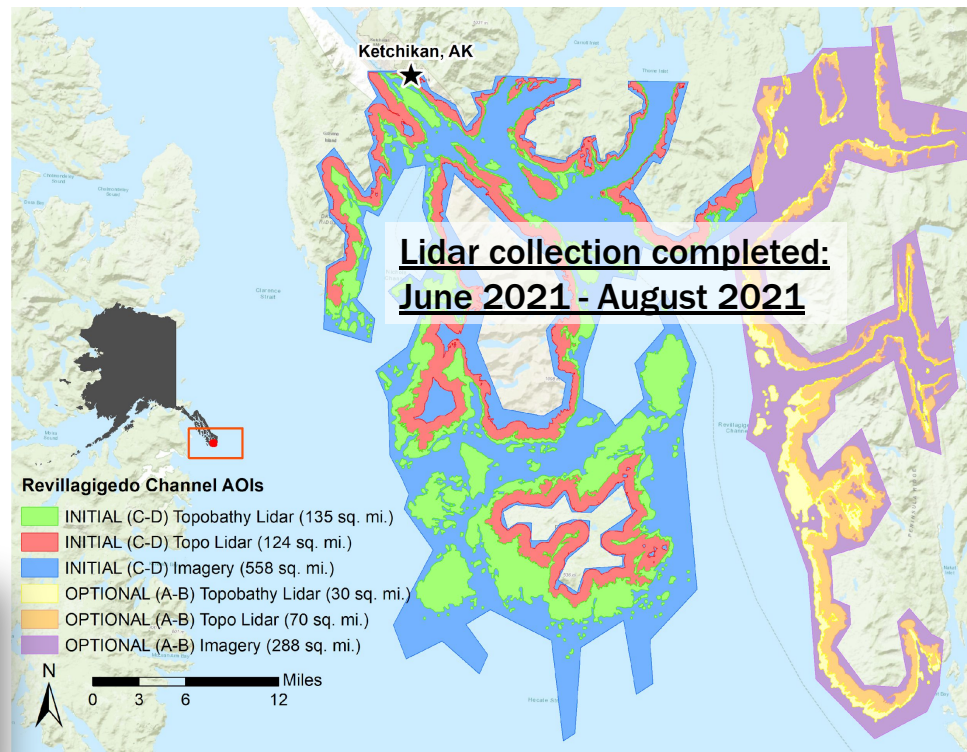
Sensors

Leica Chiroptera 4X/Hawkeye 4X (topobathy)

Riegl 1560ii (NIR)

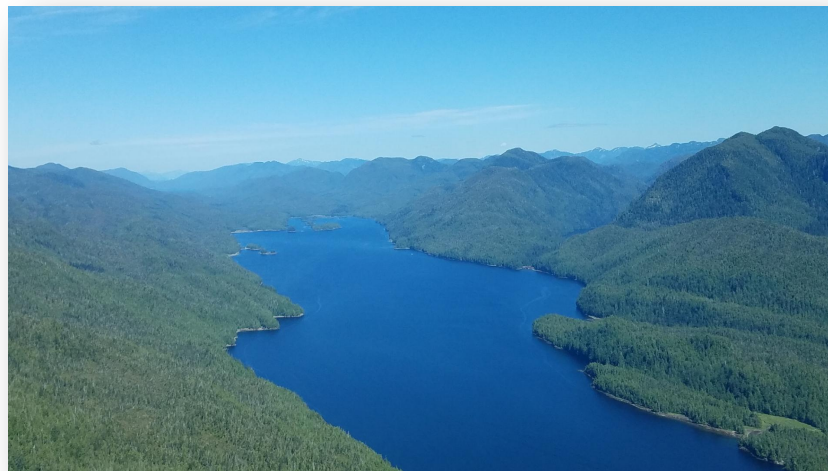
UltraCam Eagle (4 band Imagery)

**Ketchikan is home to the highest zip code in the US:
99950**

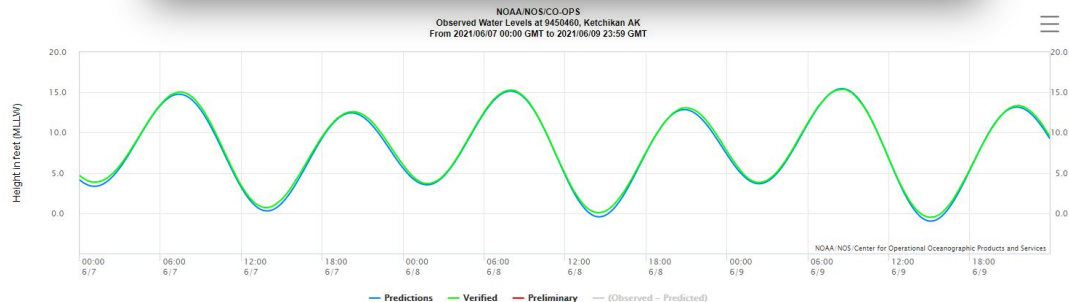
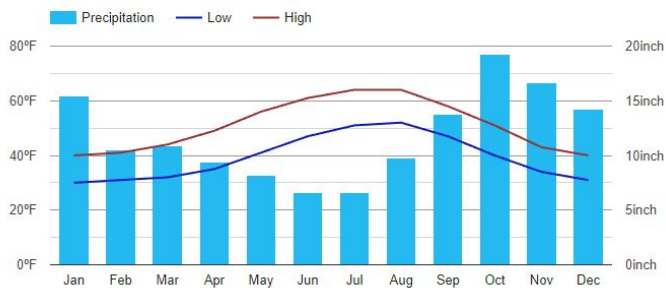


OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Weather
- Mountainous terrain, Fjords, Boxed canyons
- Tides
- Turbidity & Aquatic Vegetation
- Wind speed and direction
- Water surface conditions and wave height



Ketchikan Climate Graph - Alaska Climate Chart



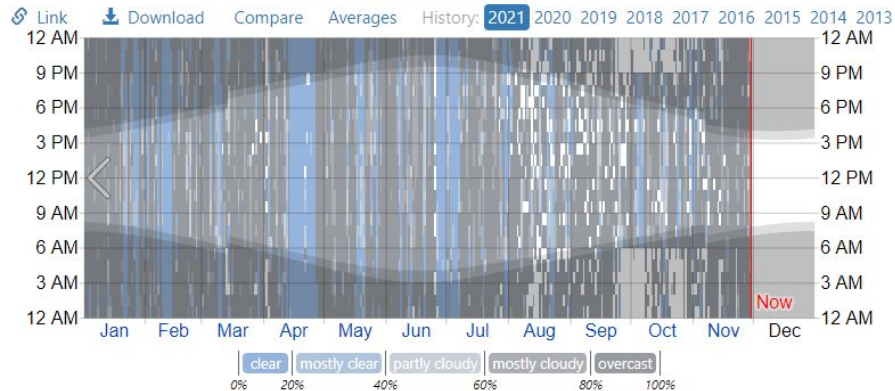
WEATHER A MAJOR FACTOR

Daily Precipitation in 2021 in Ketchikan

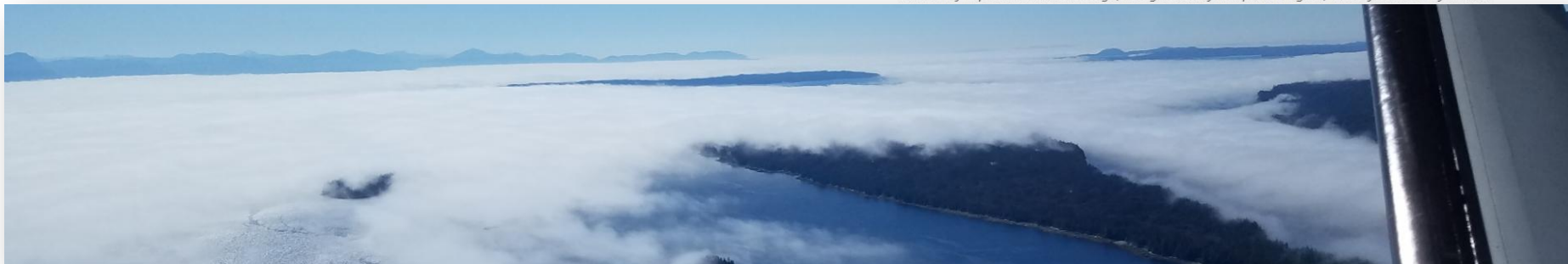


The daily measured quantity of liquid or liquid-equivalent precipitation.

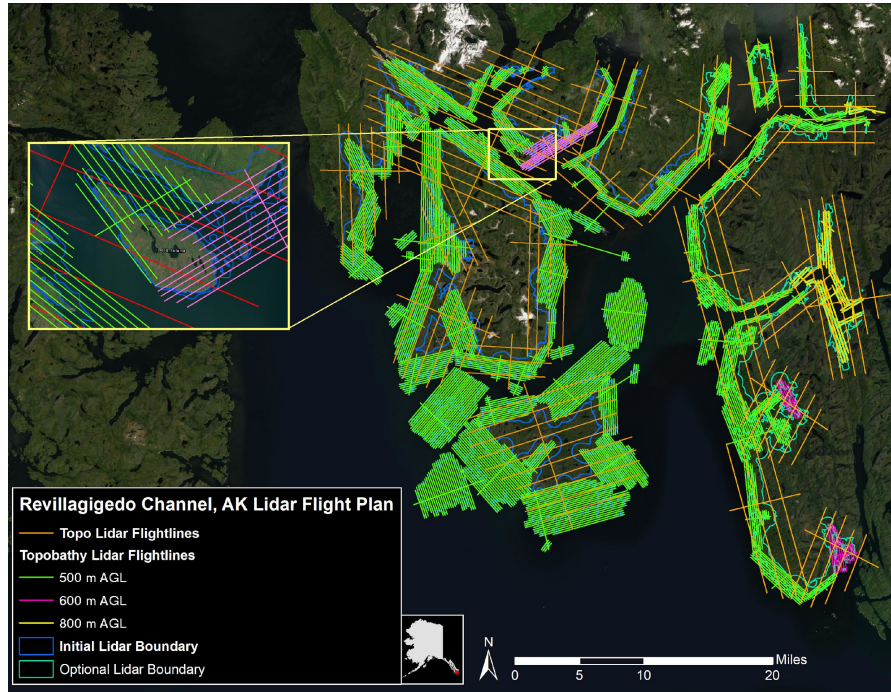
Cloud Cover in 2021 in Ketchikan



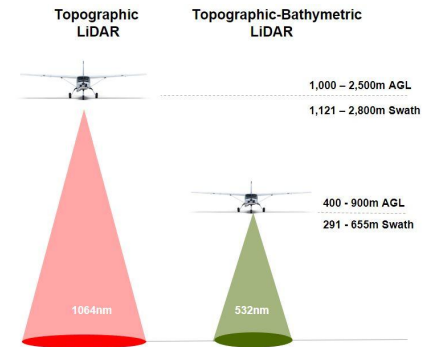
The hourly reported cloud coverage, categorized by the percentage of the sky covered by clouds.



DIVIDE & CONQUER

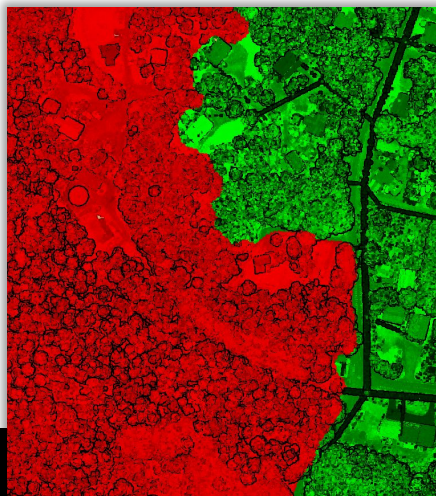


- Bathy sensors inefficient in terrain
- Decoupled bathy & inland
- Increased efficiency (fewer flight days)
- Decoupled inland from tide (increased flight windows)
- Maximized productivity during good weather windows

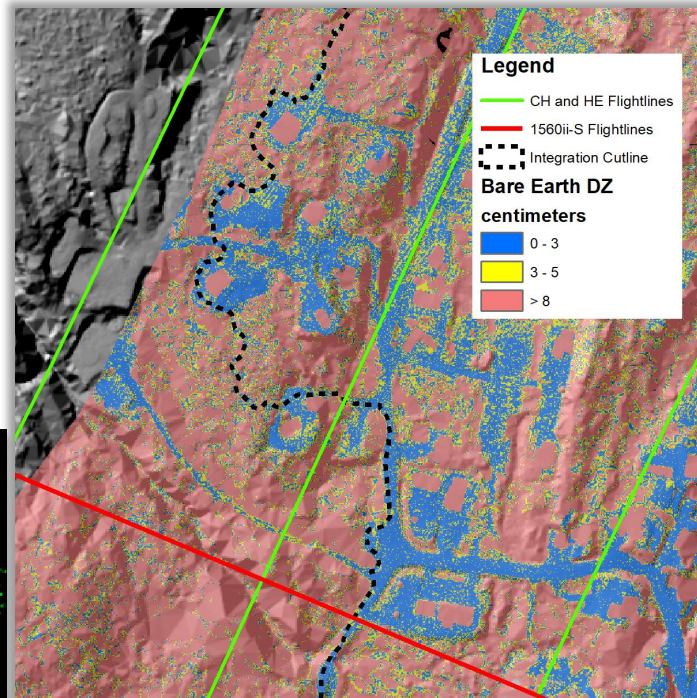


SEPARATE FLIGHTS FOR TOPO TERRAIN

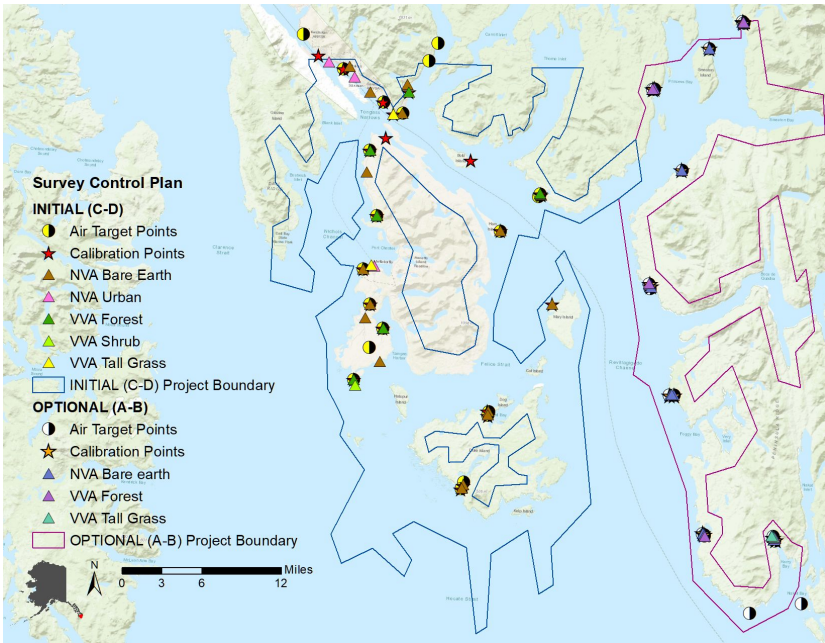
- Fewer bathy days on station
- NIR sensor more efficient in Terrain
- Decouple inland area from tide windows



1560II-S AND CHIROPTERA NIR CUTLINE



SURVEY CONTROL



Ground Survey Point Summary					
Type	Class	Area Km ²	Total Area Km ²	% Area	# Points
NVA	Bare Earth	14.52	15.45	1.48%	51
	Urban	0.93		0.09%	3
VVA	Forested	493.5	527.20	50.22%	14
	Shrub	33.7		3.43%	6
	Tall Grass/Weeds	0.024		0.00%	11
Not Applicable	Swamp/Wetland *	64.61	440.01	6.58%	0
	Open Water**	375.4		38.20%	
			Total Land Project Area Km ²		982.6
			Calibration Points		43
			Air Targets		36
			NVA		54
			VVA		31
			Total Points		164

* Not used as a land class per USGS specs
** Not included in topographic project area calculated for NVA/VVA



TURBIDITY



June 7th
Suboptimal
water quality

Low tide 3.68 feet

Wind: 7-9 Knots
from SE



July 2nd

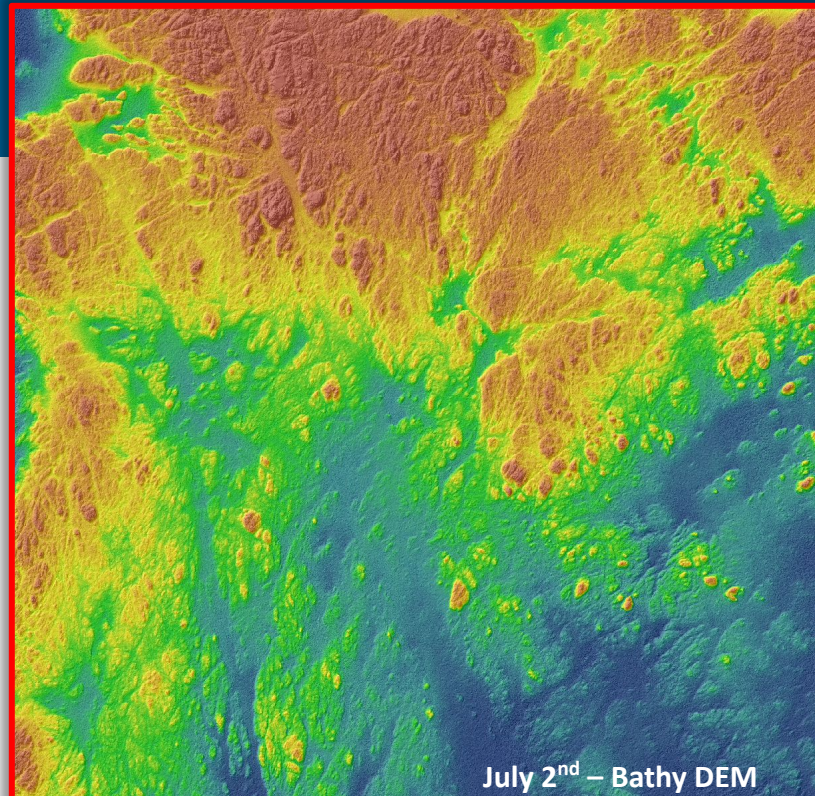
Improved
water quality

Low tide 2.71 feet

Wind: 9-12 Knots
from WNW



REFLIGHTS



Cross Section sample showing June (pink) vs July (green) – max depth in this across section is about 10 meters.



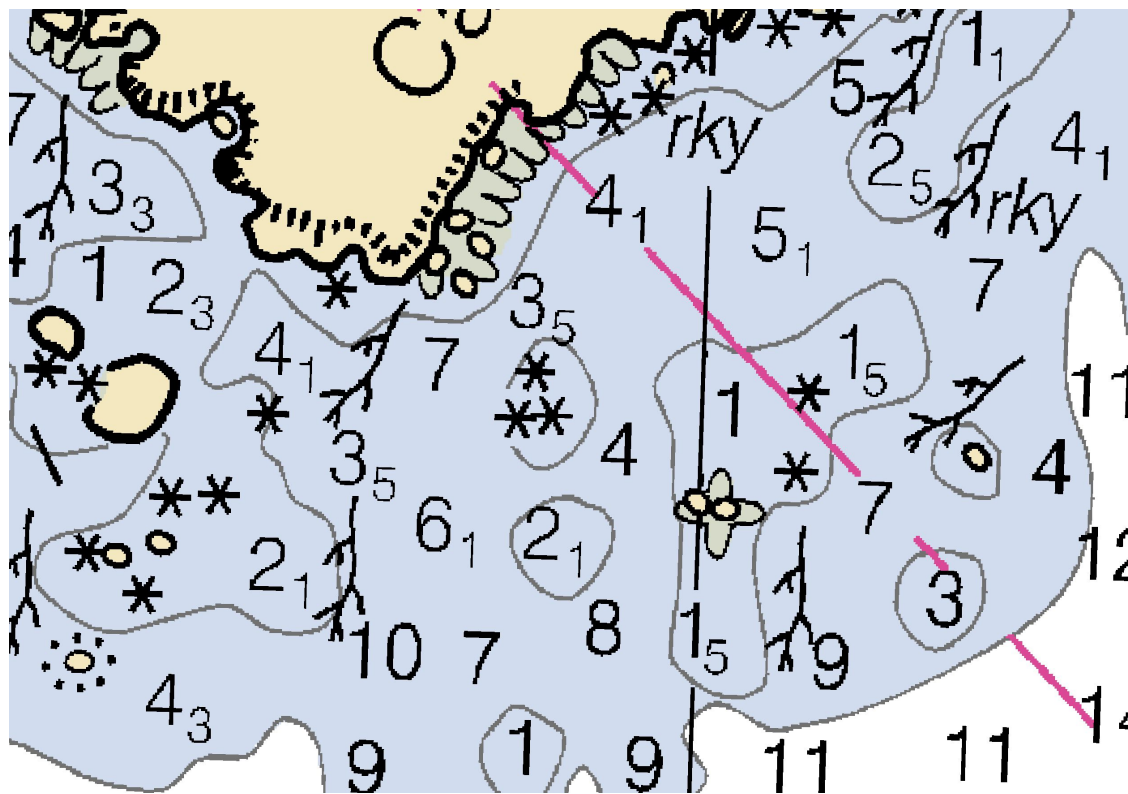
NEARSHORE COVERAGE

- **NAVIGABLE AREA LIMIT LINE**

- Inshore limit of safe navigation

- **SUPPORT MULTIBEAM**

- Vessel operations logistically challenging
- Shallow MBES intensive
- Short operational season
- Increase MBES efficiency
- Having existing data is HUGE



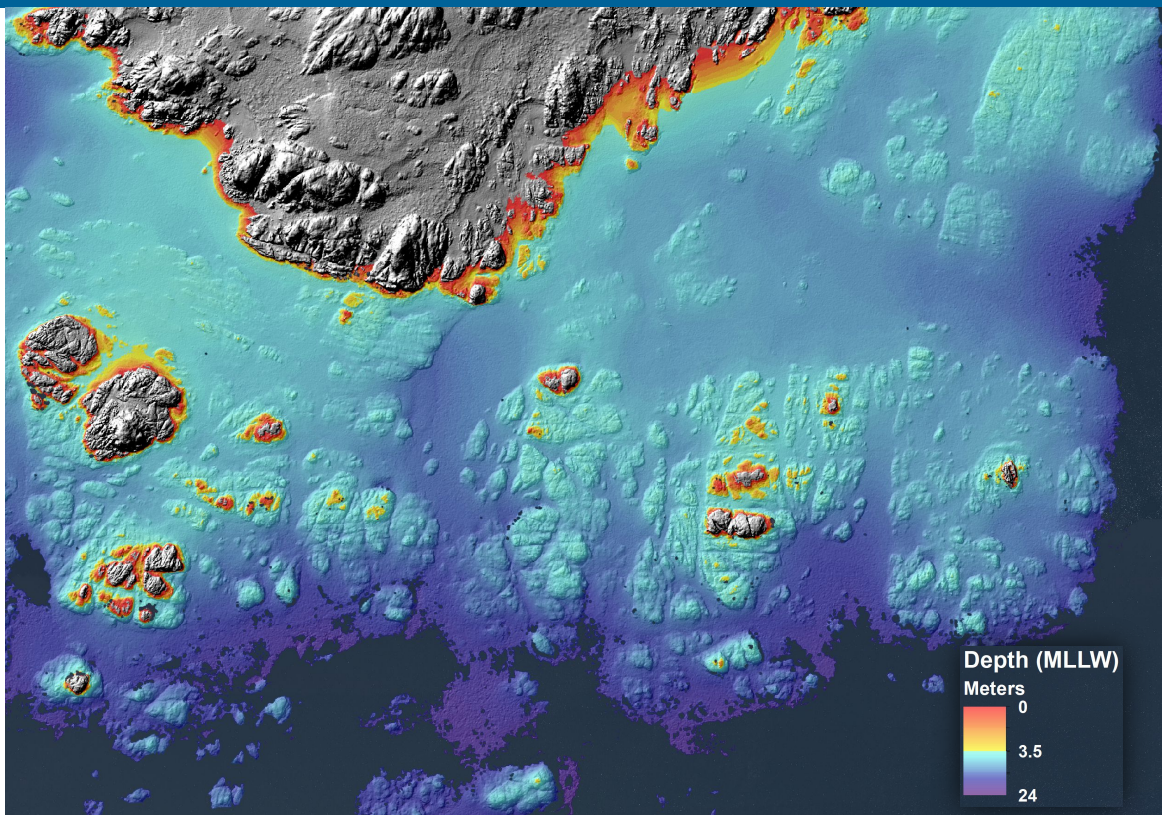
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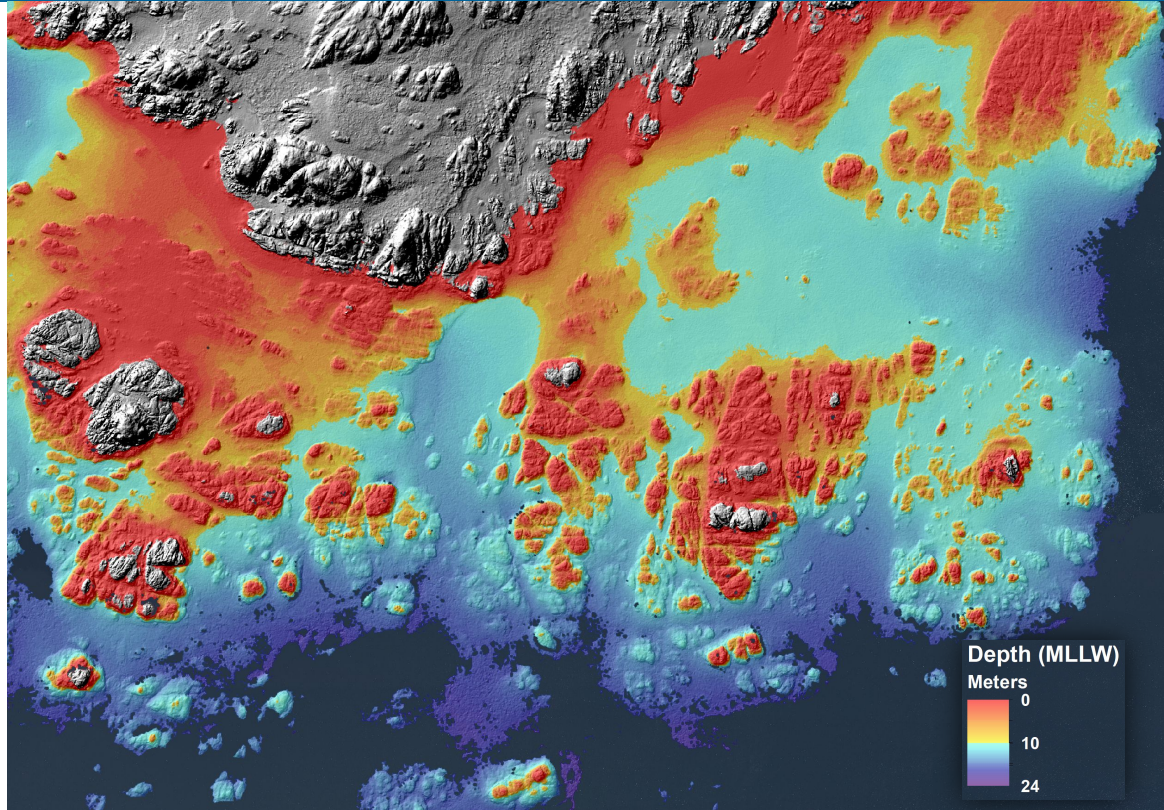
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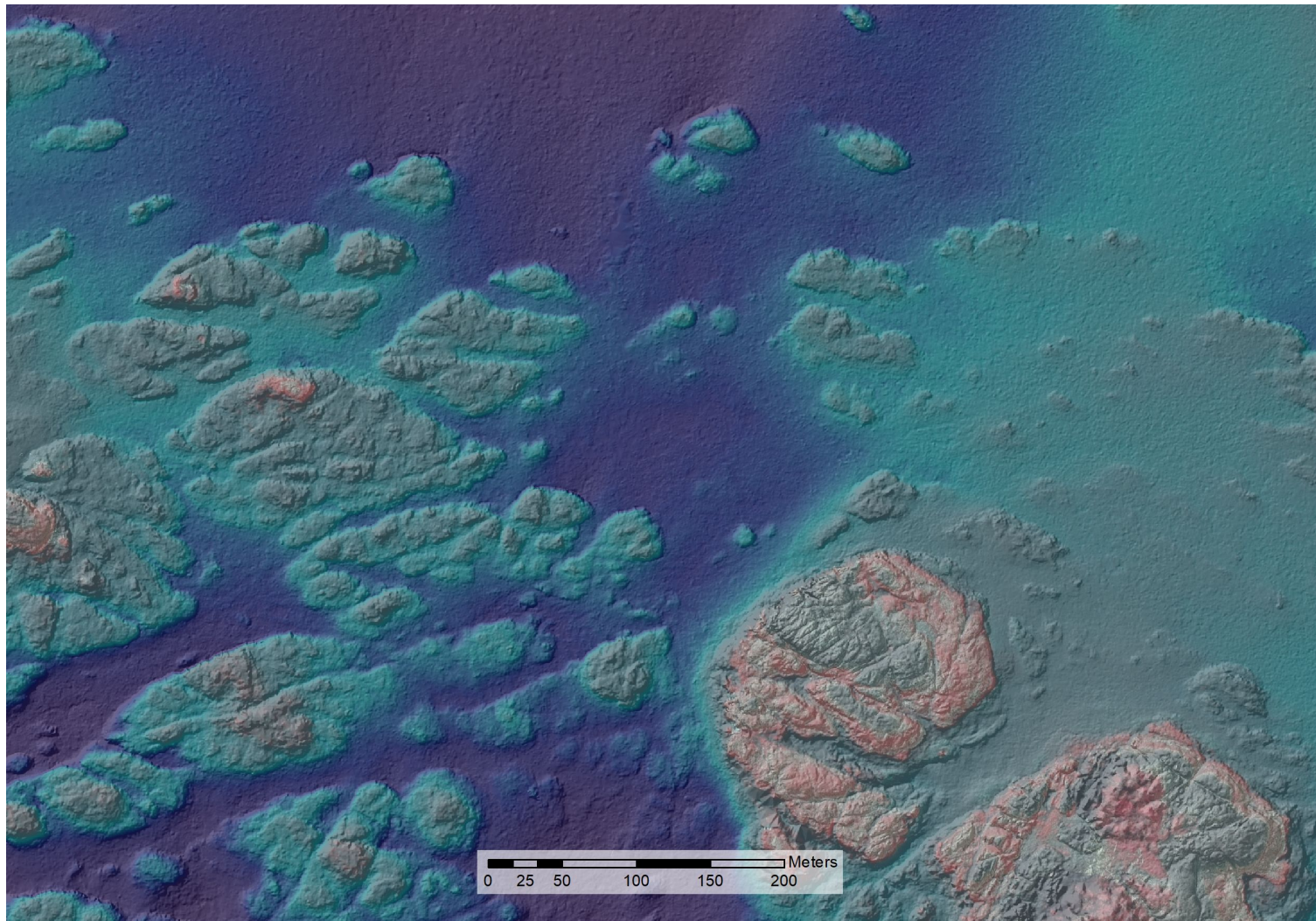
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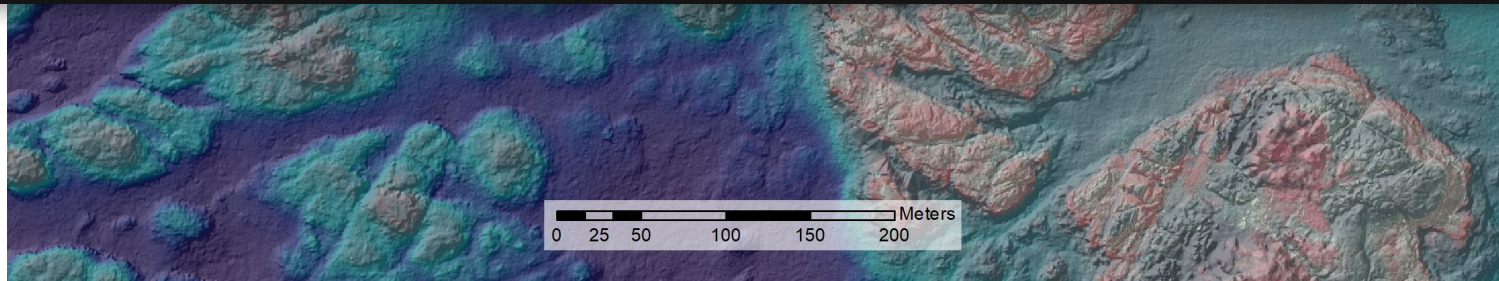
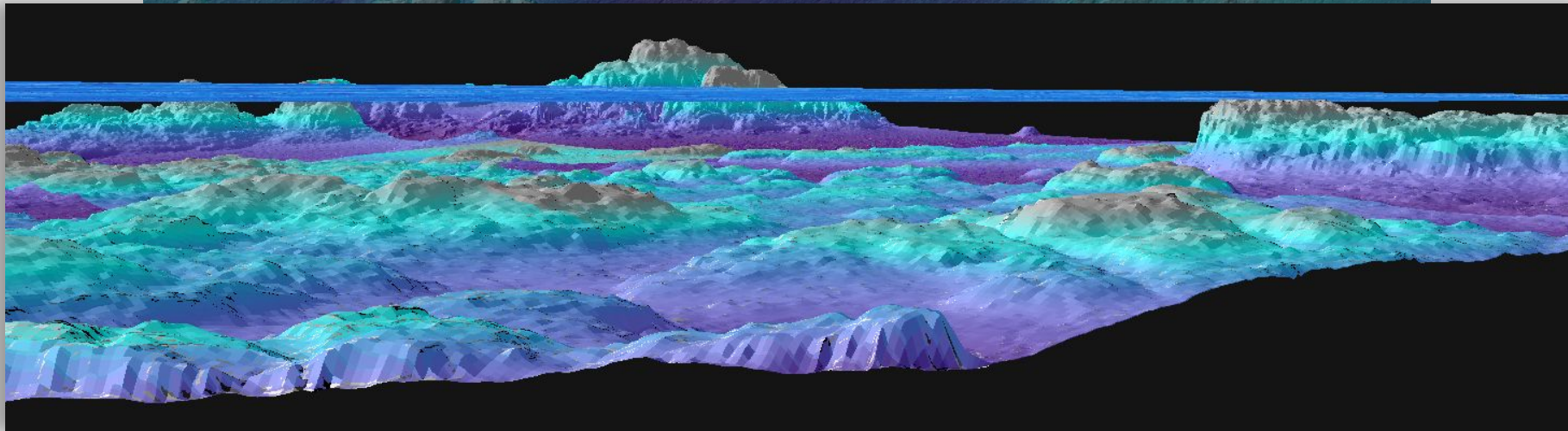
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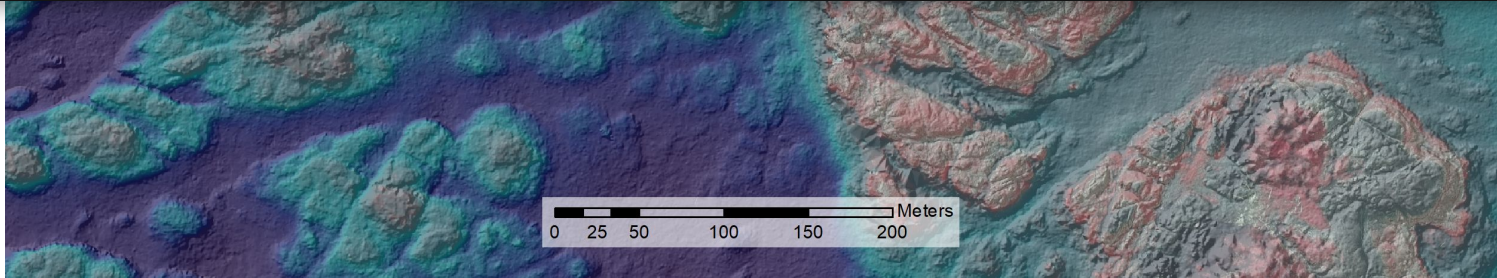
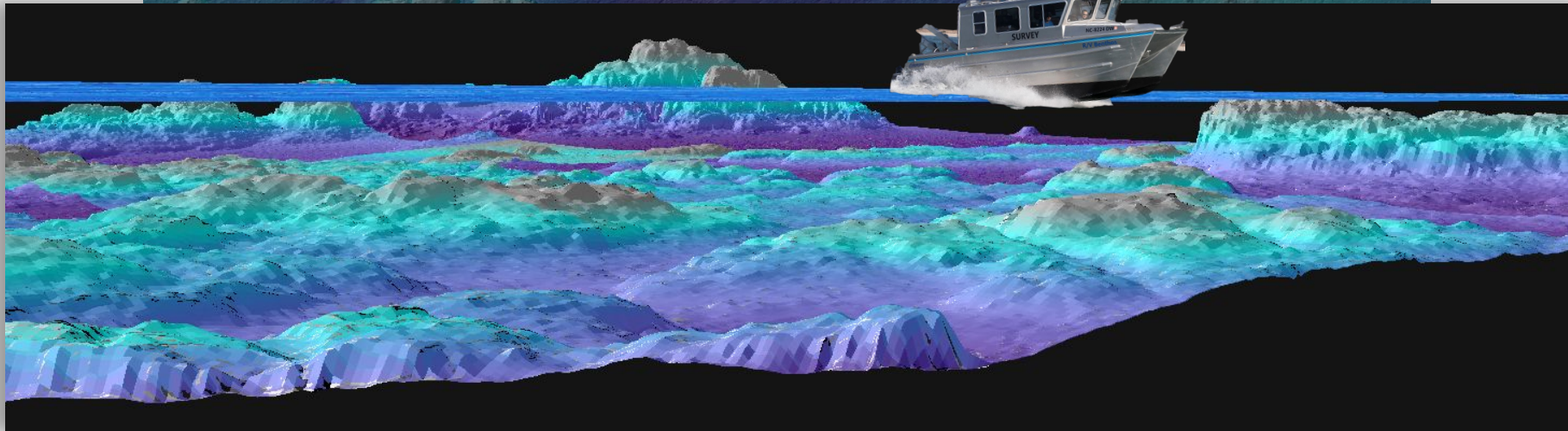
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Increasing Safety



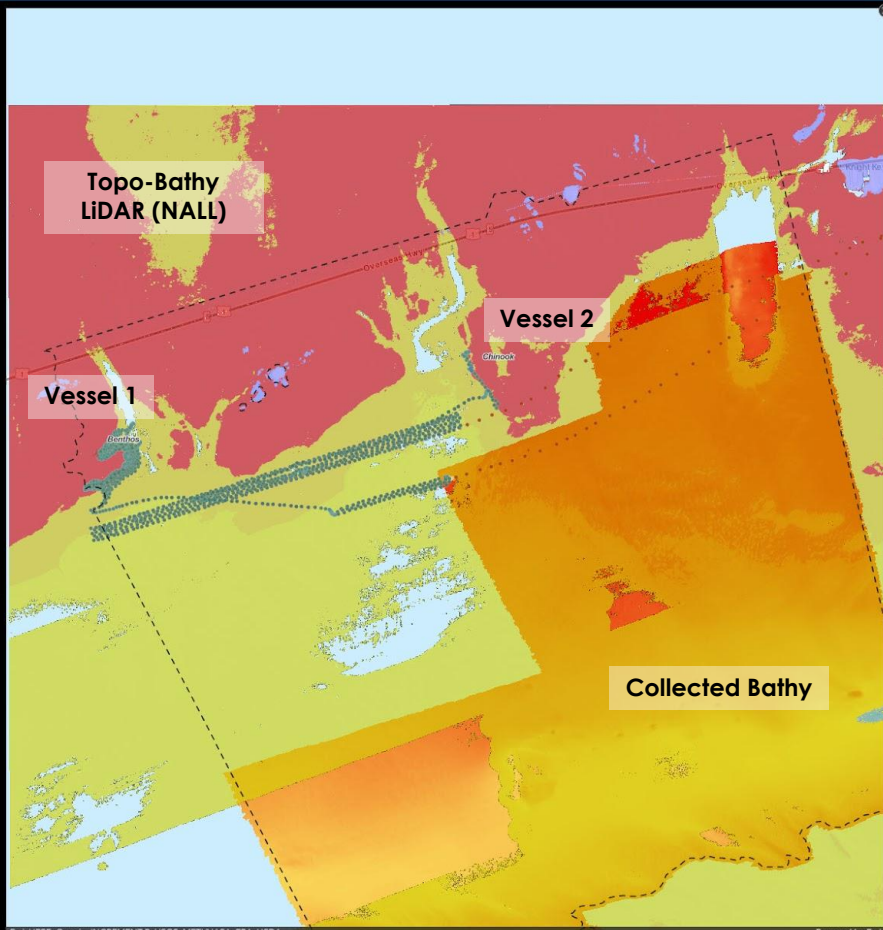
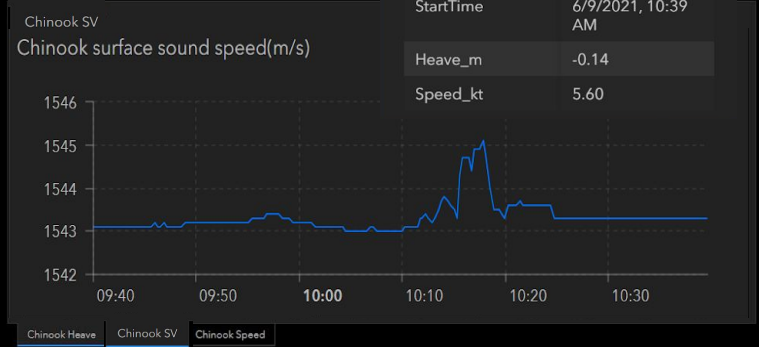
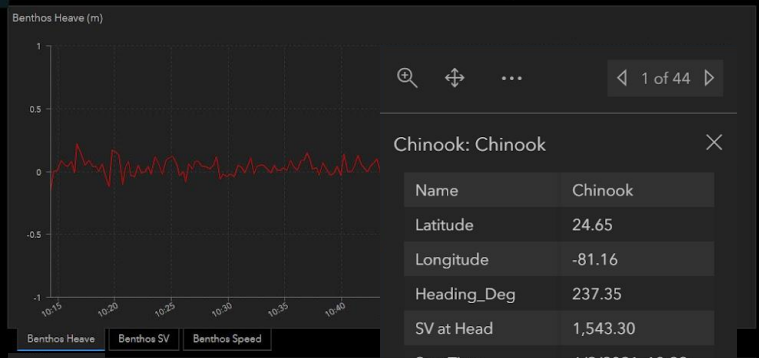
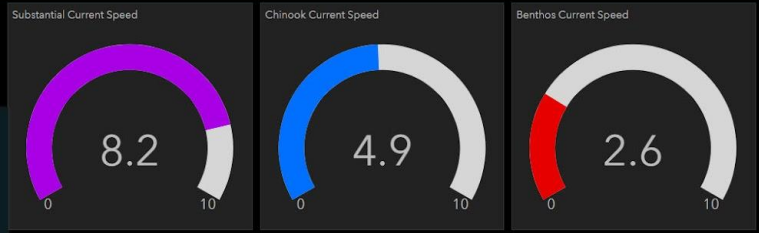






Survey Tracking

TO2 Processing Manager



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Vessel Real-Time

Name

- Benthos
- Chinook
- Substantial

Substantial

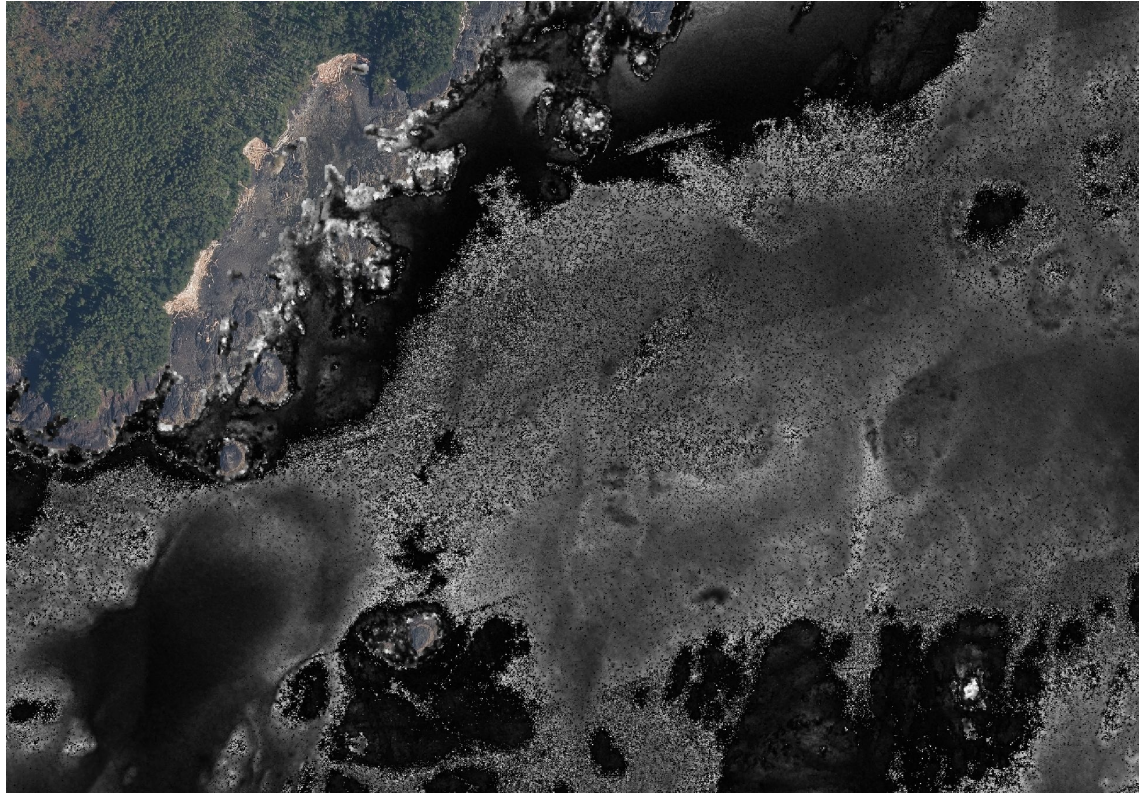
- Benthos - SV
- SV at head
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Nall

NORMALIZED INTENSITY

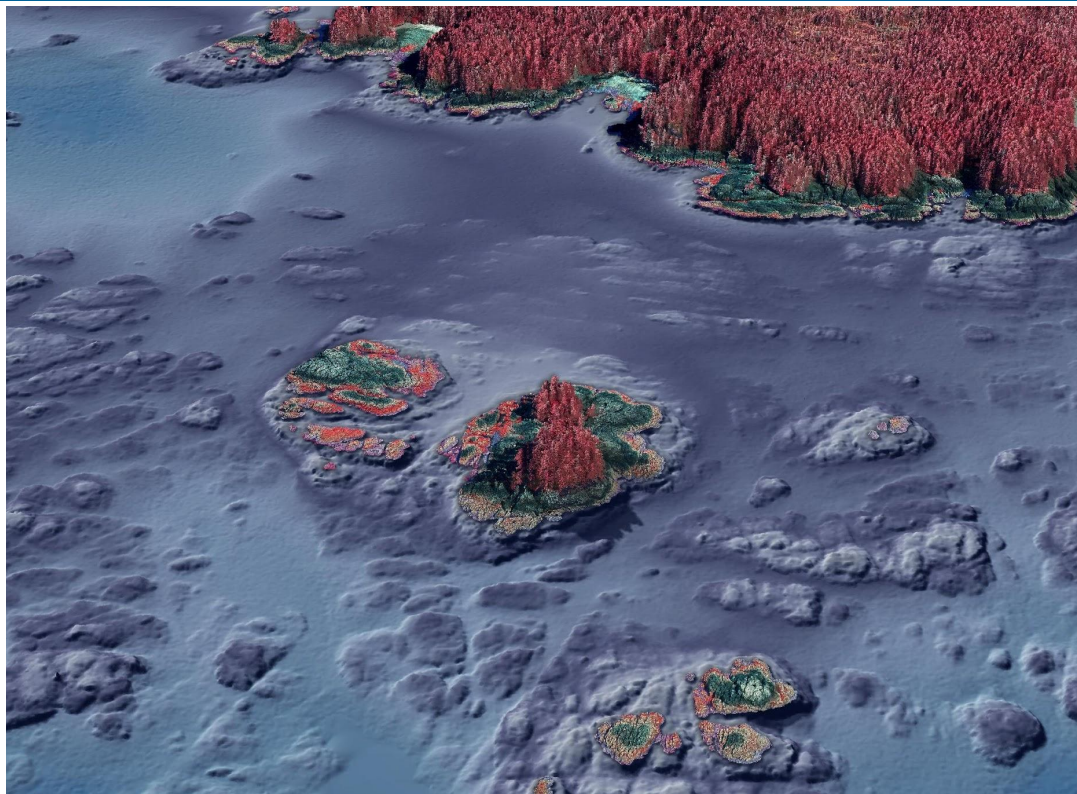
FACTORS

- Shallow vs Deep channels
- Various Flying heights
- Dynamic Environmental Conditions
 - Atmospheric
 - Sea state
 - Localized turbidity
 - Water column
- Temporal
- Bunch of stuff



IN SUMMARY

- NOAA NGS Coastal Mapping program can support the Alaska Coastal Mapping Initiative
- Logistically & environmentally challenging
 - Weather, terrain, remoteness, safety
 - Multi Sensor Approach
 - Sequence technologies
 - Complicates data processing
- Planning together and data sharing will be key





End of Presentation


Thank you!



Tidal Coordination for Data Acquisition

Nathan Wardwell – JOA Surveys, LLC

Tidal Coordination for Data Acquisition

A photograph of a surveying operation at night on a beach. In the foreground on the left, a surveying instrument is mounted on a tripod. In the background, a person wearing a bright yellow jacket is standing in the shallow water, holding a long vertical scale. The scene is illuminated by a light source, likely a spotlight, creating a bright area on the sand and water.

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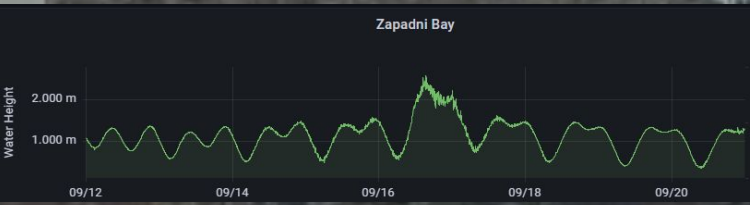
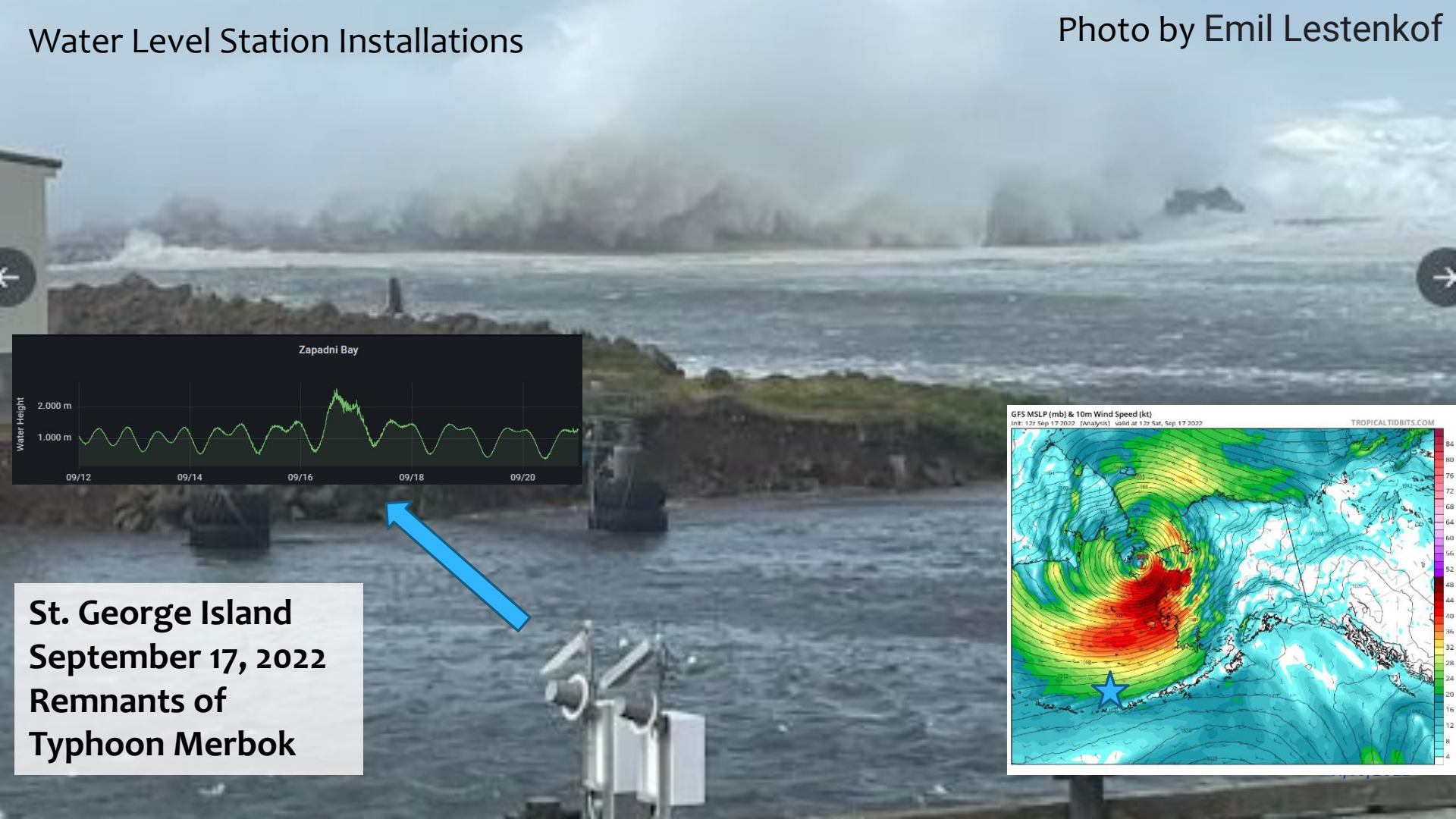
Company Overview

- * Small Business located in Anchorage AK
- * Owners (3)
- * Full Time Employees (7)
- * Part Time/Seasonal Employees
- * Land Surveyor Licensed in Alaska (3)
- * International Hydrographic Organization Cat A Hydrographer (1)
- * Geospatial Information Science Certificate (1)

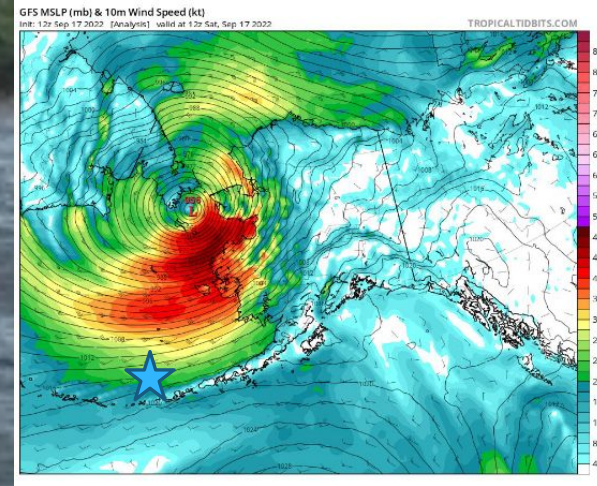


Water Level Station Installations

Photo by Emil Lestenkof



**St. George Island
September 17, 2022
Remnants of
Typhoon Merbok**

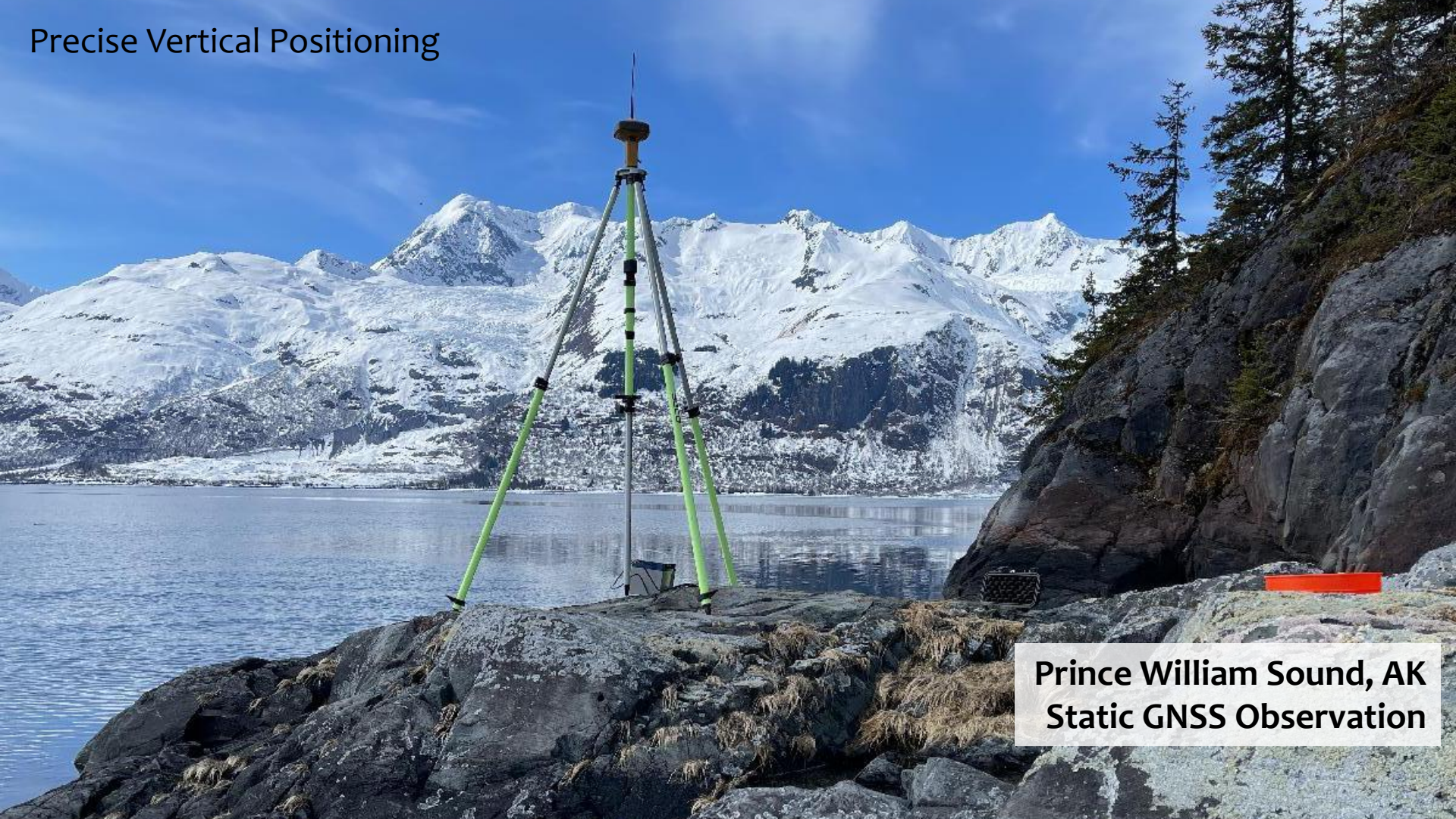


Precise Vertical Positioning



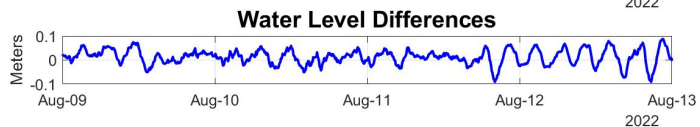
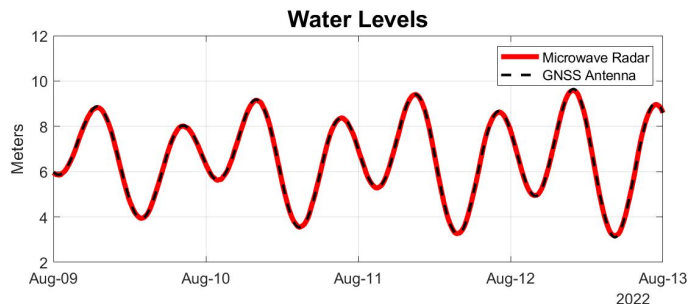
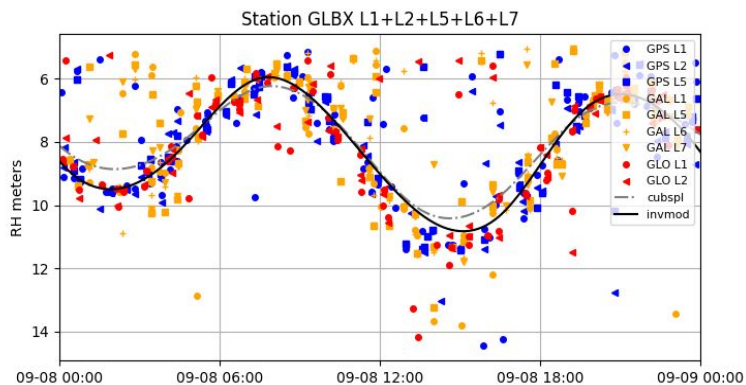
**Prince William Sound, AK
Second Order Class I
Differential Leveling**

Precise Vertical Positioning



**Prince William Sound, AK
Static GNSS Observation**

Emerging Technologies



Processed using: github.com/kristinemlarson

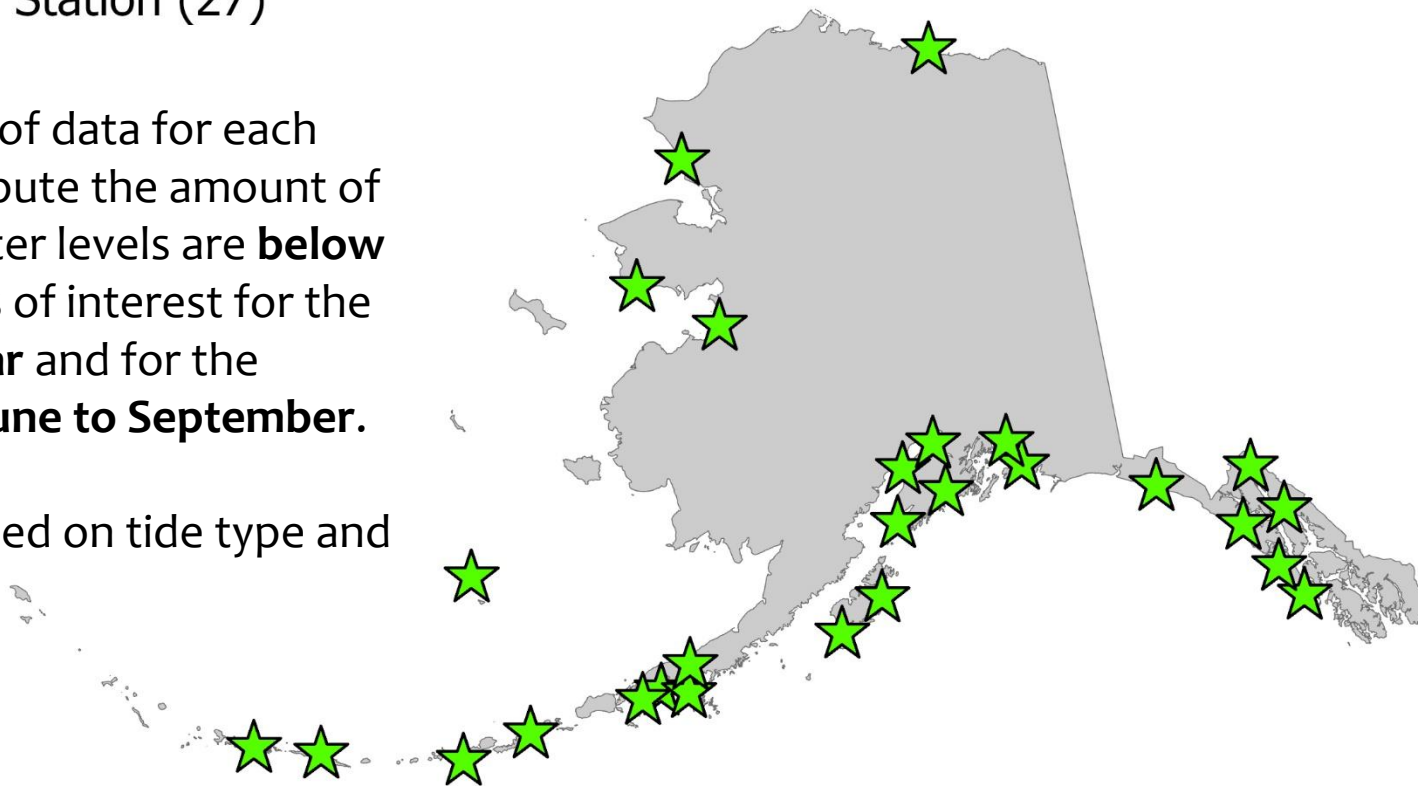


JOA Surveys, LLC
At the boundary between land and sea

★ NWLON Station (27)

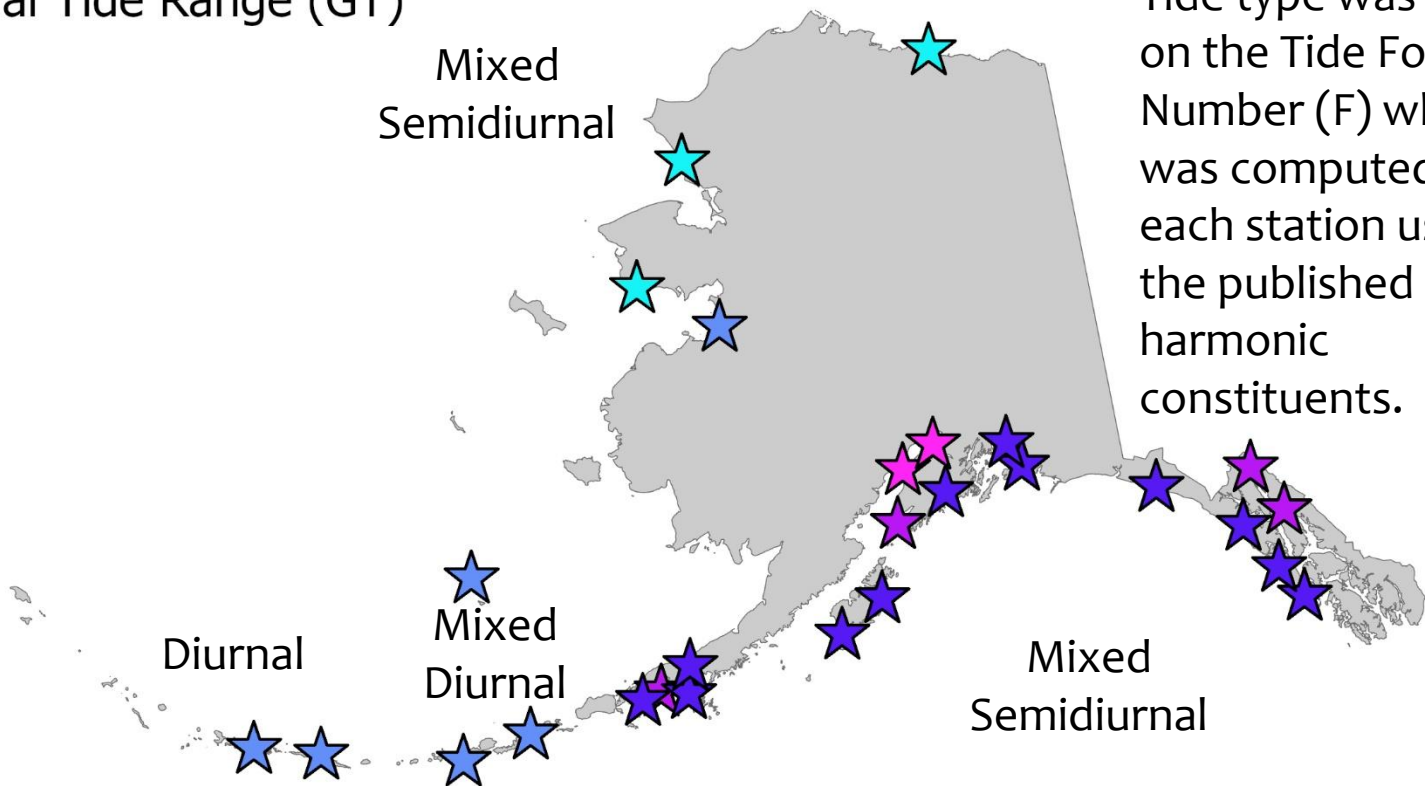
Using 1 year of data for each station compute the amount of time the water levels are **below tidal datums** of interest for the **calendar year** and for the months of **June to September**.

Evaluate based on tide type and region.



Great Diurnal Tide Range (GT)

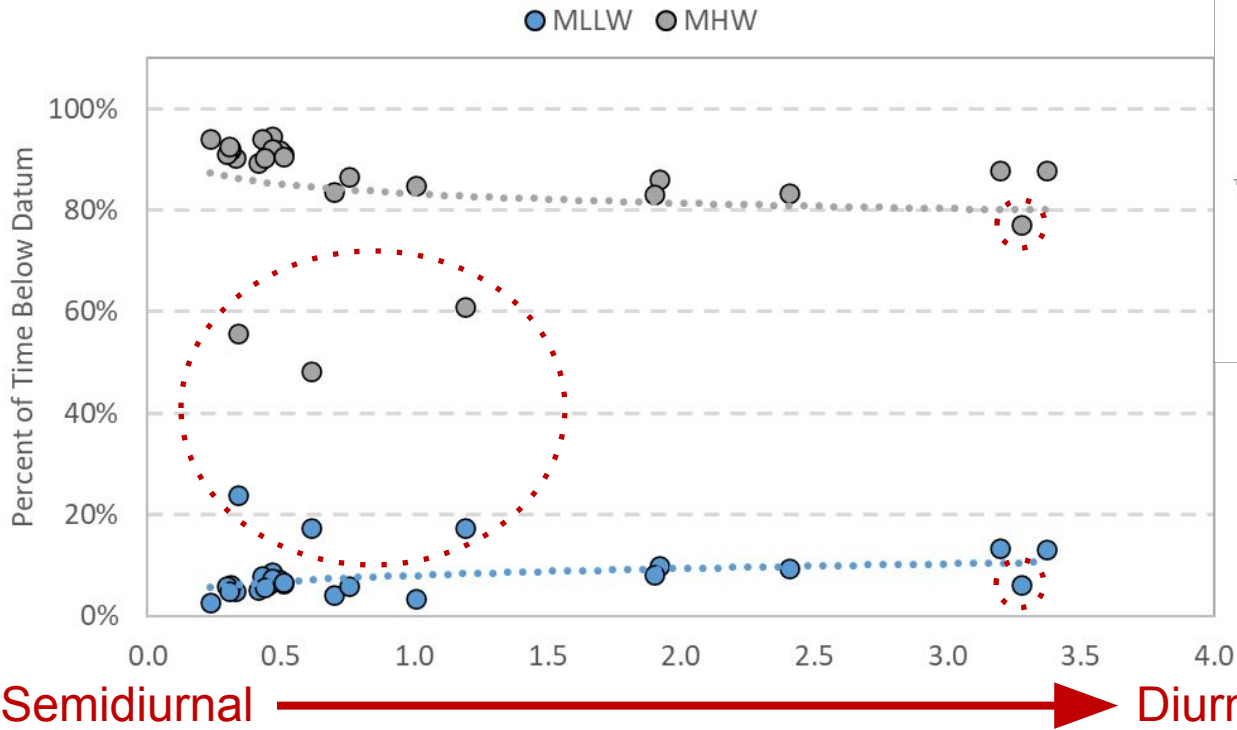
- ★ ≤0.5 m
- ★ ≤2.0 m
- ★ ≤4.0 m
- ★ ≤6.0 m
- ★ ≤9.0 m



Tide type was based on the Tide Form Number (F) which was computed for each station using the published tidal harmonic constituents.



Percent of Time Below Datum as a Function of Tide Form Number (F) - Jan to Dec

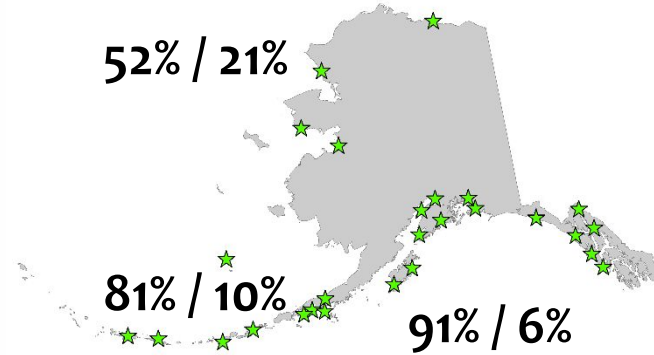


MHW / MLLW

52% / 21%

81% / 10%

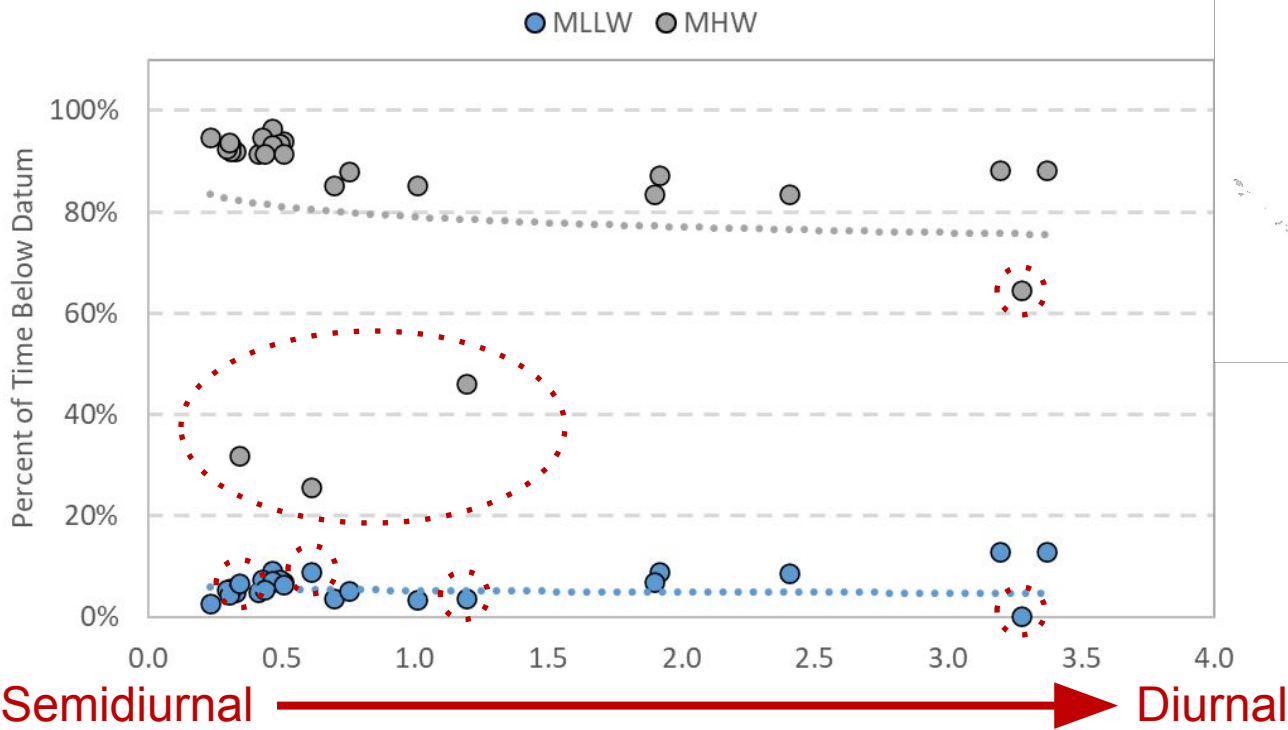
91% / 6%



The percent of time water levels are below MLLW is slightly higher for diurnal stations than for semidiurnal stations.

That is the opposite for MHW.

Percent of Time Below Datum as a Function of Tide Form Number (F) - Jun to Sep

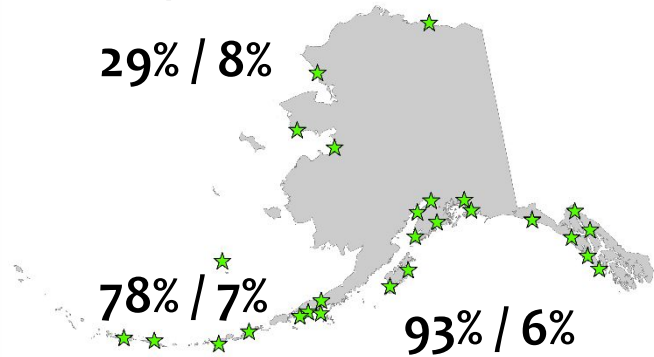


MHW / MLLW

29% / 8%

78% / 7%

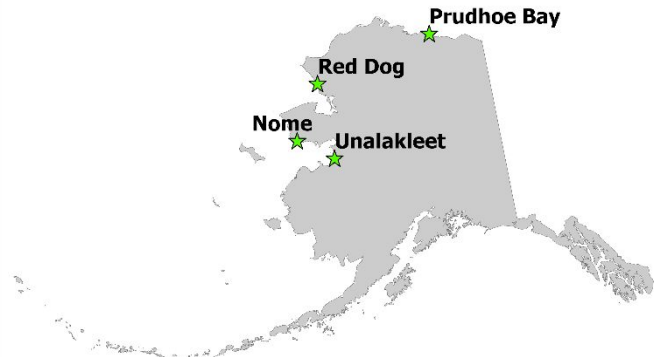
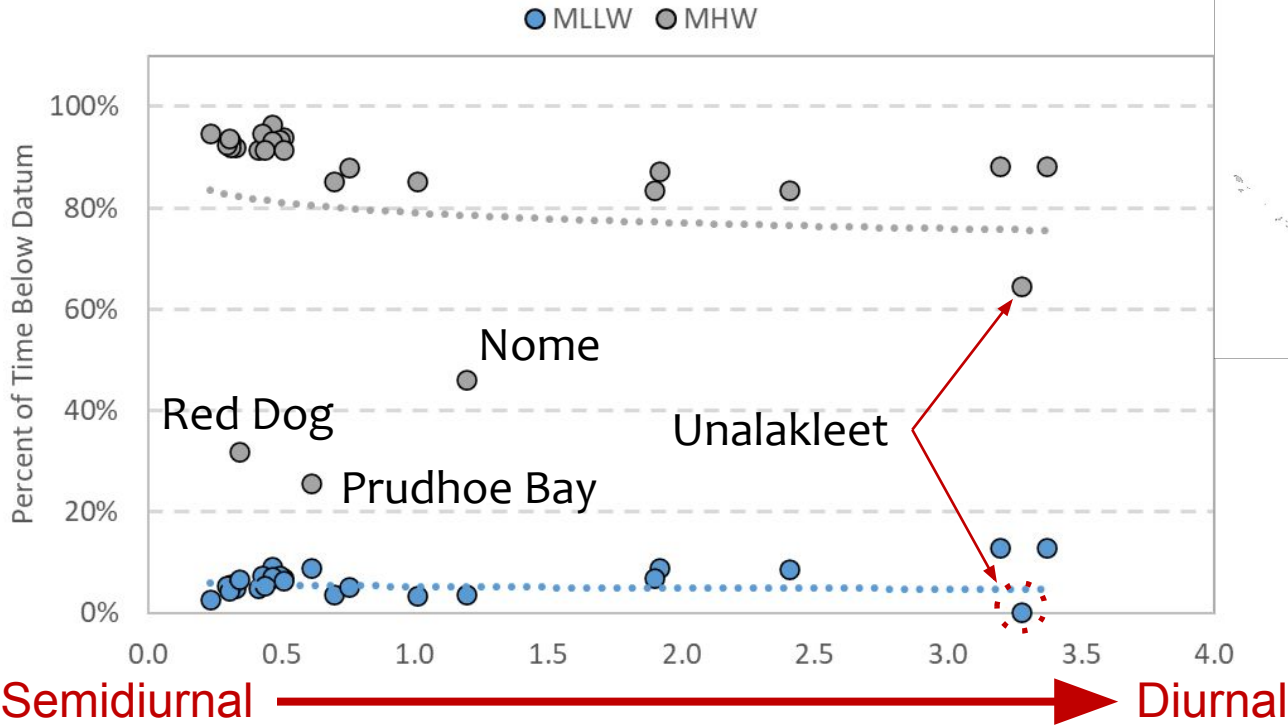
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Seasonality has a large affect in the Bering and Arctic.

In the Arctic the average % of time water levels are below MLLW drops from **21%** for the calendar year to **8%** for the months of **June to September**.

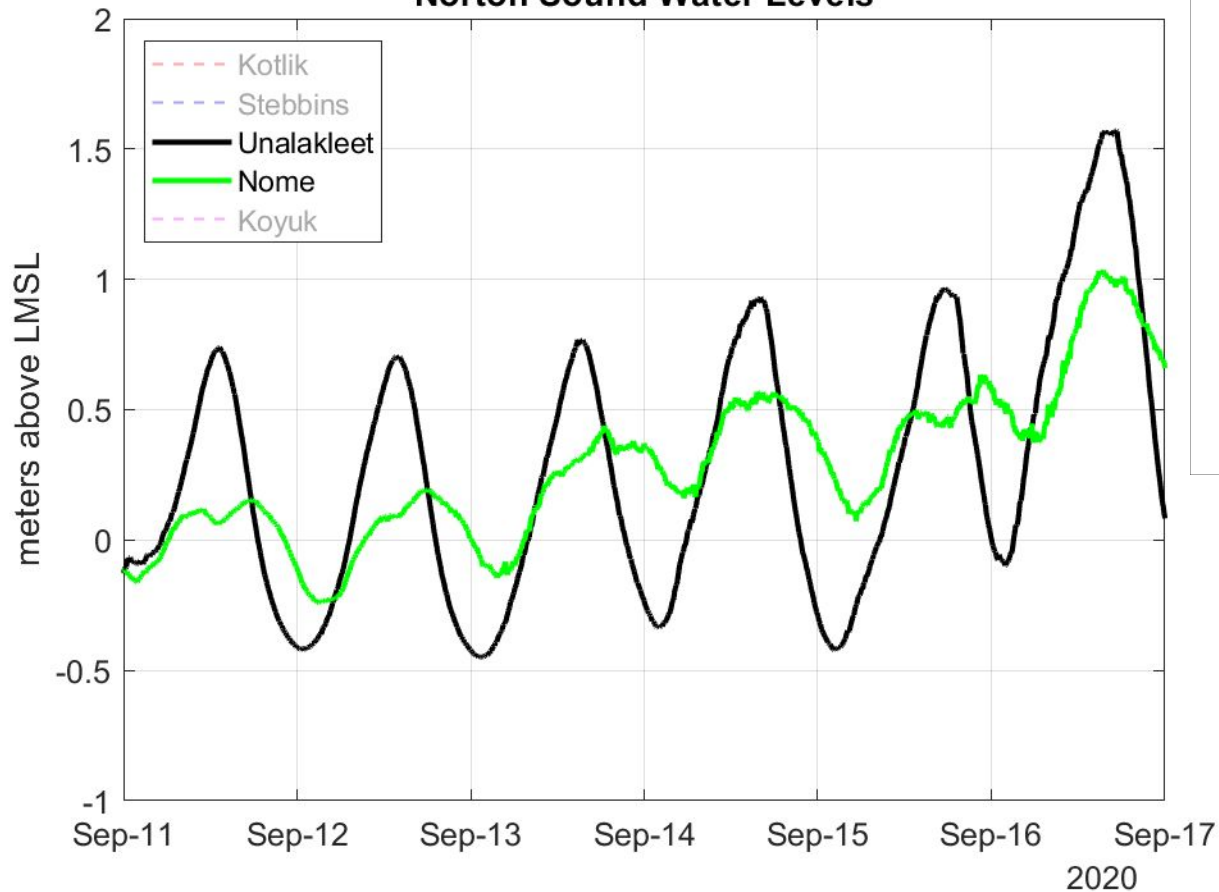
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The **seasonality** affect is even **more drastic** for **MHW** where it reduces from **52%** to **29%** in the months of **June to September**.

From June to Sep of 2020 the water level at **Unalakleet** never dropped below **MLLW!**

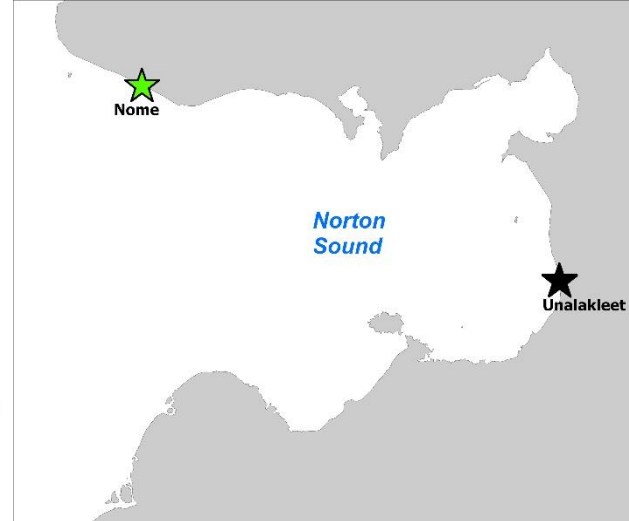
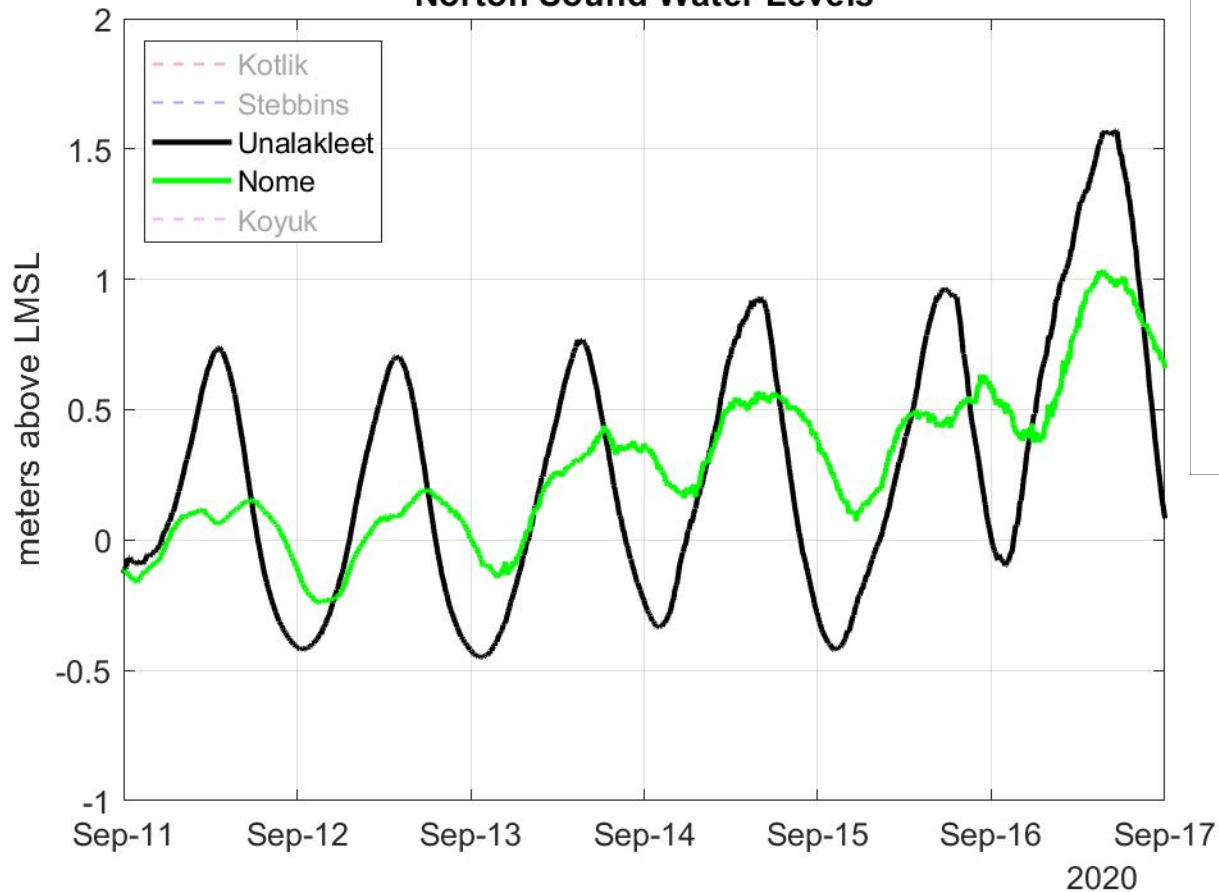
Norton Sound Water Levels



Nome and Unalakleet are National Water Level Observation Network stations with real-time water level data.



Norton Sound Water Levels

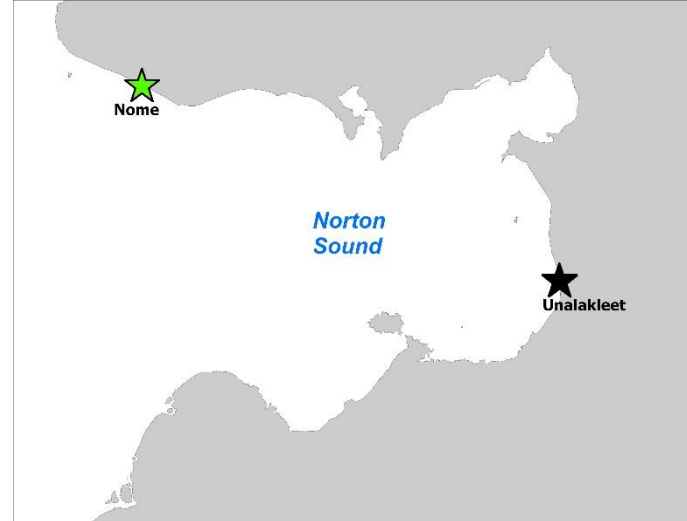
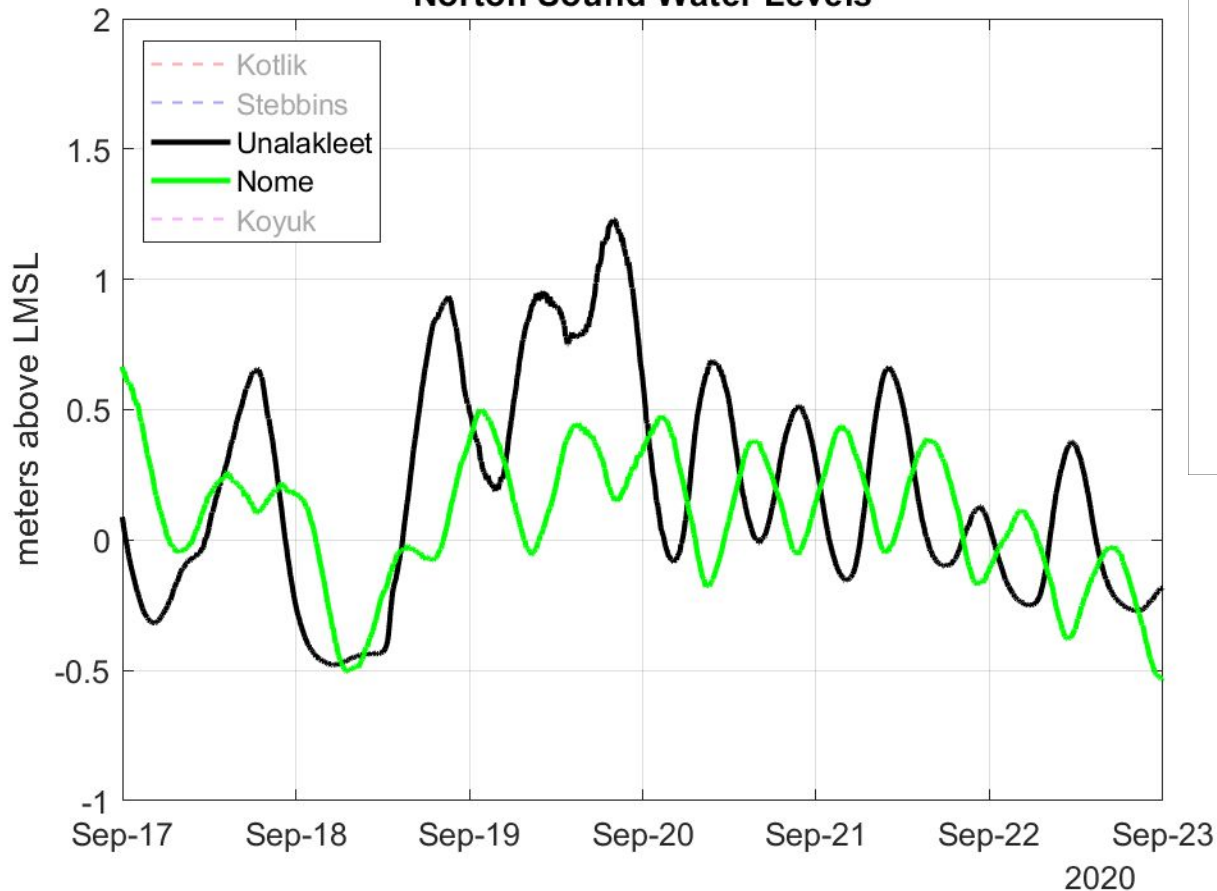


During this time period the tides are **diurnal** and **in phase**.

The tide range at Unalakleet is about twice as large as the tide range at Nome.



Norton Sound Water Levels

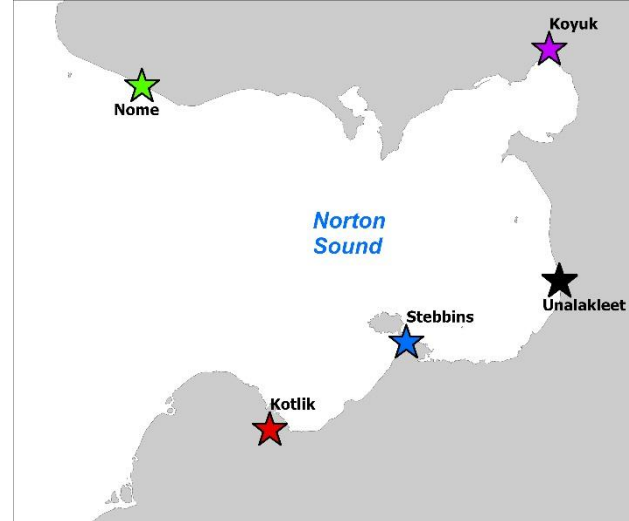
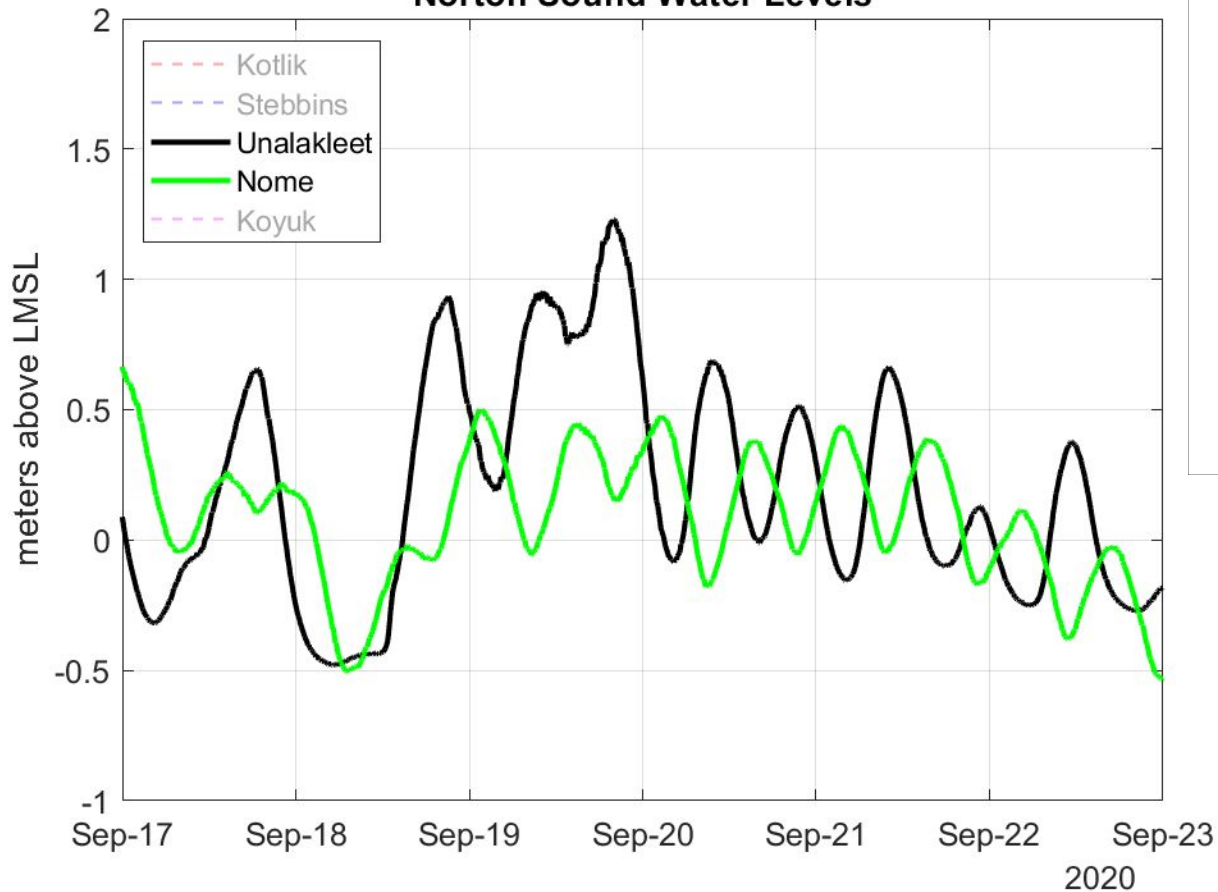


The next week they transition to **semidiurnal** and **out of phase**.

The tide range at Unalakleet is now smaller.



Norton Sound Water Levels

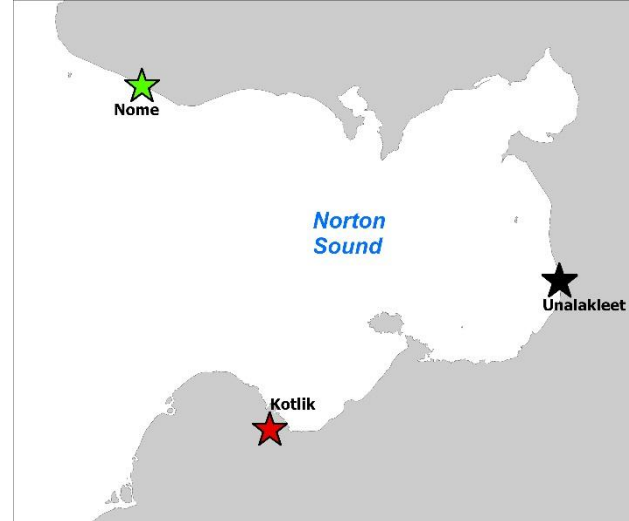
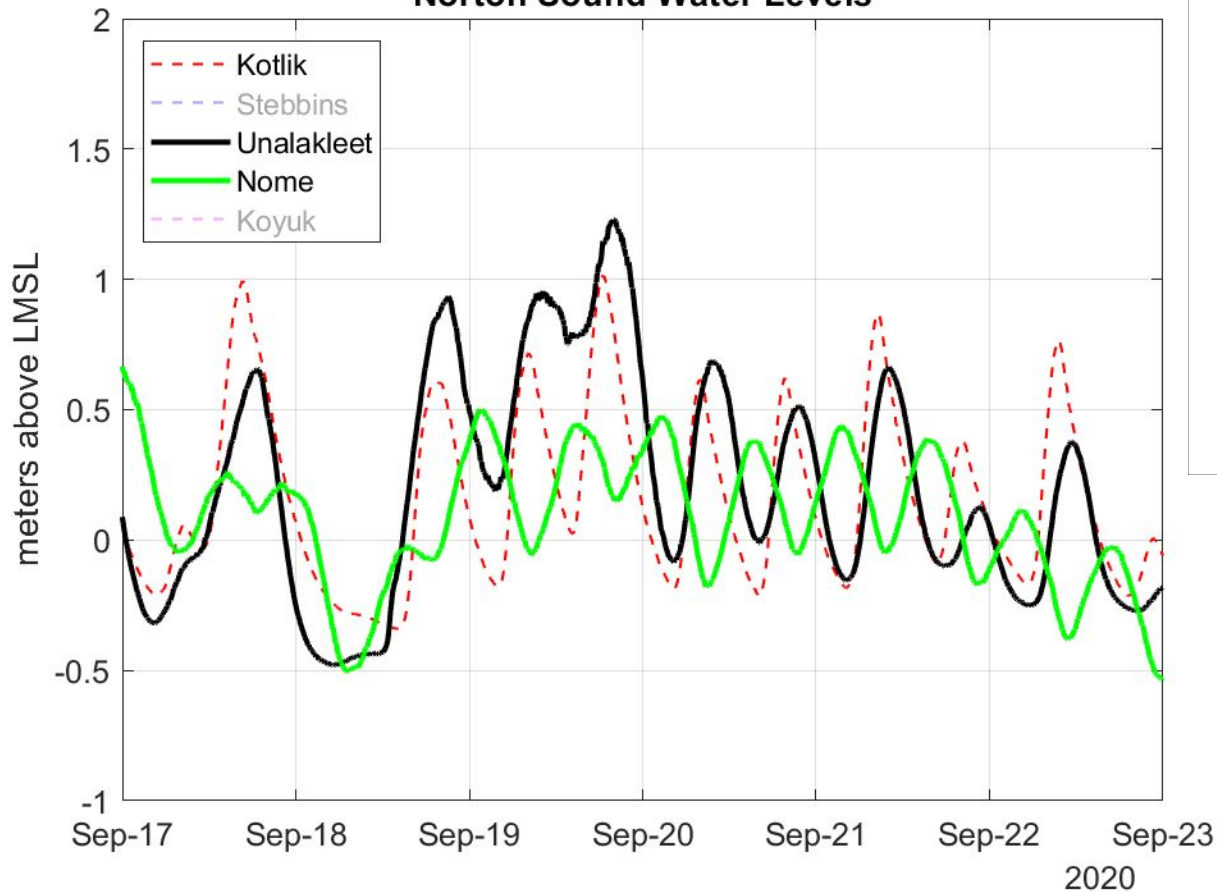


There were three temporary stations operating in Norton Sound during this time period.

Kotlik, Stebbins and Koyuk



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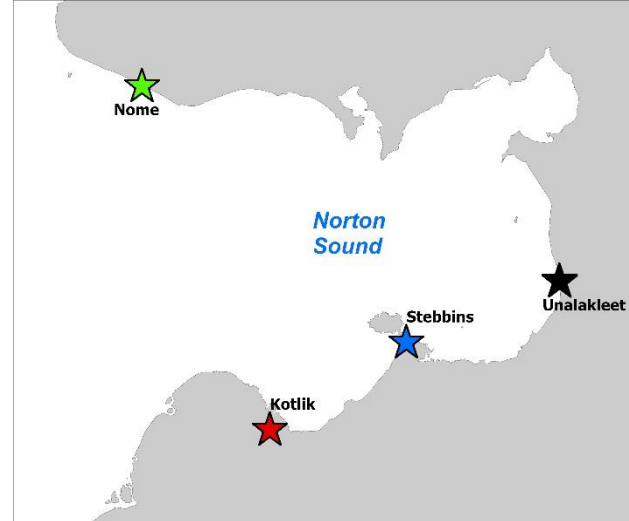
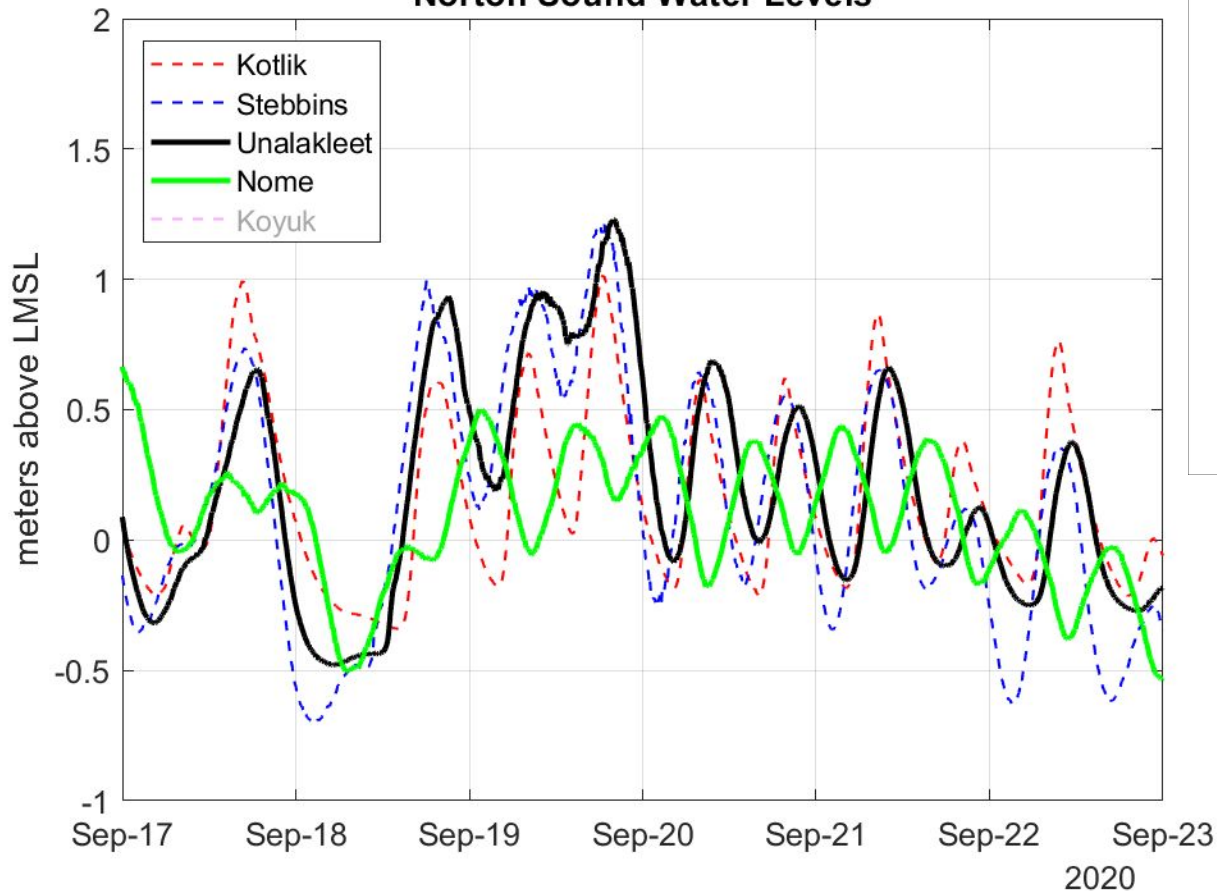


The tidal characteristics at Kotlik are similar to Unalakleet.

Kotlik is close to in phase with Unalakleet and out of phase with Nome.



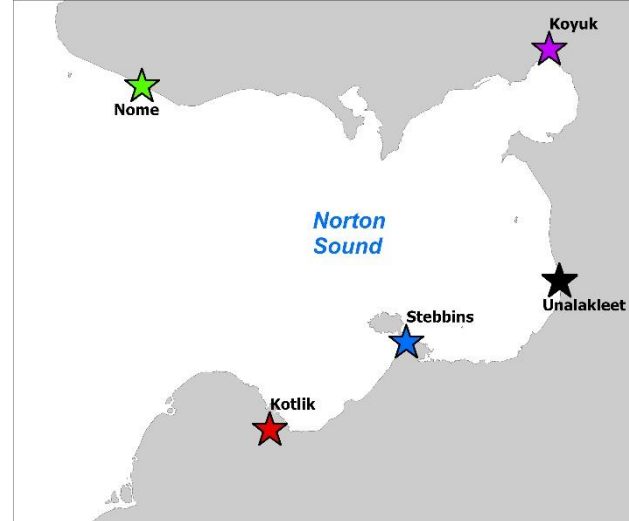
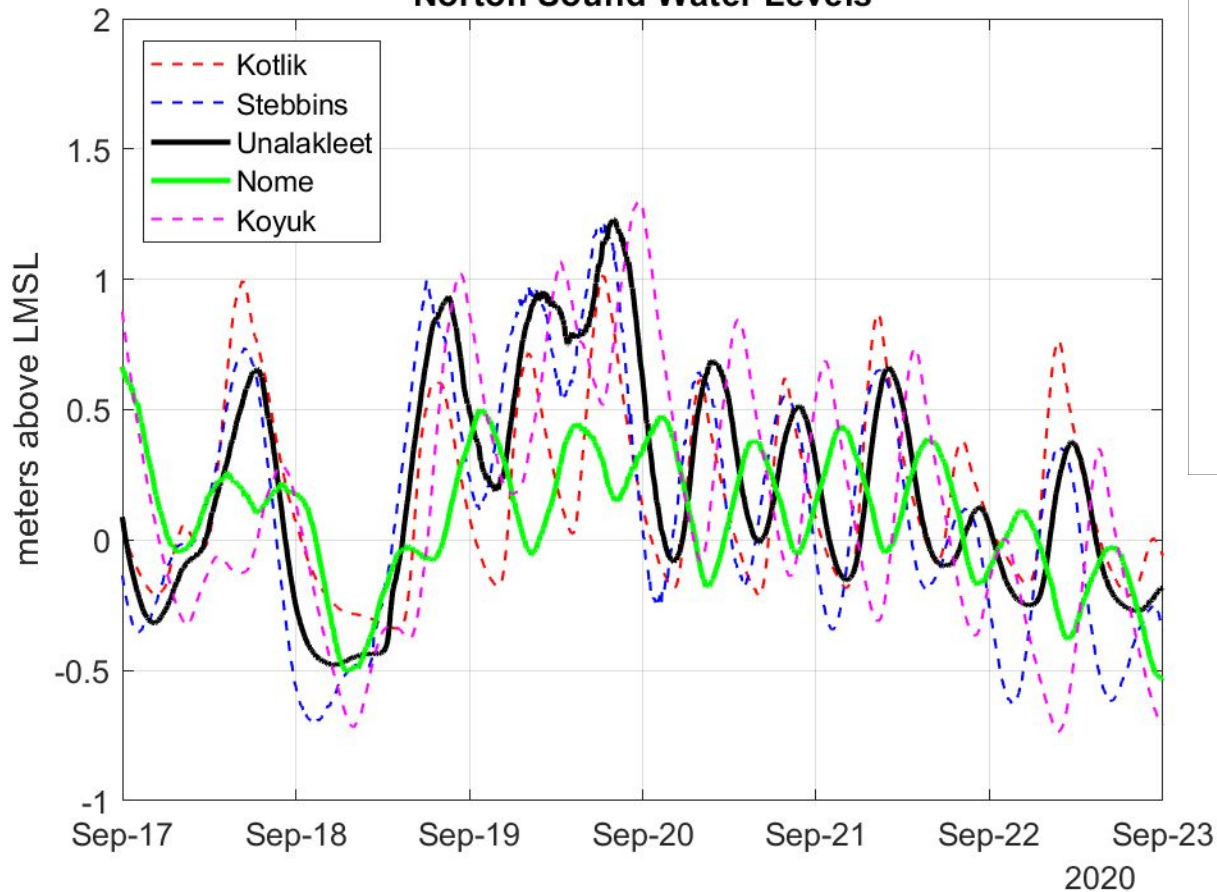
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The tidal characteristics at Stebbins are similar to Unalakleet and Kotlik. Stebbins is close in phase with Unalakleet and Kotlik while out of phase with Nome.



Norton Sound Water Levels



The tidal characteristics at Koyuk are similar to Unalakleet, Kotlik and Stebbins.

The time of the high and low tides is between Unalakleet and Nome.



Take Aways

- * Tide coordinated mapping in Alaska is challenging, especially in the Arctic
- * There are not enough real-time water level stations in Alaska to provide a complete picture for tide coordinated coastal mapping operations
- * When considering coastal mapping project specifications consider tide type and region of the state so you can set realistic objectives



Thanks!

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Coastal Geo-data: what's new in means and methods of collection and thoughts on maximizing ROI

Rada Khadjinova – Fugro



Coastal Geo-data

What's new in means and methods of collection and thoughts on maximizing ROI

Unlocking insights from Geo-data

We are the world's leading Geo-data specialist, collecting and analyzing comprehensive information about the Earth and the structures built upon it.

Work in Alaska focuses on advice, acquisition and analyses of land and marine Geo-data

66,000 miles of
shoreline.

Coastal zone mapping
requires multiple
technologies for the
acquisition of nearshore,
shoreline, and coastal
elevation and imagery.

Alaska's top-ranked applications for coastal data

Coastal Hazards

- Storm surge & tsunami models
- Safety of navigation products
- National elevation & shoreline mapping

Coastal Infrastructure

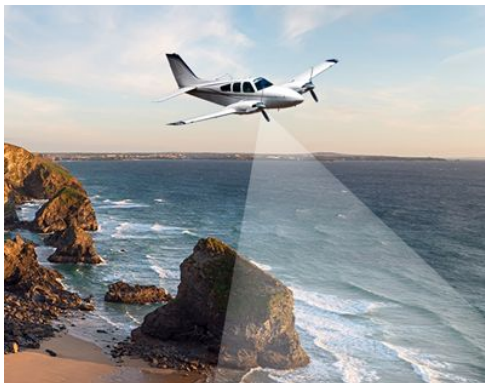
- Community resilience and flood defense
- Modernization to accommodate new and deeper draft vessel traffic

Sustainable Use of Oceans

- Boundary and jurisdictional definition
- Resource assessment & management
- Ocean health and ecosystem services

Role of Private Sector Surveyors

Clear goals, leveraging resources, meaningful engagement of the private sector can help



Mapping Technology

- Safety improvements
- Quality/efficiency improvements
- Carbon footprint reduction



Data Buy Models

- Speculative data collections
- Procurement experience on comparable programs



Partnerships

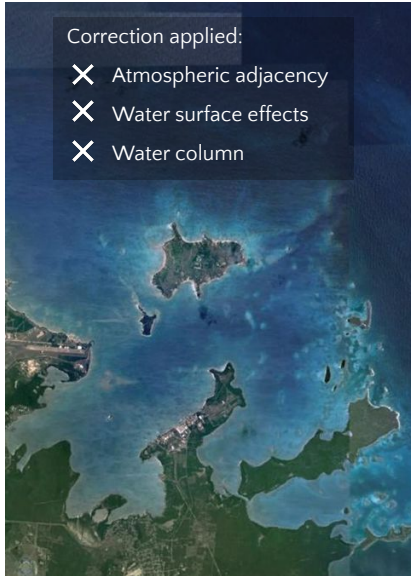
- Private sector contributions
- Enhanced Value to the end user

Innovations in mapping technology

Workflows, Sensors, Automation, Communication, Computing

Satellite Imagery

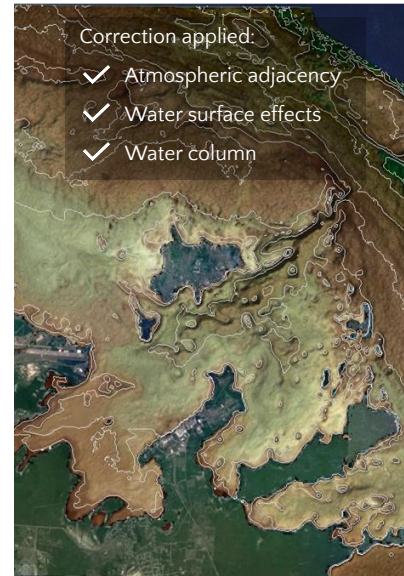
habitat mapping, geomorphology, bathymetry



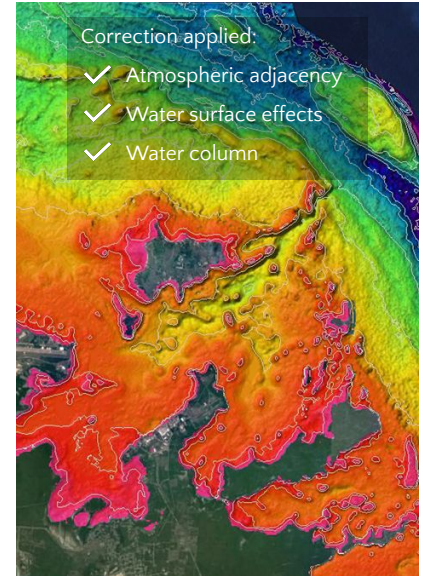
General info, but typically not well suited for aquatic and benthic analysis.



More detailed info on geomorphologic zoning, spatial and spectral patterns of the seafloor and benthic habitats.



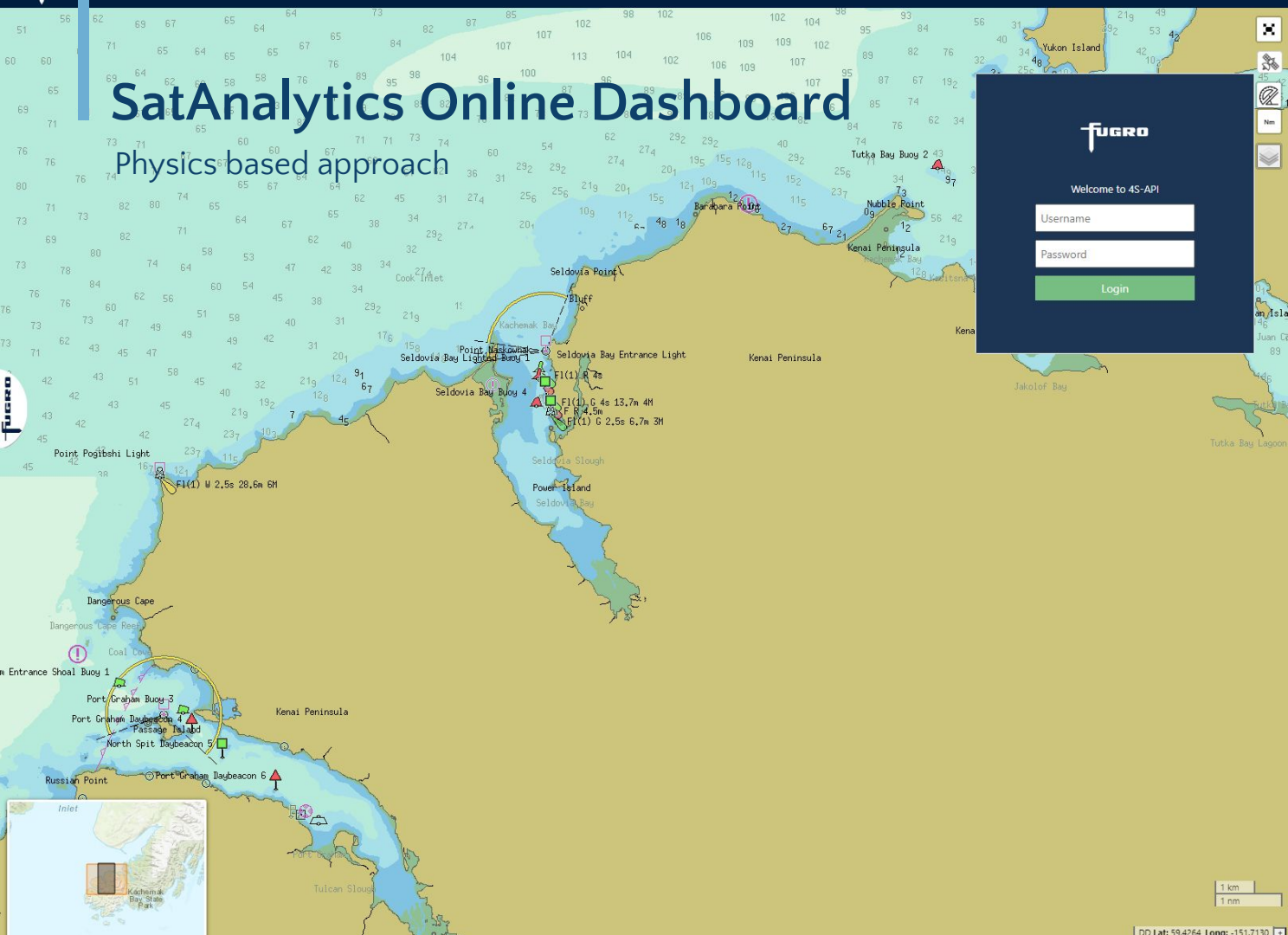
Very detailed info on geomorphologic zoning, spatial and spectral patterns of the seafloor and benthic habitats. Represents clear view to the surface being corrected for water column effects and perfect baseline for benthic habitat mapping.



Bathymetric info in dense grid. Data are mapped using EOMAP's physics-based inversion algorithms, which have been applied in hundreds of areas worldwide.

SatAnalytics Online Dashboard

Physics based approach



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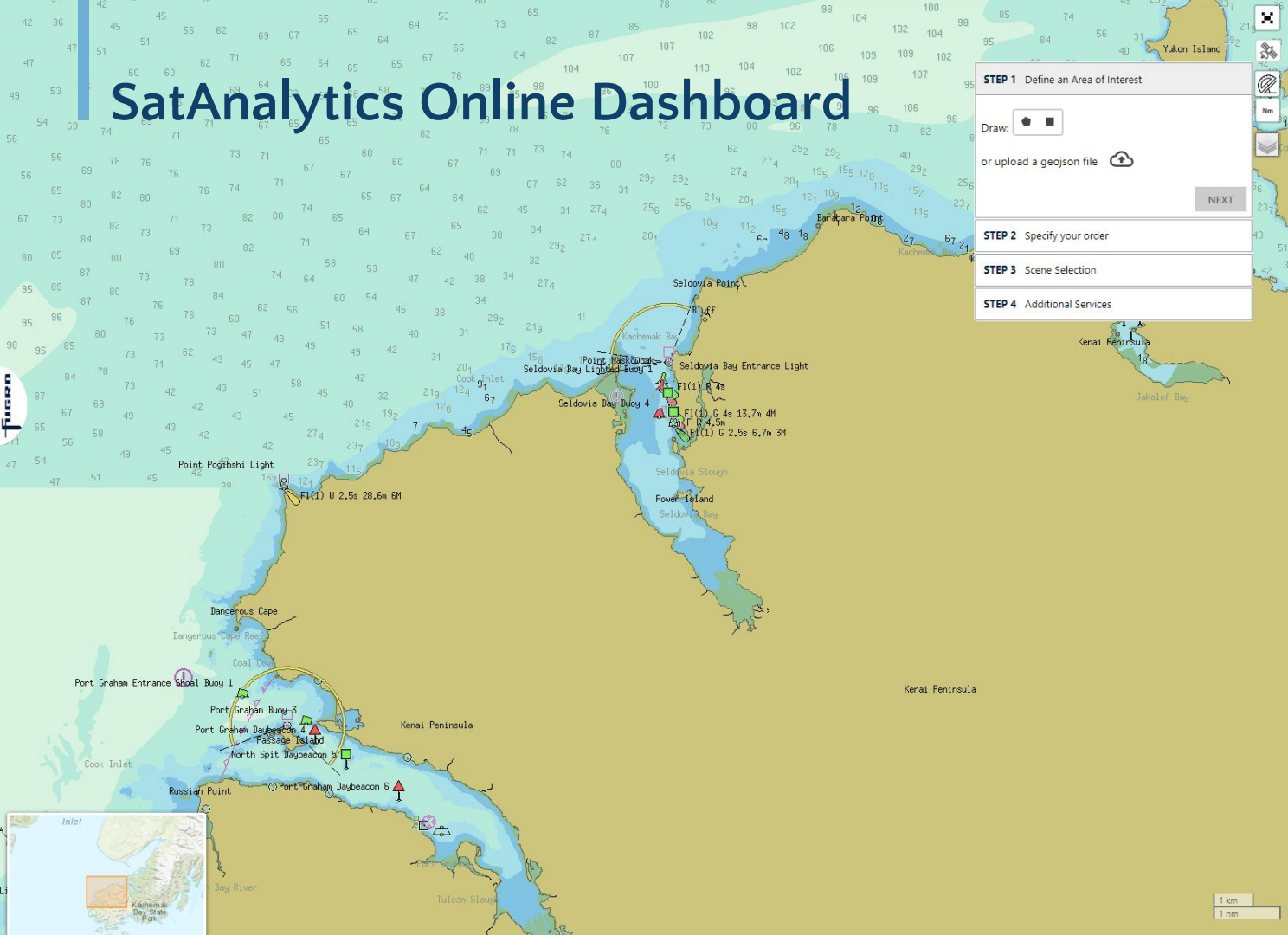
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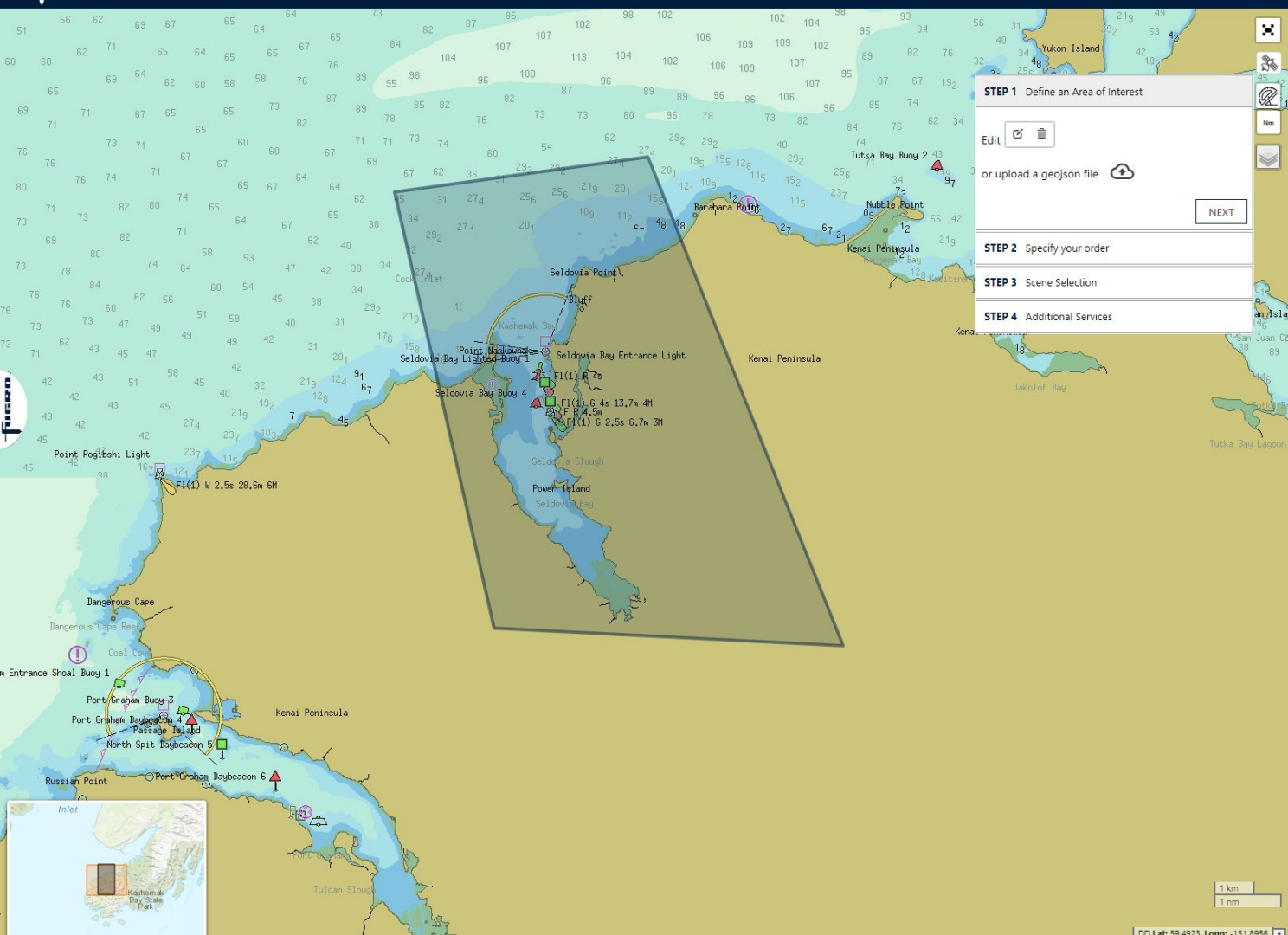
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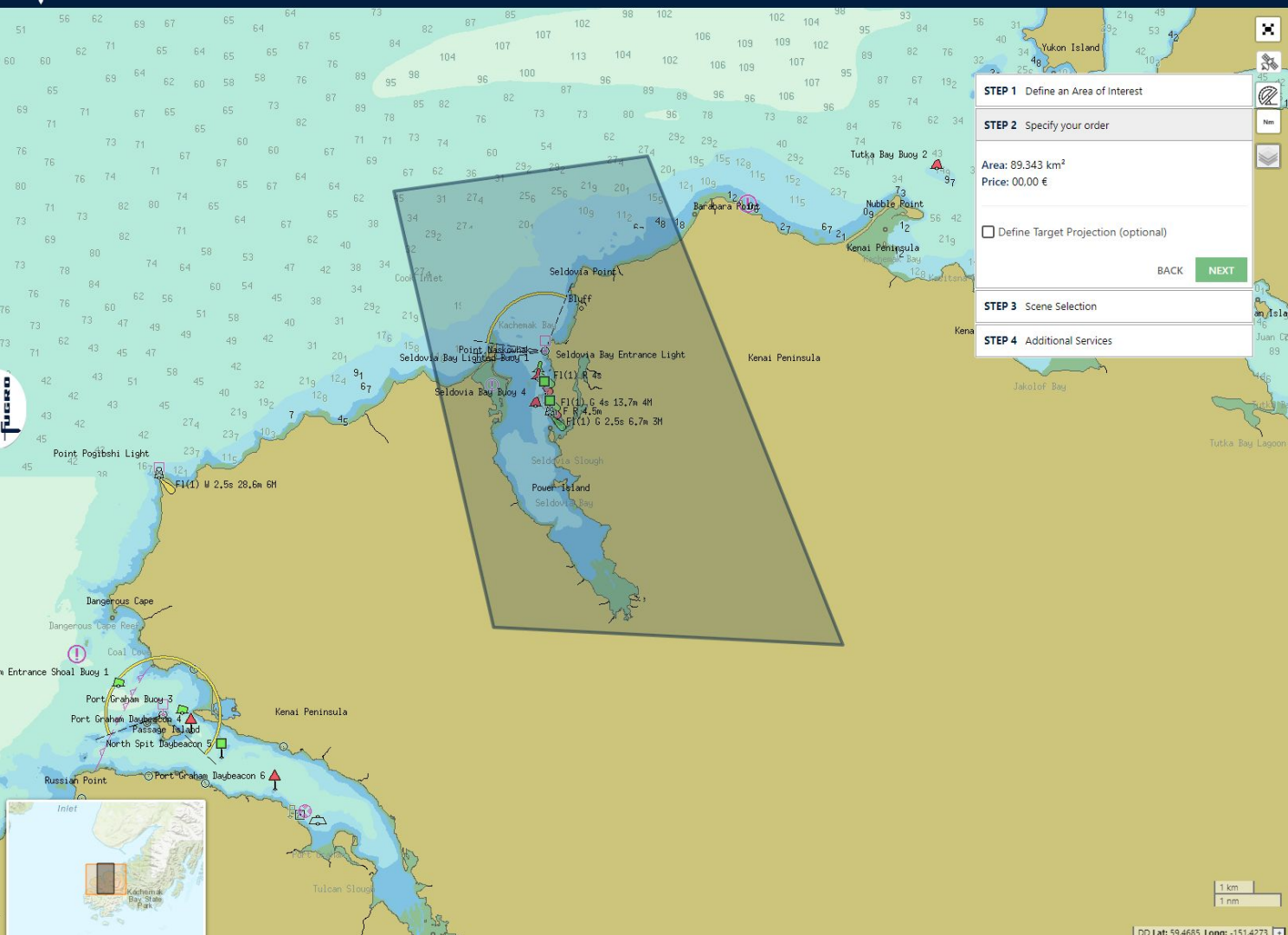
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Step 1: Draw AOI



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STEP 1 Define an Area of Interest

STEP 2 Specify your order

Area: 89.343 km²
 Price: 00,00 €

Define Target Projection (optional)

BACK NEXT

STEP 3 Scene Selection

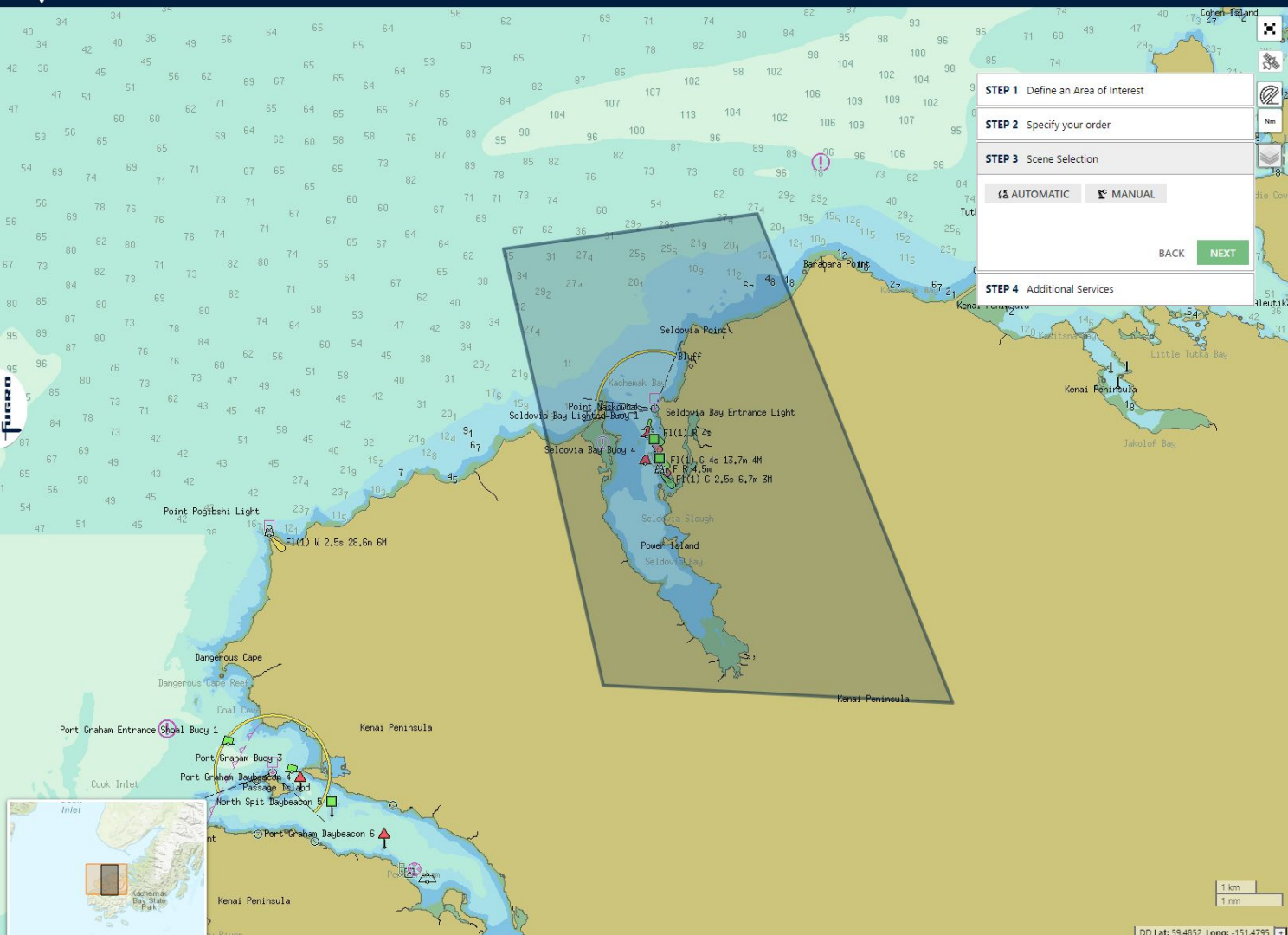
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Step 2: Review Order



1 km
1 nm

DD Lat: 59.4685 Long: -151.4273



STEP 1 Define an Area of Interest

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STEP 3 Scene Selection

STEP 4 Additional Services

Step 3: Select Scene



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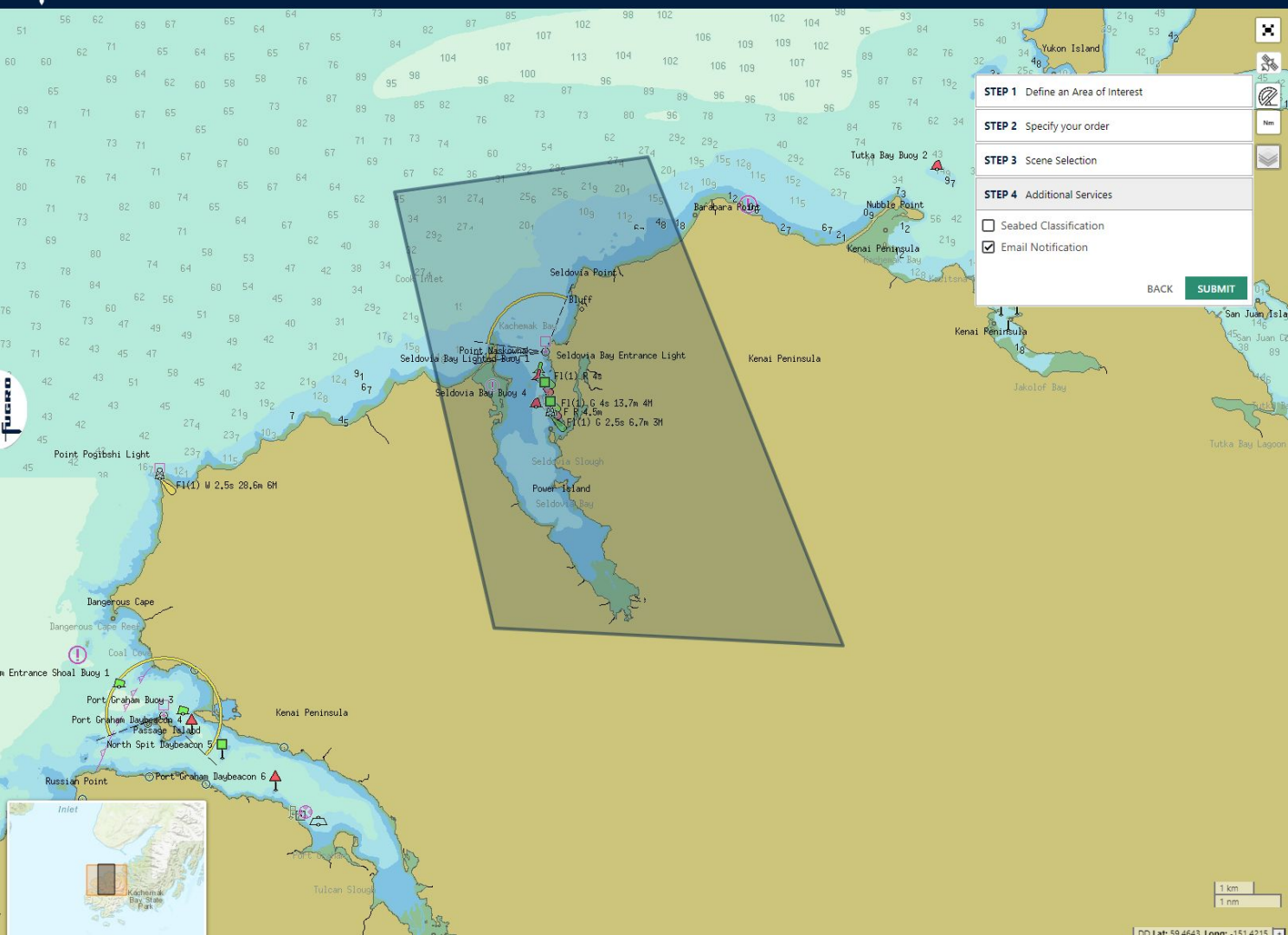
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Step 3: Scene Selection



Step 4: Select Services

STEP 1 Define an Area of Interest

STEP 2 Specify your order

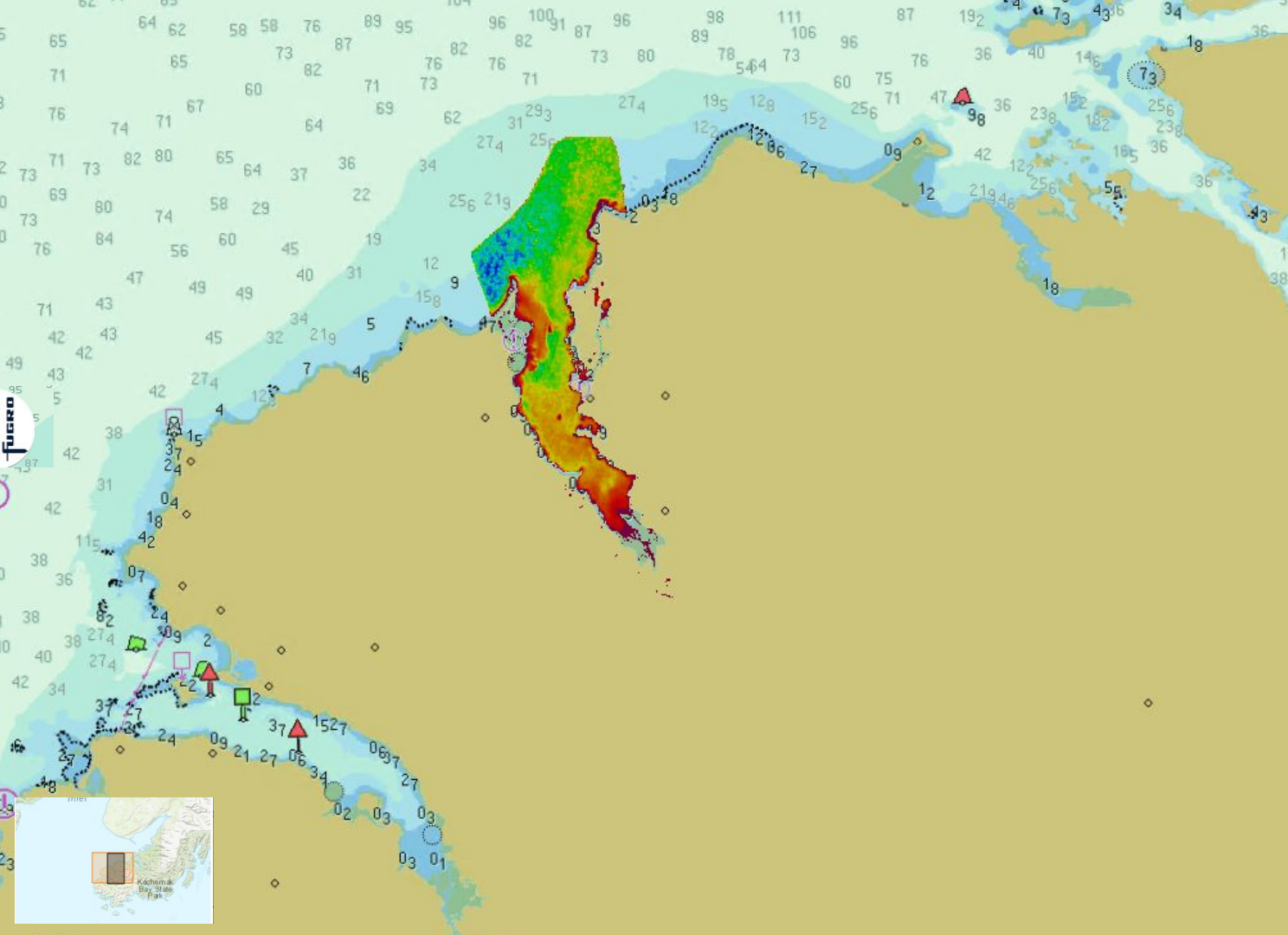
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STEP 4 Additional Services

Seabed Classification

Email Notification

BACK SUBMIT



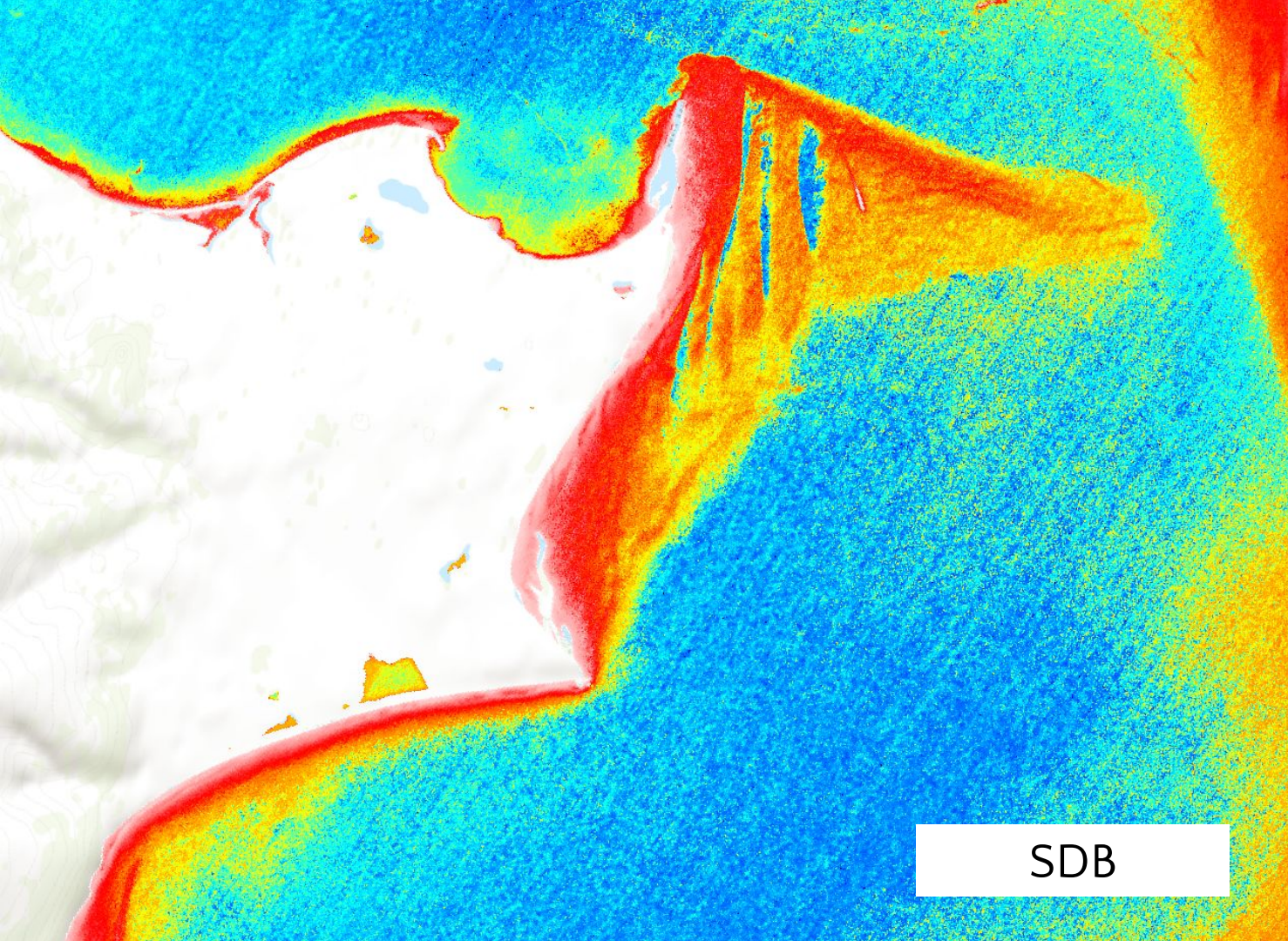
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SDB vs ALB Results Comparison

Golovin, AK



2019 USACE NCMP
Topobathy Lidar DEM
Golovin, AK

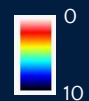
VS

SDB

Tile: 03WWM

Date: 2019-07-07

Depth (m),
MLLW



SDB



2019 LiDAR

This is a bathymetry map derived from 2019 LiDAR data. The map shows a coastal area with a prominent inlet or bay. The depth is represented by a color scale from red (shallow) to blue (deep). The land area is shown in white and light green. The water area is mostly red and orange, indicating shallow depths, with some yellow and green areas further out. The inlet is a deep blue channel.

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VS

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SDB

This is a bathymetry map derived from SDB (Synthetic Aperture Sonar) data. The map shows the same coastal area as the LiDAR map. The depth is represented by a color scale from red (shallow) to blue (deep). The land area is shown in white and light green. The water area is mostly red and orange, indicating shallow depths, with some yellow and green areas further out. The inlet is a deep blue channel.

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2019 LiDAR

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SDB

Tile: 03WWM

Date: 2019-07-07

Depth (m),
MLLW





2019 LiDAR

This is a bathymetry map derived from 2019 LiDAR data. The map shows a coastal area with a prominent inlet or bay. The water depth is represented by a color gradient: red for the shallowest areas (near the shore), transitioning through yellow and green to blue for the deepest areas. The land area is shown in white and light grey.

2019 USACE NCMP
Topobathy Lidar DEM
Golovin, AK

VS

SDB

Tile: 03WWM

Date: 2019-07-07

Depth (m),
MLLW



SDB

This is a bathymetry map derived from SDB (Side-Scan Bathymetry) data. The map shows the same coastal area as the LiDAR map. The water depth is represented by a color gradient: red for the shallowest areas, transitioning through yellow and green to blue for the deepest areas. The land area is shown in white and light grey.

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Coastal Mapping Sensor Innovations

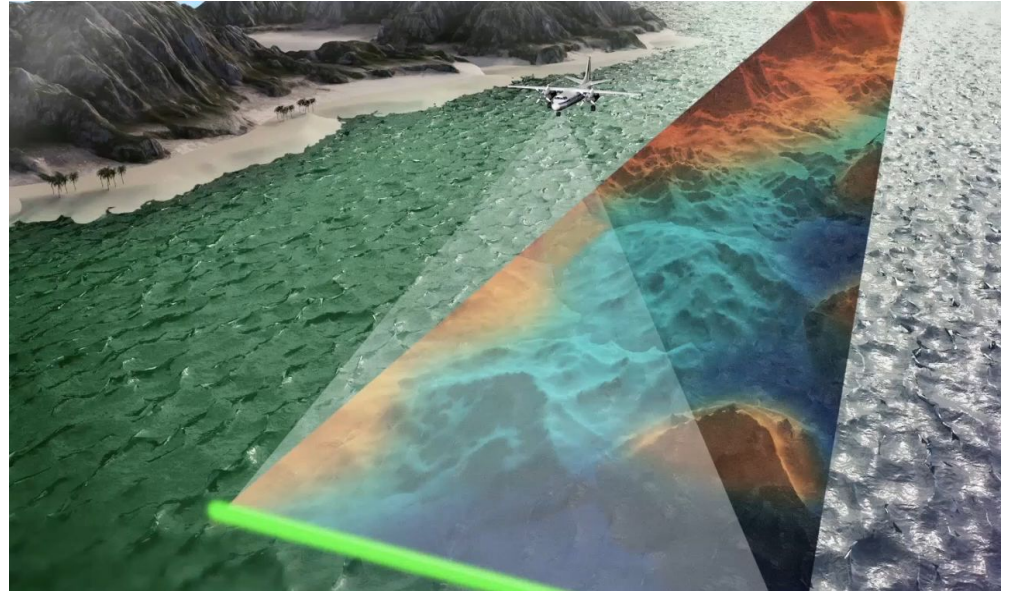
RAMMS: Leveraging robotics, remote operations, sensor integration, cloud automation

More

- Superior data density and depth penetration > 45m
- No moving parts = reliability
- Small aircraft / UAV = non-paved, short airstrips, vessel deck deployment
- Compact / energy efficient = multi-sensor co-bundling

With Less

- Reduced carbon footprint
- Reduced logistics complexity
- Reduce risks with less personnel
- Streamlined data delivery

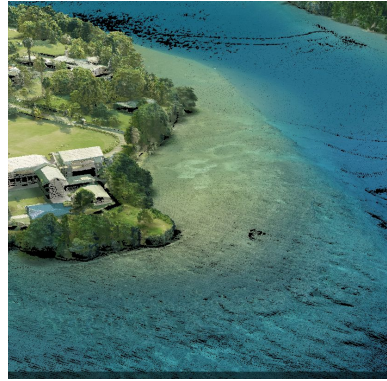


Innovations in Acquisition – Coastal Mapping Suite



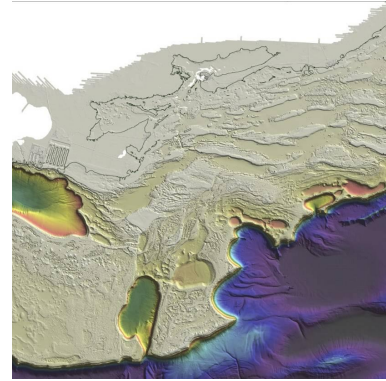
RAMMS=Superior ALB system solution

- Superior depth penetration
- IHO-quality bathymetry
- Lightweight = 80% À CO2



Simultaneous, multi-sensor data acquisition

- Bathymetric lidar
- Topographic lidar
- Orthoimagery
- SDB



Seamless land-to-sea data

- 290 m swath (independent of water depth)
- -150 line km per day
- 1/7 the cost for large, shallow water projects



ALB Acquisition by drones

- Successfully tested
- Ready for pilot projects
- Reduction of 98% CO2 compared to legacy airborne lidar surveys

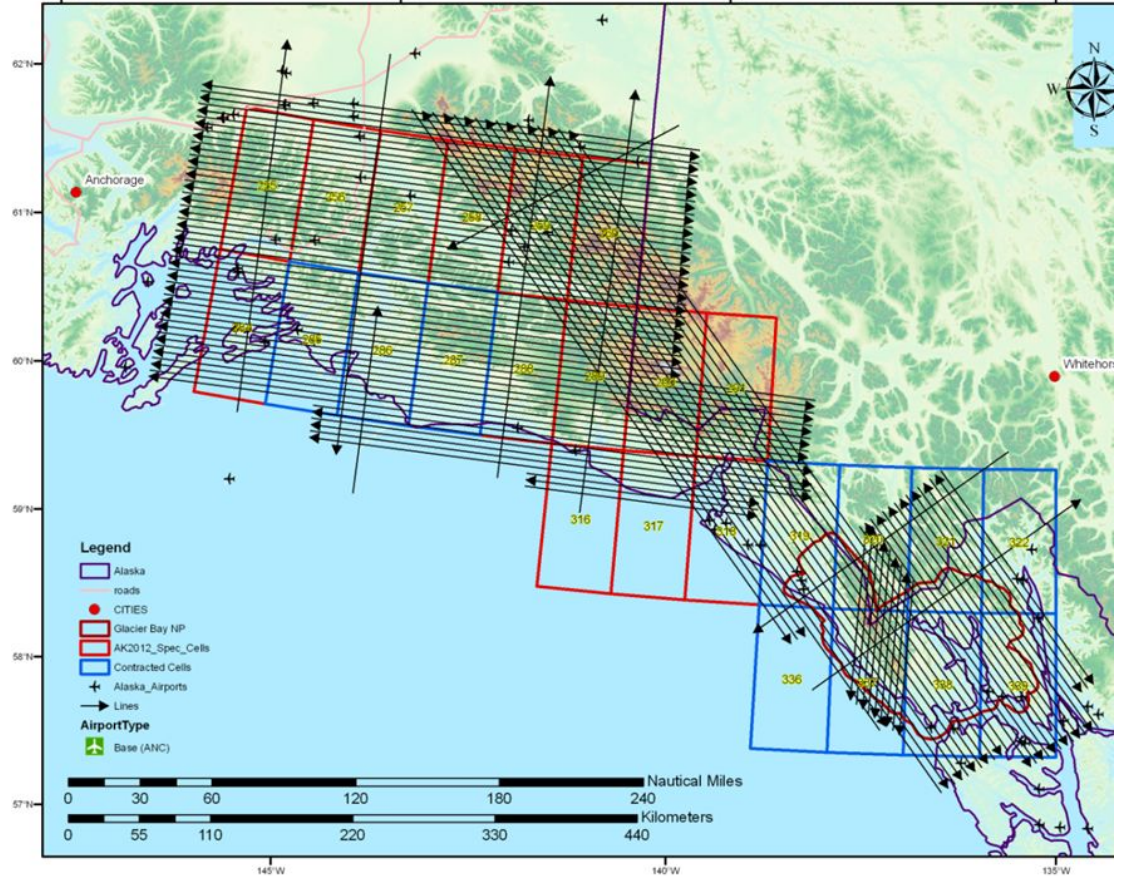
Data Buy Models

Learnings from SDMI-type approach, to enable cost effective implementation

IfSAR - Alaska Success Story

Collection on Speculation

1. Reduced costs: fewer mobilizations, more efficient line plan, larger area to mitigate adverse conditions
2. Faster Completion pace: annual funding gaps were absorbed by the private sector
3. Cost predictability: pre-negotiated rates based on unit rate per AOI.



Data Collection on Speculation – Surveyor Perspective

Consideration Type	Consideration Details
Physical	Distance from the nearest airport, logistics to install ground control points or water clarity check points, restrictions with crossing specific lands or airspace, complexity of the shoreline, min. water depth penetration, max. topo elevation;
Environmental	Tidal coordination, wind, waves, cloud cover, water clarity, seasonal limitations i.e. leaf off, ice/snow free, spring run-off turbidity, etc.
Commercial	Cost of money, time to recoup investment, confidence of purchase
Conflict Avoidance	Processes in place to avoid conflicts among multiple contract surveyors. i.e. pure speculation vs. overcollection near contracted-area block(s)

Other Data Buy Models

Program	Data Buy Model Details
California Coastal Mapping (State-managed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ PPP between State Agency, NOAA, USGS, CSU and Surveyor (Fugro) – collaboration on developing acquisition plan, data specification, engagement of other funders;▪ Combined vessel-based and aerial surveys over several years (topo lidar, bathy lidar, MBES, imagery products)▪ Pre-negotiated fee per specific region / area
Florida Coastal Mapping (State Managed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Entire area of interest for the program is defined▪ Requested per km2 unit rate for<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 0-20 m for Topo lidar and ALB collection▪ 20-100 m for sonar-based collection

Partnerships Role and Value of the Private Sector Stakeholders

NOAA's plan for New Blue Economy

“Collaboration and partnership with private sector organizations are central to NOAA's mission to support the development and growth of the New Blue Economy, helping to deliver the information and knowledge needed to support sustainable use of the ocean and coastal resources, while protecting ocean health and ecosystem services.”

- Leverage public-private partnerships;
- Harness emerging technologies and innovations;
- Data driven value-adds to users;



Partner of Choice in the Blue Economy Globally, in the USA and in Alaska

- Technology innovator
- Trusted, long-term survey contractor
- Open Geo-data contributor
- Facilitator of Geo-data donations from other private data holders



The logo for FUGRO features a large, stylized white 'F' on the left. The vertical stem of the 'F' is a thick, downward-pointing arrow. To the right of the 'F', the word 'FUGRO' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The 'U' is connected to the stem of the 'F'.

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Unlocking **Insights**
from **Geo-data**



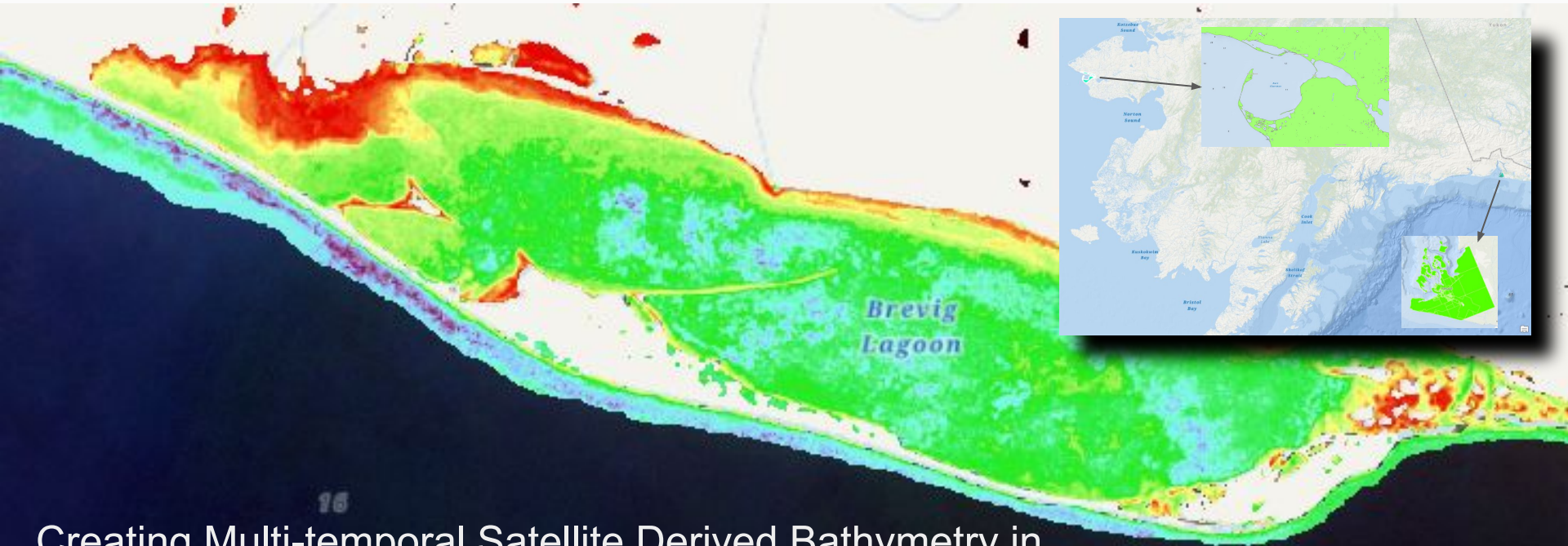
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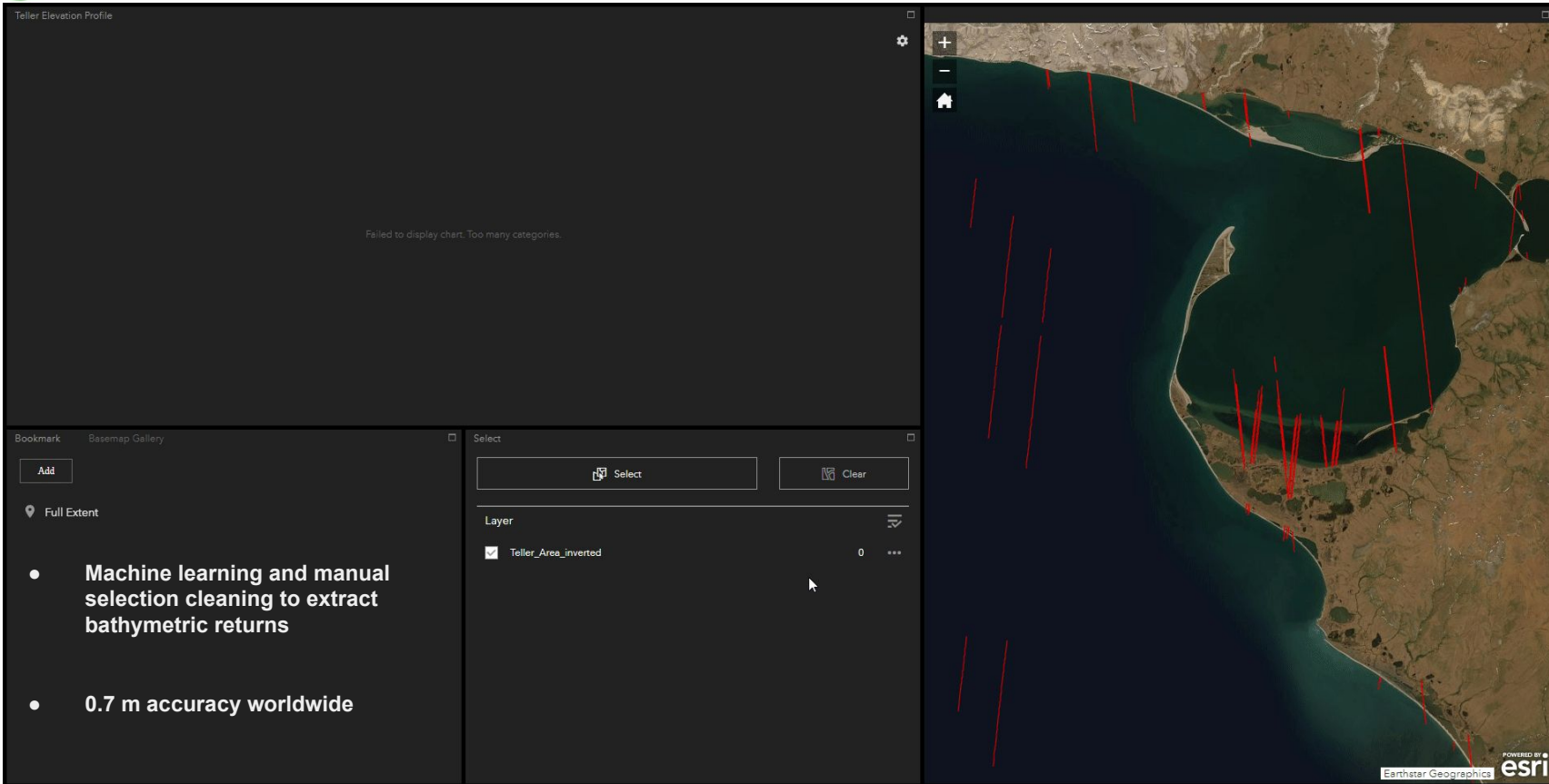
Satellite Derived Bathymetry

Natalie Treadwell – TCARTA



Creating Multi-temporal Satellite Derived Bathymetry in Teller and Yakutat, Alaska

Natalie Treadwell, Remote Sensing Analyst



Teller Elevation Profile

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Full Extent

- Machine learning and manual selection cleaning to extract bathymetric returns
- 0.7 m accuracy worldwide

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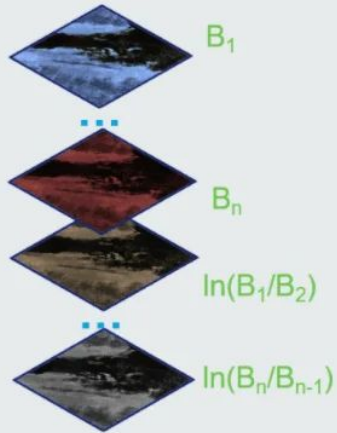
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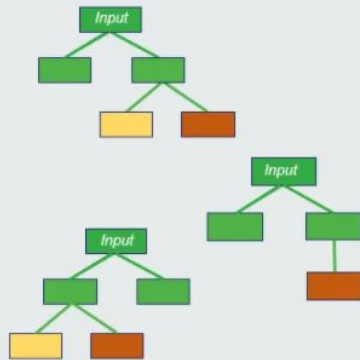
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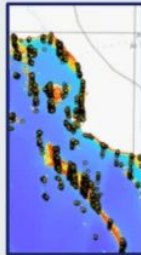
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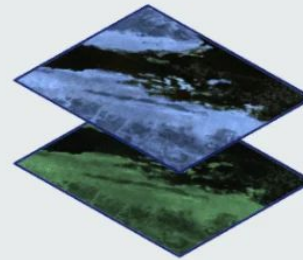
Spectral bands (B) and band ratio permutations (pixel value)



Trained with point data (ICESat-2)



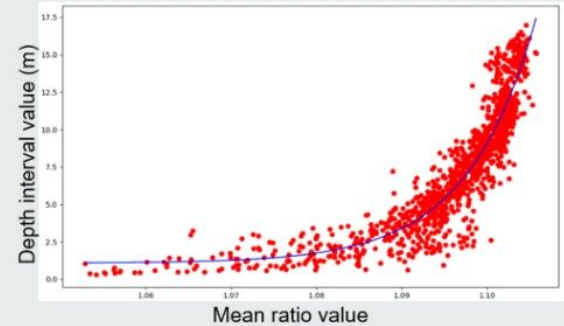
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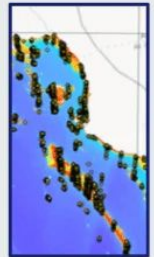
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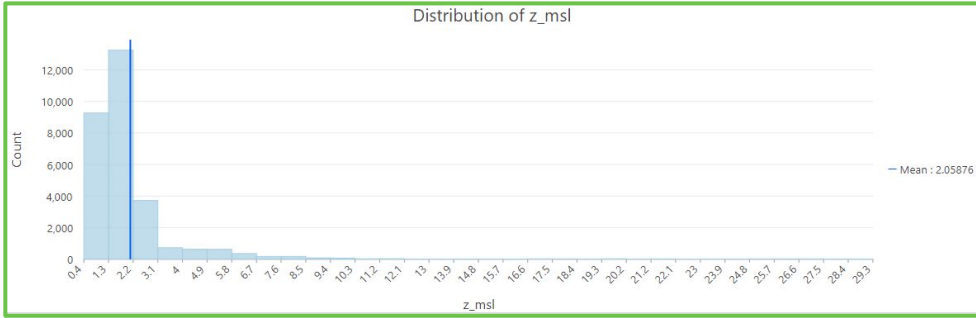
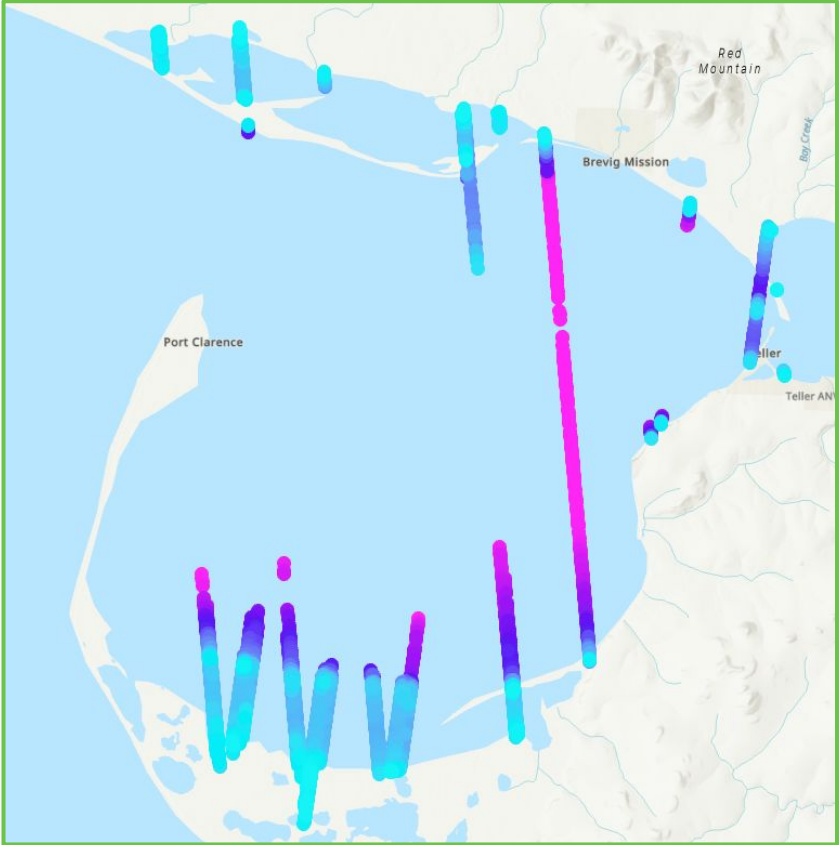
- B_2 : Blue band
- B_3 : Green band



Fit curve between band ratio and depth from calibration data (ICESat-2)



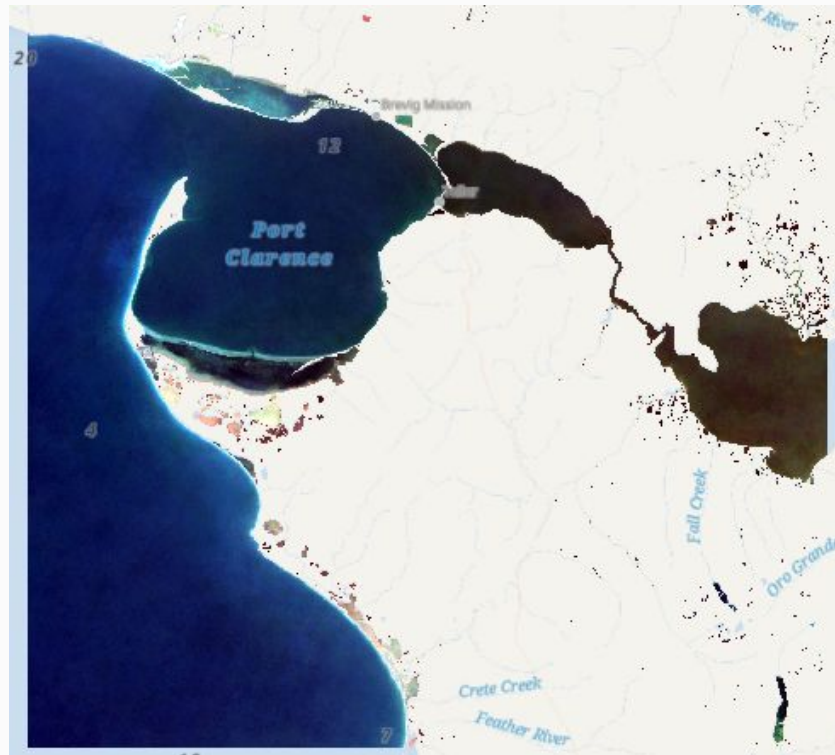
Depth Range	0.35m - 29.28m
# Data Points	29,435
DOI	2018-2022
Vertical Datum	EGM2008



(1) Planetscope 3 m 95 images | 43 Mosaics | 1 Composite

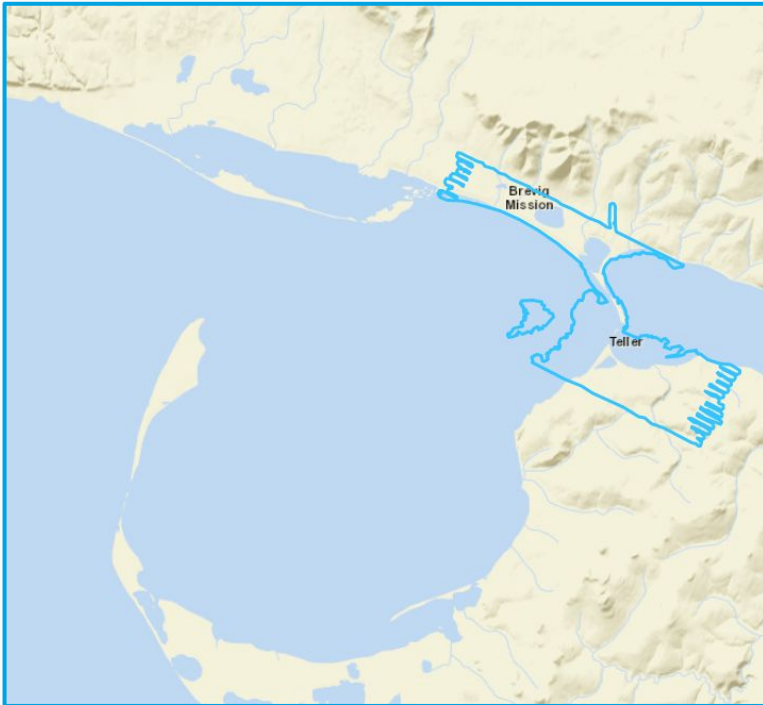


(2) Sentinel-2 10 m 621 images | 1 Composite



(2) [NOAA](#) (ingested in 2020)

[2019 USACE NCMP](#) | [Topobathy Lidar](#) Start: 2019-07-09 End: 2019-07-28

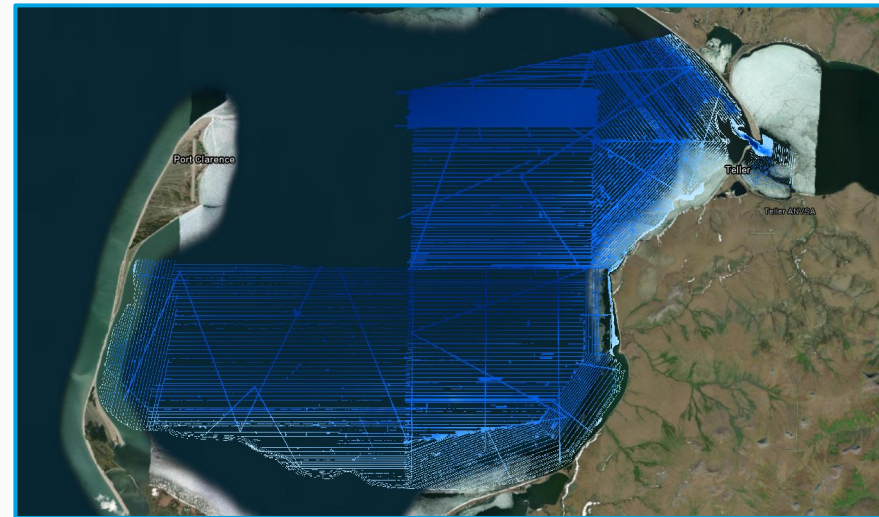


(3) [NOAA](#) (ingested in 2017-2018, 3 datasets in ellipsoidal reference)

[NOAA MBES](#) | [474085 H12798](#) Start: 2017-07-12 End: 2017-08-31

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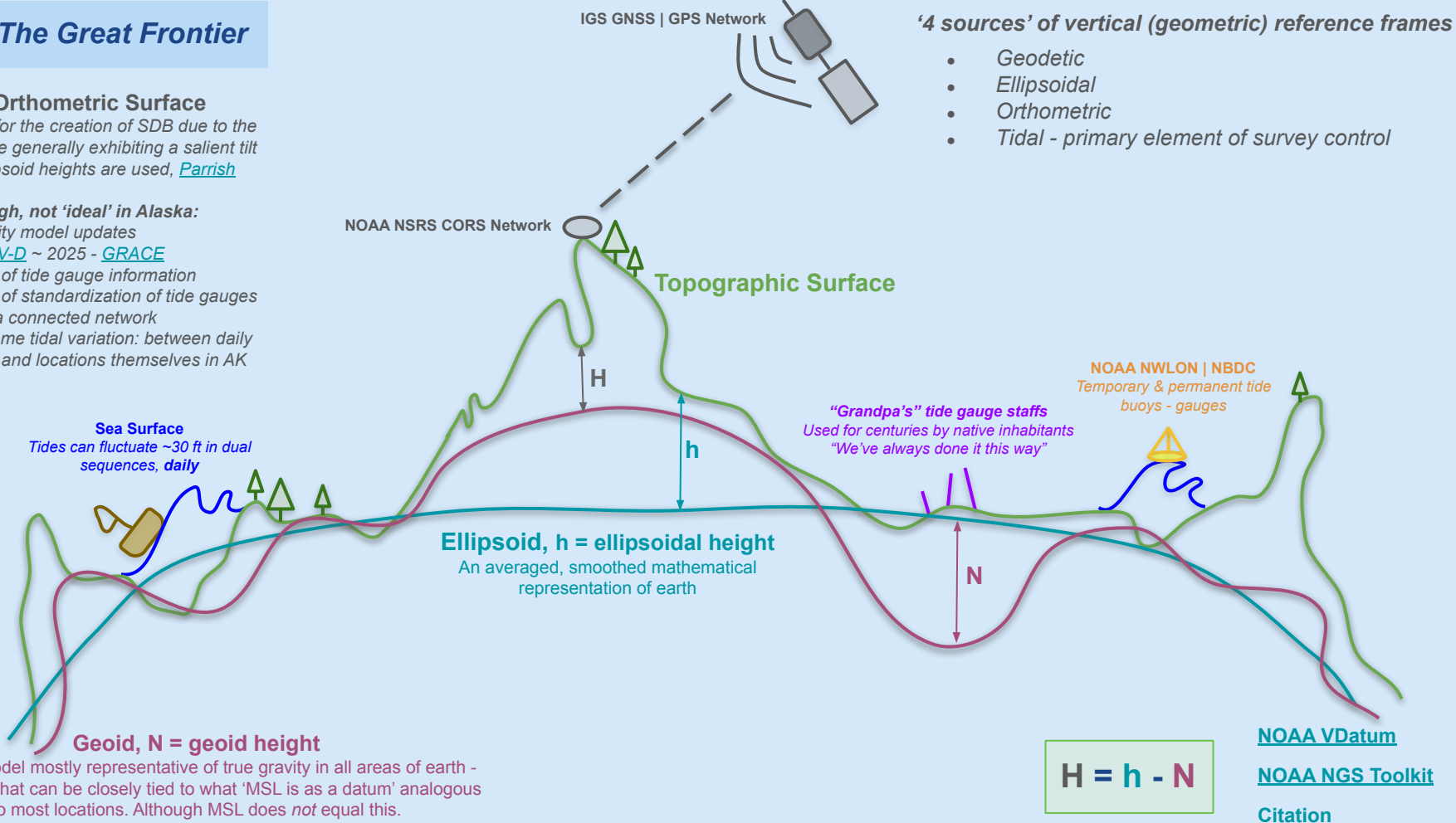
Alaska, The Great Frontier

H = Orthometric Surface

Best to use for the creation of SDB due to the water surface generally exhibiting a salient tilt when ellipsoid heights are used, [Parrish](#)

though, not 'ideal' in Alaska:

- Gravity model updates
[GRAV-D](#) ~ 2025 - [GRACE](#)
- Lack of tide gauge information
- Lack of standardization of tide gauges and a connected network
- Extreme tidal variation: between daily tides and locations themselves in AK



'4 sources' of vertical (geometric) reference frames

- Geodetic
- Ellipsoidal
- Orthometric
- Tidal - primary element of survey control

Gravity model mostly representative of true gravity in all areas of earth - the datum that can be closely tied to what 'MSL is as a datum' analogous to most locations. Although MSL does *not* equal this.

[NOAA VDatum](#)

[NOAA NGS Toolkit](#)

[Citation](#)

Alaska, The Great Frontier

Resources

1. [NOAA LT Bart Buessler](#)
[Using Water Levels in Alaska](#)

Tidal Concurrent Tidal Measurements

TCARI or zoned tide files: reduce data to MLLW based on timestamp: [NWLON](#) or [NBDC](#) station for tides, NTDE

Ellipsoidal Referenced Separation Models

Separation model (surface) to reduce data to MLLW based on position

[VDatum](#) Does not work in Alaska

TSS - topography of the sea surface: ortho-tidal offset | NAVD88 - LMSL, MLLW
Transformations between tidal and geodetic datums

[Poor Man's VDatum](#) local tidal benchmarks (where the water is) + the geoid (where the water should be ~MSL)
= TSS (topography of sea surface) + ellipsoidal heights, ERS = PMVD solution, SEP coverage with minimal curvature interpolation

“Tidal datums are the infrastructure on which the maritime community operates”

2. [Alaska, DNR](#)
[Alaska Tidal Datum Portal](#) USGG2012 with GRS80 Ellipsoid

TCarta Workaround

Ellipsodal | ICESat-2 & Images



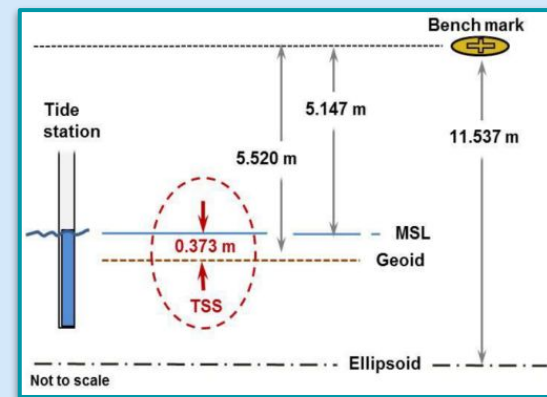
Orthometric | SDB Surface
Creation



Ellipsoid-Spheroid | Calibration and
Validation of in-situ data (MBES, SBES,
Topobathy lidar)



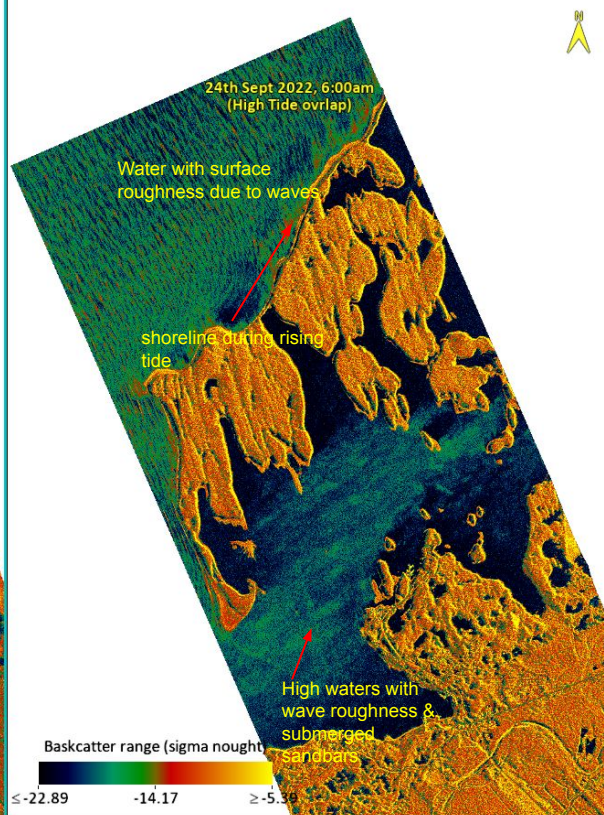
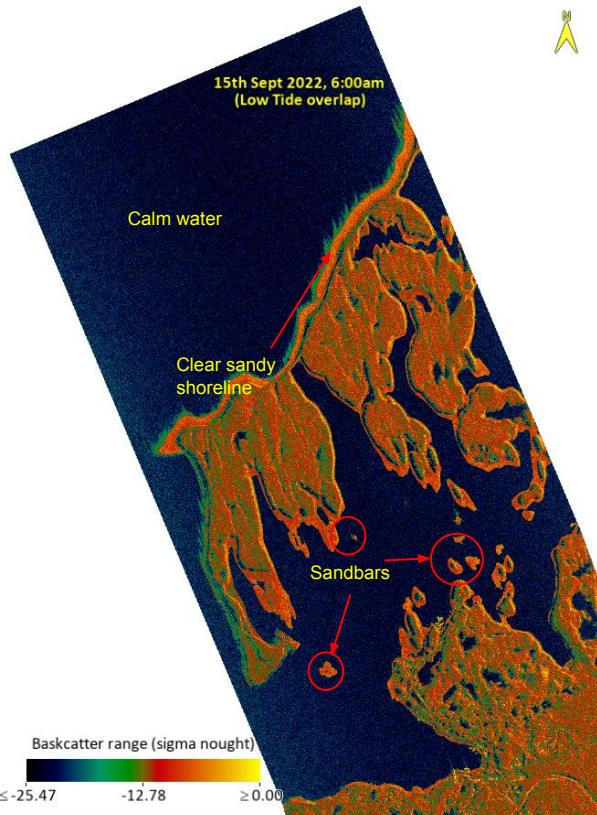
Gravimetric Geoid | Final SDB Surface
approx in reference to local MSL,
Alaska



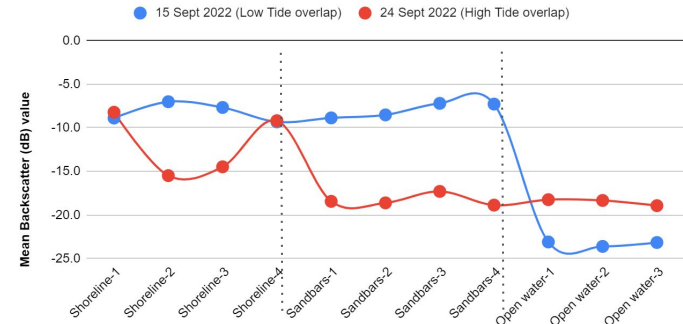
Using Water Levels in Alaska

Coastal Feature identification and Temporal changes in backscatter values(feature wise) during HT & LT

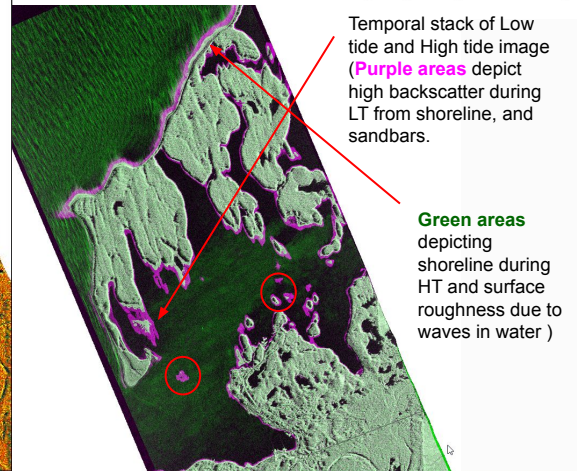
STUDY AREA: YAKUTAT BAY



Tidal/Temporal Change in Mean Backscatter (dB) Values of Shoreline, Sandbars and Water pixels (Yakutat bay area)



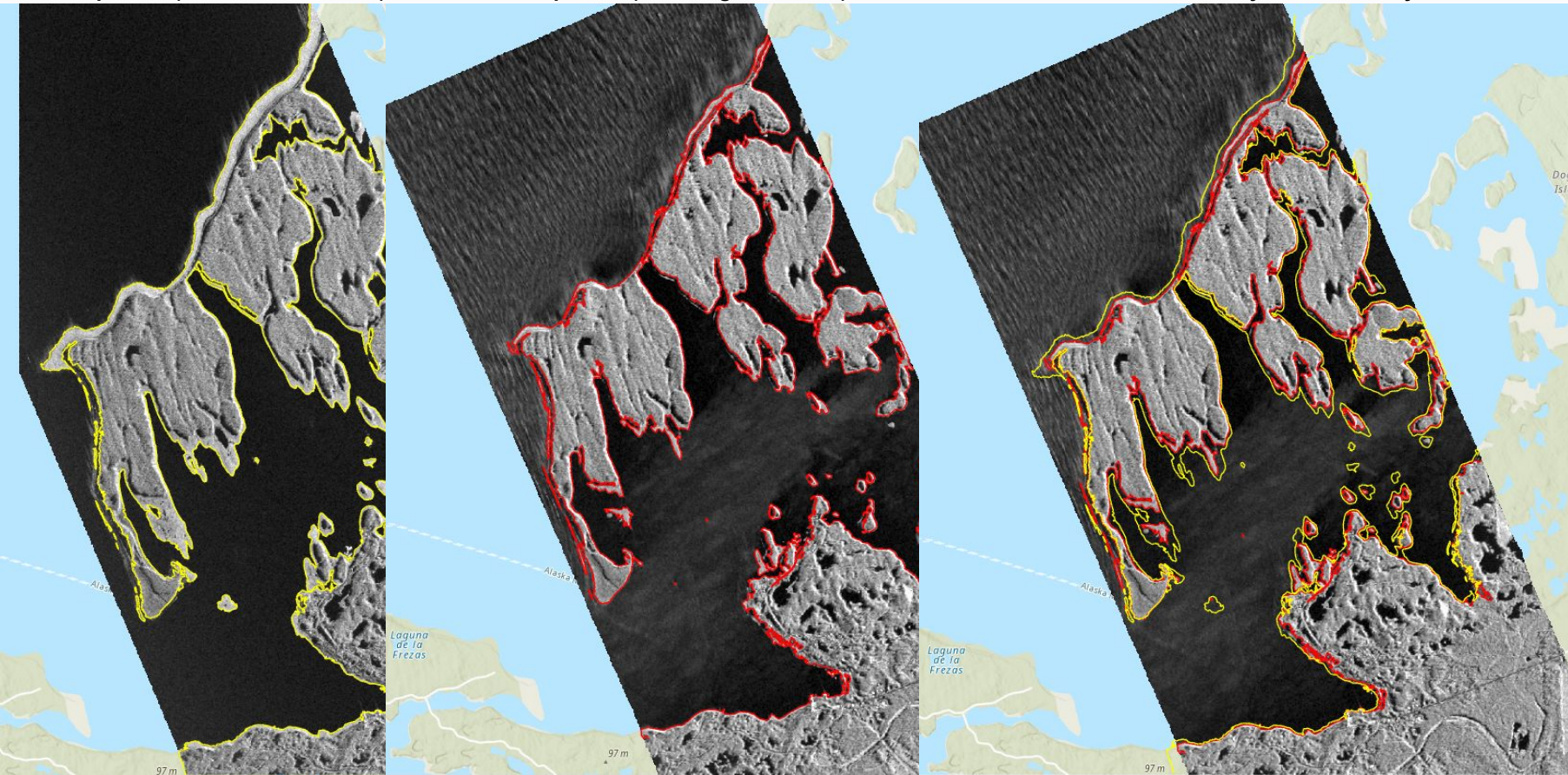
ROIs of various features exhibiting change during Low tide and High Tide event



15 Sept 2022 (Final Low Tide Line)

24 Sept 2022 (Final High Tide Line)

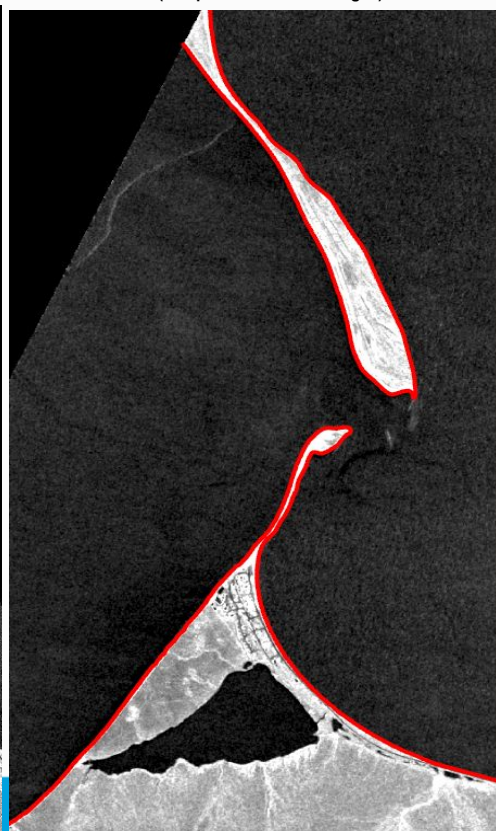
LTL & HTL Overlay for Yakutat bay



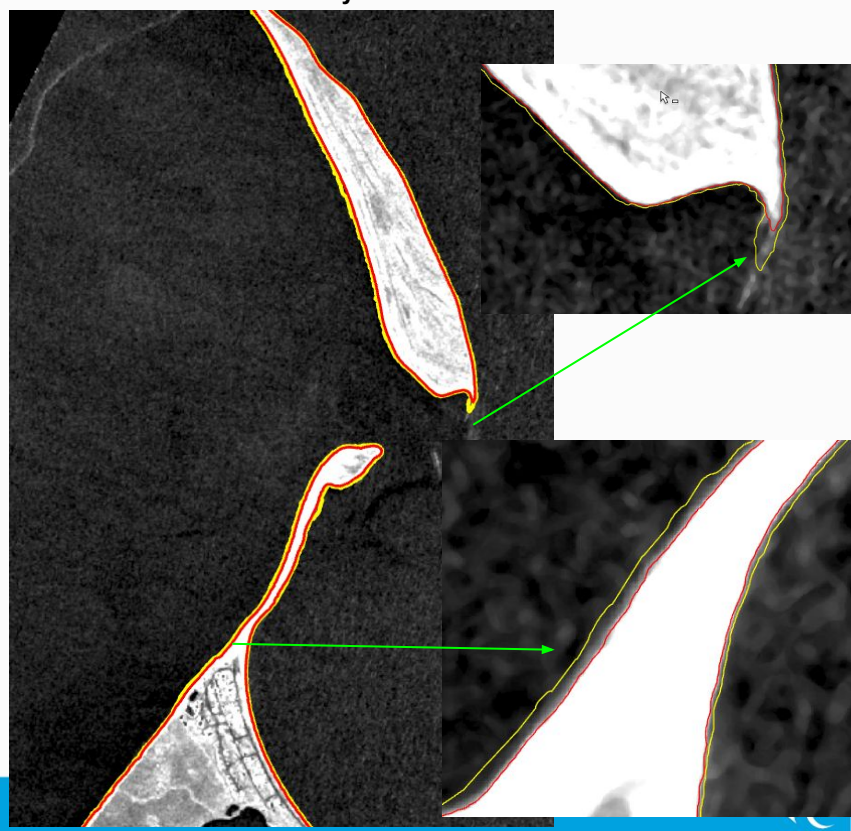
Single Mean Low Tide Line
(computed from 2 LT images)



Single Mean High Tide Line
(computed from 4 HT images)



Mean LTL & HTL Overlay

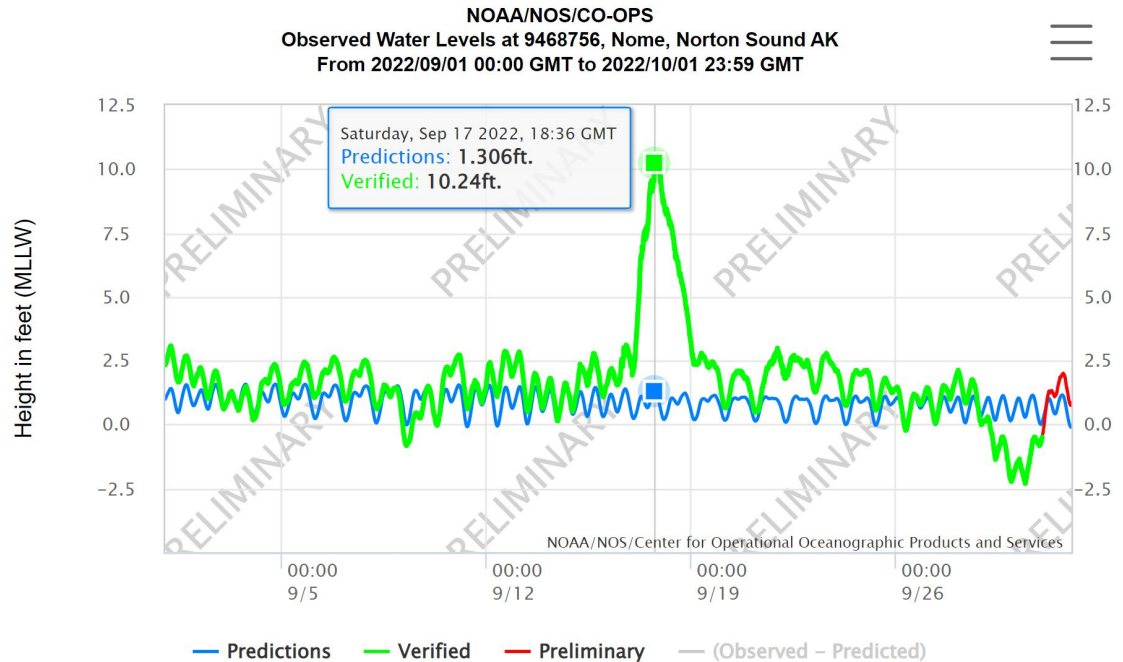
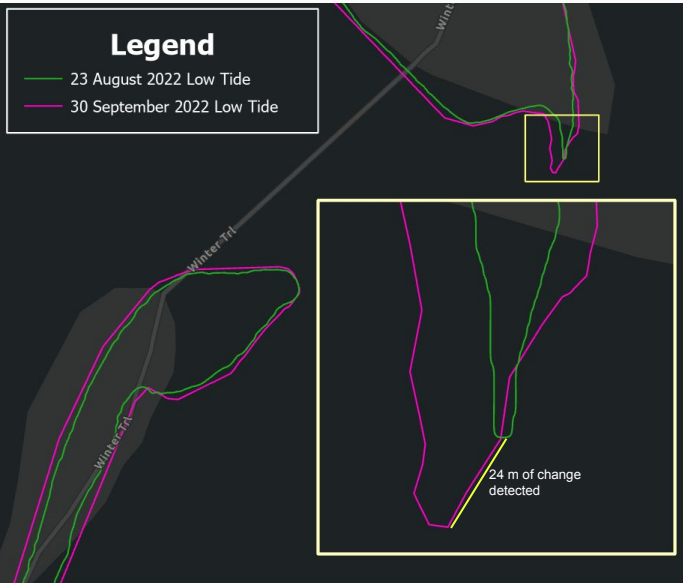


TCARTA Shoreline change after Typhoon Merbok

Capella SAR

- 1.5 m to 1.6 m resolution
- Accuracy of +/- 5 m

- Shoreline change of 0-25 m across the low tide line



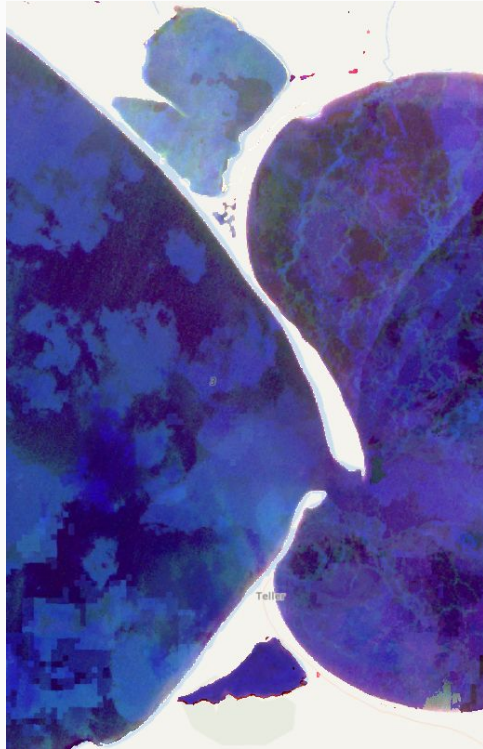


Composites created based on metadata parameters

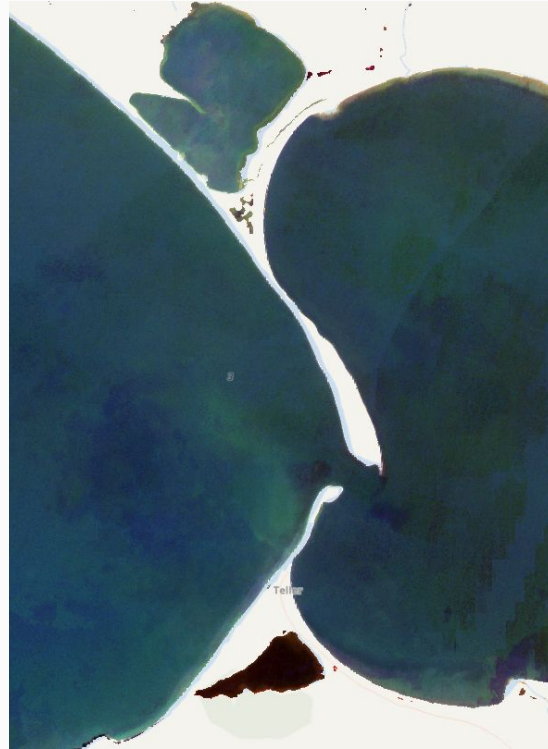
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- Illumination Azimuth
- Turbidity
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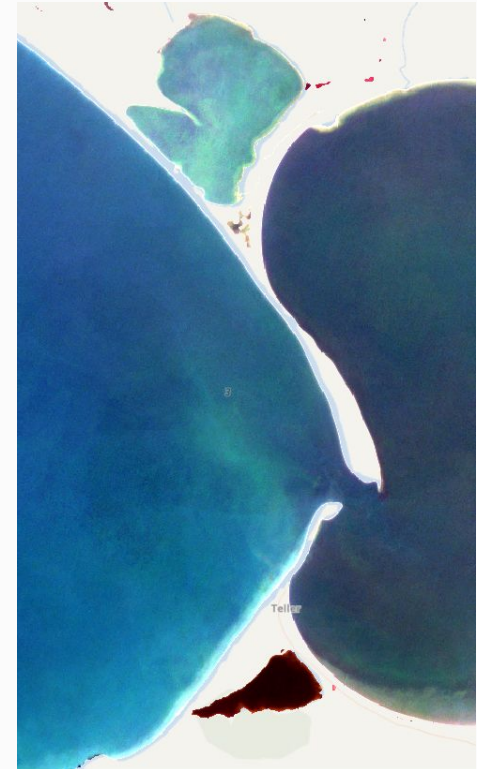
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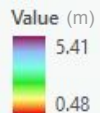


2017- 2019 June - Sept



2018- 2022 June - Sept





ICESat-2 70/30 QA/QC

Interval	ME	MAE	MSE	RMSE	MAPE
0.36m - 8.28m	0.01	0.227	0.126	0.355	14.439
0m - 1m	-0.114	0.142	0.057	0.239	15.988
1m - 5m	0.036	0.243	0.12	0.346	13.74
5m - 10m	2.535	2.535	7.691	2.773	93.891

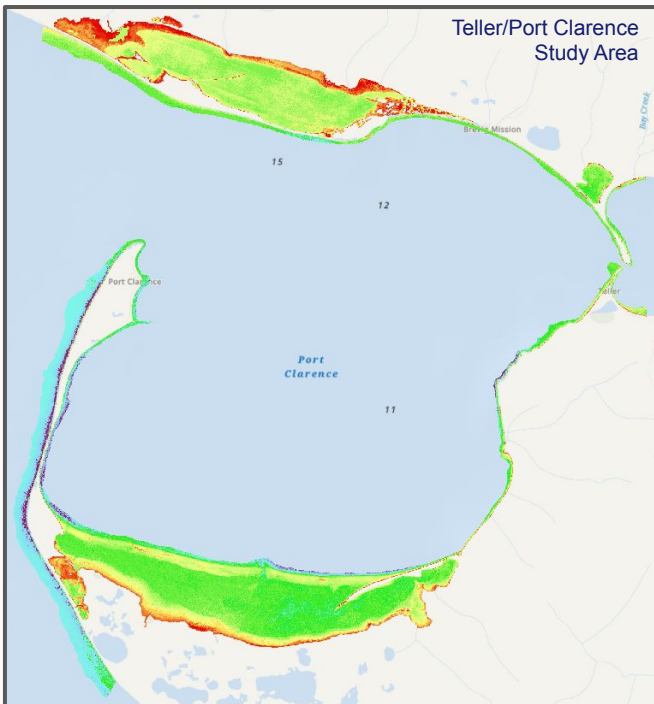
Multibeam Sonar QA/QC

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1m - 5m	-2.475	2.485	7.667	2.769	61.028

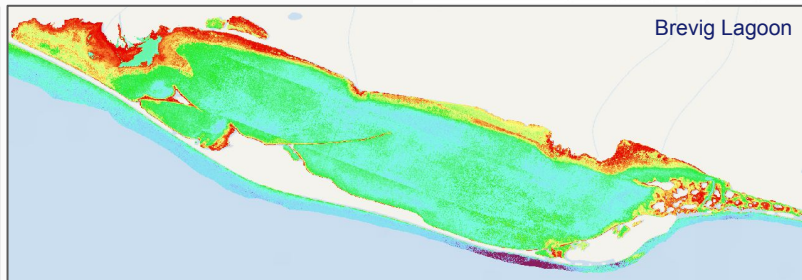
LiDAR QA/QC

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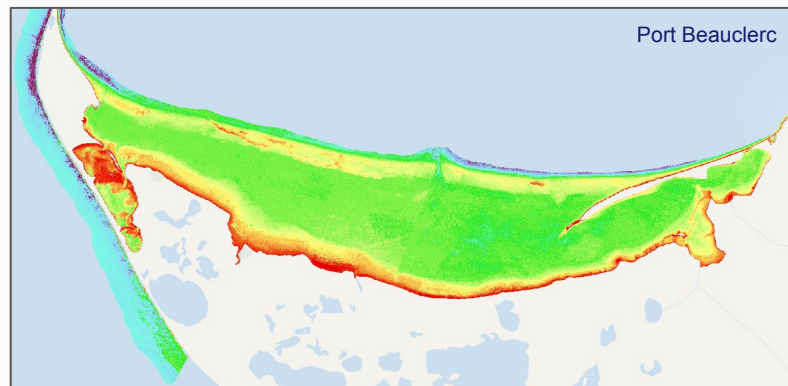
Teller/Port Clarence Study Area



Brevig Lagoon



Port Beauclerc



Teller



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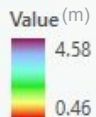
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1m - 5m	0.037	0.215	0.094	0.307	12.402
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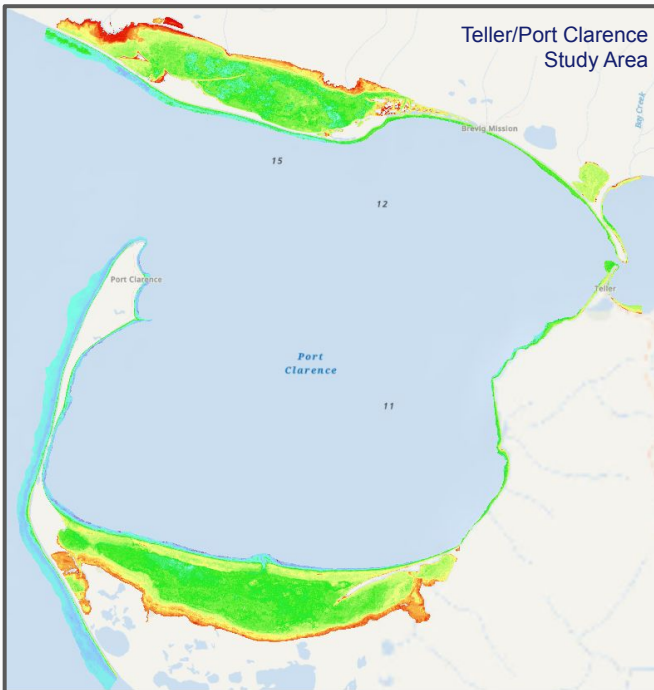
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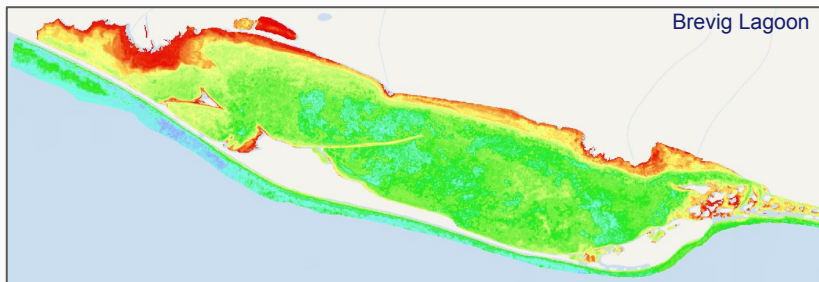
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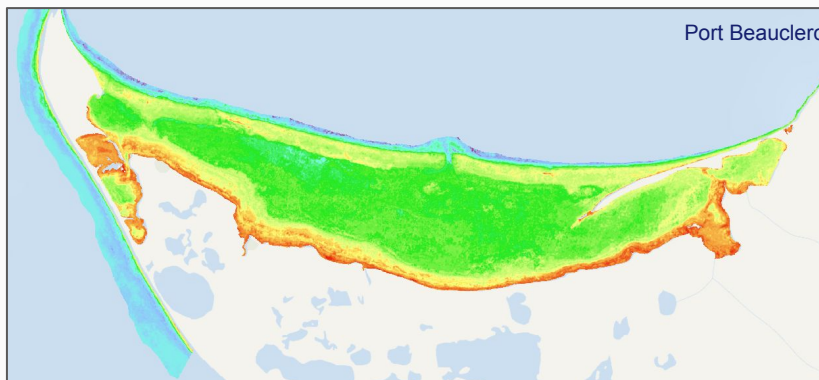
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Thank you!



Satellite Derived Bathymetry

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CENA: Coastline Evolution & Nearshore Approximation



Oceanography & Data Science for the Arctic

November 16th, 2022

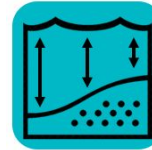
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Focus Areas



Sea Ice Forecast



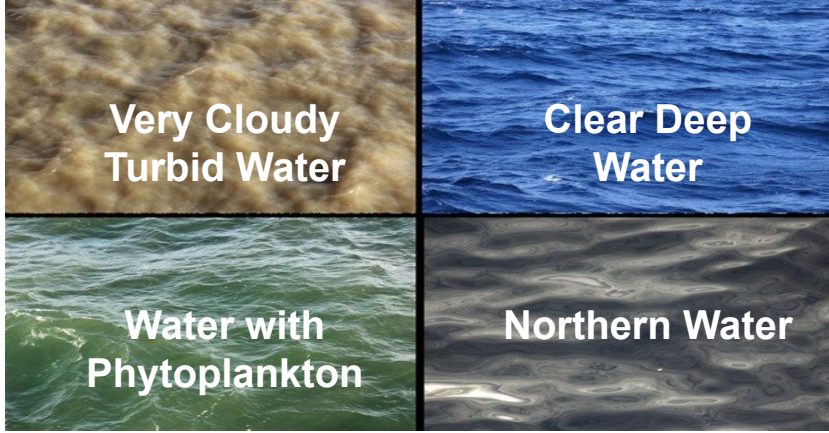
Coastline Evolution &
Nearshore Approximation



Aquaculture/Mariculture &
Precision Fishing Support



Arctic Water



The color of the ocean is determined by:

- Depth
- Organic Matter
- Sediment
- Temperature (Ice)



Bethel Bank Stabilization, Bethel, Alaska

👁️ This looks bad but it was done to prevent land from eroding away. It was cleaned up and a seawall is up now.



The Port of Bethel along the Kuskokwim River, August 2019



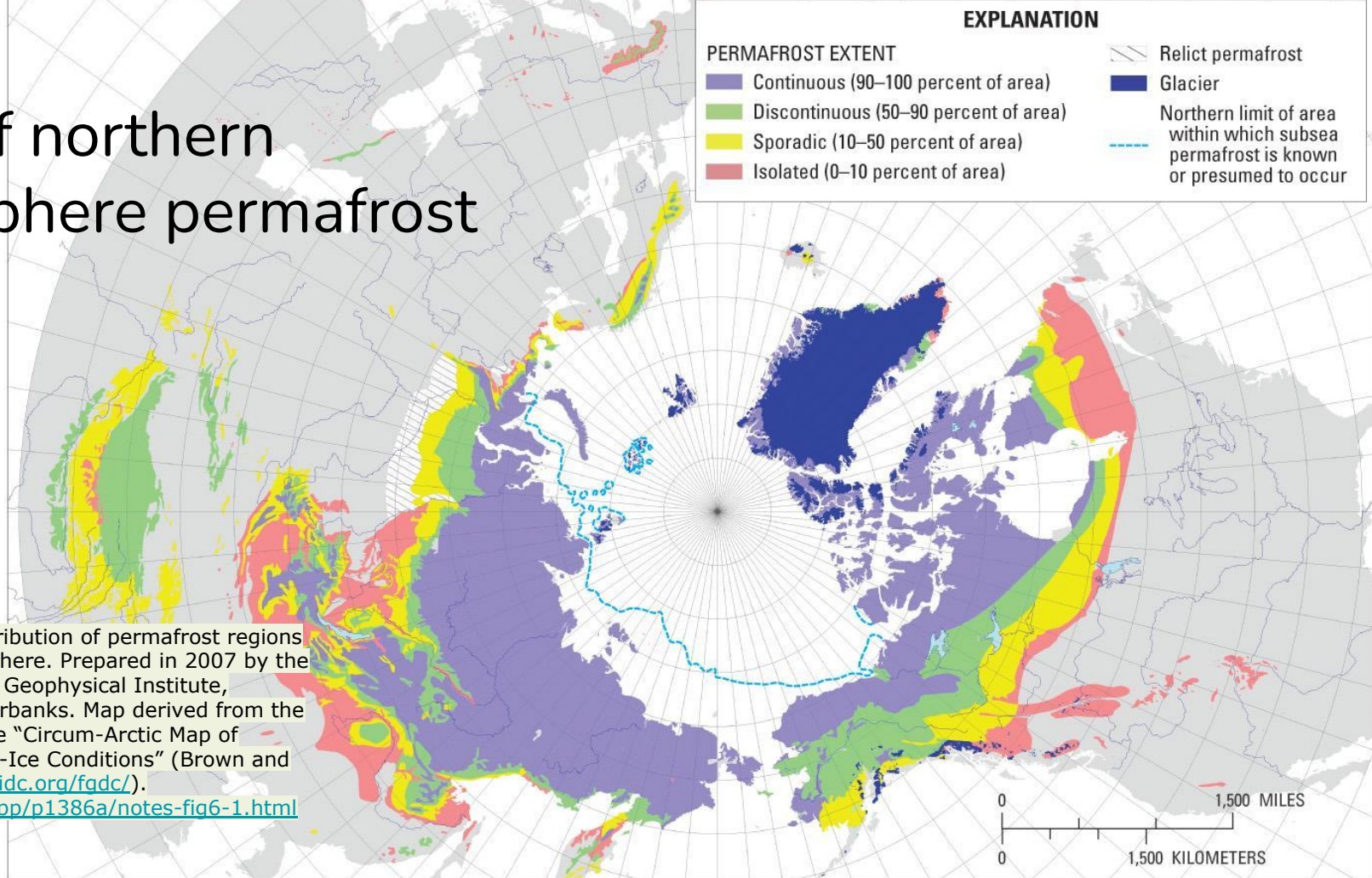
Bethel Bank Stabilization along Brown's Slough, June 2007

Clifton Bates ▸ Bethel Alaska January 13 at 1:49 PM · 🌐

Bethel Downtown waterfront 1977



Map of northern hemisphere permafrost extent



Map showing areal distribution of permafrost regions in the Northern Hemisphere. Prepared in 2007 by the Permafrost Laboratory, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Map derived from the electronic version of the "Circum-Arctic Map of Permafrost and Ground-Ice Conditions" (Brown and others, 1997, <http://nsidc.org/fgdc/>).

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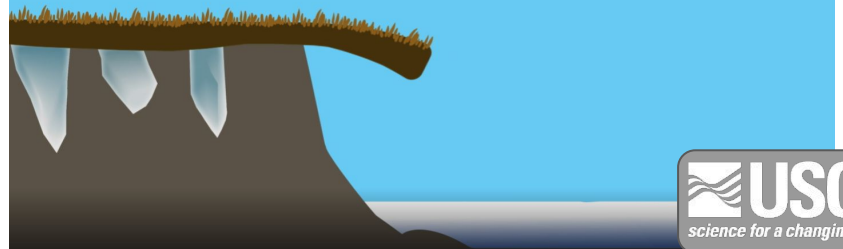
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September-October



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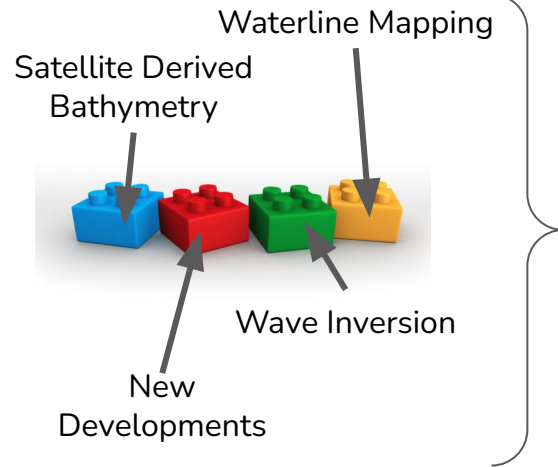
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PolArctic's innovative AI architecture to estimate nearshore bathymetry

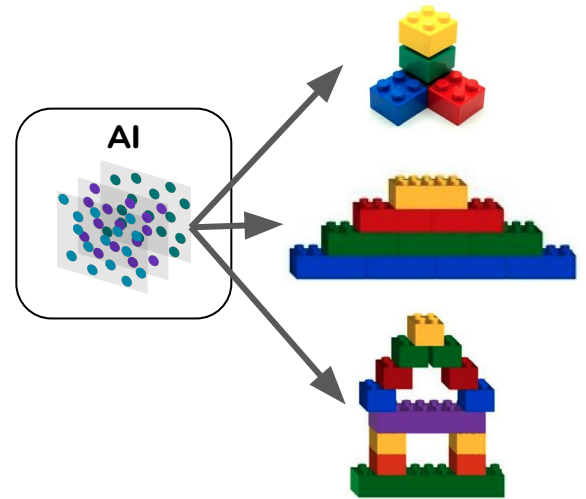
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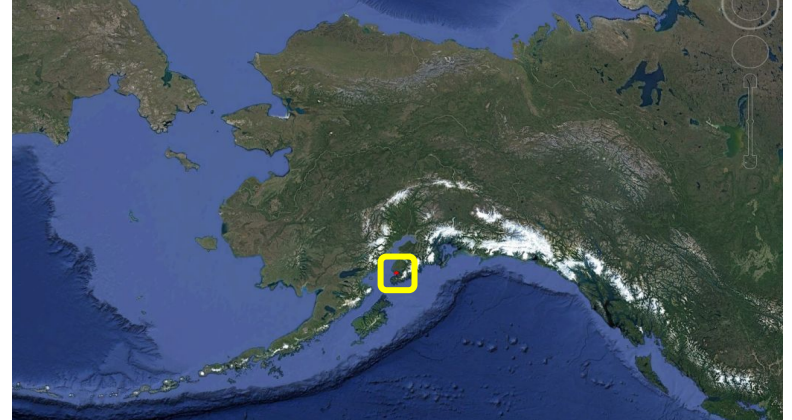
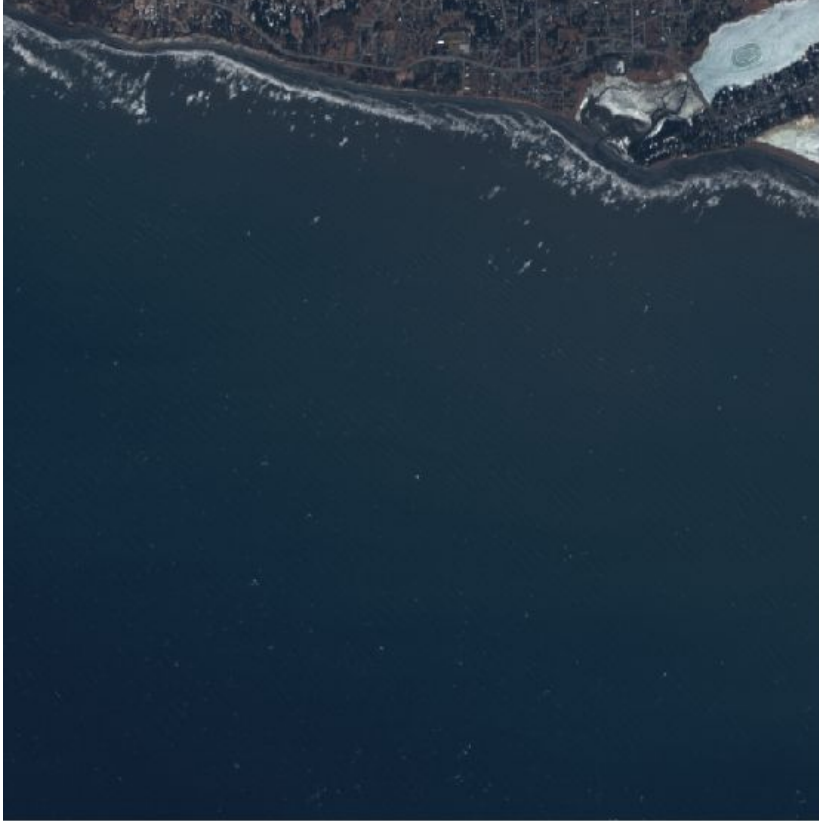
Building Blocks: Scientific methods



Construction: AI ensembling of a new, custom model



Test site: Homer, Alaska



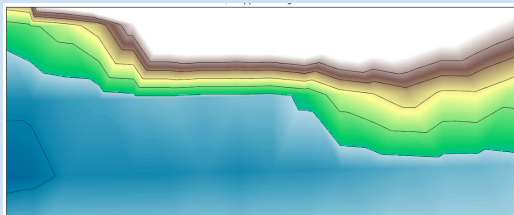
**Sentinel 2
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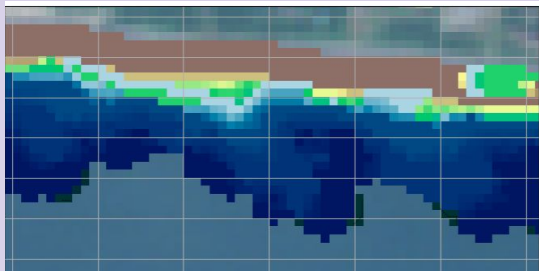
AI to Map Nearshore Coastline & Beach Classification

PolArctic's AI Identifies Unique Arctic Coastline at a Regional Scale

Original NOAA-
750m Resolution



PolArctic's-
10m Resolution

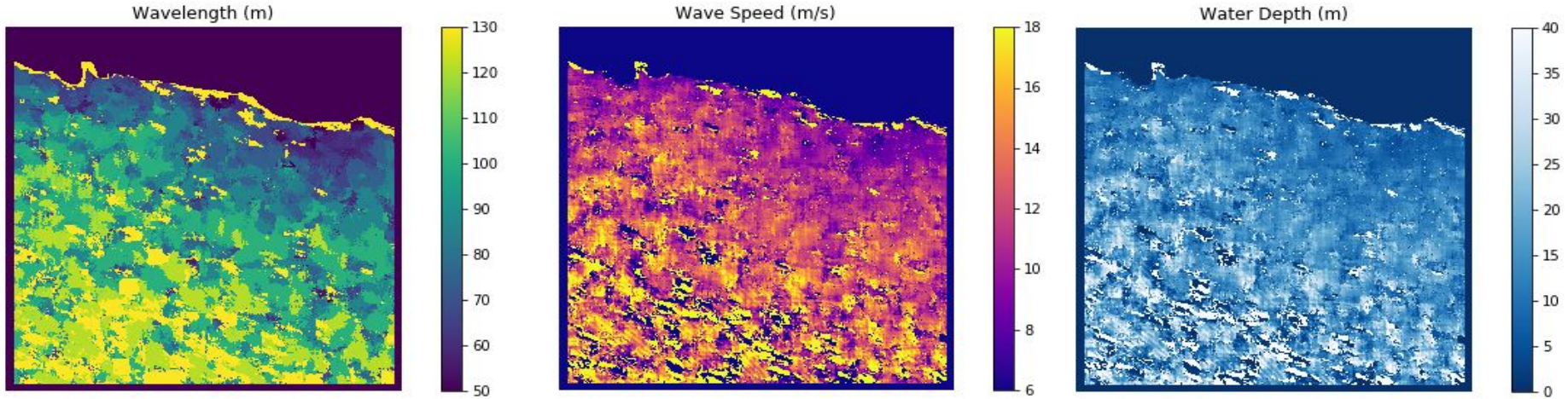


Mudflats

Ocean

Image: Alaska ShoreZone Imagery (2009)

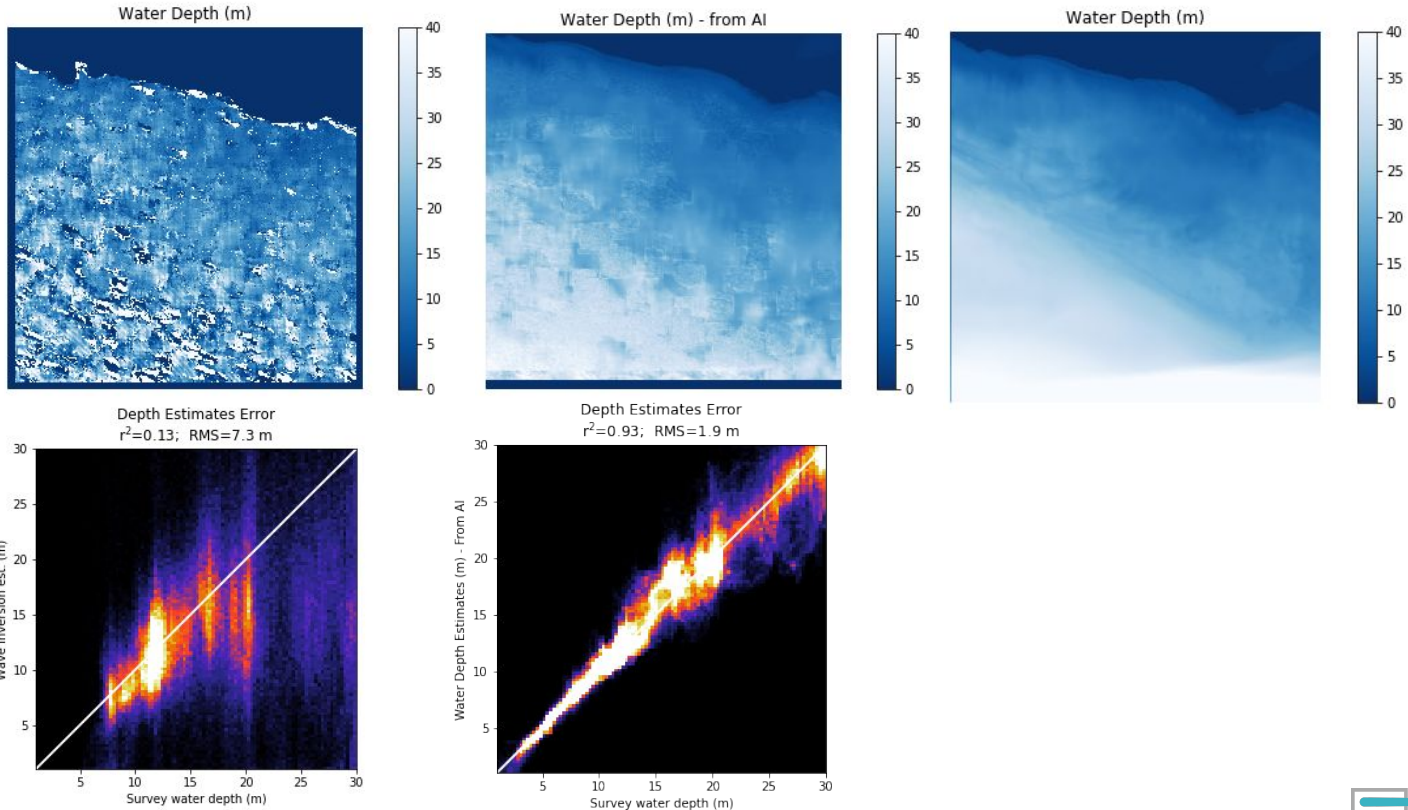
Bathymetry from Wave Inversion



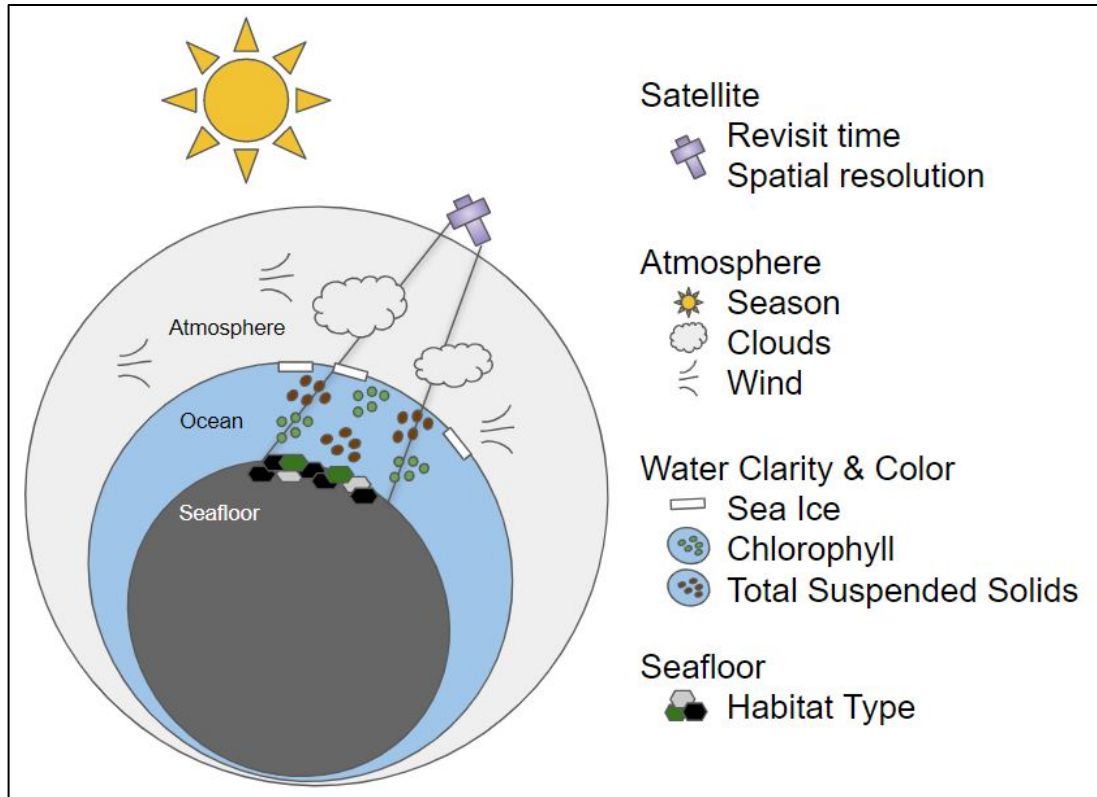
- Waves interact with bottom bathymetry at $\sim 1/2$ wavelength of the wave
- This technique is 'feeling' the bottom with waves
- Works in high-turbidity environments, like many silty locations in the Arctic



Bathymetry from Wave Inversion + AI



Satellite Derived Bathymetry (SDB)



Must be able to see to the bottom to estimate it

Lighter = Shallow,
Darker = Deeper

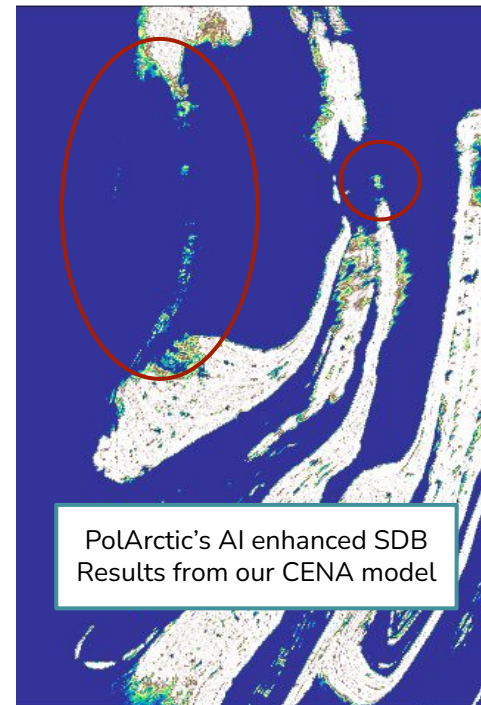
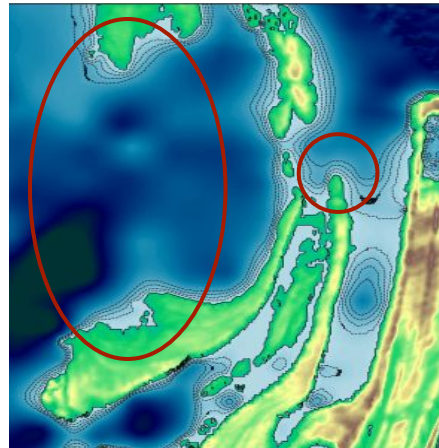
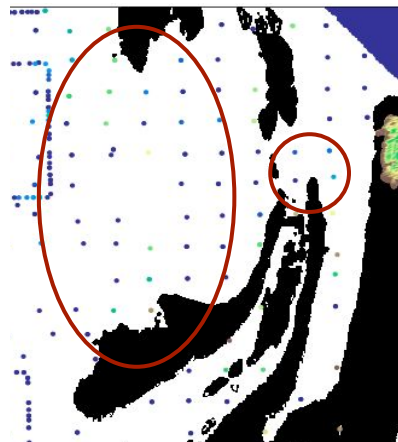
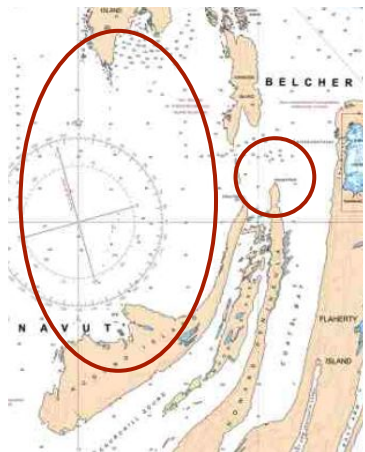
Statistical method to align color changes in green and blue bands with depth



Using AI to Identified Uncharted Hazards

PolArctic Found an Uncharted Subsurface Sea Mount in Hudson Bay, CA

Nautical Charts, Survey Data, and General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) were all missing a subsurface sea mount impacting shipping operations and ocean models for the community.





Final Thoughts

- Alaska's coastline and shallow nearshore is dynamic and impacted by erosion
- Remote sensing bathymetry is more than just clear-water SDB or LiDAR
- CENA is PolArctic's tool for remote sensing nearshore bathymetry - developed for the Arctic environment






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3D Nation Study Update

Sue Hoegberg – Dewberry

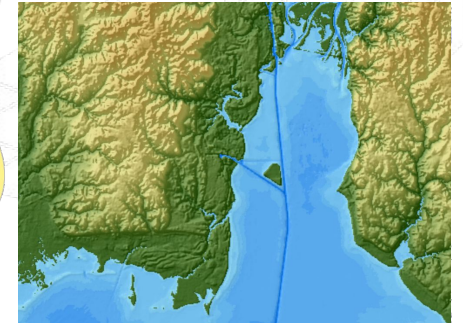
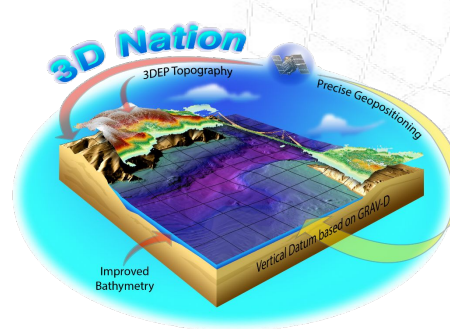
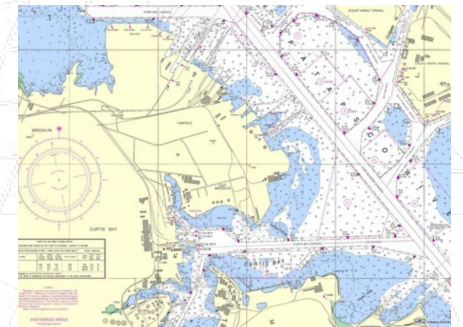
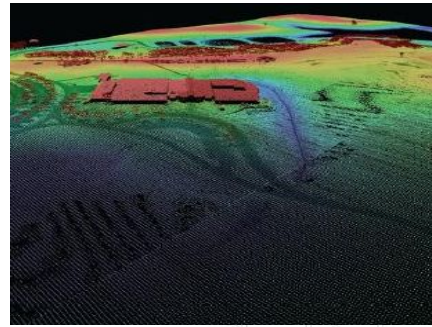
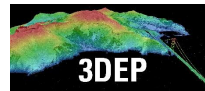


3D Nation Elevation Requirements and Benefits Study

Study Leads



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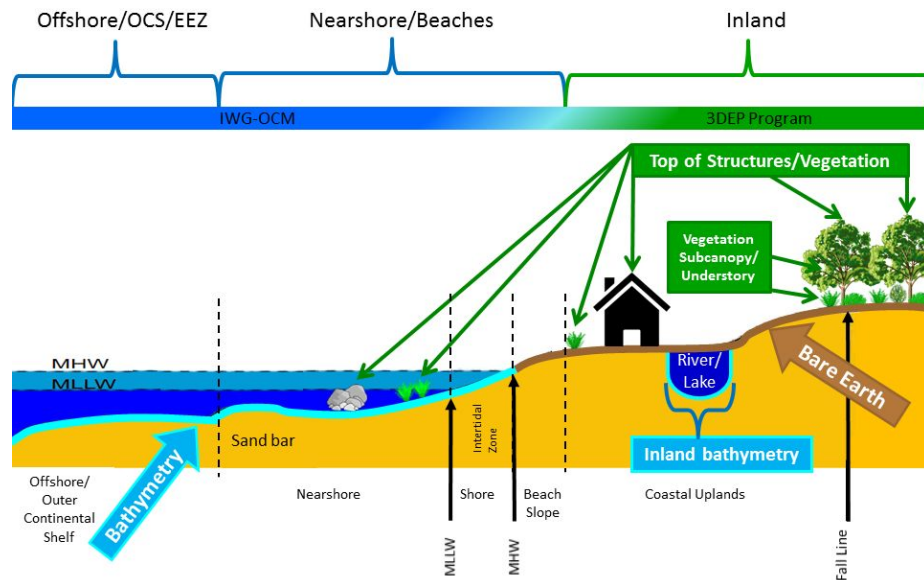
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Mapping a 3D Nation: Study Goals

Understand 3D Elevation Data Requirements

- Understand inland, nearshore, and offshore elevation data requirements and benefits
- Understand how requirements and benefits dovetail in the coastal zone
- Improve understanding of needs to guide planning for NOAA and the next generation of 3DEP for USGS after completion of nationwide coverage
- Gather technology-agnostic user information to assess new technologies against requirements and tradeoffs between different approaches

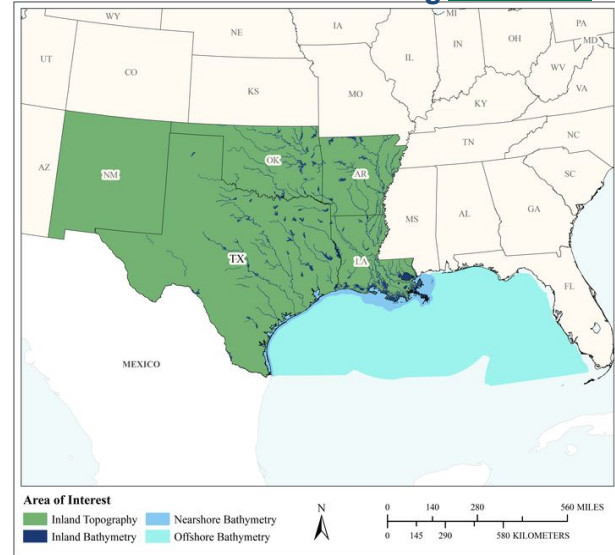




Study Terminology

- 3D elevation data
 - **Topographic** – precise 3D measurements of the terrestrial terrain
 - **Bathymetric** – 3D measurements of underwater depths and topography
- Mission Critical Activity (MCA)
 - Activity that uses some form of elevation data, including derivative products, to accomplish a Business Use.
 - *Mission Critical* - Indispensable/essential for effective/efficient operations in accomplishing the core mission of the organization.
- Business Use (BU)
 - Ultimate use of services/products from the MCA to accomplish an organized mission.

MCA: Environmental Modeling



Examples



BU Flood Risk Management
MC dam break modeling & inundation
A mapping



BU Marine and Riverine Navigation & Safety
MCA commercial shipping



+ What we asked about

3D Elevation Data Needs

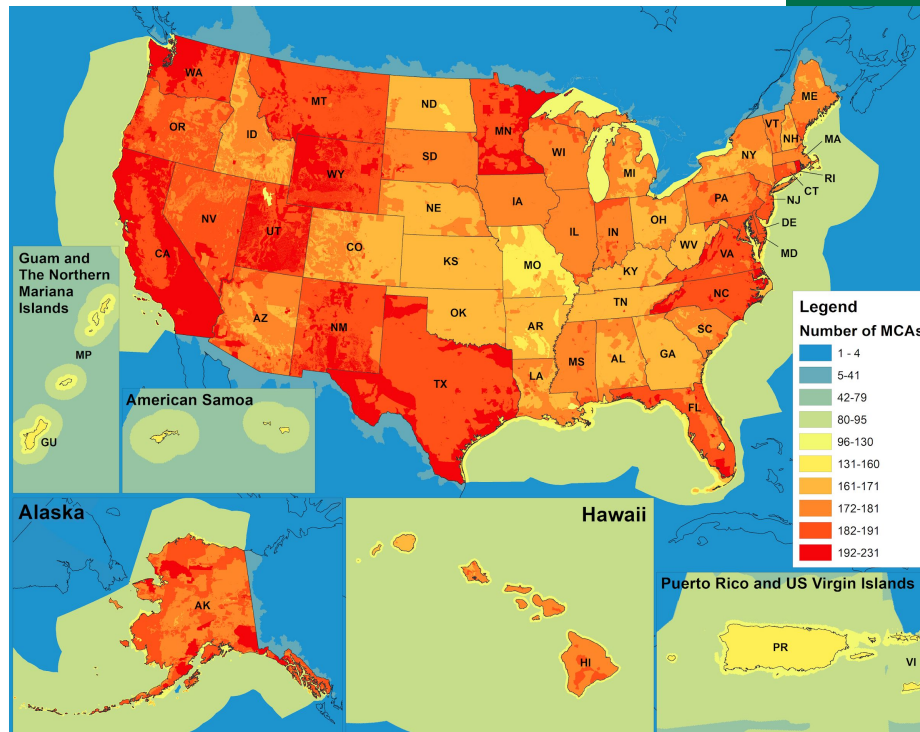
- Geographic extent of MCA
- Characteristics of 3D elevation data needed to perform the MCA
 - Quality Level/IHO Order
 - Update frequency
 - Acceptable error (Horizontal & Vertical)
 - Beach profile
 - Cross sections/transects
 - Hydrologic processing
 - Tide correction
 - Seamlessness
 - Data products
 - Integration with other datasets
- Benefits of having 3D elevation data
 - Operational Benefits - Time or cost savings, mission compliance
 - Customer Service Benefits - Products or services, response or timeliness, customer experience
 - Societal Benefits (not quantified) - Education or outreach, environmental, public safety, including lives and property



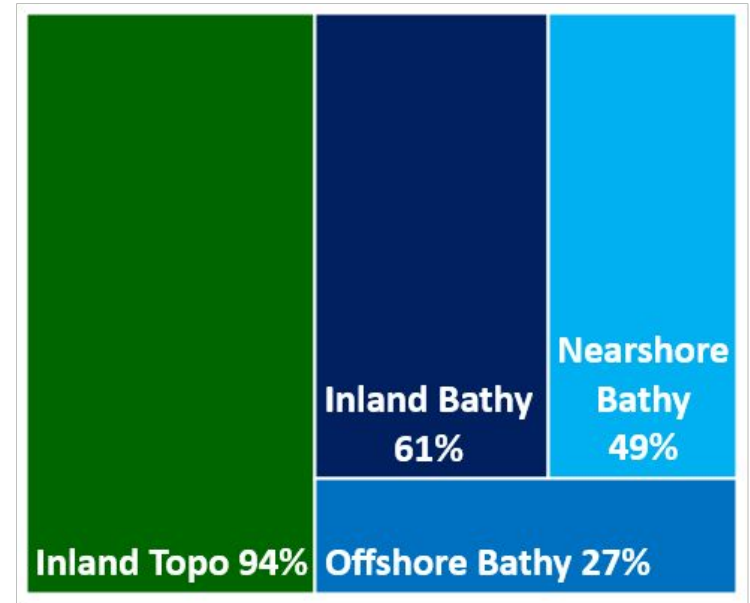
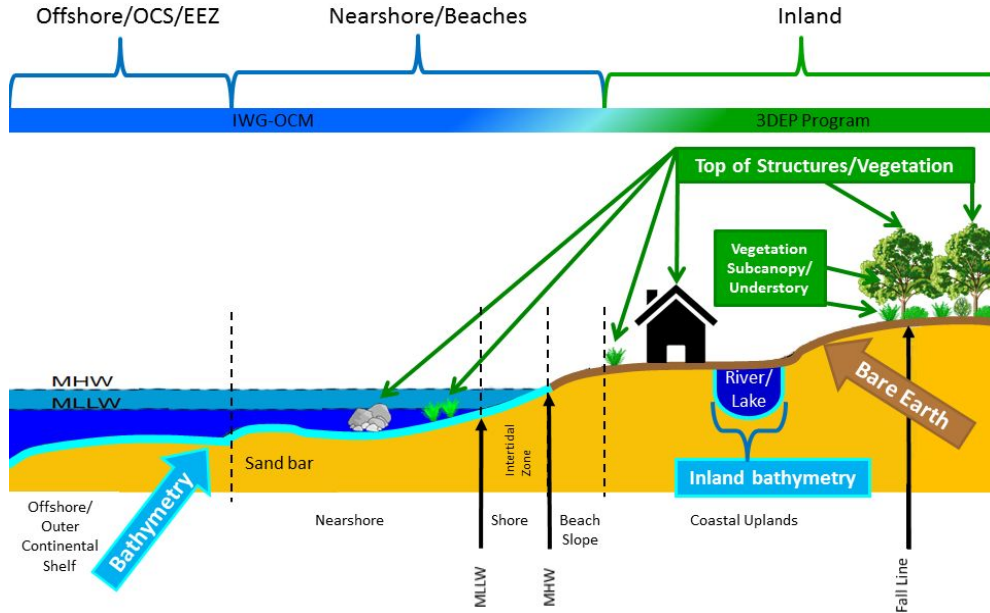
Study Results

- Respondents
 - 45 Federal agencies
 - 56 State, 99 Local, 8 Tribal governments
 - 10 Non-Governmental Orgs
 - 14 Academics
 - 34 Private companies
- 1350+ Mission Critical Activities binned into 30 different business cases and 4 Geography Types

Number of MCAs - by Area of Interest

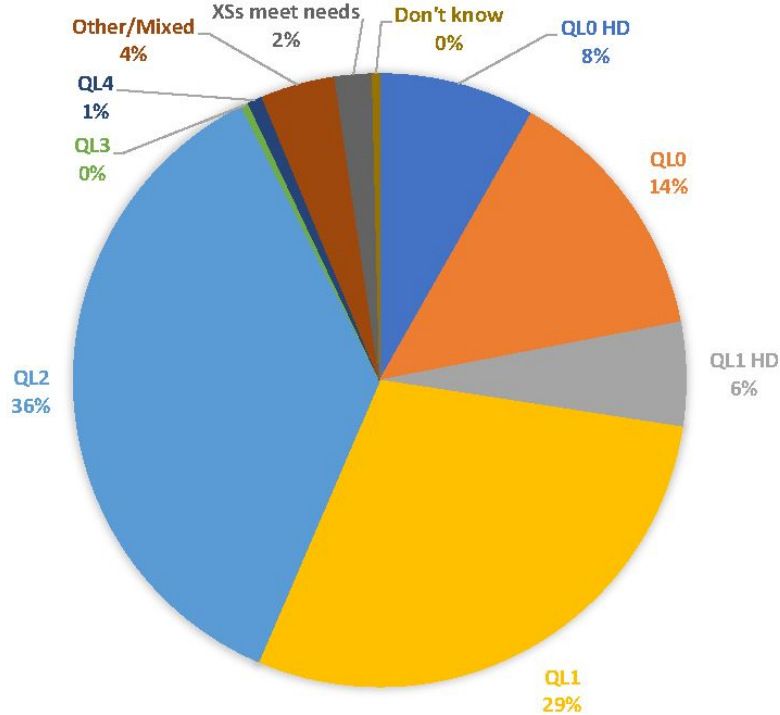


+ Multiple Geographies allowed per MCA

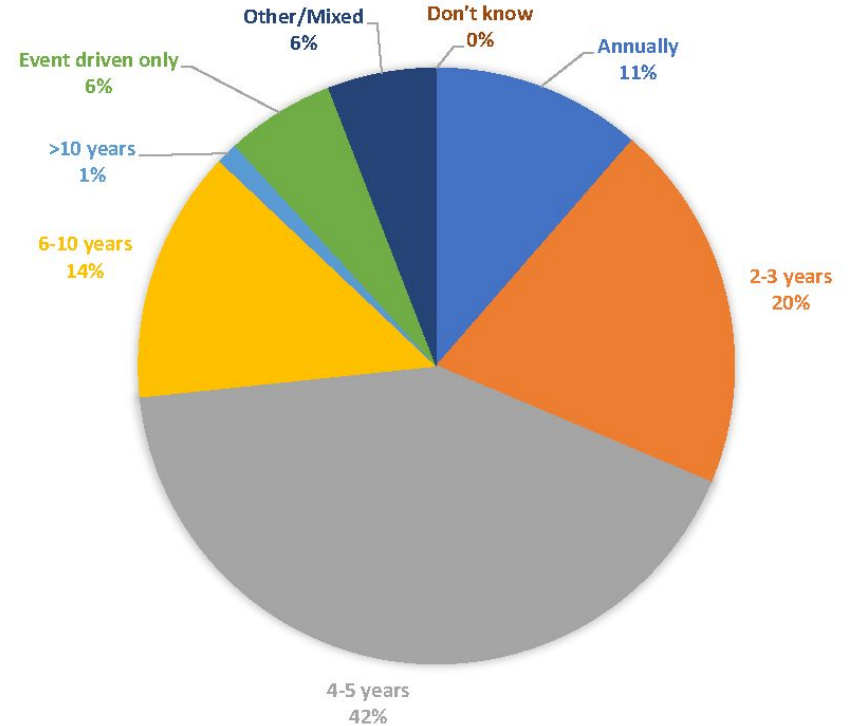


Alaska Inland Topography Requirements

Inland Topography Quality Level Requirements

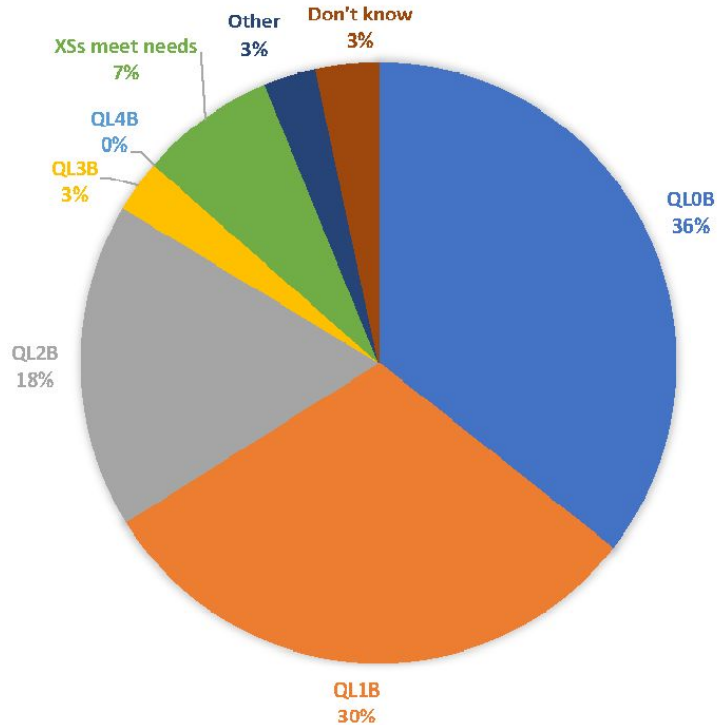


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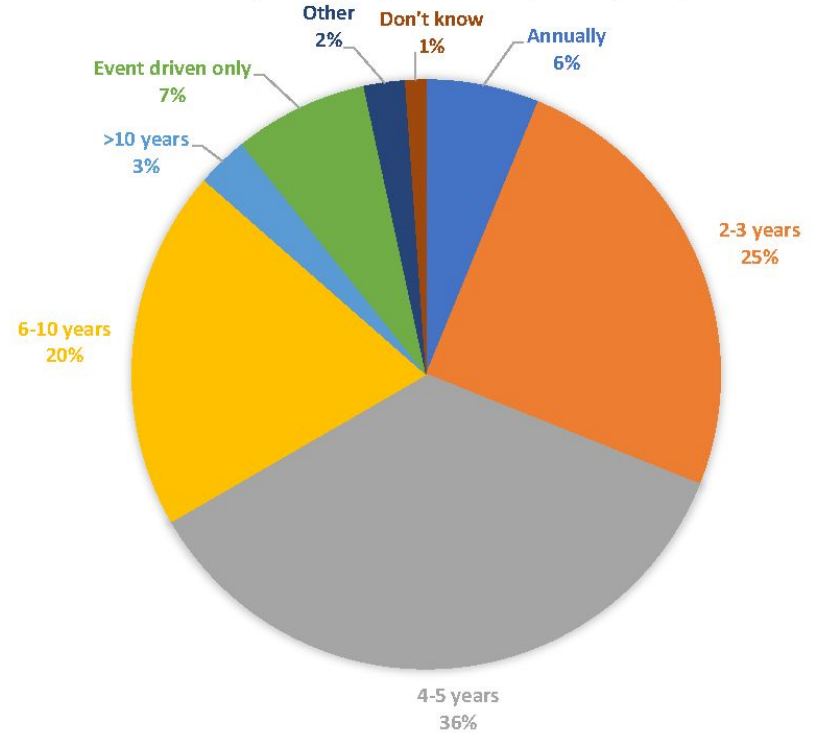


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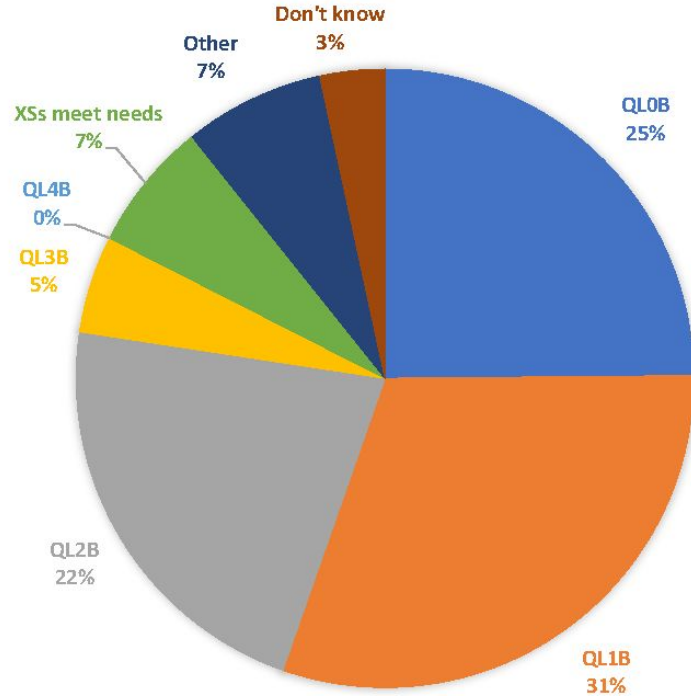


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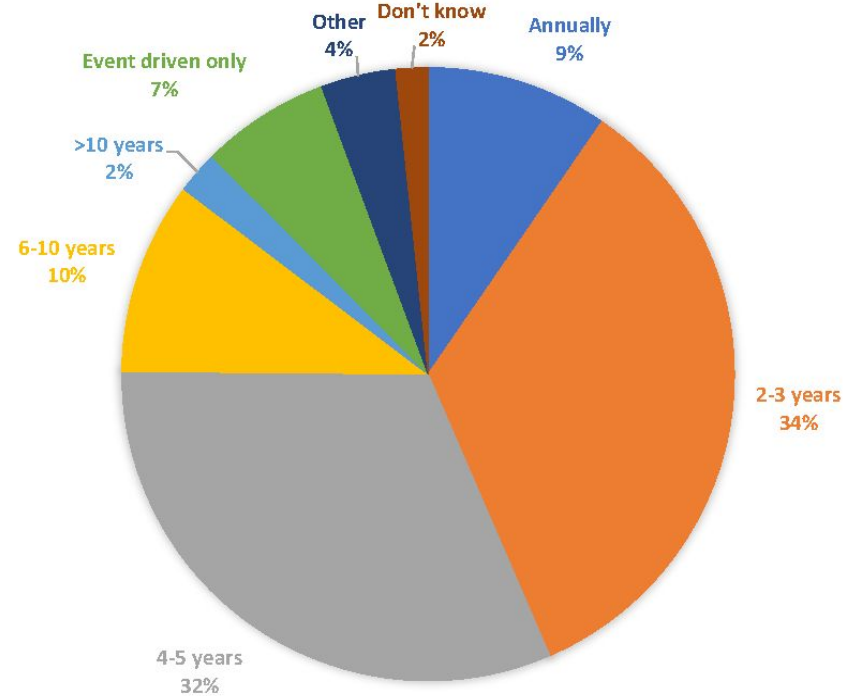


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Nearshore Bathymetry Quality Level Requirements

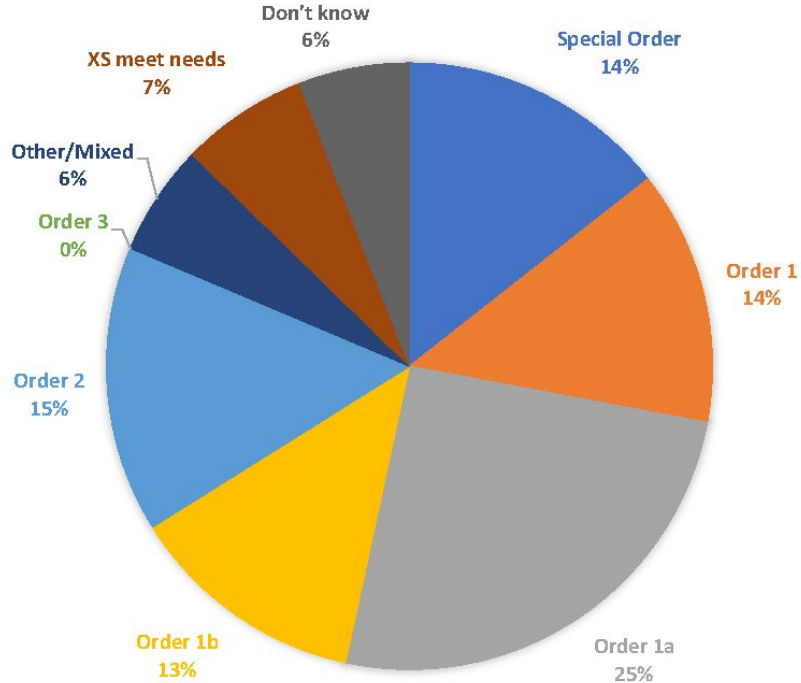


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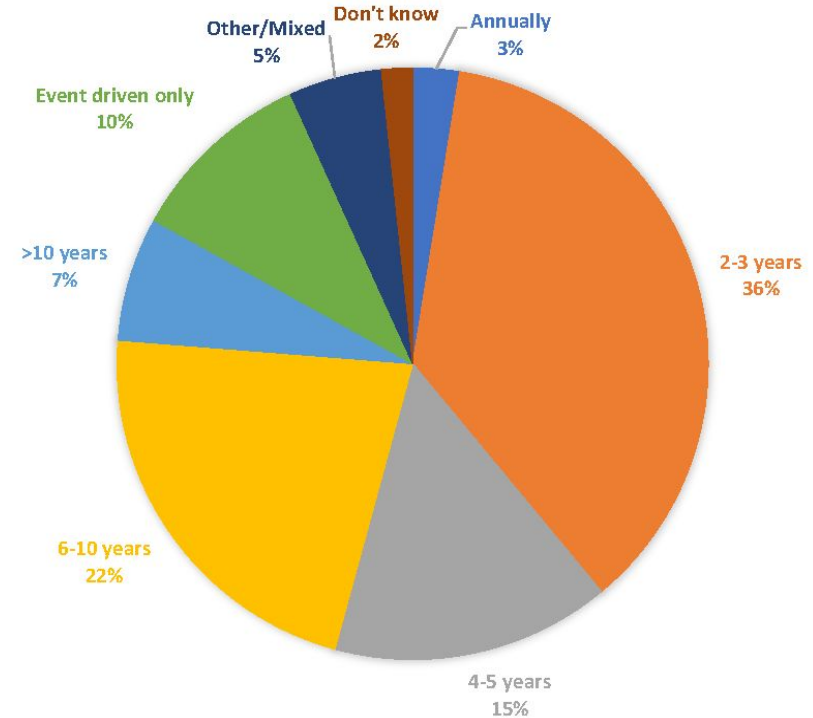


Alaska Offshore Bathymetry Requirements

Offshore Bathymetry Quality Level Requirements

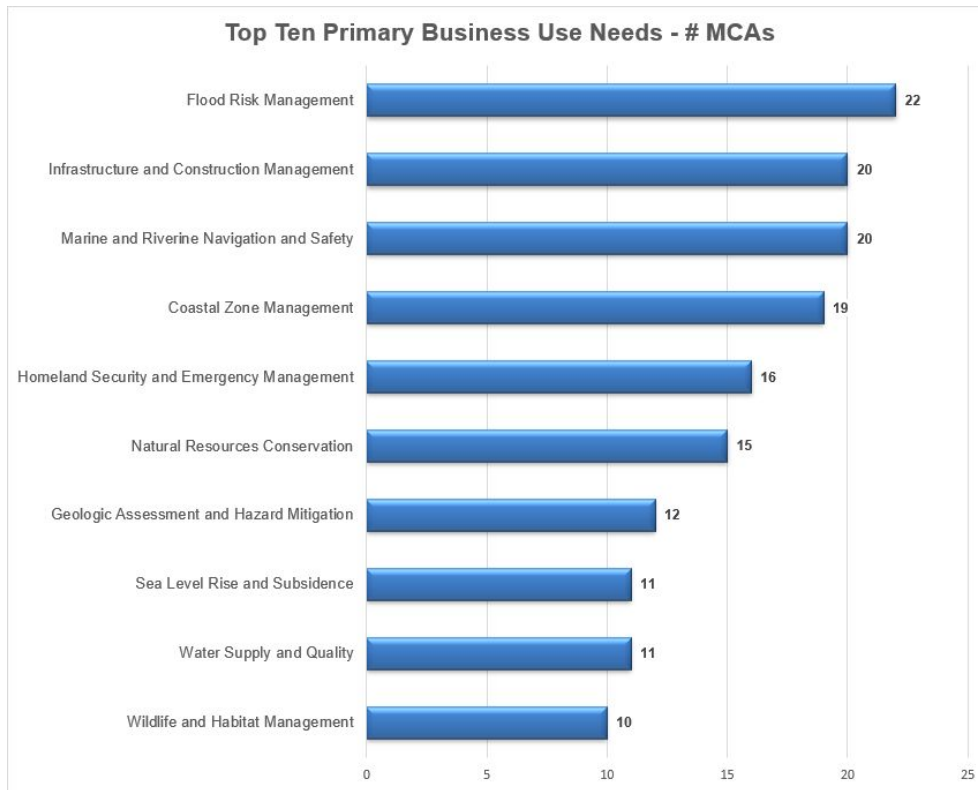


Offshore Bathymetry Update Frequency Requirements





Alaska Top 10 Business Uses



+ Future Annual Benefits

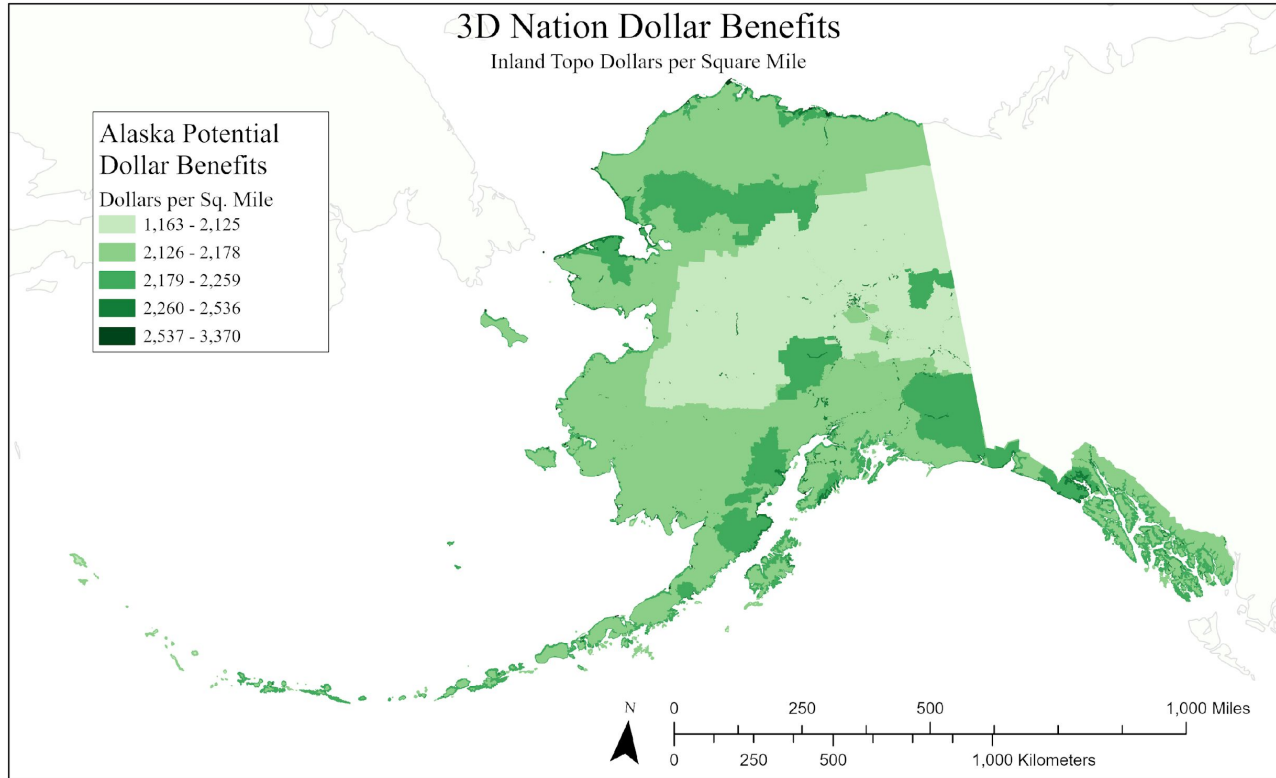
Annual Dollar Benefits by Organization and Geography Type

Organization Type	Future Annual Benefits
Federal agencies	\$5.84B
State, regional, county, local, and tribal government	\$7.68B
Not-for-profit and private entities	\$0.04B
Total	\$13.56B

Geography Type	Future Annual Benefits
Inland topography	\$9.99B
Inland bathymetry	\$0.86B
Nearshore bathymetry	\$2.55B
Offshore bathymetry	\$0.16B
Total	\$13.56B

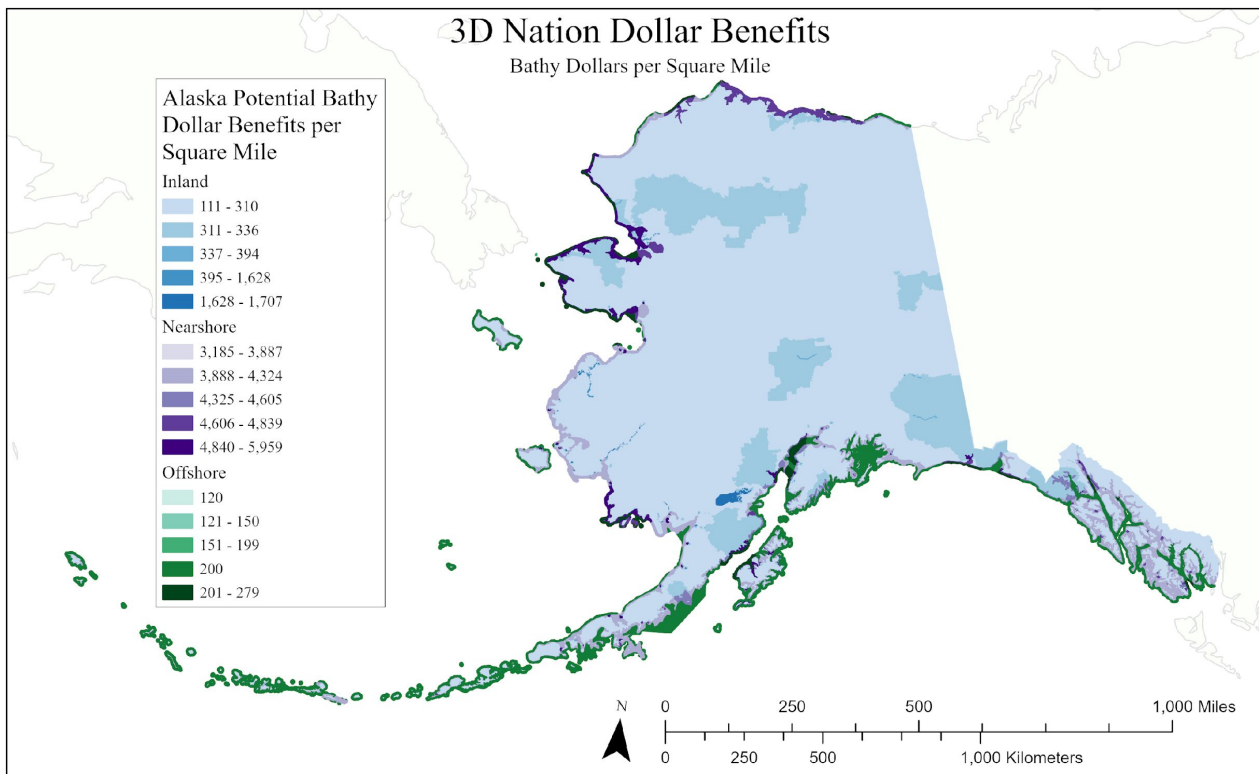


Alaska Dollar Benefits – Inland Topography





Alaska Dollar Benefits – Bathymetry

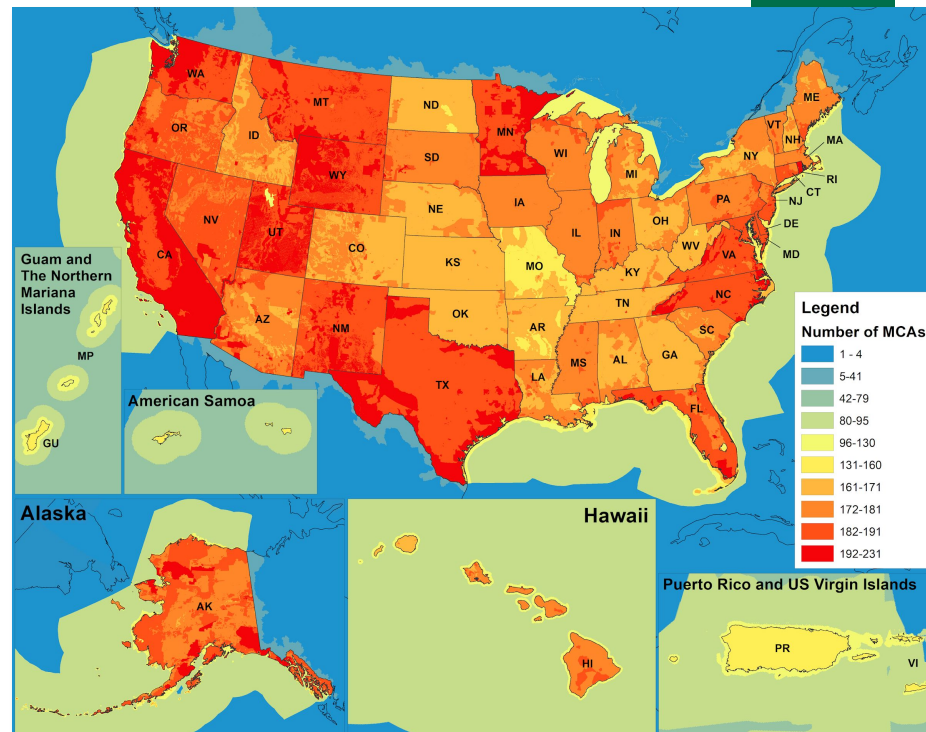


Benefits are Likely Underestimated

- Respondents were hesitant to estimate benefits from data they do not have yet or use regularly. 3DEP data are better known and understood than bathymetry.
- Missing input from smaller private firms and individual users:
 - Only one small engineering firm responded to the 3D Nation Study, indicating millions of dollars in annual savings from the availability of public domain elevation data. If many of the 24,000 other engineering firms and 16,000 land survey firms had similarly responded, the annual benefits would have been billions of dollars higher.
- Missing future annual dollar benefits from key industries:
 - Commercial timber
 - Precision agriculture
 - Fish and seafood aquaculture
 - Mining
 - Wind energy
 - Oil and gas
 - Motor vehicle manufacturers
 - Shipping, boating, fishing, and cruise lines
 - Port and harbor managers
 - Engineering and surveying
 - Real estate, banking, mortgage, and insurance
 - Telecommunications

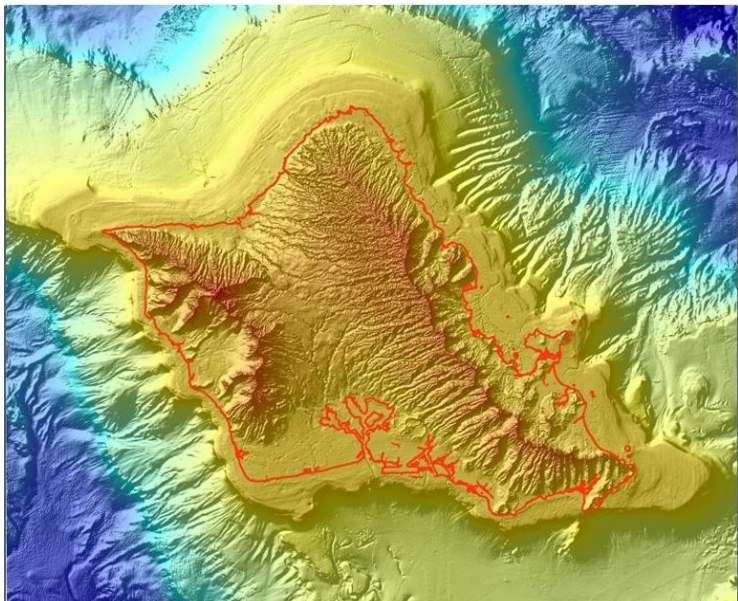
Geospatial Benefit Cost Analyses

- All user requirements and benefits are tied to geospatial AOIs
- 1km grid overlaid on land and water areas
- Requirements, benefits, and costs are calculated per grid cell and aggregated to HUC, state, and national scales
- Cost information derived from data provided by the Government
- Reduced Value Multipliers applied
- Scenarios were run for all combinations of QL and update frequency plus some mixed QLs/update frequencies



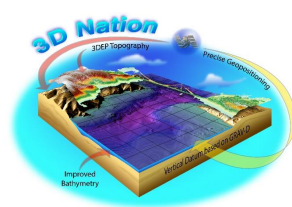


Thank You



Integrated 1-Meter Topobathymetric Elevation Model (TBDEM) for Oahu, Hawaii (USGS CoNED)

Image: [Coastal National Elevation Database \(CoNED\)](#)



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Study Report

<https://usgs.gov/3DEP/3DNationStudy>

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What's next?

- Determine program direction using study results





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