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The Path Forward

November 16th, 2022



Coastal National Elevation Database Update

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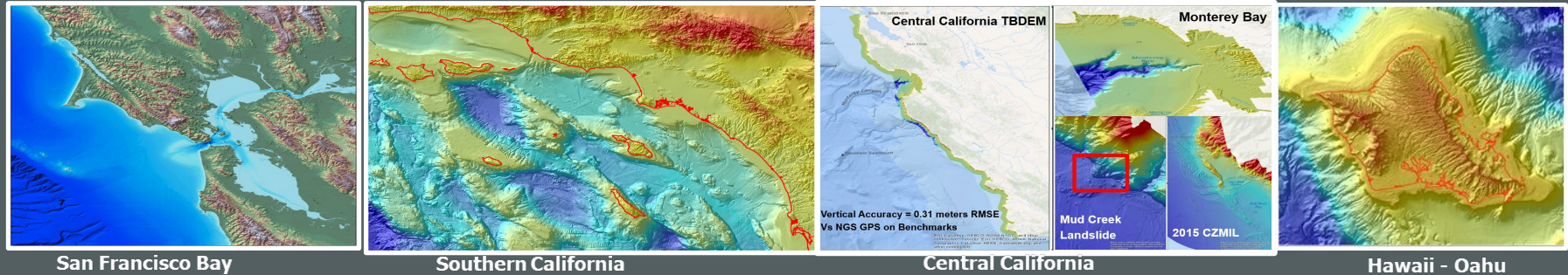
USGS Coastal National Elevation Database (CoNED) Update

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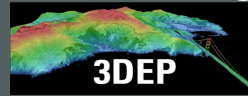
USGS Coastal National Elevation Database (CoNED) Applications Project

- 1) Support coastal and marine spatial planning, by constructing the Coastal National Elevation Database (CoNED) at select focus regions thereby establishing a topobathymetric elevation model (tbdem) baseline product for scientific investigations and applications.
- 2) Conduct 3D point cloud and satellite-based remote sensing research to extend topography and bathymetry data structures for topobathymetric elevation models and create methods for fostering land change science studies.



Stakeholders: USGS Coastal Storm Modeling System (CoSMoS), NOAA-OCM Sea Level Rise Viewer, NOAA National Water Model, LA CPRA Coastal Master Plan, ADCIRC Hydrodynamic Model, VIMS SCHISM Model, Nature Conservancy Coastal Resilience Viewer, and DOI Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center

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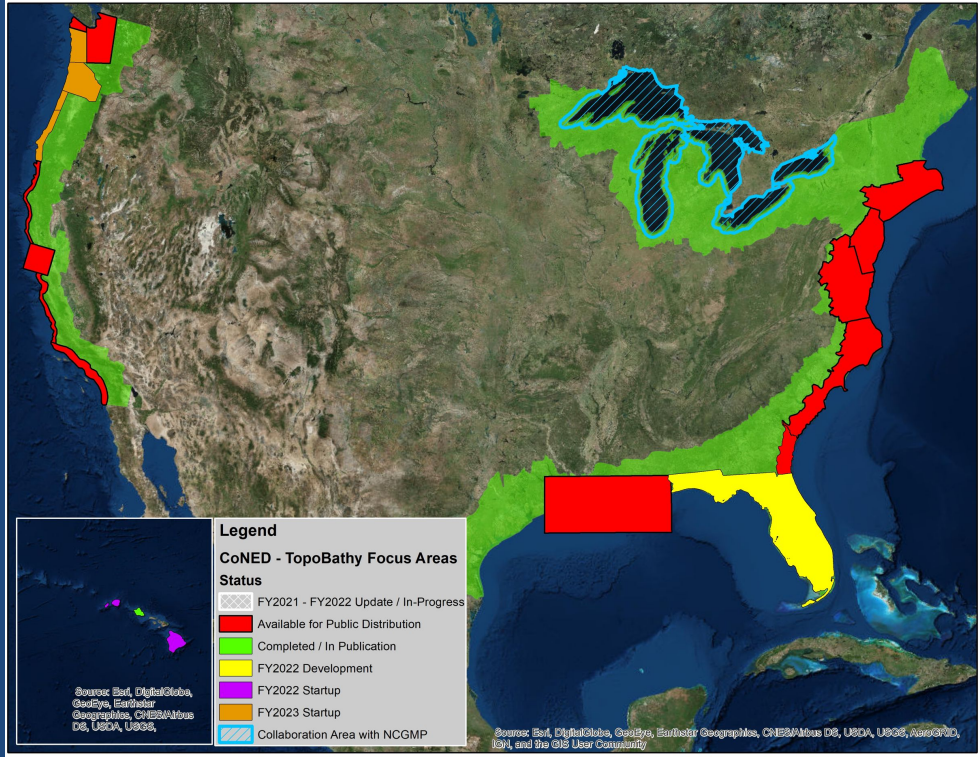
USGS CoNED: Topobathymetric Elevation Model – Requirements / Specifications

- **Spatial Resolution:** *1-Meter*
 - **Projection:** UTM Based
 - **Horizontal Datum:** *North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83 2011)*
 - **Vertical Datum:** *North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88)*
 - *Geoid – Geoid18 or most current geoid*
 - **Lidar Accuracy Specifications:**
 - Topographic Lidar: Quality Level 2 (QL2) – 0.7 meter pulse spacing, 2 points per sq. meter, 10cm RMSEz
 - Bathymetric Lidar: Quality Level 2 (QL2B) – 0.7 meter pulse spacing, 2 points per sq. meter, 0.25, 0.0075 vertical accuracy coefficients (IHO S-44), 10cm RMSEz
 - **TBDEM Uncertainty**
 - **Gap-Filling:** *For areas void of source data, Smooth interpolated areas*
 - **Land / Water Masking:** *20m (Land) and 200m (Water)*
 - **Interpolation:** *Terrains (Lidar) and Empirical Bayesian Kriging (Sonar)*
 - **Nesting:** *Consistent Resampling, Cell Alignment (Pixel Edge), and Spatial Resolution*
 - **Federal Geographic Data Committee**
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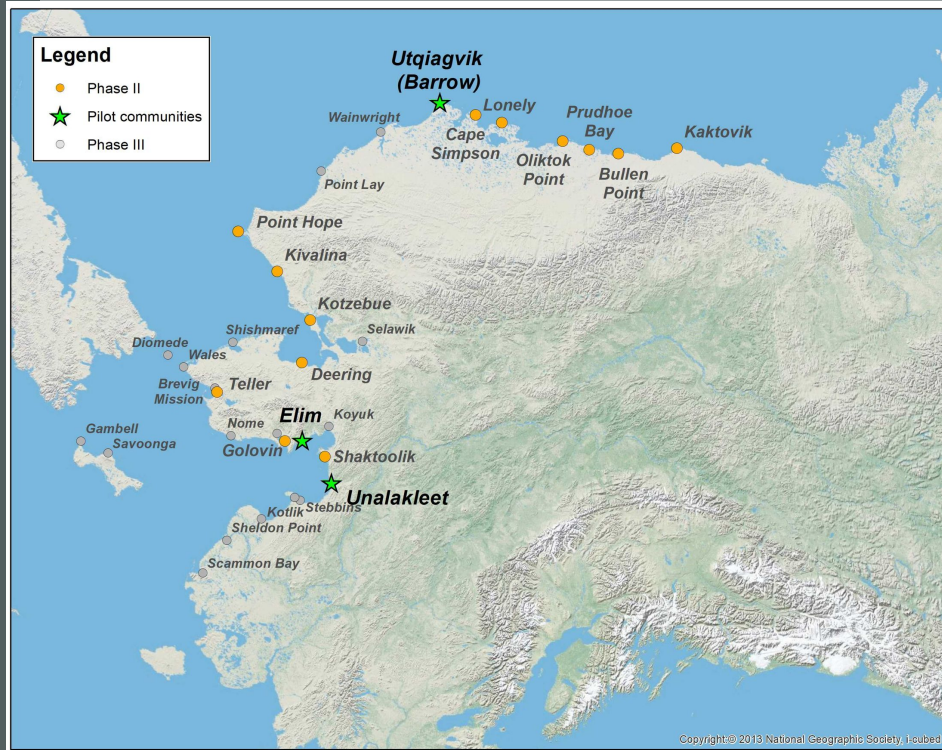
INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON *Ocean and Coastal Mapping*

2023 Mapping Activities: TBDEM Mapping Plans

USGS CoNED – TBDEM Integration Plans (FY22 – FY23)



Alaska – Integrated Topobathymetric DEM Development to Support Coastal Flood Hazards



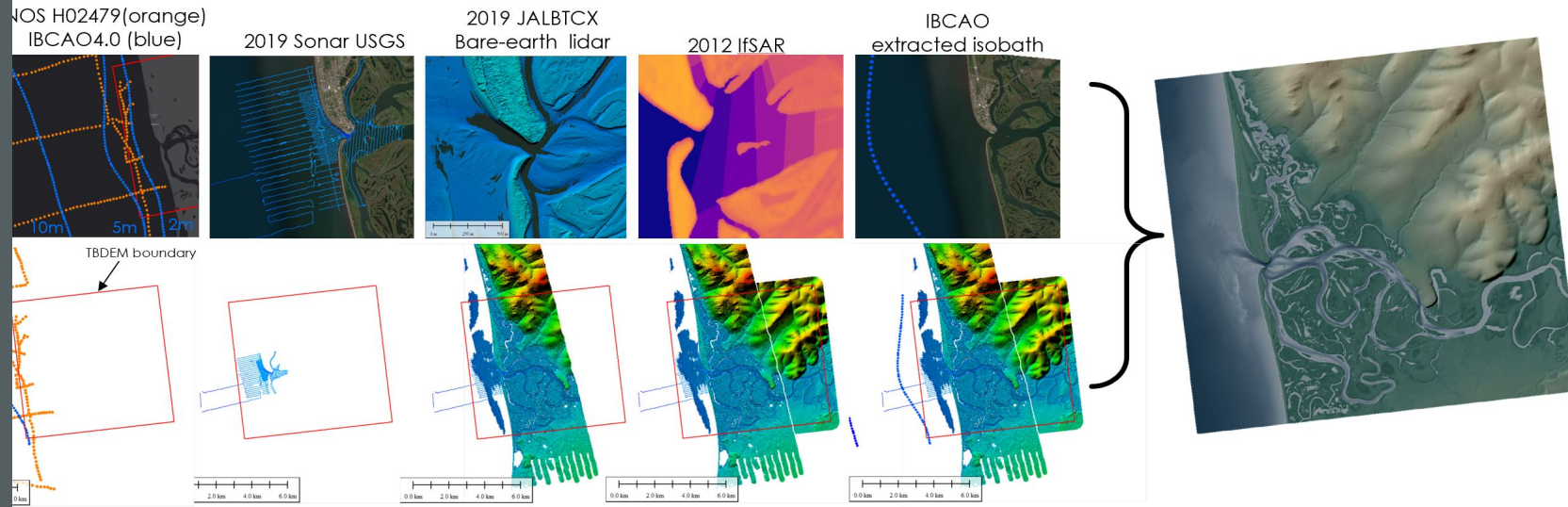
- Pilot Communities = FY23
- Phase 2 = FY24 (CoNED)
- Phase 3 = FY25

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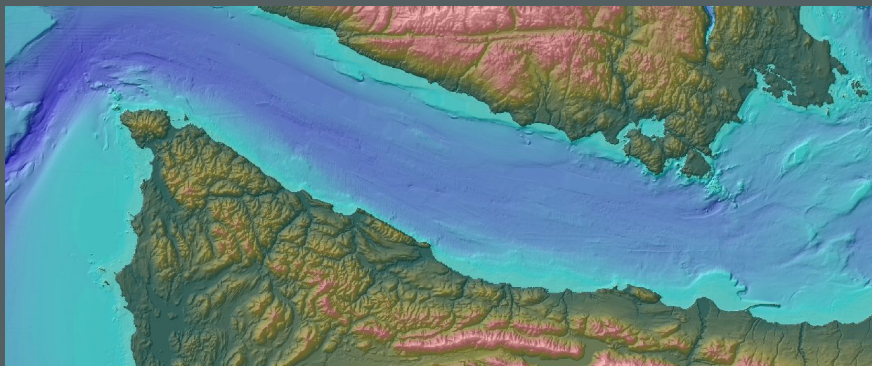
Accuracy of the flood hazard model is strongly influenced by nearshore bathymetry (< 20-30 m; depending on coastal morphology; e.g. bay vs open coast) **and elevation surface** (overland flow).

Currently: Building seamless TB-DEMs with available bathymetry and elevation data.

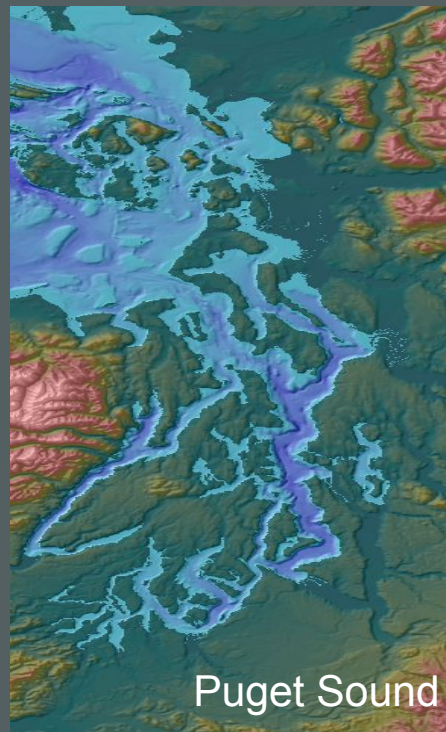
Expand USGS CoNED efforts beginning FY24



Pacific Northwest Topobathymetric DEM - CoNED Puget Sound and Juan de Fuca: 1-Meter TBDEMs

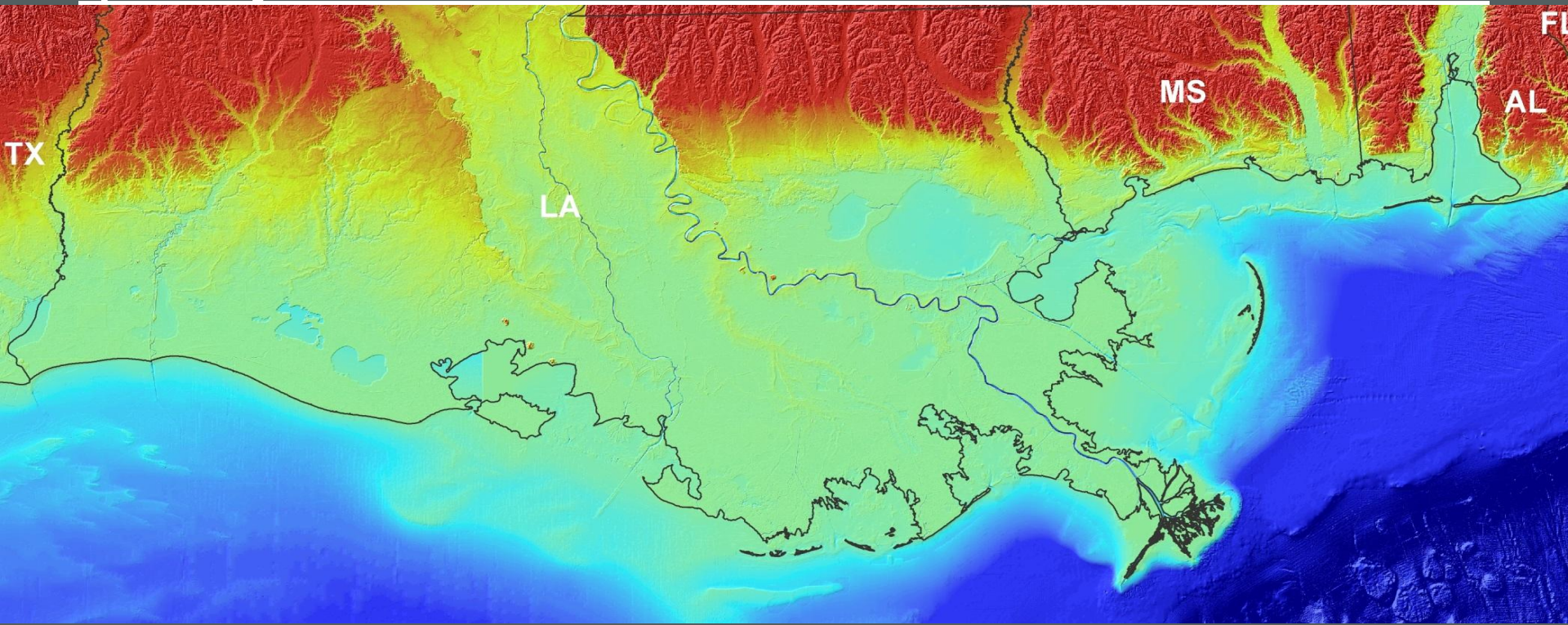


Strait of Juan de Fuca



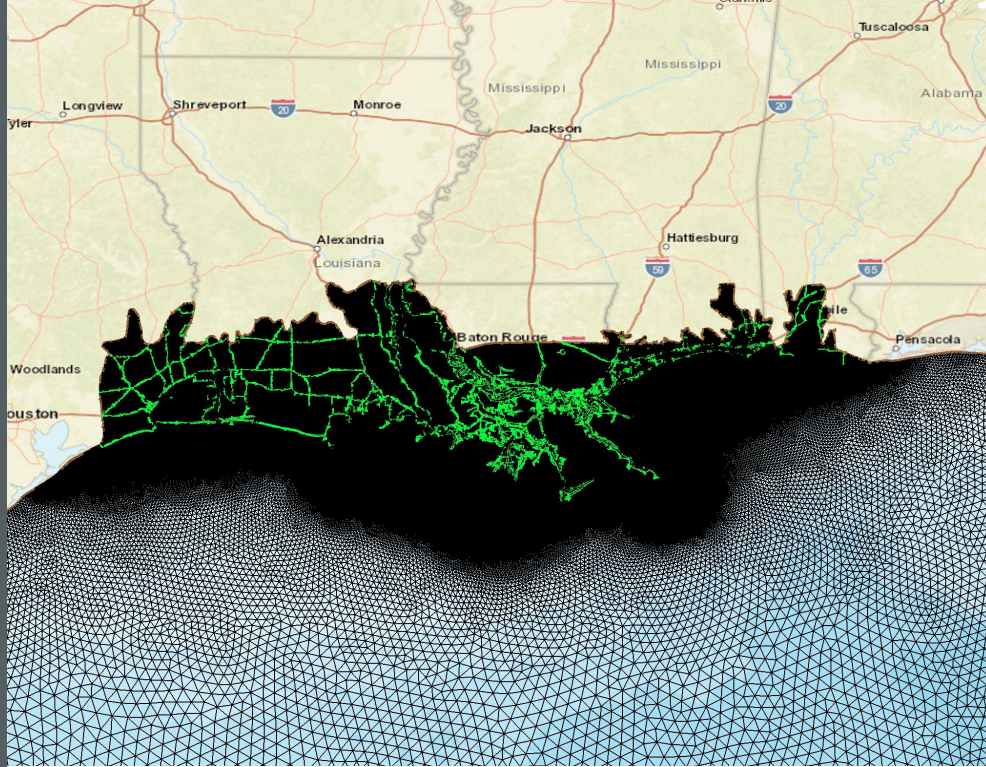
Puget Sound

Northern Gulf of Mexico (NGOM2) – USGS CoNED (2022) Integrated Topobathymetric Elevation Model



USGS CoNED–LA CPRA NGOM2 Collaborative Update

NGOM2 Stakeholder User Community



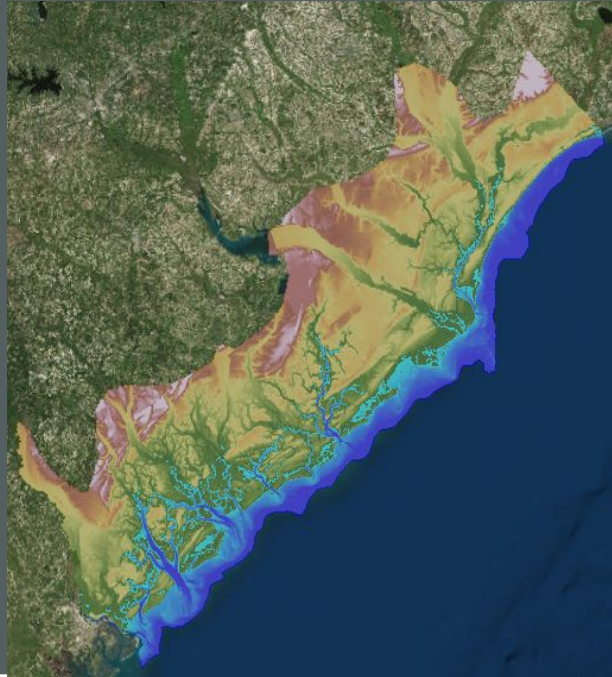
- ERDC-CL (ADCIRC)
- Tulane Geology and Modeling
- The Water Institute of the Gulf
- USGS CoSMoS, SPCMSC
- LSU Coastal Studies Institute / LSU Center for Coastal Resiliency
- LA CPRA Coastal Master Plan
- NOAA National Water Model

Topobathymetric DEMs – USGS CoNED Update Hurricane Florence 1-Meter TBDEMs (NC to GA)

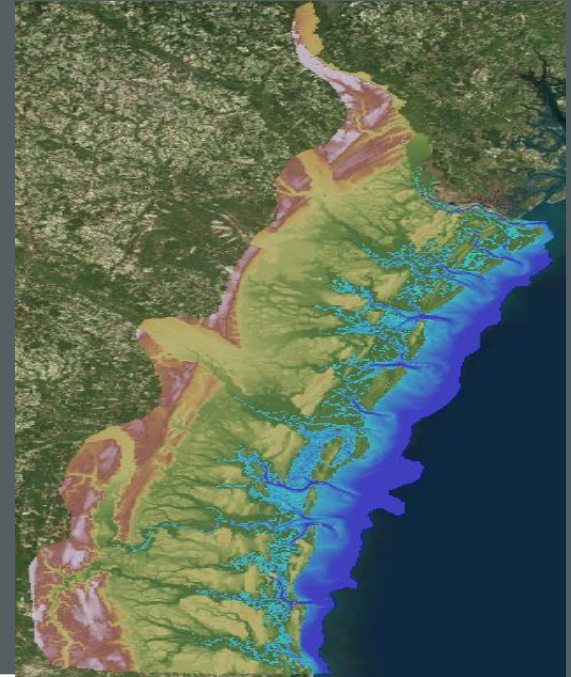
Hurricane Florence – NC



Hurricane Florence – SC



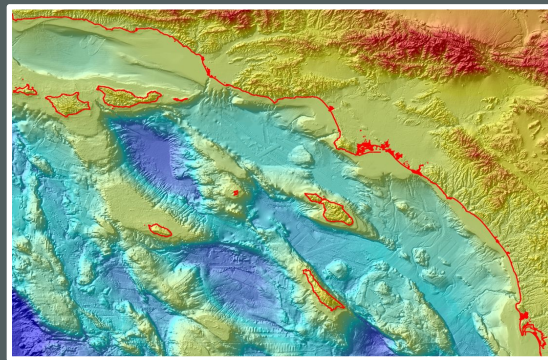
Hurricane Florence – GA



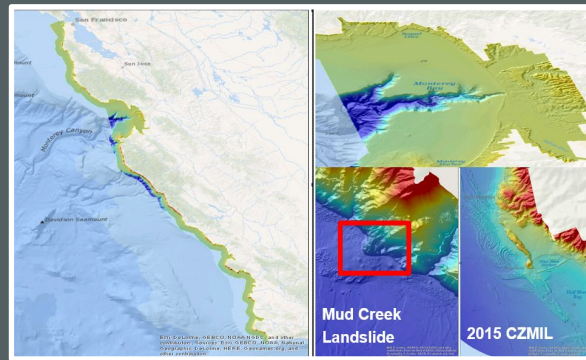
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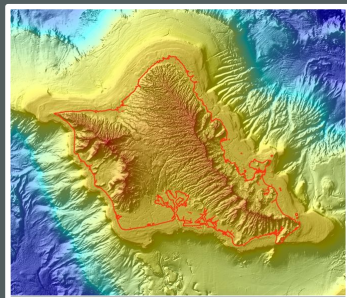
San Francisco Bay



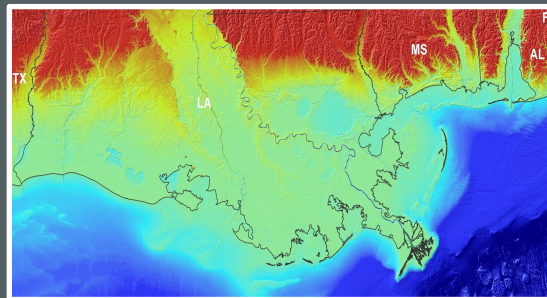
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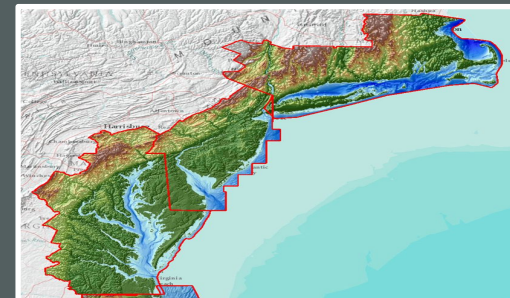
Central California



Hawaii - Oahu



Northern Gulf of Mexico (NGOM)



Hurricane Sandy Region



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Thank you!



GRAV-D & CORS Updates

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NSRS Component Updates

ACMS Objective 2.2: Upgrade Alaska National Spatial Reference System Components to Support Mapping Data Acquisition



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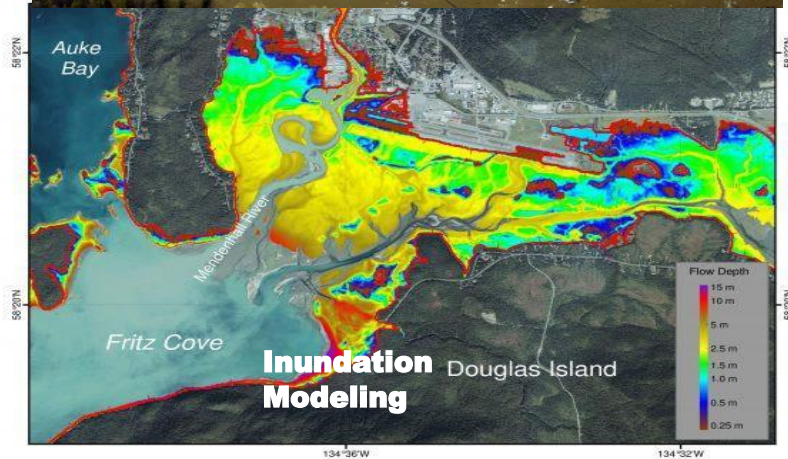


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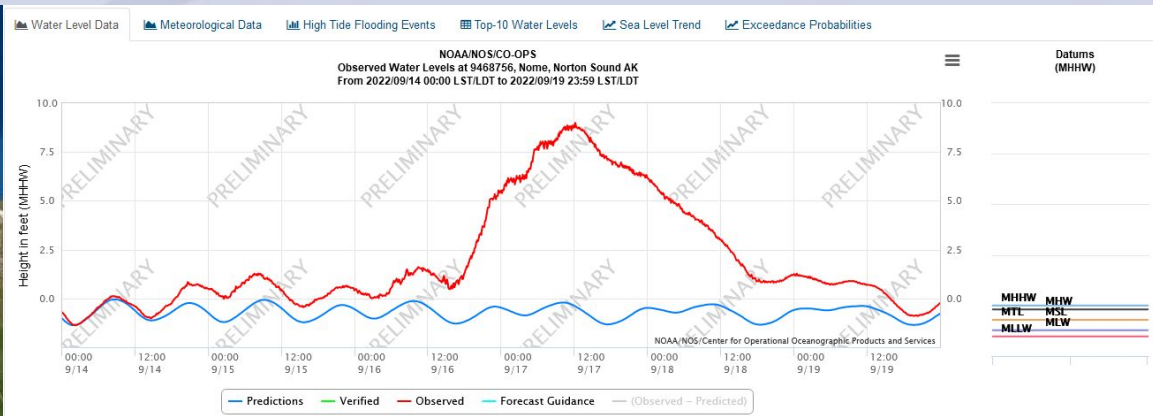
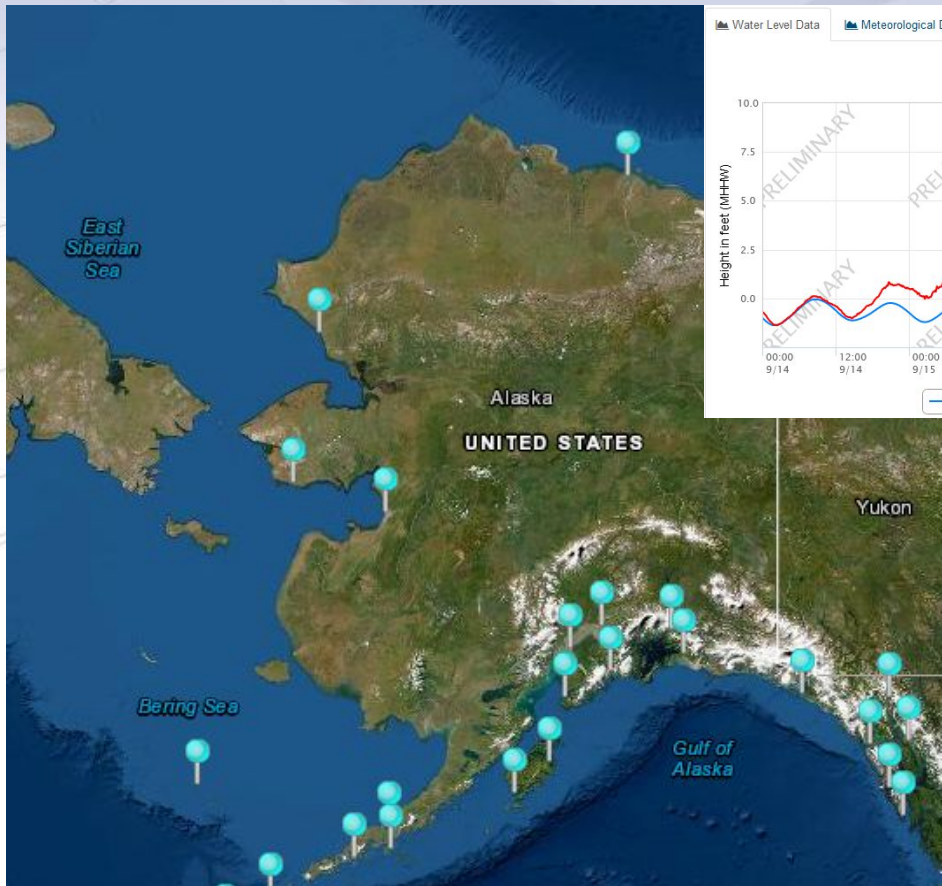


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NSRS & VDatum Support Resilient Infrastructure



NWLON Supports Real-Time Water Levels



9464212 Village Cove, St Paul Island, AK - 3.03 feet above MHHW exceeds the prior record of 2.19 feet set in December 2021. This station dates back to 2002.

9468333 Unalakleet, AK - 9.74 feet above MHHW exceeds the prior record of 8.29 feet set in August 2019. Observations date back to 2016.

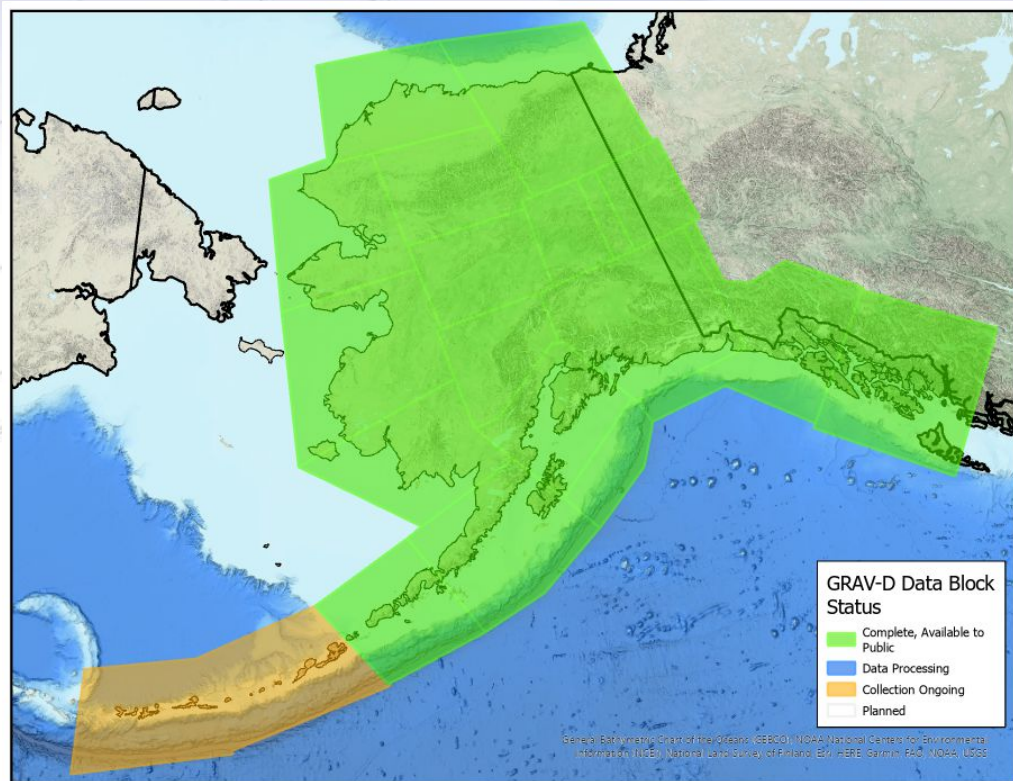
9468756 Nome, Norton Sound, AK - 8.99 feet above MHHW exceeds the prior record of 8.76 feet set in October 2004. Water levels peaked at 8.34 feet during the Bering Sea Storm in 2011. Observations date back to 1994.

Implementation Plan Milestones

2.2 Upgrade Alaska National Spatial Reference System Components to Support Mapping Data Acquisition				
2.2.1.1	Remaining areas of AK GRAV-D project completed over Aleutians for 100% Alaska coverage	Oct-2024		In Progress
2.2.1.2	Absolute Gravity Network and Geoid Monitoring Service (GeMS) established to support dynamic geoid (DGEOID) model	Oct-2025		In Progress
2.2.1.3	GRAV-D data fully incorporated into gravimetric geoid model (GEOID2022)	Oct-2025		In Progress
2.2.2	Establish five NOAA Foundation CORS in Alaska	Oct-2023		In Progress
2.2.3.1	Cost assessment to add GNSS to 27 existing AK NWLON sites and 31 new NWLON station to fill Alaska gaps completed	Oct-2022		Not Yet Started
2.2.3.2	Improved geodetic control at water level stations in Sand Point, Sitka, Seward, and Unalaska (Global Sea Level Observing System stations)	Oct-2025		In Progress
2.2.4.1	Short term tidal observations acquired	Oct-2027		In Progress
2.2.4.2	GNSS observations taken on tidal benchmarks	Oct-2027		In Progress
2.2.4.3	Models of transformation grids developed and published for use	Oct-2028		Not Yet Started

Remaining areas of AK GRAV-D project completed over Aleutians for 100% Alaska coverage

Target: Oct 2024 (In progress)



- Collection of remaining Aleutian Island Block planned for April 2023
- 13 flights remain: Weather must cooperate to complete all required flight lines
- Base of Operations will be Anchorage with the NOAA WP-3D Orion

Absolute Gravity Network and Geoid Monitoring Service (GeMS) established to support dynamic geoid (DGEOID) model

Target: Oct 2025 (Pilot completed 2021; on hold to accelerate NSRS modernization)

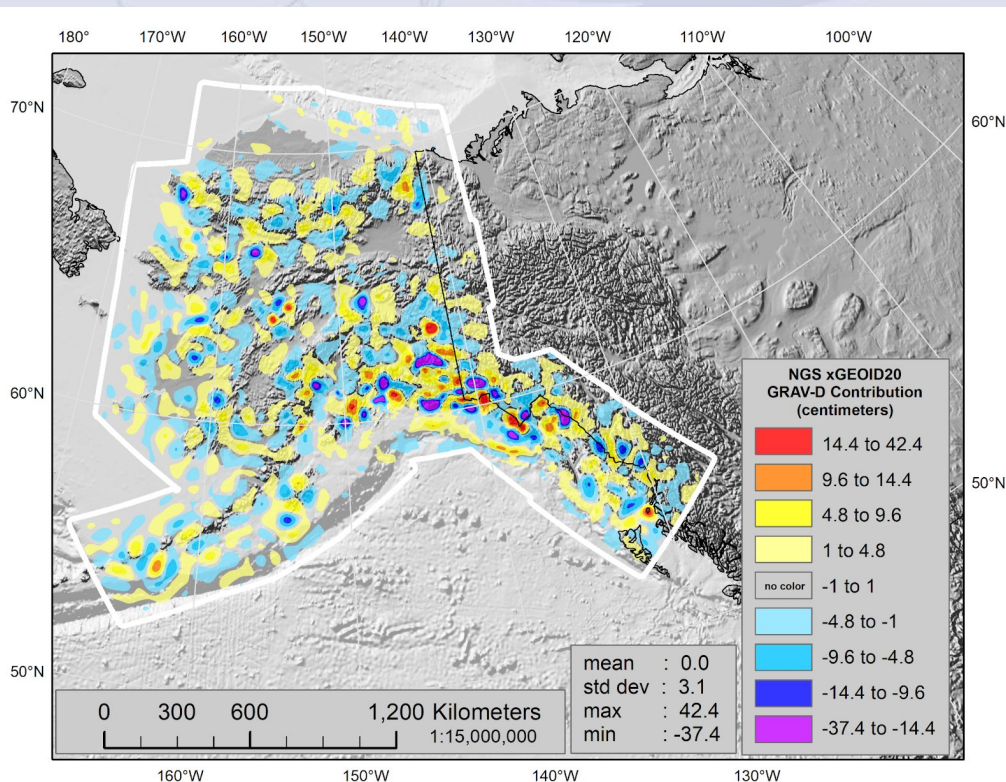


- In modernized NSRS, dynamic geoid model includes a “time-dependent component” with monitored geoid changes over space and time
- 2021 field work updated observations on ~50 passive marks (GNSS, gravity, DOV)
 - 40+ hour static GNSS
 - Gravity: 20 uGal precisions
 - DOV profile of 2021 geoid
- DGEOID updates will be released with GEOID2022 beta version in 2023 and a final version ~2025

Alpha xDGEOID20 model based on GRACE (NASA GSFC mascon v02.4, Luthcke, et al. 2013).

GRAV-D data fully incorporated into gravimetric geoid model (GEOID2022)

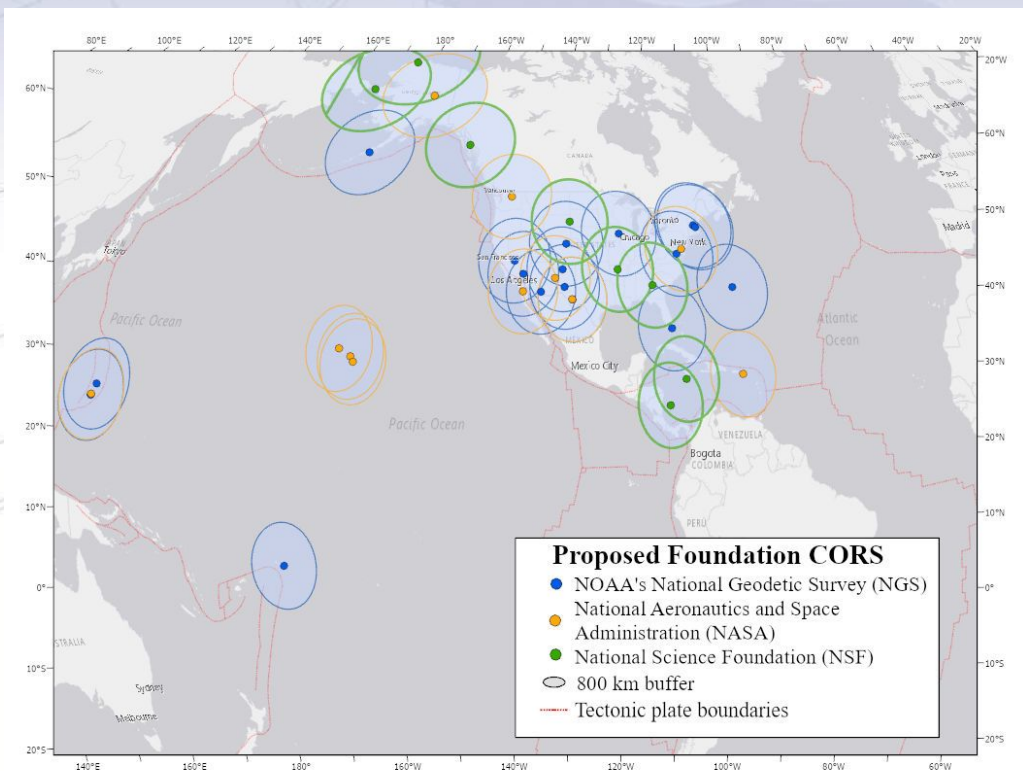
Target: Oct 2025 (In progress)



- xGeoid20 includes all GRAV-D data to date and covers all of mainland Alaska
- xGeoid20 available for use in scientific, research, and pilot applications
- GRAV-D data also in use by State of Alaska DGGs for natural resource exploration

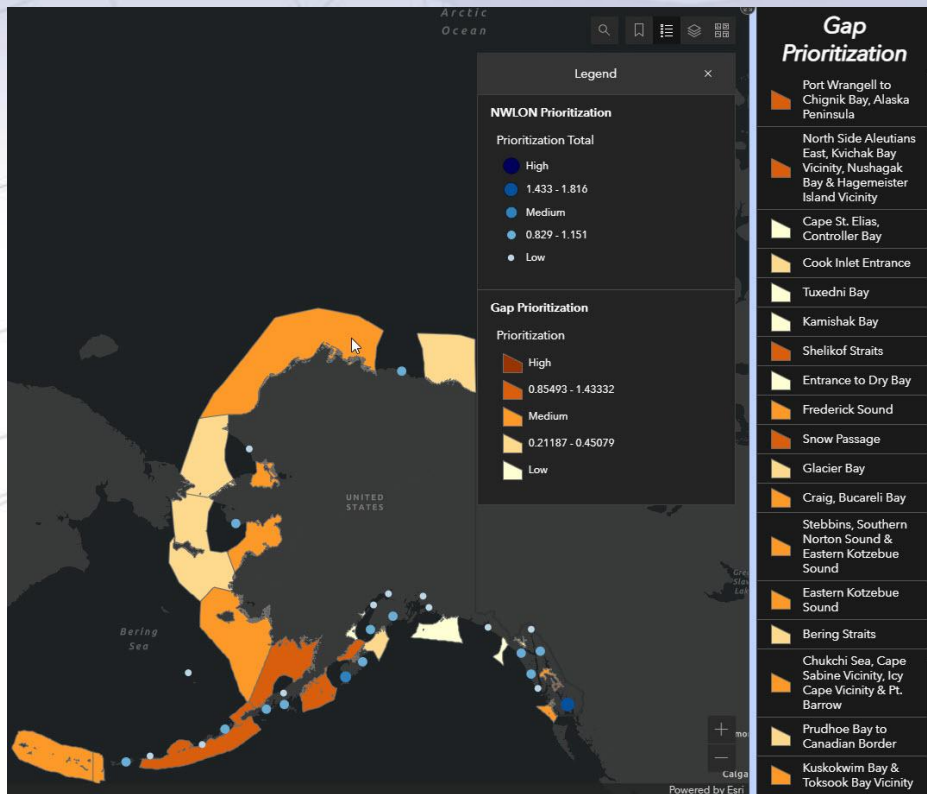
Establish five NOAA Foundation CORS in Alaska

Target: Oct 2023 or Oct 2024 (In progress)



- Adopted FCORS stations in Alaska:
 - AB09 Wales (NSF)
 - AB51 Petersburg (NSF)
 - ATQK Atkasuk (NFS)
 - FAIR Fairbanks (JPL)
 - GCGO Fairbanks (JPL)
- Field work planned to establish two NGS-owned FCORS station in Summer 2023 or 2024 at
 - Fairbanks (possibly two FCORS)
 - Cold Bay (one FCORS)

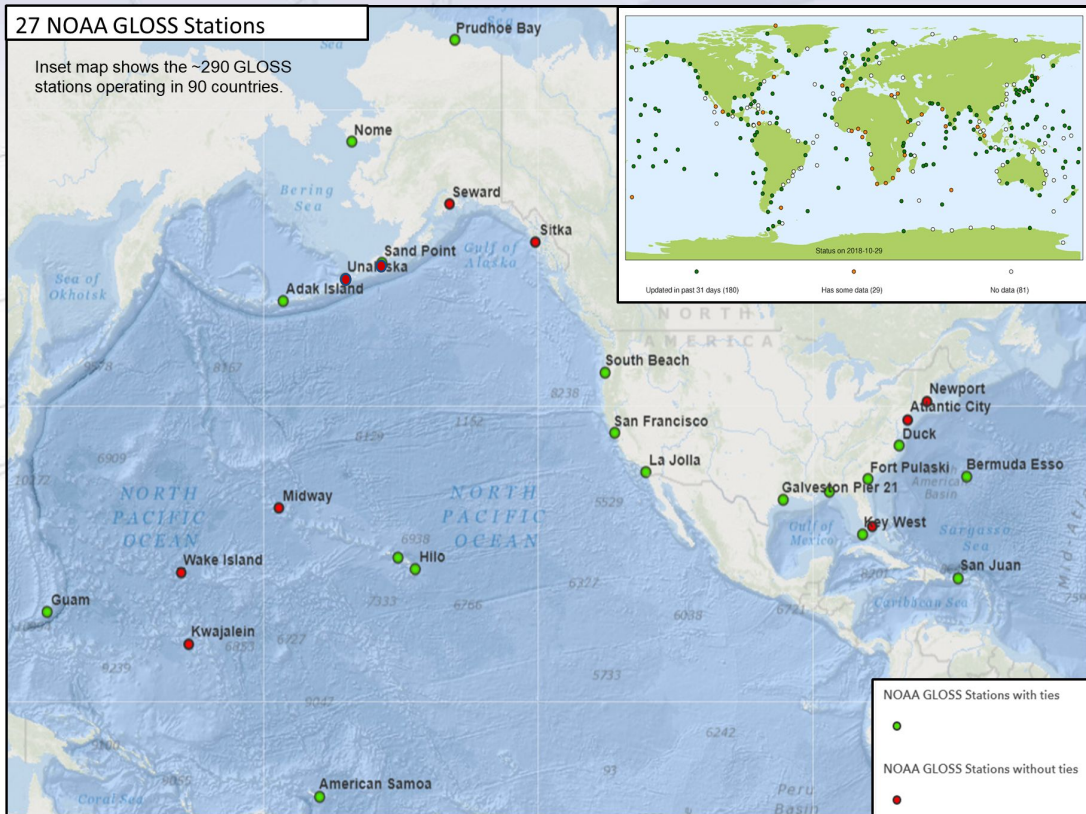
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- It costs CO-OPS \$400K-\$600K to install an NWLON station in Alaska, depending on many variables including site-readiness and whether it is contracted or not, among others.
- The remote nature of most Alaska NWLON stations presents an accessibility challenge for conducting O&M, which increases *annual* costs above the installation expense.
- CO-OPS will continue to work with AWLW to increase access to important water level data.

Improved geodetic control at water level stations in Sand Point, Sitka, Seward, and Unalaska (GLOSS stations)

Target: Oct 2025



- CO-OPS is evaluating the logistics required for leveling ties between NWLON water level sensors and the existing NGS CORS stations for GLOSS
- CO-OPS is evaluating and testing feasibility of co-locating new cGNSS at NWLON stations

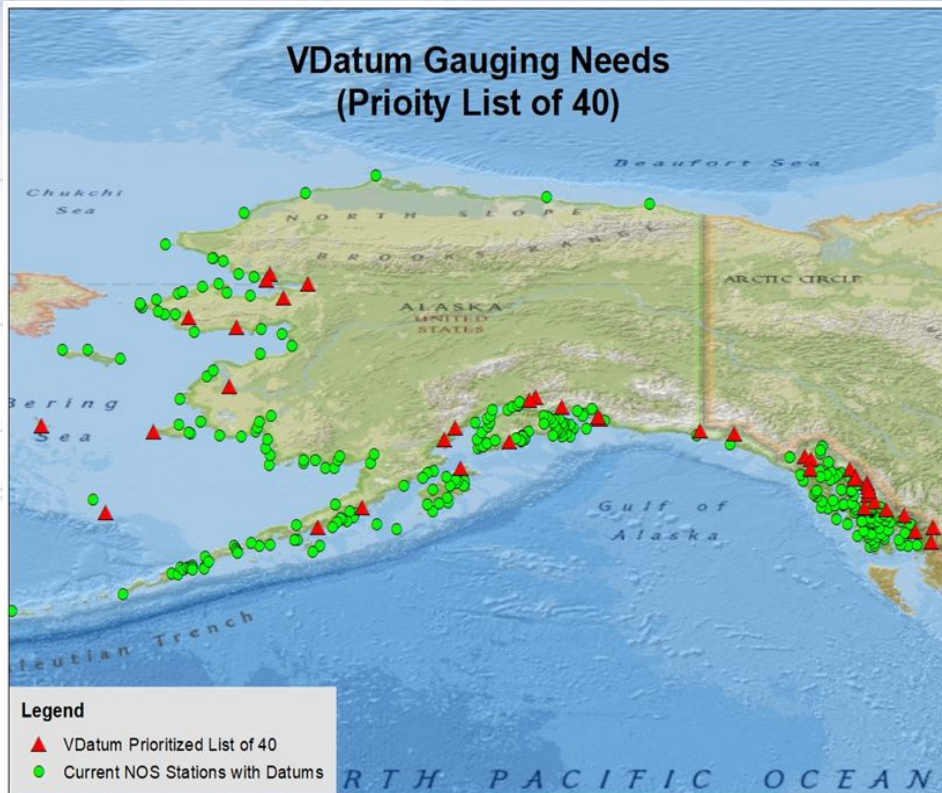
AK GLOSS Stations with untied CORS

Location	NWLON ID	CORS ID	Separation (meters)	Status	GPS at Tidal Benchmark (number/year)
Sitka	9451600	AKSI	396	CORS working Intermittently, no published ties between ARP and WL station	4 (2006 - 2022)
Seward	9455090	AKSE	1554	No published ties	6 (2006 - 2022)
Unalaska	9462620	AV09	950	CORS working Intermittently, no published ties between ARP and WL station	6 (2006 - 2022)
Sand Point	9459450	AB07	2584	CORS installed but not working, no published ties between ARP and WL station	5 (2006 - 2020)

Short term tidal observations acquired

Target: Oct 2027 (In progress)

VDatum Gauging Needs (Priority List of 40)



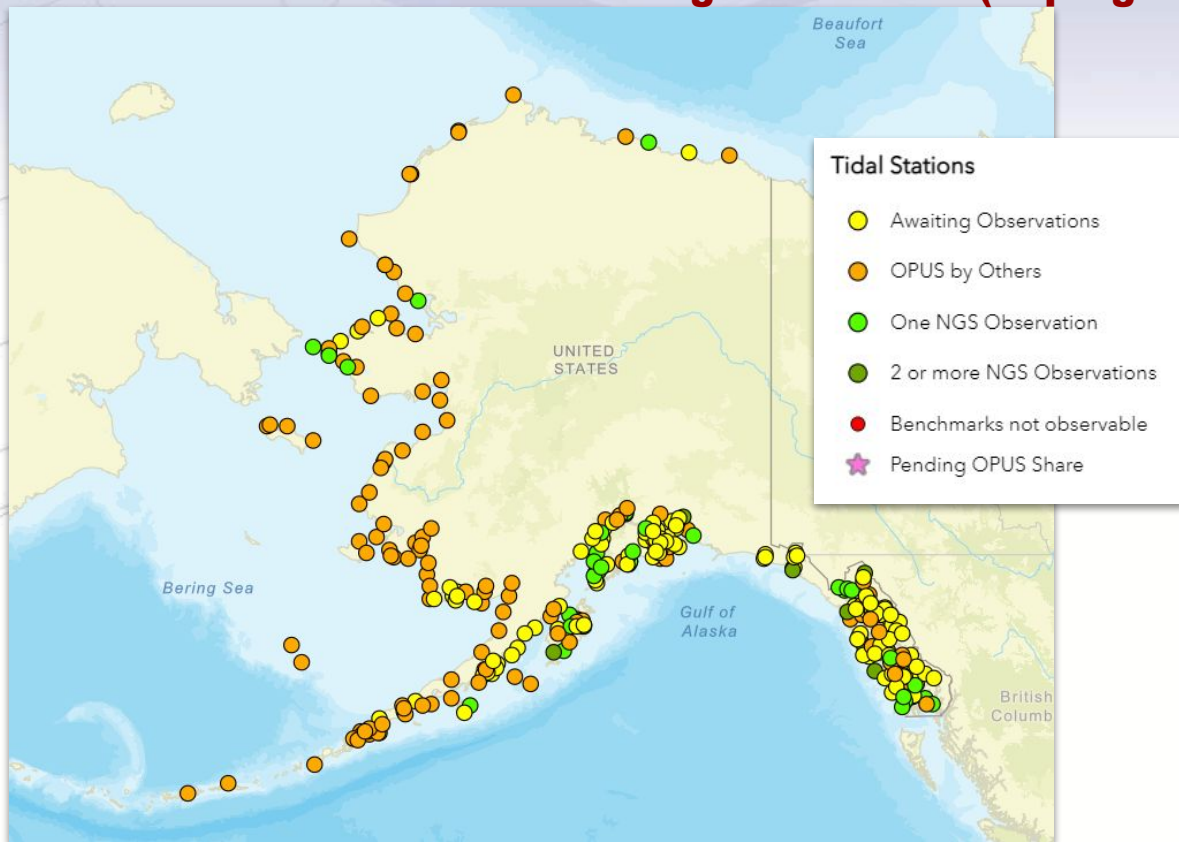
- 14 stations completed thus far; additional stations planned to be accelerated by proposed State of Alaska project in FY22

● Completed:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Palmer ● Yale Arm, College Fiord ● St. George Island Airport ● Beartrap Bay, Port Gravina ● Taan Fiord ● Nuka Bay ● Eklutna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mountain Village ● Grantley Harbor ● North Kotzebue Sound ● Buckland ● Iniskin Bay ● Lagoon Island, Bartlett Cove ● Hyder |
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GNSS observations taken on tidal bench marks

Target: Oct 2027 (In progress)



- GPS on tidal bench marks support sole-station offsets and VDatum improvements
- Top priorities are water level stations in Alaska where local tidal datums exist, but no corresponding NSRS heights (NAVD 88) appear in the OPUS Shared Database
- Community OPUS Shares have significantly advanced progress since 2014 efforts to prioritize this (see orange)



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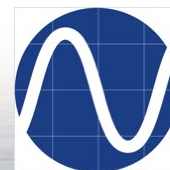


Alaska Water Level Watch

Carol Janzen – AOOS

Alaska Water Level Watch – AWLW

Update on Activities and Successes



Alaska Coastal Mapping Summit
November 16-17, 2022

Carol D. Janzen (AOOS)
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Autumn Poisson, Alaska Department of Natural Resources-DGGS
Rob Bochenek & Will Koeppen (Axiom Data Science)



What is the Alaska Water Level Watch – AWLW?

- The Alaska Water Level Watch (AWLW) is a collaborative group working to improve the quality, coverage, and accessibility to water level observations in Alaska's coastal zone.
- Steering Committee (6) representing NOAA, AKDNR, NWS, AOOS and Private Industry
- Annual water level workshops
- Solicits inputs for Alaska's water level build-out plans

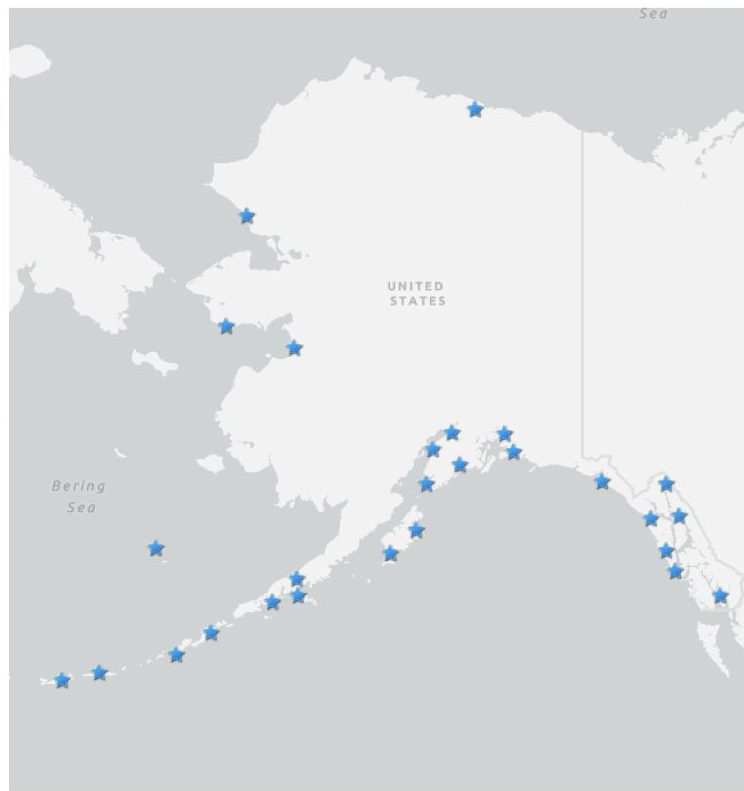


*Kivalina water level installation, 2022
(courtesy: Autumn Poisson, AKDNR-DGGS)*

Why Alaska Water Level Watch?

CHALLENGE

- Alaska's remote coastline among the nation's most vulnerable to geohazards
- NOAA's CO-OPS National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON ★) in Alaska consists of 27 active sensors for ~ 66,000 miles of coastline
- CO-OPS Tides & Currents online system hosts only the NOAA NWLON data
- Additional water level data exist and easy comprehensive access is needed for storm-surge forecasting, informed emergency response, safe navigation, and charting



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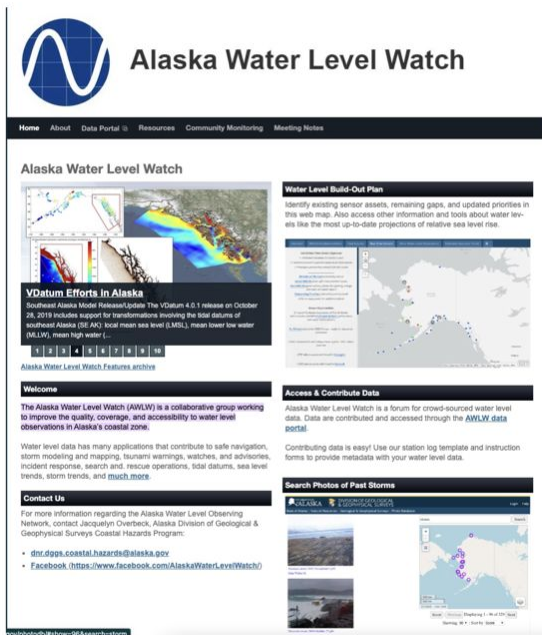
- The Alaska Water Level Watch (AWLW) augments existing NWLON information with tiered-quality coastal water level observations and data products through the AWLW Data Portal
- <https://aooos.org/alaska-water-level-watch/>



AKDNR-DGGS staff re-install an iGage® at Kwigillingok.

AWLW Vision: Fill Gaps in Water Level Observations & Increase Public Access to Water Level Information

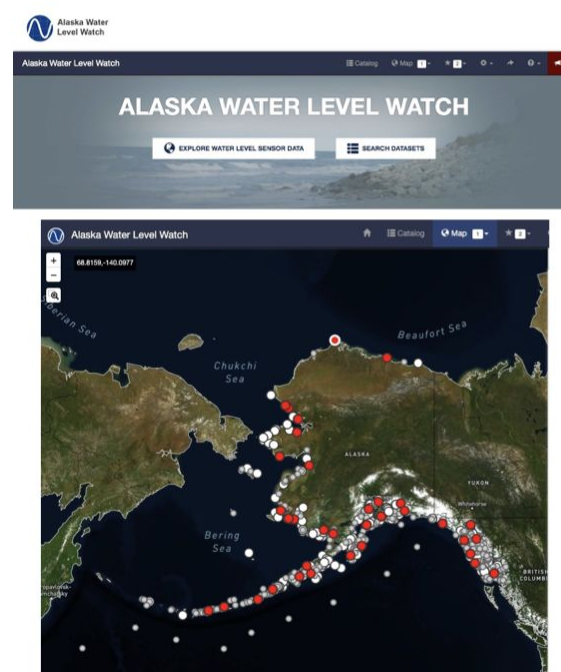
AWLW Website



The screenshot shows the Alaska Water Level Watch website. At the top is the logo, a blue circle with a white wave, and the text "Alaska Water Level Watch". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Data Portal, Resources, Community Monitoring, Meeting Notice. The main content area features several sections: "Alaska Water Level Watch" with a map of Alaska; "Water Level Build-Out Plan" with a map and text about identifying sensor assets; "VDatum Efforts in Alaska" with text about the VDatum 4.0.1 release; "Welcome" with a paragraph about the collaborative group; "Access & Contribute Data" with text about the forum for crowd-sourced data; and "Search Photos of Past Storms" with a map and photo thumbnails.

Public access point for reference materials, portal links, contacts, meetings, other resources: <https://legacy.aos.org/alaska-water-level-watch/>

AWLW Data Portal



The screenshot shows the AWLW Data Portal map interface. At the top is the logo and the text "Alaska Water Level Watch". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Catalog, Map. The main content area features a large map of Alaska with water level stations marked by red and white dots. The map is titled "ALASKA WATER LEVEL WATCH" and has buttons for "EXPLORE WATER LEVEL SENSOR DATA" and "SEARCH DATASETS". The map shows the coastline of Alaska with labels for the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea, and Bering Sea. The map is zoomed in on the central part of the coast, showing the Yukon and Tanana rivers.

AWLW Data Portal map showing active (red) and historical water level stations (white). <https://water-level-watch.portal.aos.org/#map>

Through innovative technologies and collaborative partnerships, AWLW is expanding coastal water level observation capacity across Alaska's coastline. & Making data Accessible through an online AWLW Data Portal

The AWLW Data Portal Provides Public Access to Alaska Water Level and Information Products

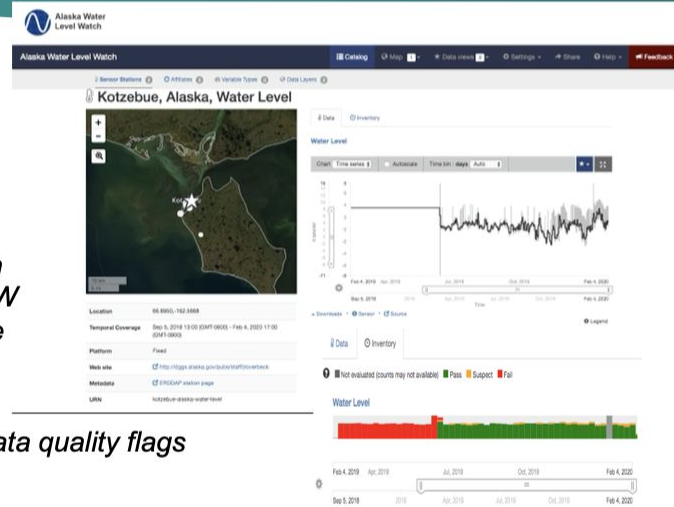
NWLON, non-NWLON and predicted water level information served through the AWLW Portal

Streamlined data ingestion and station page identification procedures allow simplified submission from various providers

Data are qualified as Tier A, B, and C on portal based on accuracy of data and associated NOAA sanctioned uses



Acoustic iGage® in Kotzebue and AWLW Portal Station Page



Visual of data quality flags

Tier	A	B	C
Minimum Accuracy	10 cm (on tidal datum)	30 cm (on tidal datum)	30 cm Or undetermined
Benchmarks	5	3	Not required
Leveling Order	Annual 2 nd Order Class 1 better	Biannual 3 rd Order or GPS derived ellipsoid based	Not applicable
Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real-time navigation Marine boundaries Sea level anomalies Vdatum Hydrodynamic model forcing and skill assessment CO-OPS MAPTITE App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrographic surveys Shoreline mapping Marsh restoration Storm surge Exceedance Inundation dashboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic research Background oceanographic information Tsunami

AWLW Portal Hosts Other Useful Information

New Flood Event Layer from AKDNR

Select stage information & view photos from multiple locations in communities

Storm Surge: August 3, 2019

Event type	Storm Surge
Flood Impact	moderate
Height (NAVD88)	3.35 (m)
Water level type	still water

[Click to enlarge image](#)



AWLW Observing Updates from Partners



Tununak iGage™ 2022 (photo courtesy Autumn Poisson, AKDNR-DGGS)



Dillingham City Dock Bubbler Water Level Station 2022 (photo courtesy JOA Surveys)



Stebbins/St. Michaels GNSS-R Station, AOS/UNAVCO (photo courtesy UNAVCO)

AWLW Obs Update with Partner AKDNR-DGGS

9 iGage™, iRdar™ Stations were operational during 2022

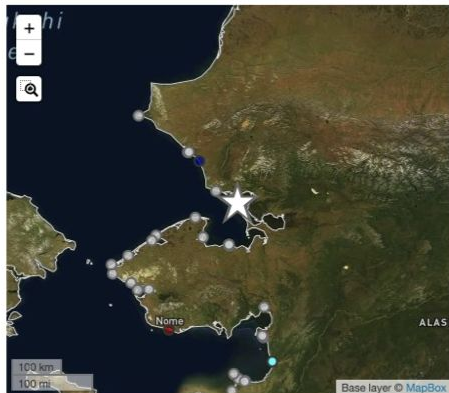
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Kotzebue
Deering

Kipnuk
Kwigillingok
Bethel

Homer
Whittier
Nelson Lagoon

Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (AK-DGGS)

Kotzebue, Alaska, Water Level



Location 66.8950,-162.5668

Temporal Coverage Sep 5, 2018 13:00 (AKDT) - Nov 4, 2022 08:00 (AKDT)

Tags **Tier C**

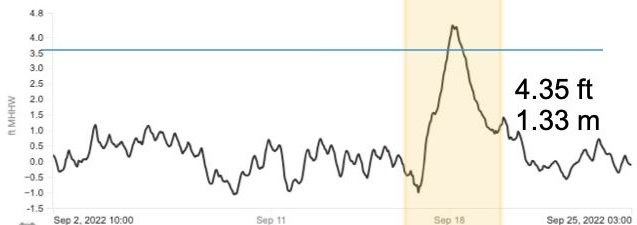
Platform Fixed

Data Inventory Latest measurements More information

Water Level

Chart Time series Autoscale Time bin: all Auto

Real time Historical



Downloads Sensor QC/QARTOD Data Source

Legend



2022 Bering Storm Peak Water Level Kotzebue – September 18, 2022

AWLW Obs Update with Partner Orion Space Solutions

Utqiagvik GPS-R water level installation & GNSS-R Data Processing



MXAK provided in-kind assistance while servicing AIS at same location

- Oct 2021 Utqiagvik GPS-R installation completed before freeze-up
- Collaborators: North Slope Borough, AOOS, JOA Surveys & Marine Exchange of Alaska
- Onboard processed real time data reporting on the AWLW Data Portal for 1 year
- JOA Surveys providing MLLW based on 5 benchmarks in the area



AWLW Obs Update with Partner JOA Surveys

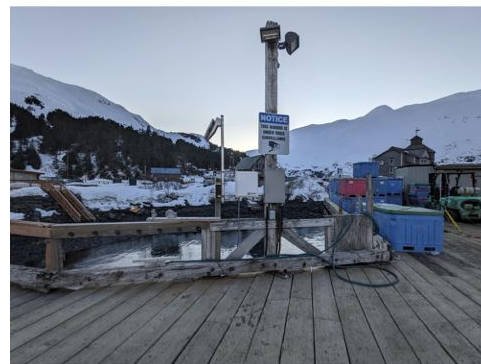
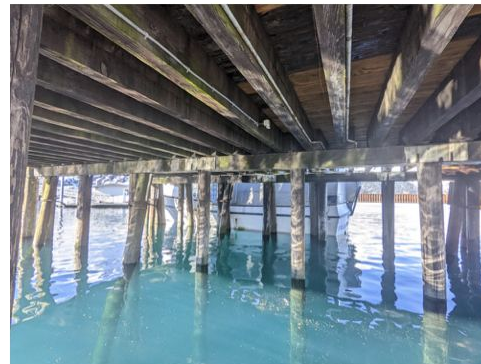
2 NWLON-Lites, iRadar™ Installation, and GNSS-R Data Processing

JOA Surveys supports NOAA CO-OPS, AKDNR and AOOS Coastal Hazards Portfolio

Recent projects:

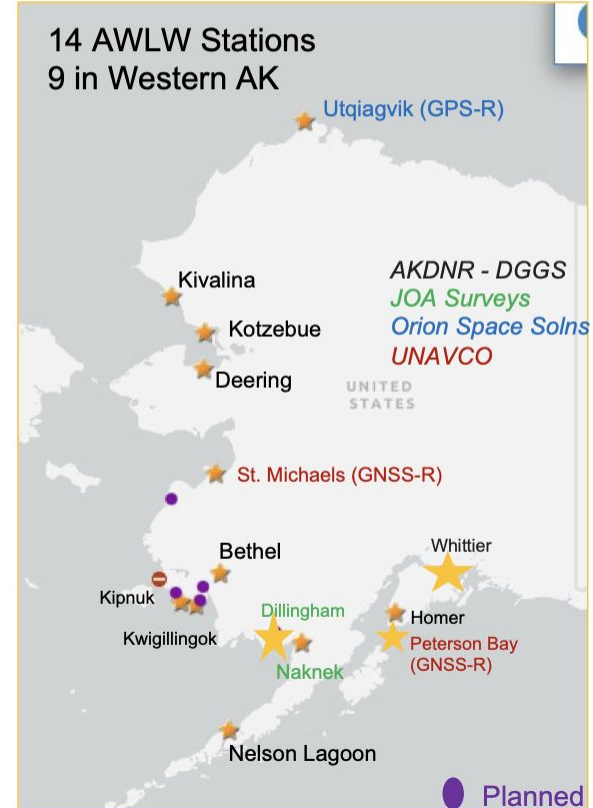
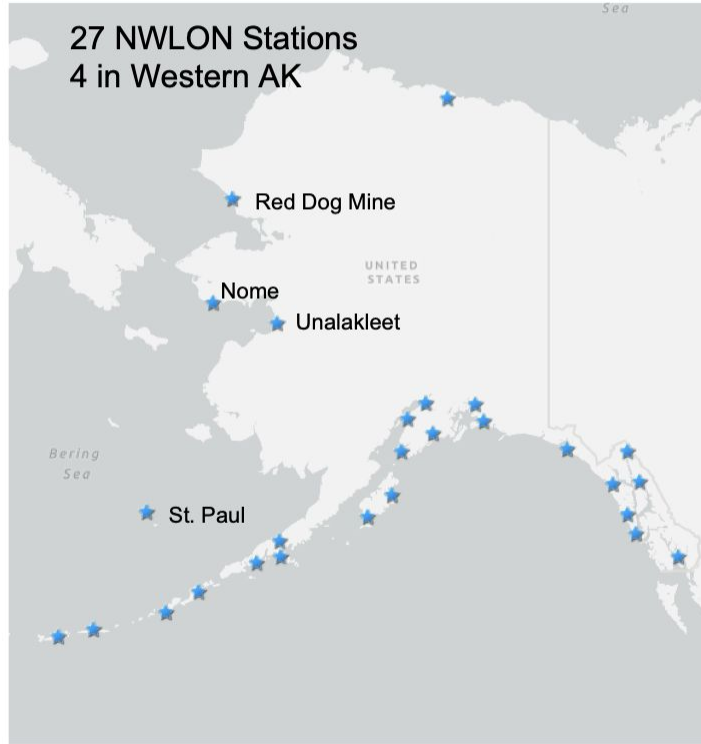
- 2020 Naknek - Installed dual bubbler water level station
- 2021 Utqiagvik - assist with GPS-R Install
- 2021 Dillingham - Installed bubbler & downward looking Radar water level station
- 2022 Whittier – Installed iRadar™ water level station with equipment from AKDNR
- Processing GNSS-R data and datum assessments for 3 UNAVCO GNSS-R stations

*Tide Gauge Installation at Whittier City Dock,
March 2022, (Photo: Drew Lindow, JOA Surveys)*



AWLW Portal Reporting 50% More Water Level Stations

Many came online in 2021-22 and captured peak water levels during the 2022 Bering Sea Storm (Merbok)



AWLW Data Inform Alaska Storm Surge Forecasting Models

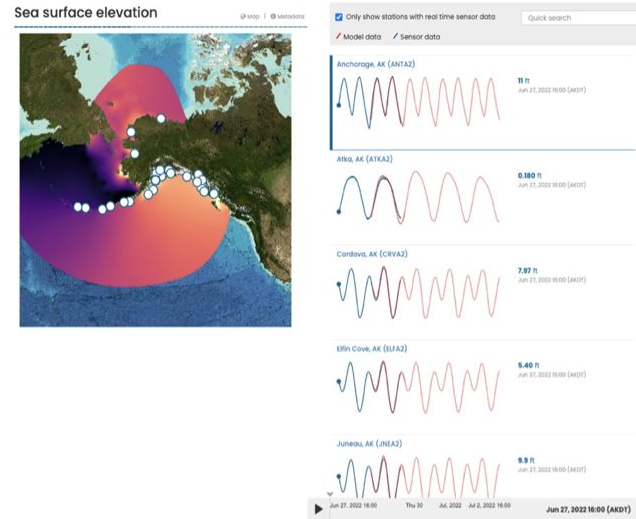
Current modeling efforts are working to improve water level and storm surge forecasting skill for western Alaska

Modelers have been using AWLW water level stations to compare with model outputs throughout development

A model forecast and in situ observational data comparison tool for the AOOS Data Portal will launch in December 2022

For more information on these efforts:
<https://legacy.aos.org/western-alaska-storm-models/>

Alaska Storm Surge Forecasting System – ALCOFS – ADCIRC (Post-March 2022)



The ALCOFS-ADCIRC model output comparisons with in situ observational data informs model improvements and also provides a quantitative sense of model accuracy. Red predicted water level, Blue sensor data.

AWLW Tidal Datum and Other Resources & Tools

Regular updated priorities reflect Vdatum grid development needs

The screenshot shows the Alaska Tidal Datum Portal website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "myAlaska", "Departments", and "State Employees". Below that is the "Department of Natural Resources" and "GEOLOGICAL & GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS" header. A search bar is present. The main content area is titled "Alaska Tidal Datum Portal" and includes a sub-header "Alaska Tidal Datum Calculator".

Alaska Tidal Datum Calculator

This conversion calculator is provided as a convenience to facilitate access to vertical measurements that have been independently verified and are freely available from either NOAA CO-OPS or NOAA NGS. For rigorous emergency, planning or construction purposes, users are strongly advised to consult these original sources to ensure accurate and up-to-date transformations. All calculations are based on single tide station offsets, elevations obtained using this method are only valid in the immediate vicinity of the original tide station. Because the relationships between local tidal and geodetic elevations can change with time, the most up-to-date measurement sources must be consulted, independent of this site, to ensure accurate transformations for these high-stakes applications.

The values in this conversion calculator were last updated December 2021.

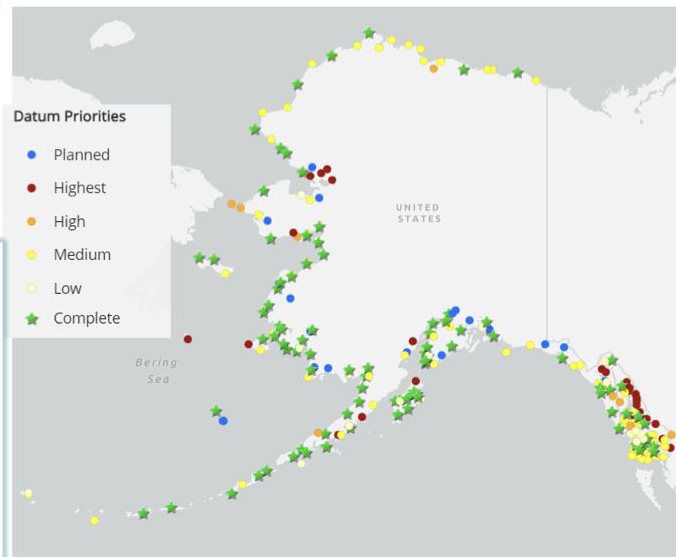
Location:

Geodetic Elevation:

(meters)

Local Tidal Elevation:

(meters)



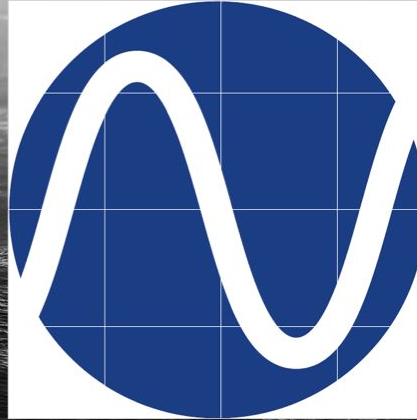
Tidal Datum Calculator still undergoing updates, last made December 2021:

<https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/coastal/ak-tidal-datum-portal.html>



The Eye on Alaska's Coast's and Oceans

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Thank you!



Imagery & Elevation Acquisition Dashboard

Hillary Palmer – Dewberry



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Thank you!



Topobathy Lidar

Karen Hart – Woolpert



Importance of Near Real-time Data Processing for Topo-bathymetric Lidar Operations

Karen Hart

Colorized point cloud – Kauai, HI

MARITIME SOLUTIONS

By the Numbers

65

Hydrographic Professionals

10

Certified Hydrographers

20+

Vessels

60,000+

Square Miles of
Bathymetry Collected
Since 2016

13+

Aircraft in Fleet

4

(Lidar) Sensors in Use

Clients

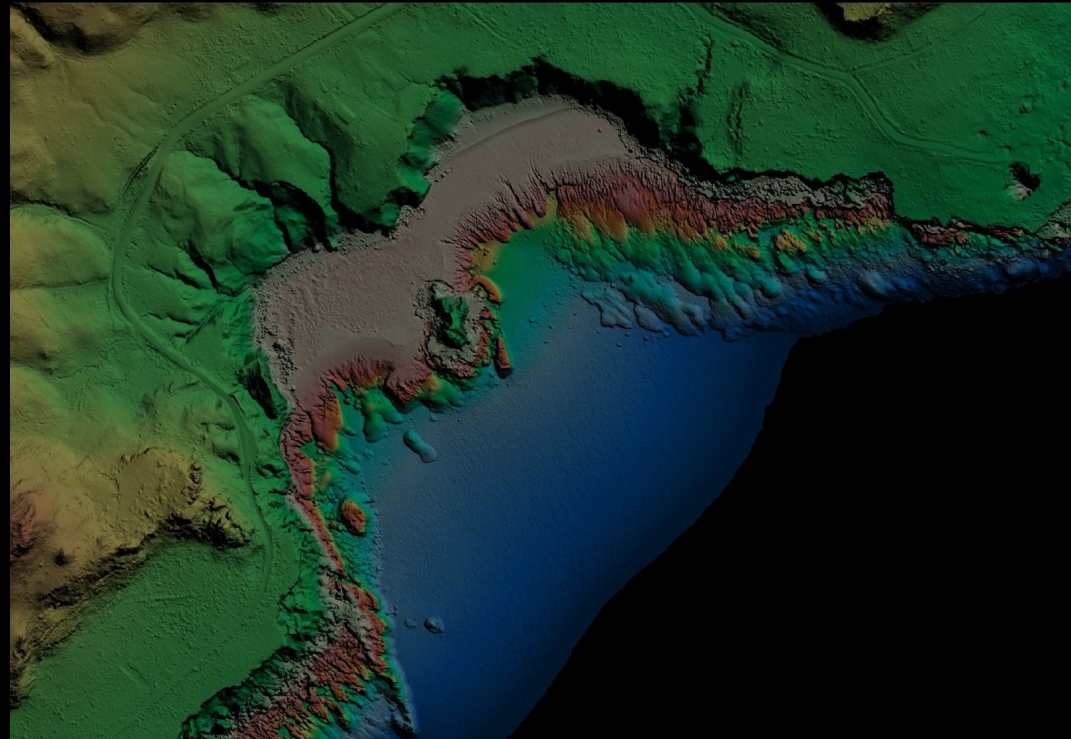


US Army Corps
of Engineers



Woolpert Topo-bathymetric Lidar Operations

- Missions lasting weeks to months
 - Deployment of Leica sensors (Chiroptera and HawkEye)
 - CONUS or OCONUS
 - Collection of 10s of TBs data
- Field processing
 - General corrections
 - GPS Trajectory
 - **Daily coverage**
 - Data uploaded to office/servers
- Office processing
 - Data management
 - **Coverages made for field**
 - Fully corrected
 - Manual edits and advanced classification
 - Products



Topo-bathymetric DEM – Saipan, CNMI

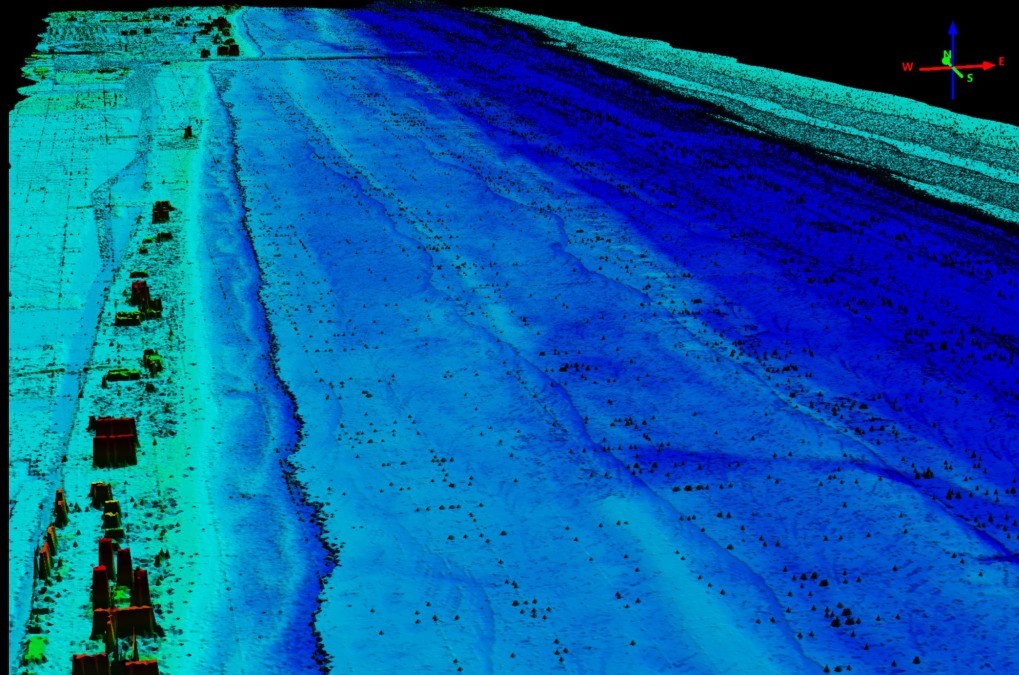
Software to Aid Processing in the Field

- FLiDAR – “Fast lidar” – software created to assist field data processing

- Sensor agnostic
- Near-realtime

- Digital Surface Model (DSM) Coverage

- Generation of multipurpose raster images in seconds
- Various statistics from LAS data based on point data fields
- Input:
 - One or more LAS files
 - Resolution of surface
 - Raster type



BULLDOG topo-bathy sensor, deep green channel, all flightlines, 5m Minimum DSM, illustrating seafloor

Digital Surface Model Creation Features

- Processes are run in parallel
 - Leverage multi-core CPUs and solid-state drives
- LAS points are indexed prior to rasterization
- Fast execution of rasters: dozens of files / several hundred GBs of data can be rasterized in less than 2 minutes
- Software architecture allows handling of large datasets
 - No need to merge files ahead of time
- Creates singular output DSMs which can then be tiled
 - Provides advantage over individual tile processing into raster outputs which then must be mosaicked together



Proof of Concept

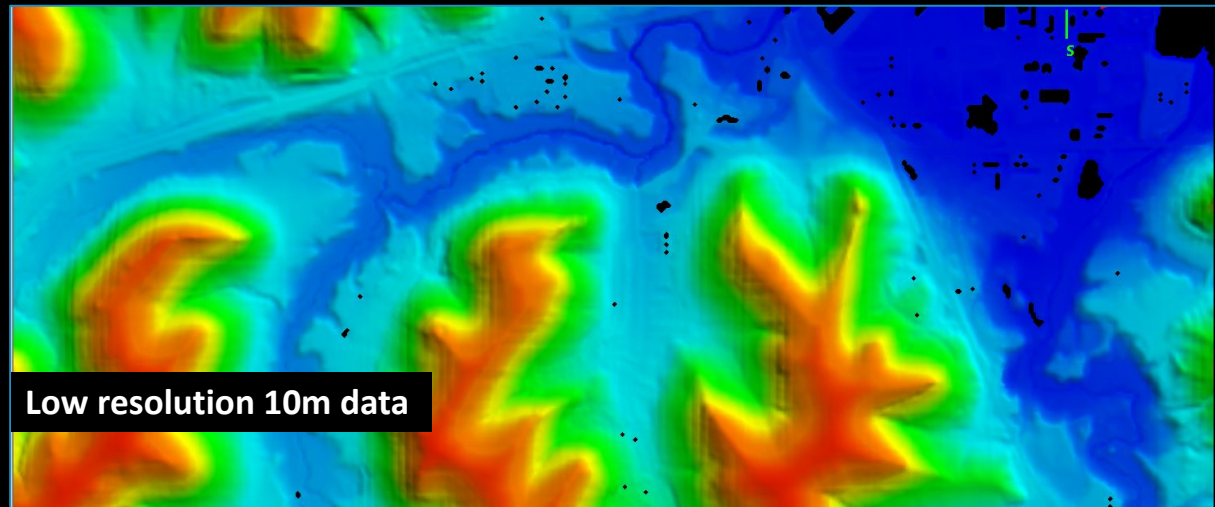
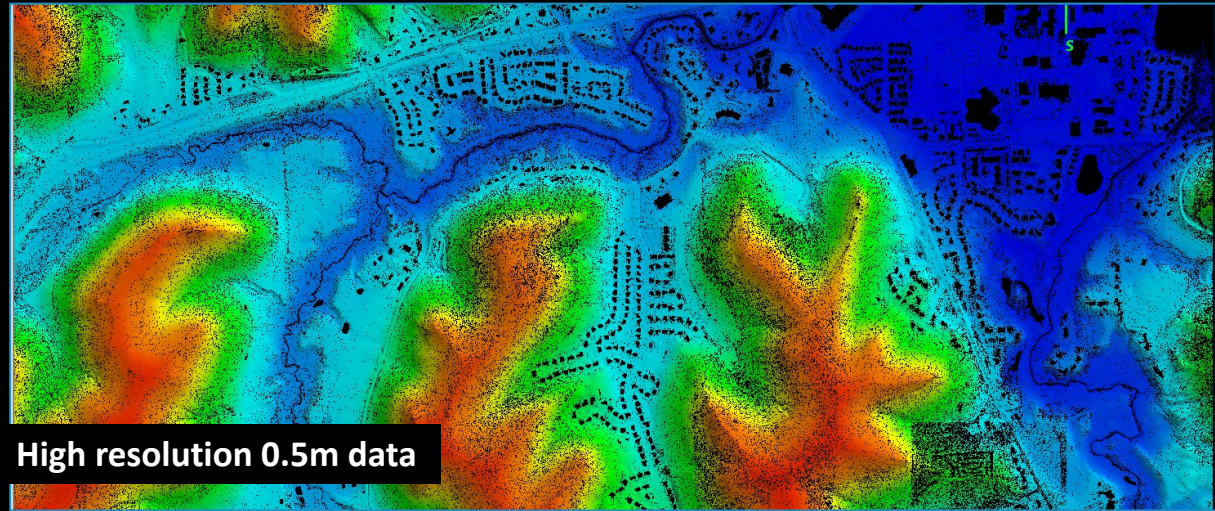


- Testing on multiple sensor types
 - BULLDOG topo-bathy sensor testing
 - Chiroptera / HawkEye topo-bathy data
 - JALBTCX (CZMIL) data
- Field testing during topo-bathy projects :
 - NOAA NGS FY23 (Chiroptera/HawkEye):
 - Hurricane Ida Supplemental - Louisiana Coast
 - American Samoa
 - Chesapeake Bay (IIJA)
 - Cook Islands (Chiroptera/HawkEye)

Preliminary field coverage, Chincoteague Sound (NOAA NGS)

High Resolution vs. Low Resolution DSMs

- High resolution: detailed view of the topology
- Low resolution: high-level overview of AOI topology
 - Requires less time to generate
 - Smaller file size
- Ability to combine High Res DSM with corresponding Low Res DSM to fill the gaps in input data



DSM Output – Statistical Surfaces

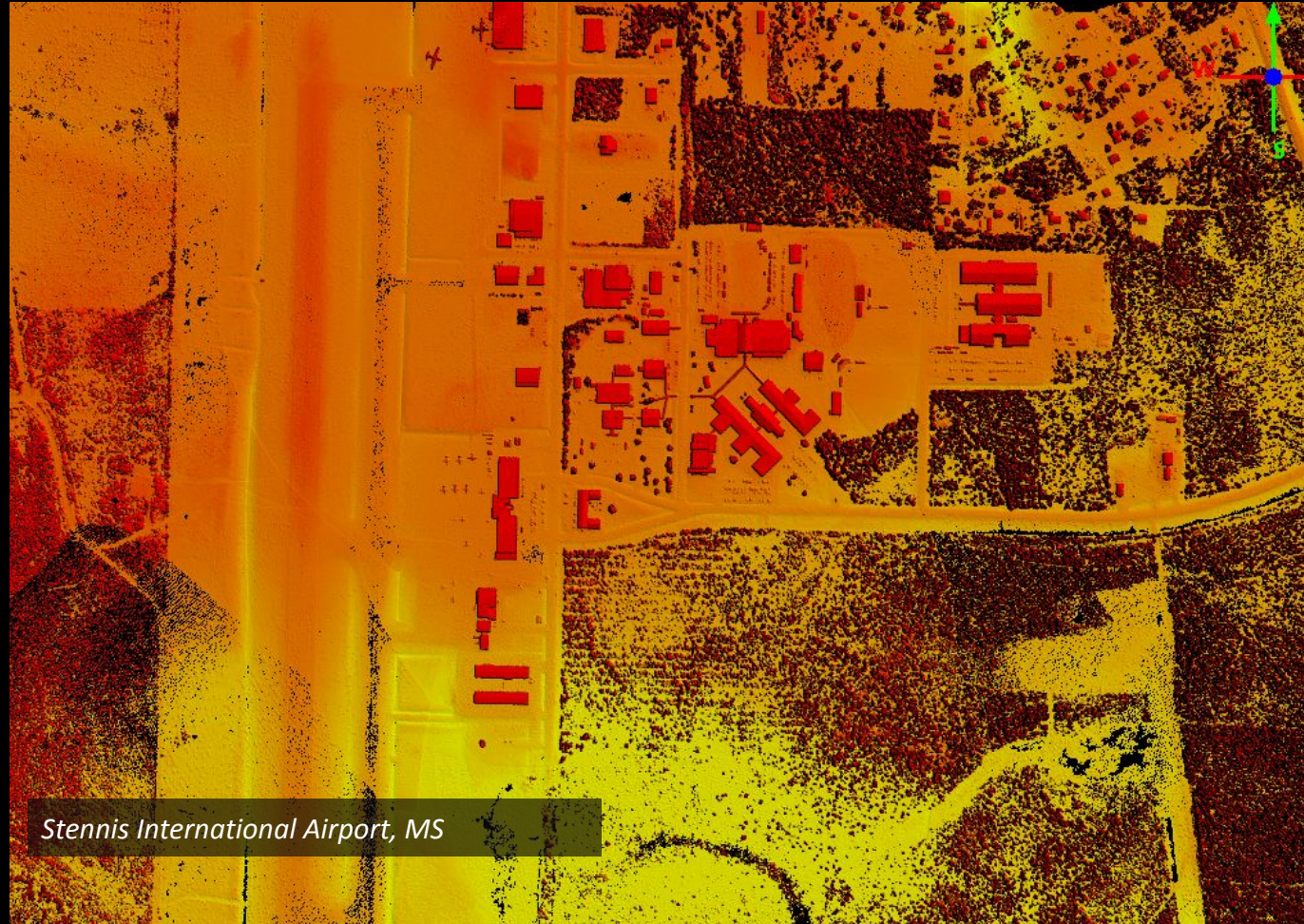
Statistical Surfaces include:

- Count: overview of the density of input data
- Max/Min: impact of noise data to the output, depth estimates
- Mean: overall average of the resolution-sized area
- Median: indicator of surfaces less sensitive to outliers
- Mode: most common value with an algorithmically chosen bin width – comparisons of surface density/reflectivity
- Range: spread of values within a resolution-sized area – bathymetry likely to stand out
- Standard Deviation: measure of overall distribution – building outlines may stand out
- Skew: measure of the asymmetry of distribution – certain noise profiles, building outlines may stand out
- Kurtosis: measure of the 'tailedness' of a distribution – certain noise characteristics, shorelines may stand out



Median DSM

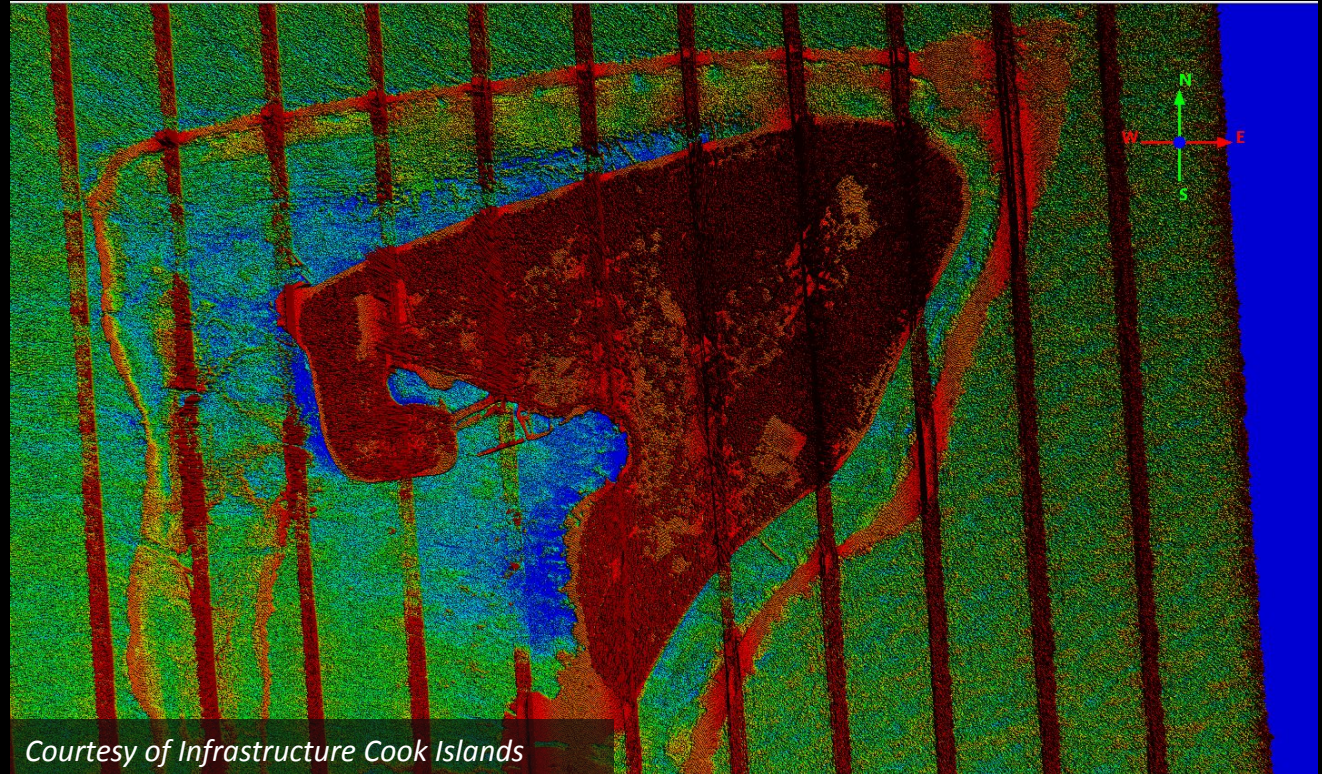
- Merged 1m DSM of BULLDOG data



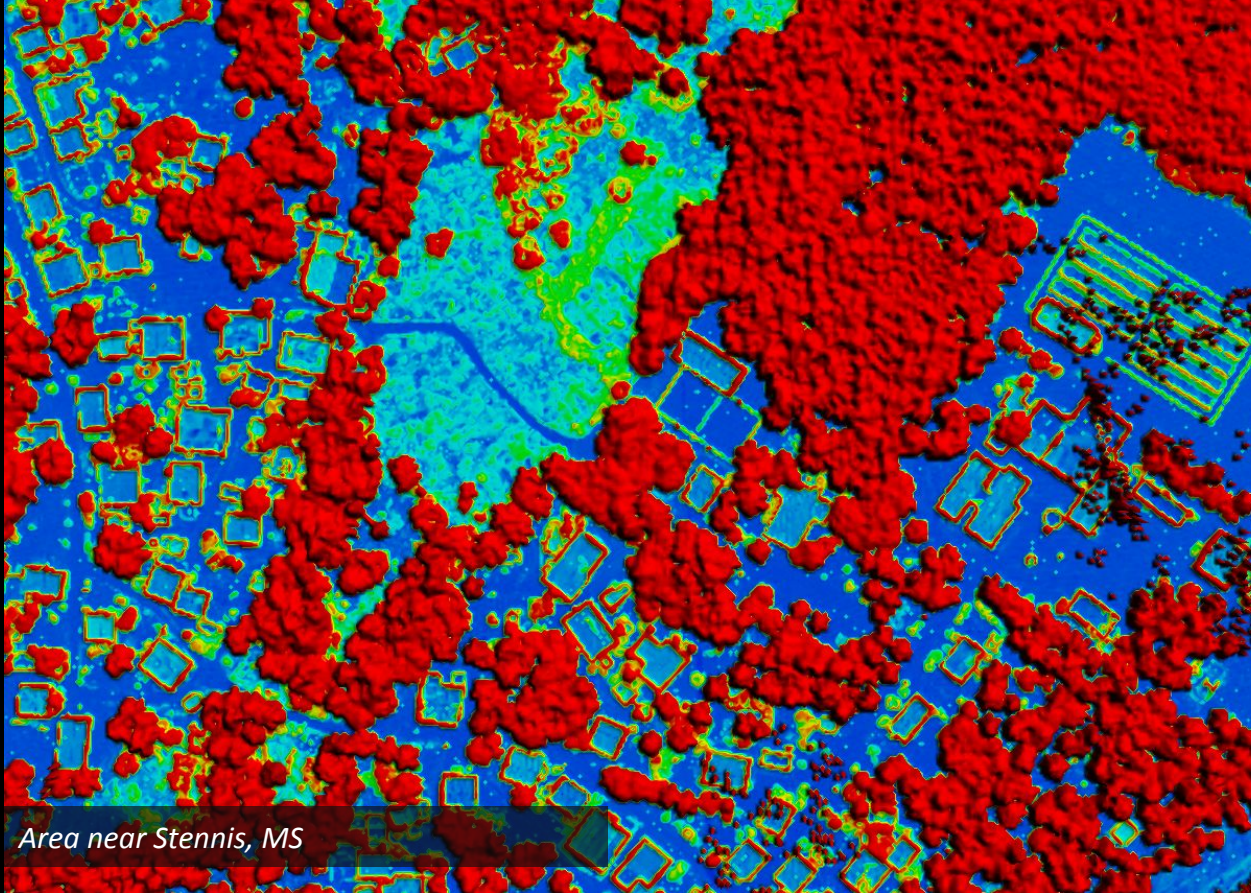
Stennis International Airport, MS

Count DSM

- Shows data density
- Leica Hawkeye 4X data



Standard Deviation DSM



Area near Stennis, MS

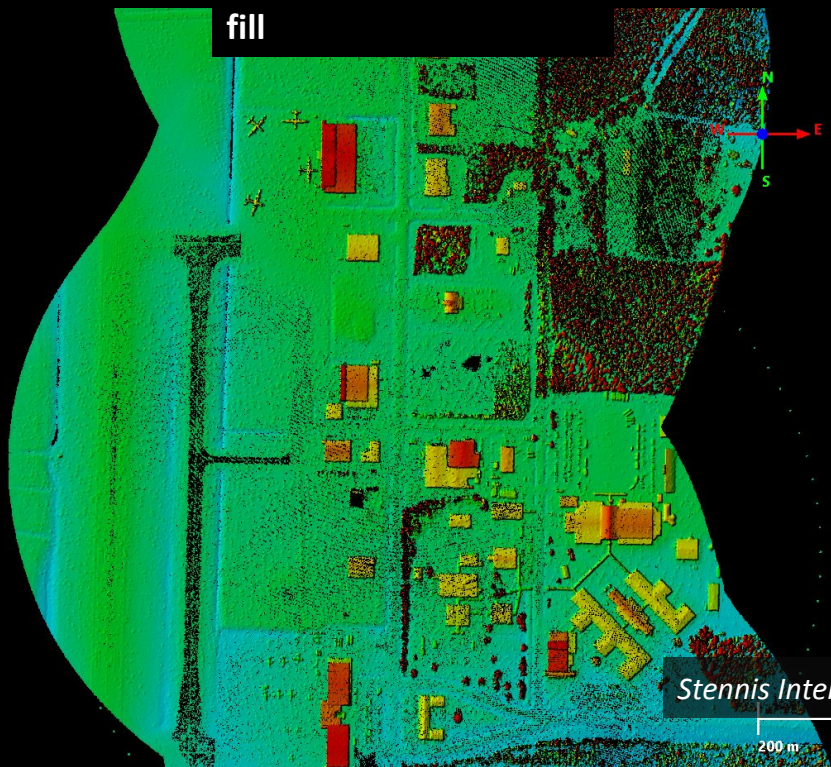
- Building outlines are prevalent
- Data collected by BULLDOG sensor



Gap Filling

- Data filling algorithm fills the void contours one pixel depth at a time with multiple iterations as needed

1m Median DSM – no fill



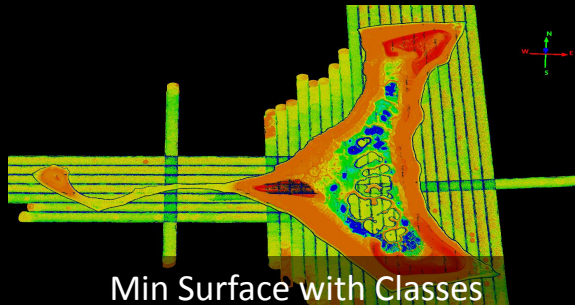
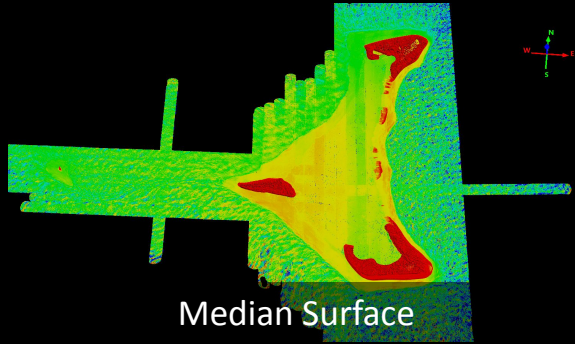
1m Median DSM – fill, 100 iterations



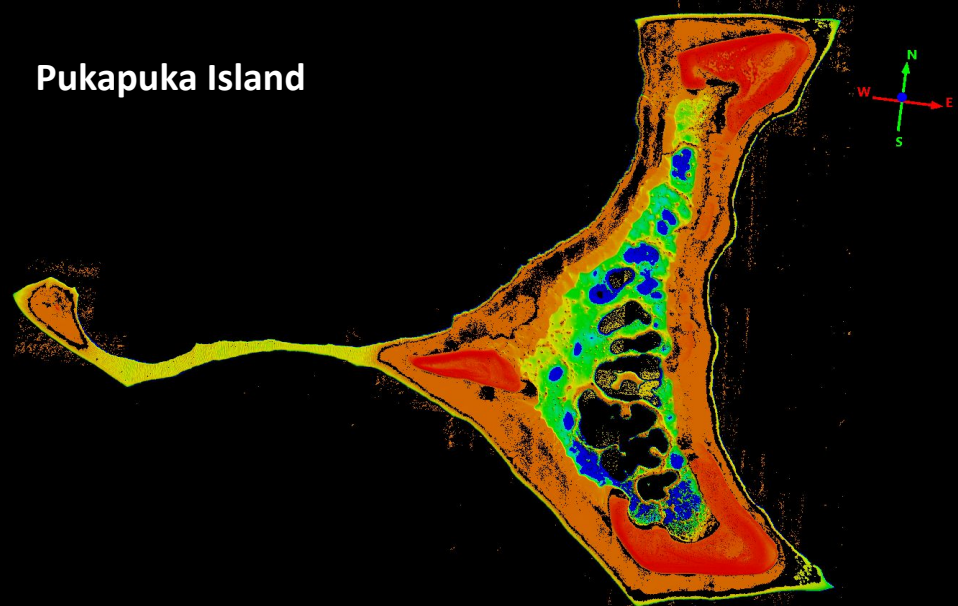
Stennis International Airport, MS

Cook Islands DSMs

- Data courtesy of Infrastructure Cook Islands



Pukapuka Island



Summary and Preliminary Results

•Benefits

- Sensor agnostic
- Near realtime data processing
- Edge execution / processing (running on collection platforms)
 - Realtime coverage
 - Performance is optimized
 - Meet specifications
 - Mitigate reflight wait time (fly again immediately)

•Preliminary field assessment:

- Quick coverage creation is useful for identifying gaps (voids, sliver, MPIA)
- Not yet a replacement in the field as it does not give a good indication of seabed coverage



Further Development

- Improving capabilities to fill building footprints, find seabed features, remove sea surface, and other advanced processes in order to create deliverable outputs
- Integrating differencing, adding, masking, and other options between user-selected statistics or resolutions in order to customize outputs
- Using particular statistical outputs to extract building footprints, vegetated areas, water surfaces, and other features from totally unclassified data with the goal of creating better elevation models or classified data sets
- Integrating GPU processing for even greater speed and parallelization improvements



Thank you!

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Single BULLDOG flight - 1m Stdev DSM – shows building outlines



Workforce Development

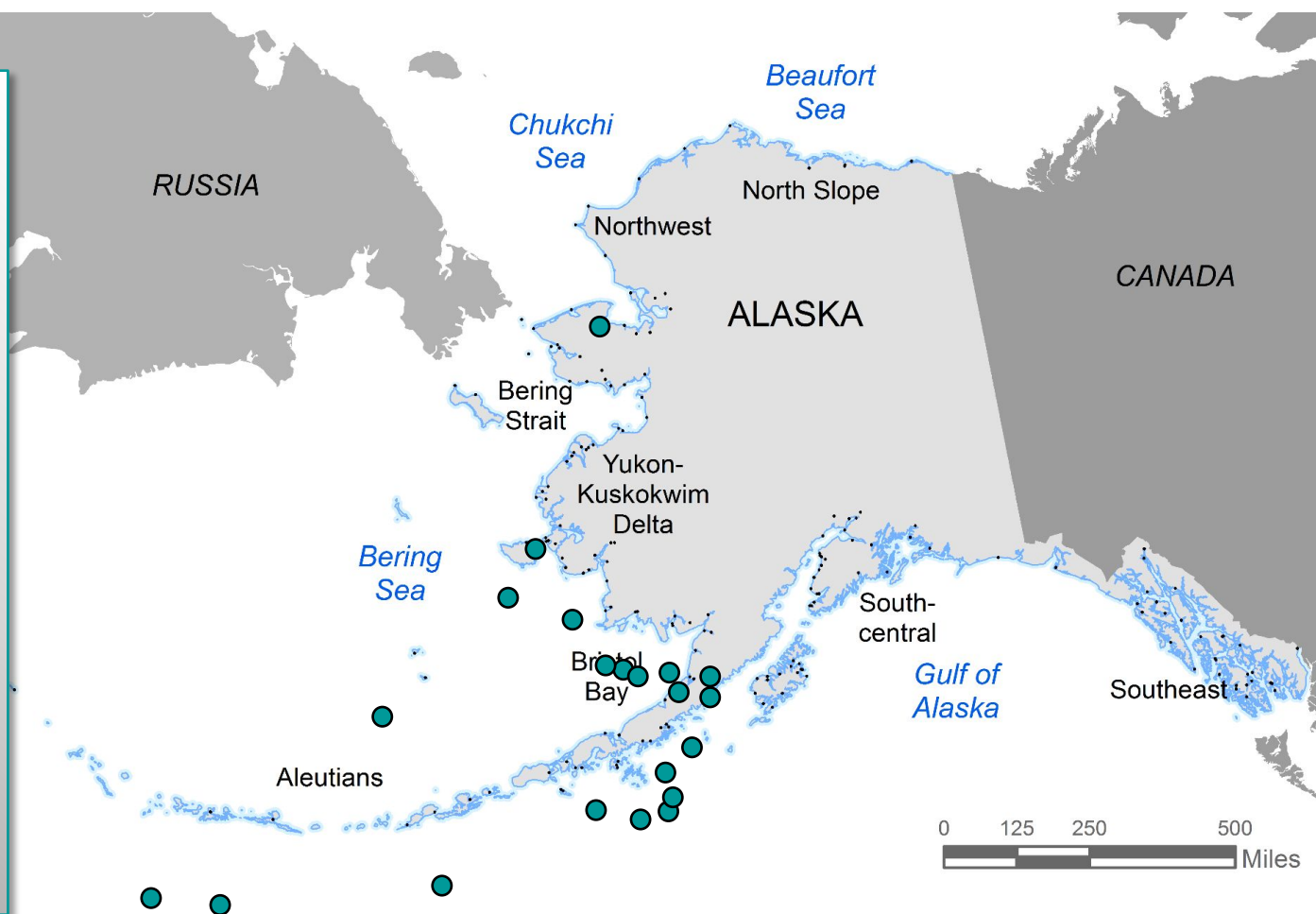
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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED MAPPING

Reyce Bogardus | UAF Geophysical Institute



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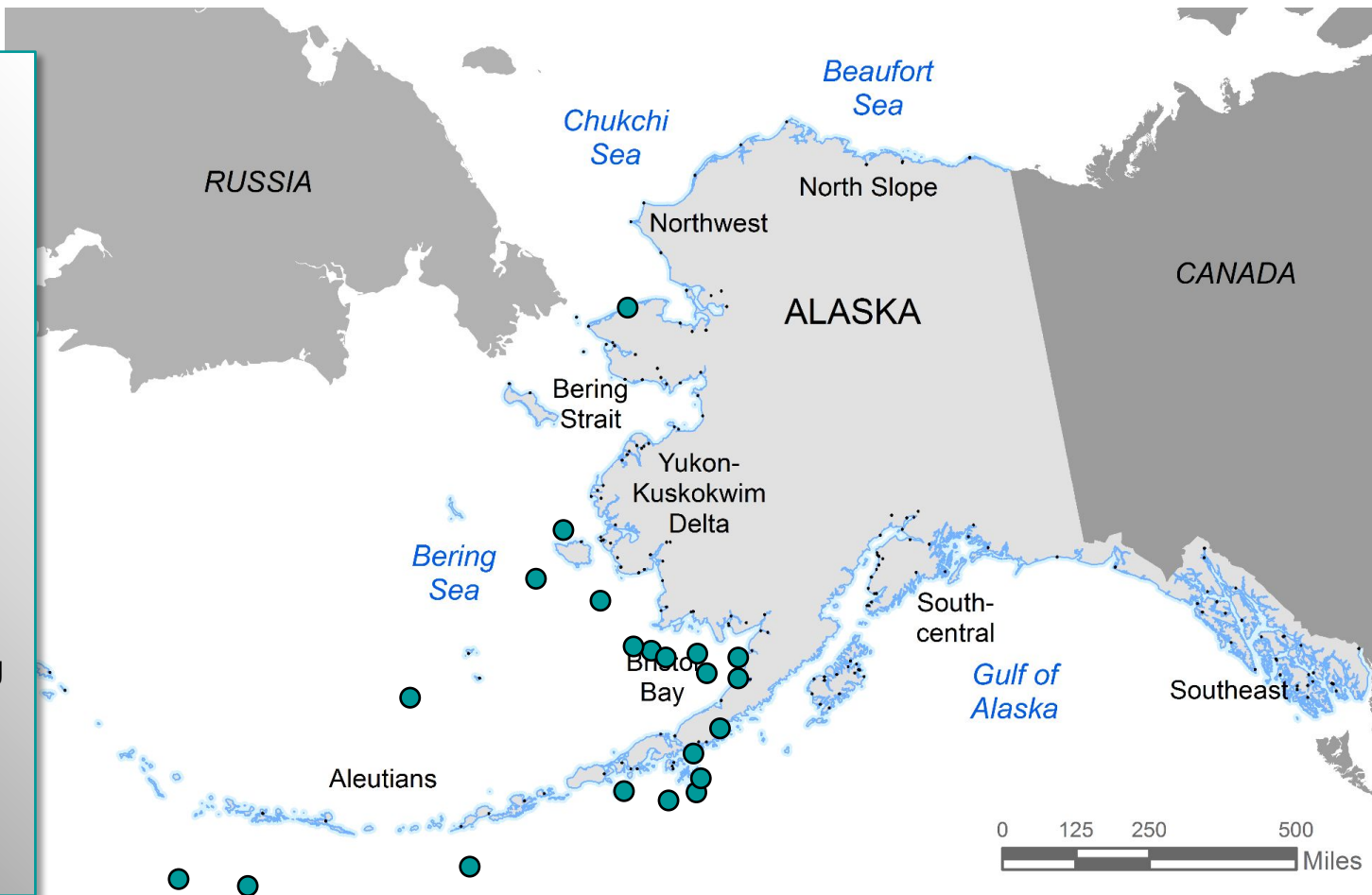
Mapping with Tribal Partners

Nelson Lagoon, AK; others

- Unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)
 - Event-based change detection
 - Transportation corridor mapping
- Funding synergy through collaborative data collection



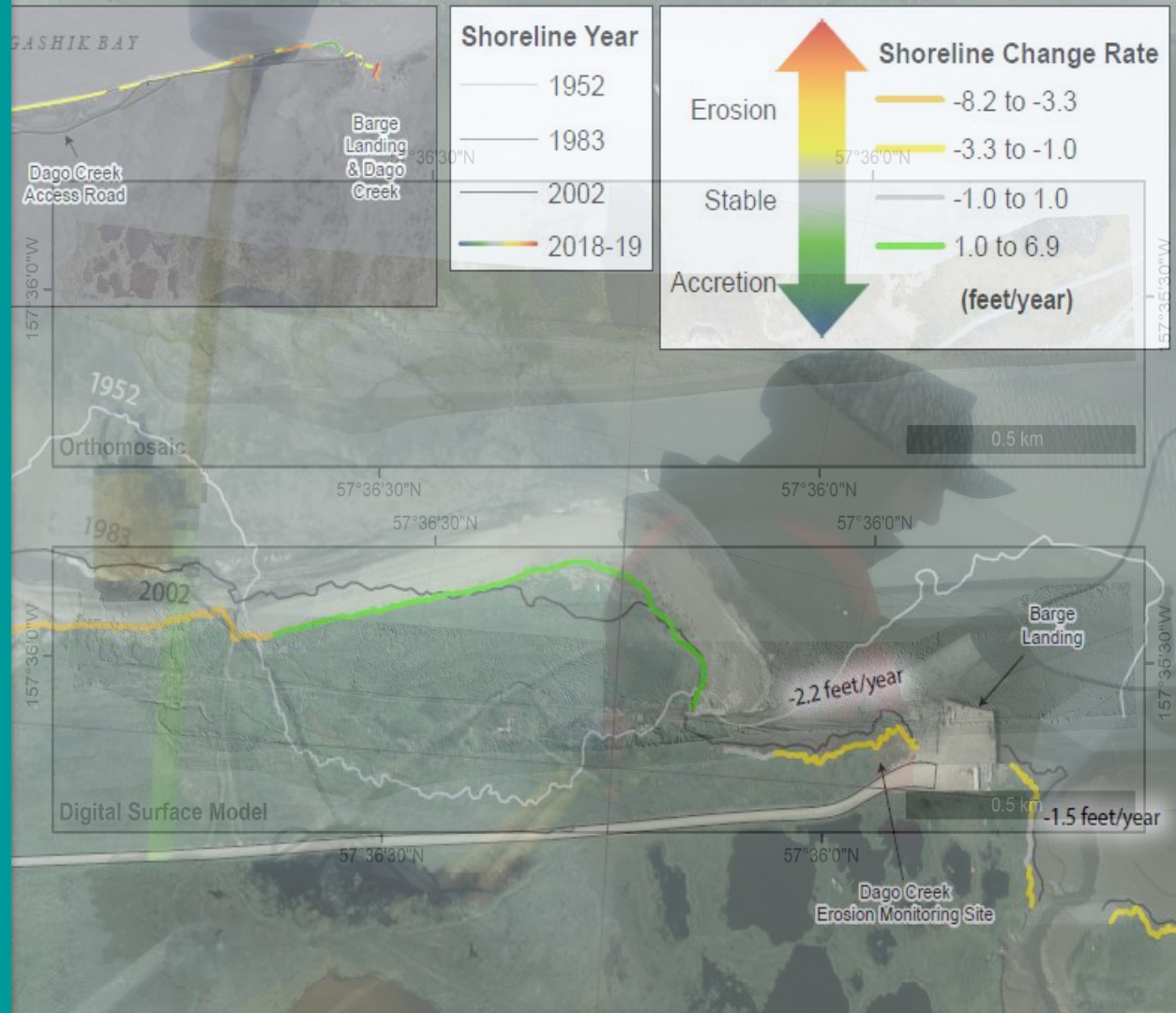
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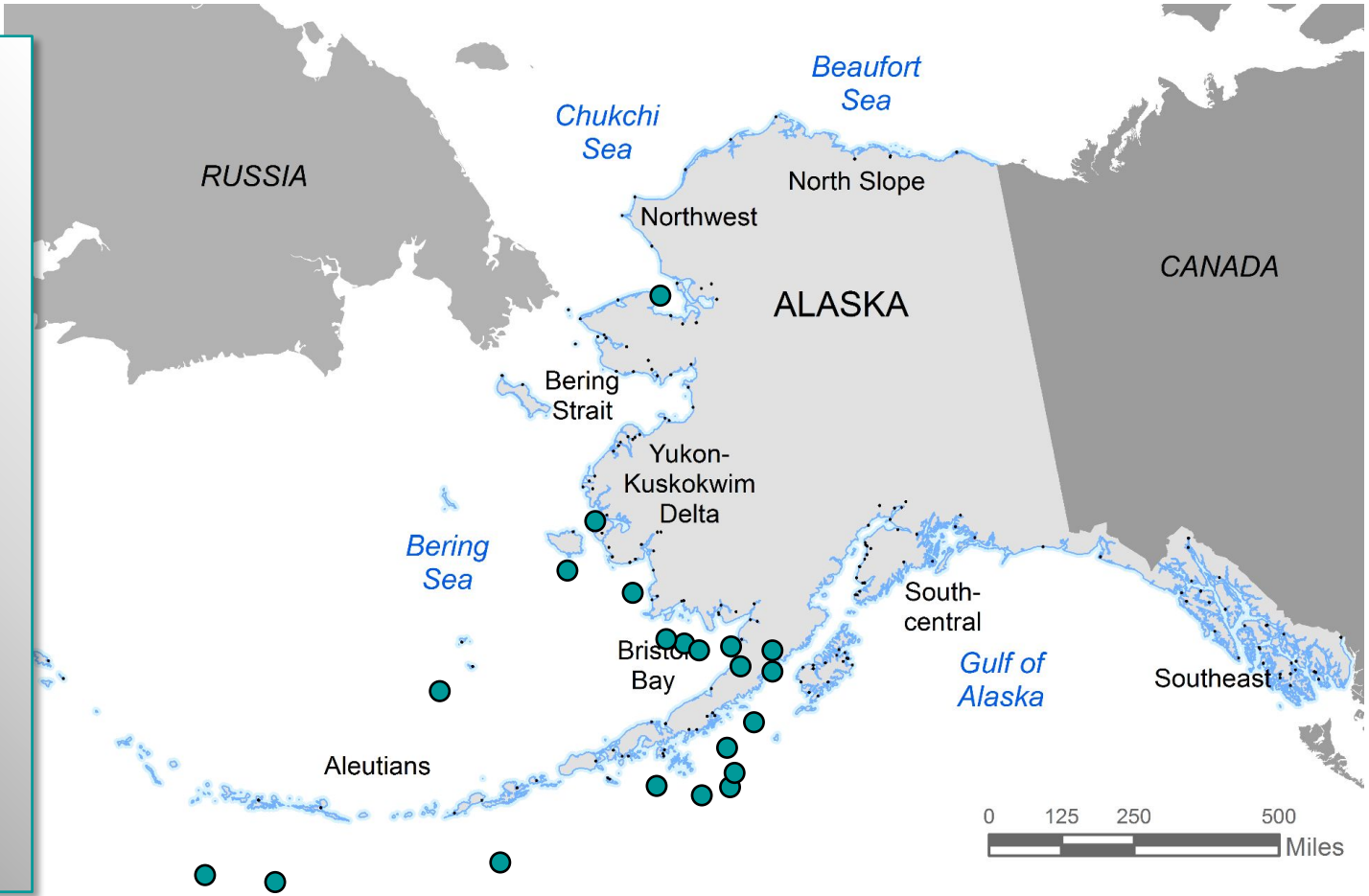
Mapping with City Partners

Pilot Point, AK; others

- Working directly with engineering firms
 - Project based mapping
- Iterative mapping with community members
 - Identifying areas of interest
 - Cataloging local place names



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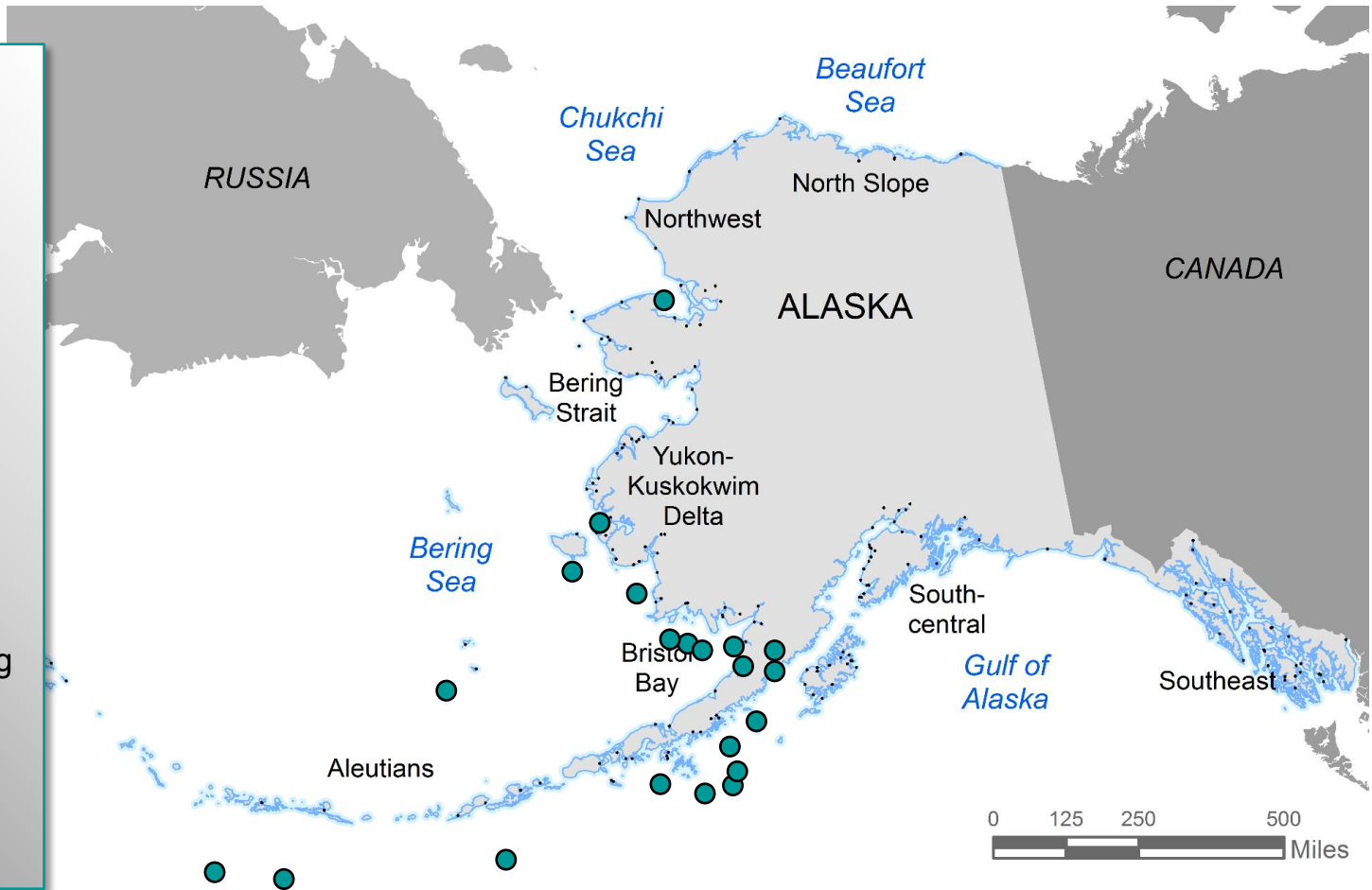
Mapping with State Partners

St. Paul, AK; others

- ❑ Internship(s) with DGGS Coastal Hazard Program
- ❑ Workforce development through continued collaboration and product-driven mapping
- ❑ Integrating academics with real-world needs



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Mapping with K-12 Students

Naknek, AK; others

- ❑ Geohazard education modules
- ❑ Application-driven workforce development
 - ❑ Mapping with Structure-from-Motion (SfM)
 - ❑ Geovisualization using Virtual Reality (VR)



Thank You! Questions?

Reyce Bogardus | UAF Geophysical Institute

*Chignik Bay,
AK*



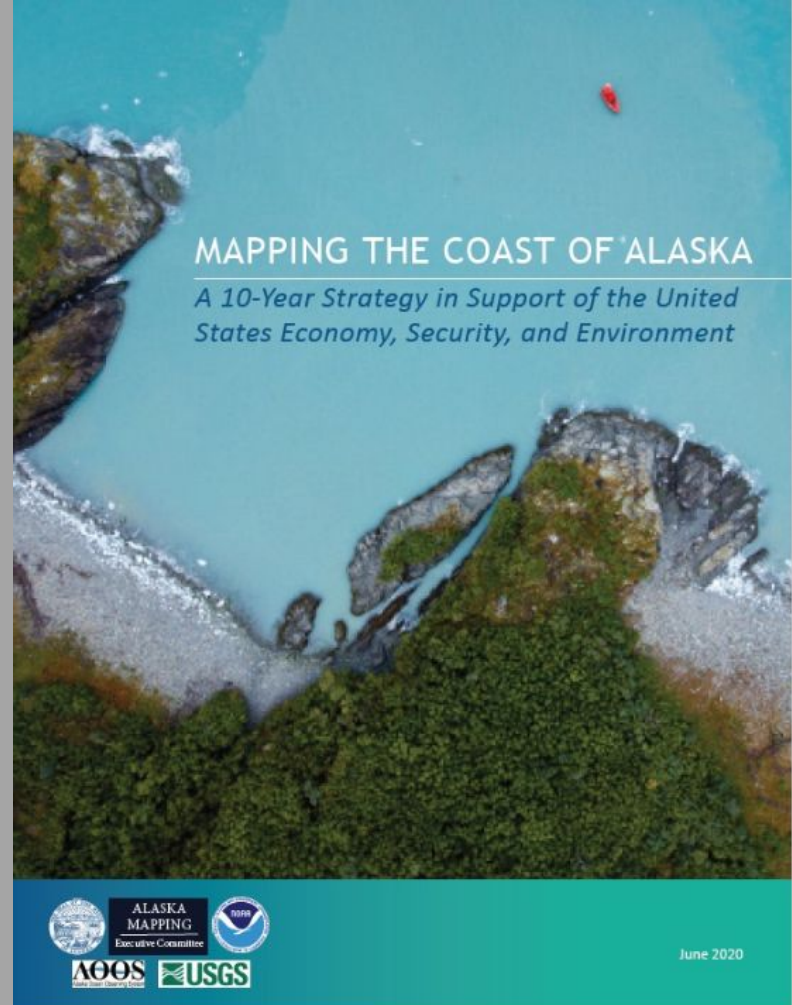


Prioritization Survey Results & Mapping Partner Finder

Hillary Palmer – Dewberry

A Coastal Mapping Strategy for Alaska is Born!

- Imagery
- Elevation
- Shoreline Delineation
- Supporting Positional Control Framework



Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy Tools

Mapping Plan of Action

Synthesis of Prioritization Survey Results
+ Community Mapping Areas (equity).
Map most needed places first..

Prioritization Survey Results

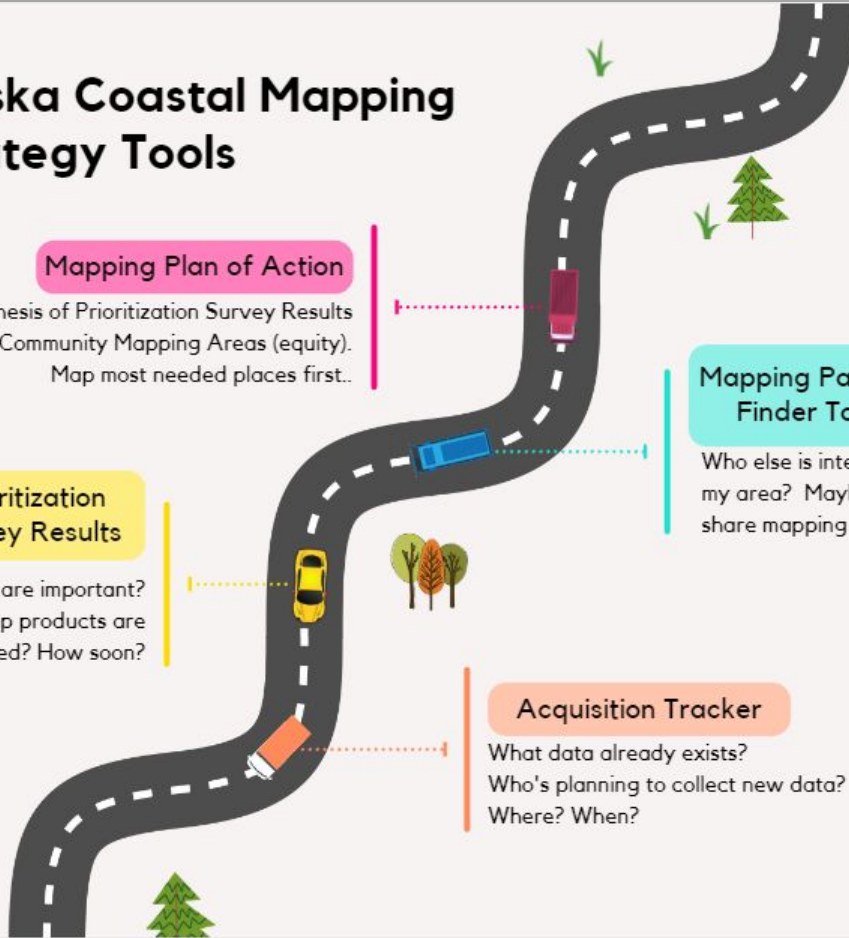
What areas are important?
What map products are needed? How soon?

Mapping Partner Finder Tool

Who else is interested in my area? Maybe we can share mapping costs!

Acquisition Tracker

What data already exists?
Who's planning to collect new data?
Where? When?



Feedback Required – Do a Survey!



All NOAA Agencies

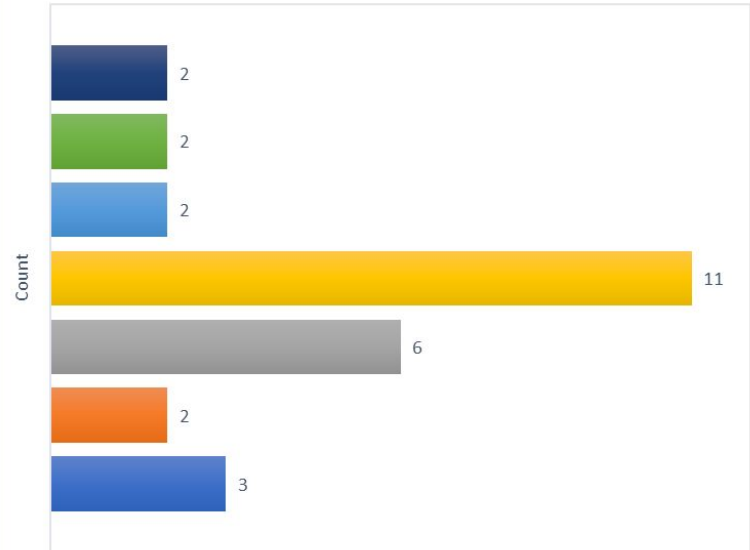
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Alaska Regional Survey



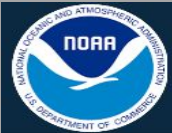
Participation by Sector

Local Private Academia Federal Tribal State Non-Profit



Prioritization Survey Results

akmappingpriorities.com



2021 Alaska Coastal and Ocean Mapping Prioritization Survey Results

Intro Page

Priorities

Map Products

Filter Results

About

Priorities

All participants were able to prioritize grids from low to high. The map to the right shows the most commonly voted priority by grid.

Filter

- Top 5% Prioritized Grids
- Top 10% Prioritized Grids
- Top 20% Prioritized Grids

Legend

Alaska Coastline

2021 Priority Summary

Priority: Total Requests-Weighted

- > 22 - 55
- > 17 - 22
- > 13 - 17
- > 10 - 13
- > 7 - 10
- > 4 - 7
- > 2 - 4

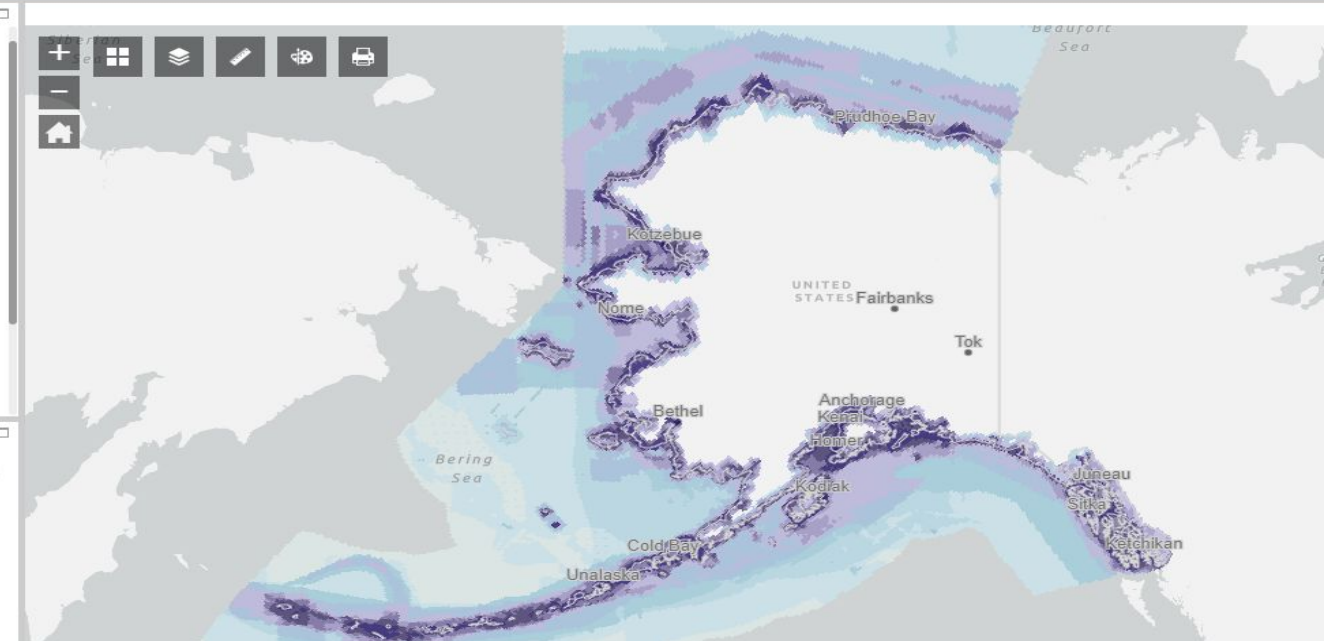
Infographic

Grid by Preferred Priority Ranking

High

Low

null



Demo video of Prioritization Survey Results

How do we find partners to leverage resources?

- Alaska is BIG...
- Finding mapping partners is like playing Pin the Tail on the Donkey, blindfolded, on a football field!
- Where's the "easy" button?



Mapping Partner Finder Tool

akmappingpartnerfinder.com

Alaska Coastal & Ocean Mapping Partner Finding Tool

Find address or place

Find a Partner

Area of Interest

Select draw mode

Buffer distance (optional)

Show results within

Run Report Start Over

Using Partner Finder

- 1) Ensure the Partner Finding widget is open by select the magnifying glass icon in the top left corner.
- 2) Select the drawing option you want to use and draw around the area you are looking for a partner in.
- 3) Now click the "Run Report" button to generate a list of all possible partners in your Area of Interest.
- 4) To see a list of partners, expand the + on the left. Click the printer to generate a PDF report.

Demo Video of Mapping Partner Finder Tool

Mapping Partner Finder Reports

- I have a list of potential mapping partners... now what?
- Many have a “Contact Us” website form
- If you need help reaching out to these agencies to discuss potential mapping partnerships, send your Partner Finder Report to:

iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov



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Thank you!



Coastal Mapping Plan of Action Dashboard

Hillary Palmer – Dewberry



ACMS PLAN OF ACTION

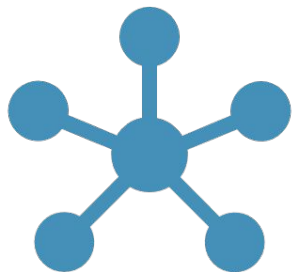
DATA DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

ALASKA COASTAL MAPPING STRATEGY GOAL

- Develop a 10-year Mapping Plan of Action!

OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPING A COASTAL MAPPING APPROACH

- No shortage of ways to map Alaska's coast.
- Everybody has a different view of what should be done.
- Try to build consensus using data-driven decisions and transparency.
- Yep, you guessed it! We made ANOTHER dashboard to facilitate this.
- Let's look at some of the options for solving this problem and the pro's and con's for each.



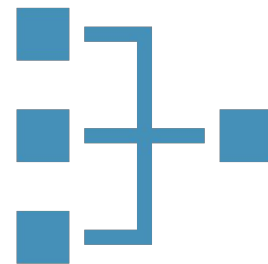
Prioritization Survey

- Some priority areas unpopulated
- Only 28 survey participants



Community Mapping Areas (CMA)

- PRO** • Equitable
- CON** • Ignores survey results



Hybrid ★

- PRO** • Best of both worlds
- CON** • More complicated

MAPPING APPROACH – THE OPTIONS

DATA DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTATION

- Prioritization Survey Results available here: <https://www.akmappingpriorities.com>
- CMA Documentation
 - ACMS mapping area = 2 miles inland and 2 miles seaward or to 10m depth contour (whichever comes first) aka “buffered coastline”
 - Alaska community points clipped to ACMS mapping area, then buffered to 5-mile radius; buffers clipped again by ACMS mapping area
 - CMA’s evaluated against compiled existing data inventory & designated “mapped” or “unmapped”
 - Unmapped CMA’s are a higher priority; Also incorporated Environmentally Threatened Communities ranking to further prioritize amongst Unmapped CMA’s

DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY MAPPING AREAS (CMA'S)

Elevation CMA's

(Goal: QL2/QL2B or better, and 5 yrs old or newer)

- “mapped” = existing data meets goal
 - Sort by most recent elevation data by age and map CMA's with oldest data first
- “unmapped” = existing data does not meet goal OR no data exists
 - Incorporate the Statewide Environmental Threat Assessment ranking to ensure we map “threatened” communities first

Imagery CMA's

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CREATING THE MAPPING TARGET GROUPS

Combining the **prioritization survey results** with the **CMA's**

Target 1 = top 10% of priority areas + “Unmapped” CMA's

- IA: top 5% of priority areas + Unmapped CMA's that are “Threatened”
- IB: top 10% of priority areas + Unmapped CMA's that are not “Threatened”

Target 2 = remaining CMA's + all high priority cells from survey

Target 3 = remaining unpopulated, lower priority areas

Target 1

5,091
Sq Miles

Target 1A

1,410 sq mi

Threatened Communities,
Top 5% Survey Priorities

Target 1B

3,681 sq mi

Unmapped Communities,
Top 10% Survey Priorities

Target 2

29,676
Sq Miles

Target 2A

3,732 sq mi

Remaining Communities

Target 2B

25,944 sq mi

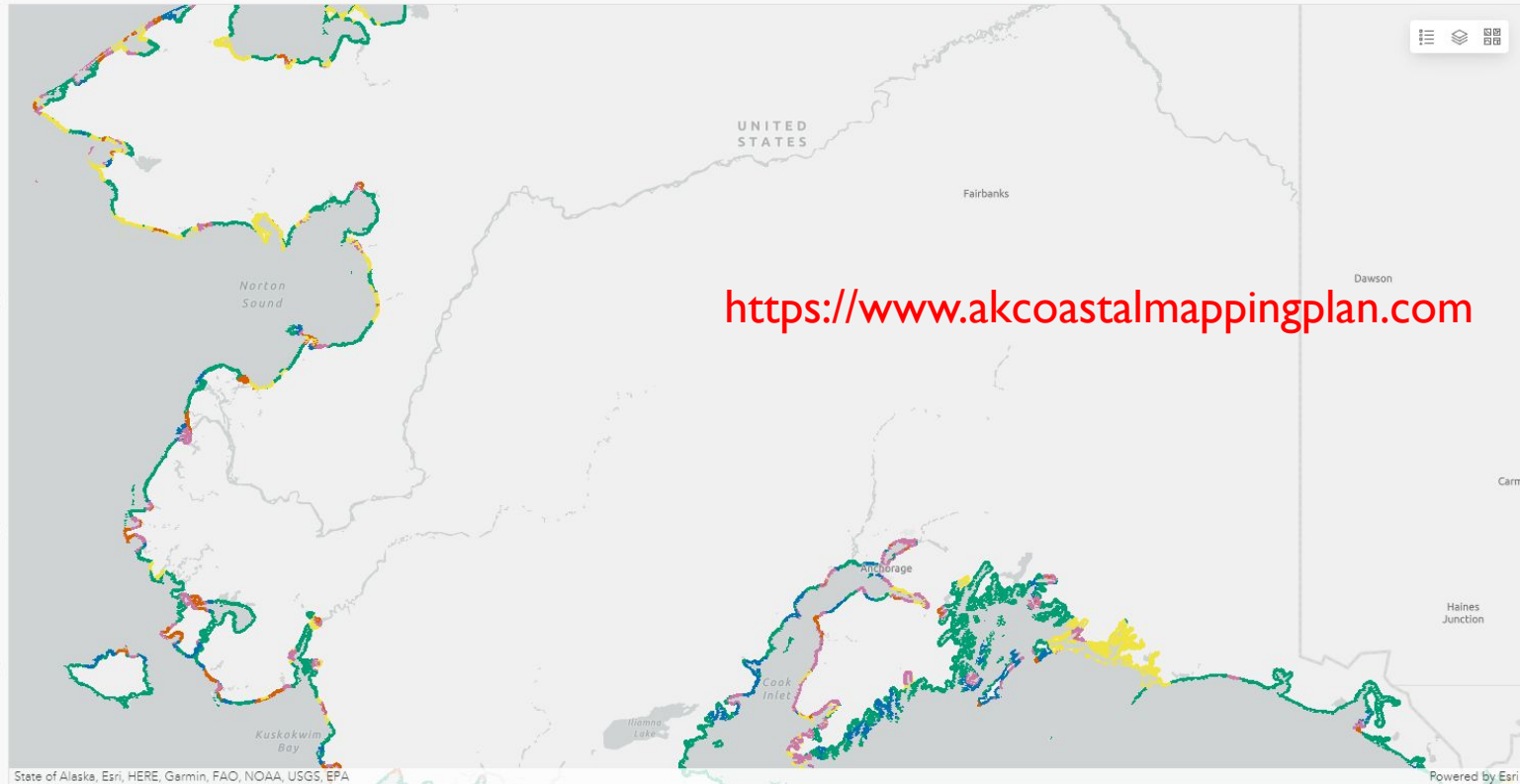
All High Priority Areas
from Survey

Target 3

7,082
Sq Miles

Total Square Miles to Map

41,849
Sq Miles



<https://www.akcoastalmappingplan.com>

Target 1

5,353
Sq Miles

Target 1A

1,409 sq mi

Threatened Communities,
Top 5% Survey Priorities

Target 1B

3,945 sq mi

Unmapped Communities,
Top 10% Survey Priorities

Target 2

31,332
Sq Miles

Target 2A

3,803 sq mi

Remaining Communities

Target 2B

27,529 sq mi

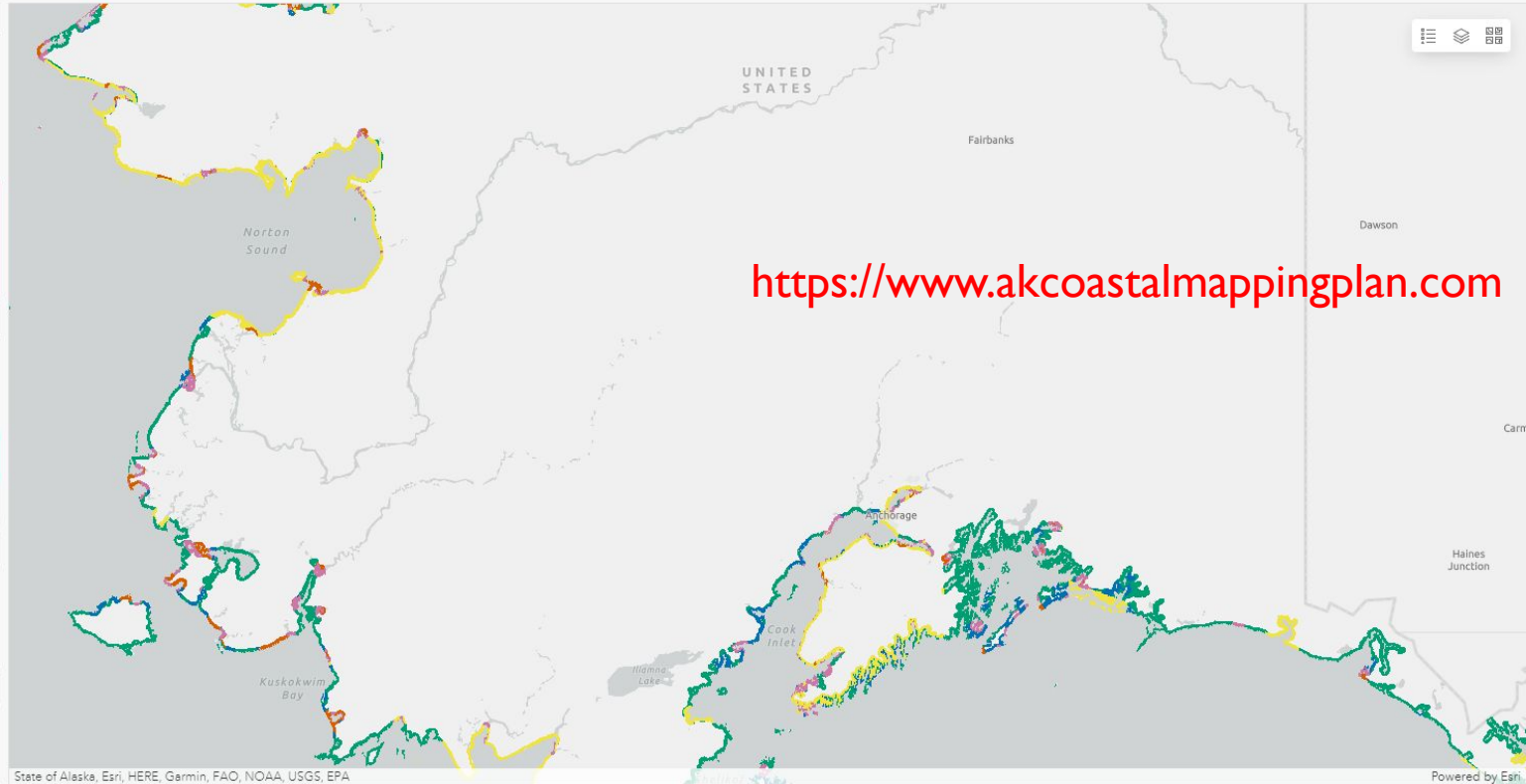
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Target 3

5,163
Sq Miles

Total Square Miles to Map

41,849
Sq Miles





GREAT! WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST?

INITIAL DRAFT COST ESTIMATES

Onshore Elevation Data

Target ID	Area (sq. miles)	TBL QL2B	Topographic Lidar QL1	Topographic Lidar QL2
1A	498	\$ 1,245,000	\$ 423,399	\$ 209,160
1B	4,593	\$ 11,482,500	\$ 3,904,050	\$ 1,929,060
2A	3,732	\$ 9,330,000	\$ 3,172,200	\$ 1,567,440
2B	25,944	\$ 64,860,000	\$ 22,052,400	\$ 10,896,480
3	7,082	\$ 17,705,000	\$ 6,019,700	\$ 2,974,440
Total	41,849	\$104,622,500	\$ 35,571,650	\$ 17,576,580

Imagery

Target	Area (sq. miles)	TCORTHO	ORTHO 3-in	ORTHO 6-in
1A	1,409	\$ 1,409,000	\$ 1,373,775	\$ 338,160
1B	3,945	\$ 3,945,000	\$ 3,846,375	\$ 946,800
2A	3,803	\$ 3,803,000	\$ 3,707,925	\$ 912,720
2B	27,529	\$ 27,529,000	\$ 26,840,775	\$ 6,606,960
3	5,163	\$ 5,163,000	\$ 5,033,925	\$ 1,239,120
Total	41,849	\$ 41,849,000	\$ 40,802,775	\$ 10,043,760

TBL: Topobathy Lidar

TCORTHO: Tide-controlled orthorectified imagery

NEXT STEPS

- Generalize the piecemeal mapping target groups into 10K sq mi chunks, each a reasonable amount for a single acquisition season.
- NOAA might issue an RFI soon for 2 of these as pilot areas to refine cost estimates.
- We need your help! This initiative will only be successful through collaboration and cost-share partnerships.



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Send us your feedback!

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Thank you!