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A. System Equipment and Software

A.1 Survey Vessels

A.1.1 R/V Inverness

<i>Vessel Name</i>	R/V Inverness	
<i>Hull Number</i>	1228867 IMO: ALK00023J809	
<i>Description</i>	eTrac Inc. provided the R/V Inverness for hydrographic survey operations on S-P365-KR-20. The R/V Inverness is a 33 foot Aluminum monohaul vessel built by Alibi Boats. The R/V Inverness has the following specifications:	
<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>LOA</i>	33
	<i>Beam</i>	11
	<i>Max Draft</i>	2
<i>Most Recent Partial Static Survey</i>	<i>Date</i>	2020-04-17
	<i>Performed By</i>	eTrac, Inc.
<i>Most Recent Full Offset Verification</i>	<i>Date</i>	2020-08-08
	<i>Method</i>	Precise measurements with a hand held metal tape and a long carpenters level were used to confirm and adjust the previously measured offsets during the mobilization of S-P365-KR-20. The static survey data and measured data were used establish vessel equipment offsets for all components of the hydrographic system mobilized on R/V Inverness. All measurements were performed a minimum of 3 times to reduce uncertainty.



Figure 1: R/V Inverness

A.2 Echo Sounding Equipment

A.2.1 Multibeam Echosounders

A.2.1.1 R2Sonic 2024

R/V Inverness was equipped with a single head R2Sonic 2024 Multibeam Echosounder System (MBES). The single head 2024 utilizes 256 and the dual he discretely formed beams over a selectable sector up to

160° per sonar. At 400kHz the 2024 focuses an across-track and along-track beamwidth of 0.5° and 1° respectively. The 2024 operates at a maximum ping rate of 60Hz and is designed to comply with IHO standards for depth measurement to a maximum range of 400 meters.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	R2Sonic				
<i>Model</i>	2024				
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Inverness</i>	<i>Component</i>	Deck Unit	Receiver	Projector
		<i>Model Number</i>	2024	2024	2024
		<i>Serial Number</i>	104261	101583	806764
		<i>Frequency</i>	N/A	350	350
		<i>Calibration</i>	2020-08-11	2020-08-11	2020-08-11
		<i>Accuracy Check</i>	2020-08-11	2020-08-11	2020-08-11



Figure 2: R2 Sonic 2024 MBES

A.2.2 Single Beam Echosounders

No single beam echosounders were utilized for data acquisition.

A.2.3 Side Scan Sonars

No side scan sonars were utilized for data acquisition.

A.2.4 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonars

No phase measuring bathymetric sonars were utilized for data acquisition.

A.2.5 Other Echosounders

No additional echosounders were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3 Manual Sounding Equipment

A.3.1 Diver Depth Gauges

No diver depth gauges were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3.2 Lead Lines

No lead lines were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3.3 Sounding Poles

No sounding poles were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3.4 Other Manual Sounding Equipment

No additional manual sounding equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.4 Horizontal and Vertical Control Equipment

A.4.1 Base Station Equipment

No base station equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.4.2 Rover Equipment

No rover equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.4.3 Water Level Gauges

No water level gauges were utilized for data acquisition.

A.4.4 Levels

No levels were utilized for data acquisition.

A.4.5 Other Horizontal and Vertical Control Equipment

No other equipment were utilized for data acquisition.

A.5 Positioning and Attitude Equipment

A.5.1 Positioning and Attitude Systems

A.5.1.1 Applanix POSMV

R/V Inverness was mobilized with a POSMV 320 V5 Global Positioning and Inertial Reference System. The POSMV was used to acquire position, attitude, and heading throughout the entire survey. The POSMV is comprised of a rack mount processor, dual GPS antenna baseline, and an inertial motion unit. Position, attitude, and heading data were broadcast to QPS QINSy acquisition software over Ethernet/UDP at 50Hz for R/V Inverness.

The POSMV provided precise timing of sonar instrumentation and acquisition software/hardware through a number of outputs. Timing of the multibeam data was handled at the R2Sonic topside unit. A PPS (Pulse Per Second) via BNC cable connection, as well as a NMEA ZDA message via RS232 serial connection at 1Hz, were sent from the POSMV to the R2Sonic topside unit. The NMEA ZDA 1 Hz message was additionally sent to QPS QINSy acquisition software.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Applanix			
<i>Model</i>	POSMV			
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Inverness</i>	<i>Component</i>	Deck Unit	IMU
		<i>Model Number</i>	POSMV 320	IMU 65
		<i>Serial Number</i>	7163	2904
		<i>Calibration</i>	2020-08-11	2020-08-11



Figure 3: POSMV



Figure 4: IMU

A.5.2 DGPS

DGPS equipment was not utilized for data acquisition.

A.5.3 GPS

GPS equipment was not utilized for data acquisition.

A.5.4 Laser Rangefinders

Laser rangefinders were not utilized for data acquisition.

A.5.5 Other Positioning and Attitude Equipment

A.5.5.1 Fugro Marinestar Global Correction System

R/V Inverness received GNSS satellite corrections over the POSMV G2+ carrier signal from the Marinestar Global Correction System maintained by Fugro.

The Marinestar system is a global realtime GNSS broadcast system that delivers corrections from a network of base stations around the world via geo-stationary satellites.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Fugro		
<i>Model</i>	Marinestar Global Correction System		
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Inverness</i>	<i>Component</i>	Marinestar Global Correction System
		<i>Model Number</i>	N/A
		<i>Serial Number</i>	N/A
		<i>Calibration</i>	N/A

A.6 Sound Speed Equipment

A.6.1 Moving Vessel Profilers

No moving vessel profilers were utilized for data acquisition.

A.6.2 CTD Profilers

No CTD profilers were utilized for data acquisition.

A.6.3 Sound Speed Sensors

A.6.3.1 AML Micro•X

The R2Sonic 2024 utilize an AML Micro•X located at the sonar head for surface sound speed measurement. The AML Micro•X is a time of flight SV sensor and is powered through the R2Sonic topside or powered directly from a 12 volt power source via RS232 serial cable connection. Sound speed measurements (measured in meters per second) are output through the same serial connection at 1Hz.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML			
<i>Model</i>	Micro•X			
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Inverness</i>	<i>Component</i>	Surface Sound Speed	SV Sensor
		<i>Model Number</i>	Micro•X	SV•Xchange
		<i>Serial Number</i>	12357	206288
		<i>Calibration</i>	N/A	2020-01-13



Figure 5: AML Micro•X installed on USM with a R2Sonic 2024

A.6.3.2 AML AML Base•X2

The AML Base•X2 sound speed profiler is a high accuracy time of flight sound speed sensor capable of measuring sound speed in depths up to 500 meters. The Base•X2 is capable of transferring data via RS-232 serial cable. AML SeaCast software is run on the acquisition computer to facilitate the data transfer and profile formatting.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML				
<i>Model</i>	AML Base•X2				
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Inverness</i>	<i>Component</i>	Sound Speed Profiler	SV Sensor	Pressure Sensor
		<i>Model Number</i>	Base•X2	SV•Xchange	P•Xchange
		<i>Serial Number</i>	25849	209355	306108
		<i>Calibration</i>	N/A	2020-03-30	N/A



Figure 6: Base•X2

A.6.4 TSG Sensors

No surface sound speed sensors were utilized for data acquisition.

A.6.5 Other Sound Speed Equipment

No surface sound speed sensors were utilized for data acquisition.

A.7 Computer Software

<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Software Name</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Use</i>
QPS	Qinsy	9.2.0	Acquisition
R2Sonic, LLC	R2Sonic Sonic Control	02/09/2019	Acquisition
R2Sonic, LLC	R2Sonic 2024 Firmware (Head)	03/20/2019	Acquisition
R2Sonic, LLC	R2Sonic 2024 Firmware (SIM)	04/03/2017	Acquisition
AML Oceanographic	Seacast	4.4.0	Acquisition
eTrac Inc.	SVP Profiler	1.0.12	Acquisition
Applanix	MV-POSView	8.60	Acquisition
Applanix	PosMV 320 Firmware	10.21	Acquisition
Microsoft	Microsoft Excel	2007	Acquisition
QPS	Qimera	2.2.3	Processing
QPS	FMGT	7.9.3	Processing
Applanix	POSPac MMS	8.4	Processing
eTrac Inc.	Amitrac - Density Trac	1.0.0.20	Processing
eTrac Inc.	DiffTrac	1.0.0.9	Processing
eTrac Inc.	JunctionTrac	1.0.0.9	Processing
Blue Marble Geographics	Global Mapper	20.0	Processing
NOAA	Pydro Explorer	19.4	Processing
NOAA	QC Tools	3.2	Processing
CARIS	HIPS and SIPS	10.2.2	Processing
Google	Google Drive	1.31	Processing

A.8 Bottom Sampling Equipment

A.8.1 Bottom Samplers

No bottom sampling equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

B. System Alignment and Accuracy

B.1 Vessel Offsets and Layback

B.1.1 Vessel Offsets

Prior to survey operations, offsets on R/V Inverness were determined from the vessel survey performed and were verified using a metal hand tape. Offsets from the POSMV reference point to the acoustic center of the sonar was determined, measured, and confirmed using a metal hand tape. These offsets were entered into QPS QINSy for use during data acquisition on R/V Inverness.

A QPS Vessel Template Database file (DB) was created for each vessel. The vessel files contain sensor offsets and biases, static and dynamic draft corrections, and uncertainty values to aid in Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) calculations.

The POSMV on R/V Inverness was configured to output position and motion data at the IMU. Offsets to the acoustic centers of the Port and Starboard echosounders were input in the Qinsy Vessel DB.

B.1.1.1 Vessel Offset Correctors

Vessel offset correctors were not applied.

B.1.2 Layback

N/A

Layback correctors were not applied.

B.2 Static and Dynamic Draft

B.2.1 Static Draft

As this project utilized an ERS workflow, static draft was not utilized in final sounding computations.

B.2.1.1 Static Draft Correctors

Dynamic draft correctors were not applied.

B.2.2 Dynamic Draft

As this project utilized an ERS workflow, dynamic draft was not utilized in final sounding computations.

B.2.2.1 Dynamic Draft Correctors

Dynamic draft correctors were not applied.

B.3 System Alignment

B.3.1 System Alignment Methods and Procedures

Multibeam patch tests were performed on R/V Inverness prior to commencing data collection. A multibeam patch test is performed in order to measure the mounting/alignment biases between the MBES sensor and the inertial motion unit (IMU). In addition to mounting/alignment biases, a patch test is also performed to determine latency between MBES and position sensor data.

Latency patch tests were performed by running reciprocal survey lines at varying speeds over prominent rock outcropping.

Roll patch tests were performed by running reciprocal survey lines at equal speeds over a flat bottom.

Pitch patch tests were performed by running reciprocal survey lines at equal speed over steep slopes and a prominent rock outcropping.

Yaw patch tests were performed by running parallel survey lines at equal speeds over steep slopes and a prominent rock outcropping.

For R/V Inverness, each pair of specific survey lines were analyzed in Qimera Patch Test Tool.

Patch test data were analyzed independently by multiple hydrographers for crosscheck and also to determine an accurate uncertainty value for the mounting/alignment biases.

All calibration data is included in the digital data deliverable.

B.3.1.1 System Alignment Correctors

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Inverness		
<i>Echosounder</i>	R2Sonic 2024		
<i>Date</i>	2020-08-12		
<i>Patch Test Values</i>		<i>Corrector</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
	<i>Transducer Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Navigation Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Pitch</i>	0.25 degrees	0.02 degrees
	<i>Roll</i>	0.80 degrees	0.02 degrees
	<i>Yaw</i>	0.90 degrees	0.05 degrees
	<i>Pitch Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Roll Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Yaw Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Heave Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
<i>Date</i>	2020-08-14		
<i>Patch Test Values</i>		<i>Corrector</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
	<i>Transducer Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Navigation Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Pitch</i>	-1.15 degrees	0.02 degrees
	<i>Roll</i>	1.54 degrees	0.02 degrees
	<i>Yaw</i>	0.90 degrees	0.05 degrees
	<i>Pitch Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Roll Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Yaw Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds
	<i>Heave Time Correction</i>	0.00 seconds	0.00 seconds

C. Data Acquisition and Processing**C.1 Bathymetry****C.1.1 Multibeam Echosounder**Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

Data acquisition and processing throughout the entire project was overseen by the Chief of Party. Field acquisition was performed under the direct, on site, supervision of a Lead Hydrographer and a Senior Hydrographer, both with well over 3 years of experience conducting hydrographic survey operations.

MBES line spacing for Complete Coverage MBES and Object Detection MBES operations were based upon charted depths as well as coverage requirements set forth in the Project Instructions and the HSSD 2020.

For the R2Sonic, incremental adjustments to the range, gain, and pulse width were made during the survey and were dependent on water depth and seabed composition (bottom type). The main adjustment made by the hydrographer was the adjustment of swath width based on environmental conditions and sea state.

Every effort was made to tune the sonars to provide the highest quality of both bathymetric and backscatter data, with bathymetry being the primary focus. The R2Sonic 2024 was monitored in realtime during all MBES acquisition efforts. Raw MBES information, including intensity, surface sound velocity, time synchronization, and ping rate, were displayed and monitored in the R2Sonic Sonic Controller Interface during acquisition.

Prior to survey operations, offsets were determined from the vessel survey performed and were verified using a metal hand tape. Offsets from the POSMV reference point to the acoustic center of each sonar were determined, measured, and confirmed using a metal hand tape. These offsets were entered into QPS QINSy for use during data acquisition on R/V Inverness.

The R2Sonic's roll stabilization and precise timing were achieved through a combination of outputs from the POSMV. The 1PPS pulse from the POSMV is sent via BNC cable to the PPS input of the R2Sonic SIM. Additionally, a NMEA ZDA message at 1Hz is transferred from a POSMV serial port to the R2Sonic SIM via standard DB9 serial cable. For roll stabilization, the TSS1 binary motion string is transferred from the I2NS POSMV to the R2Sonic SIM via DB9 Serial connection at 200Hz.

In addition to performing the confidence checks on each vessel, a vessel-to-vessel comparison was performed as an added quality assurance measure. All vessels acquired sound velocity casts independently using their assigned sound velocity probe. Data were processed through the processing pipeline and comparisons were made between the independent datasets.

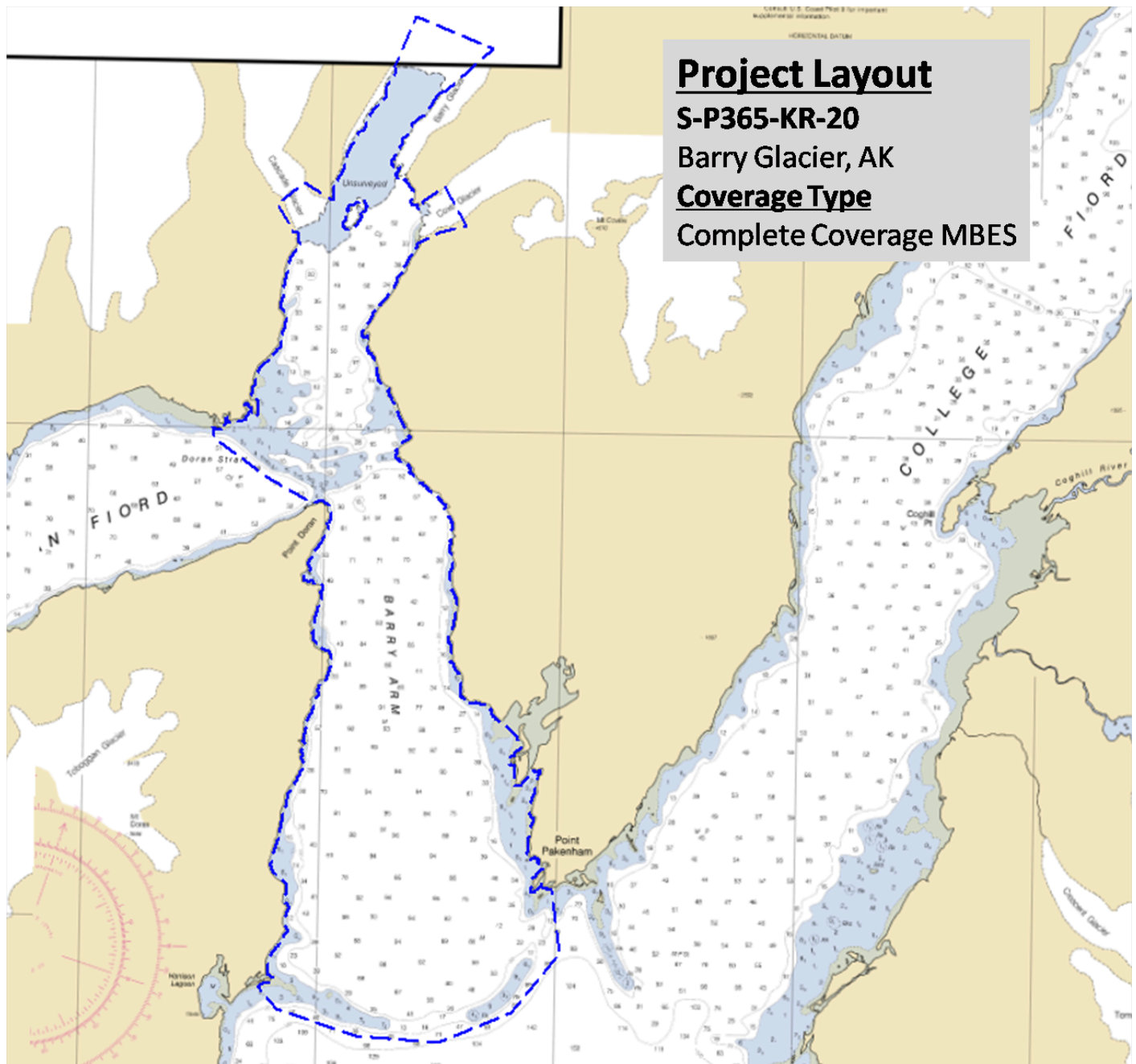


Figure 7: S-P365-KR-20 Project Layout and Coverage Types

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Qimera was exclusively utilized for MBES processing throughout the entire project. Processing steps and procedures are detailed below in the image below.

The first part (PART 1 in the image below) of the processing pipeline consists of a series of standard Qimera processing procedures, which are completed using the Qimera process tool bar and auto processing prompts. In order to ensure each process has been completed, processes are reviewed in the output window.

The second part (PART 2 in the image below) of the Qimera processing pipeline consists of detailed review and cleaning of data, as well as project specific tasks such as investigating features or preparing DTON reports for submittal.

The third part (PART 3 in the image below) of the Qimera processing pipeline is performed once data collection has been completed for an entire H-Cell sheet. CUBE surfaces are “finalized” by choosing the option to override the CUBE hypothesis with any flagged soundings. This finalized surface then represents the least depth of features and designated soundings.

Flowchart of Qimera Processing Procedures

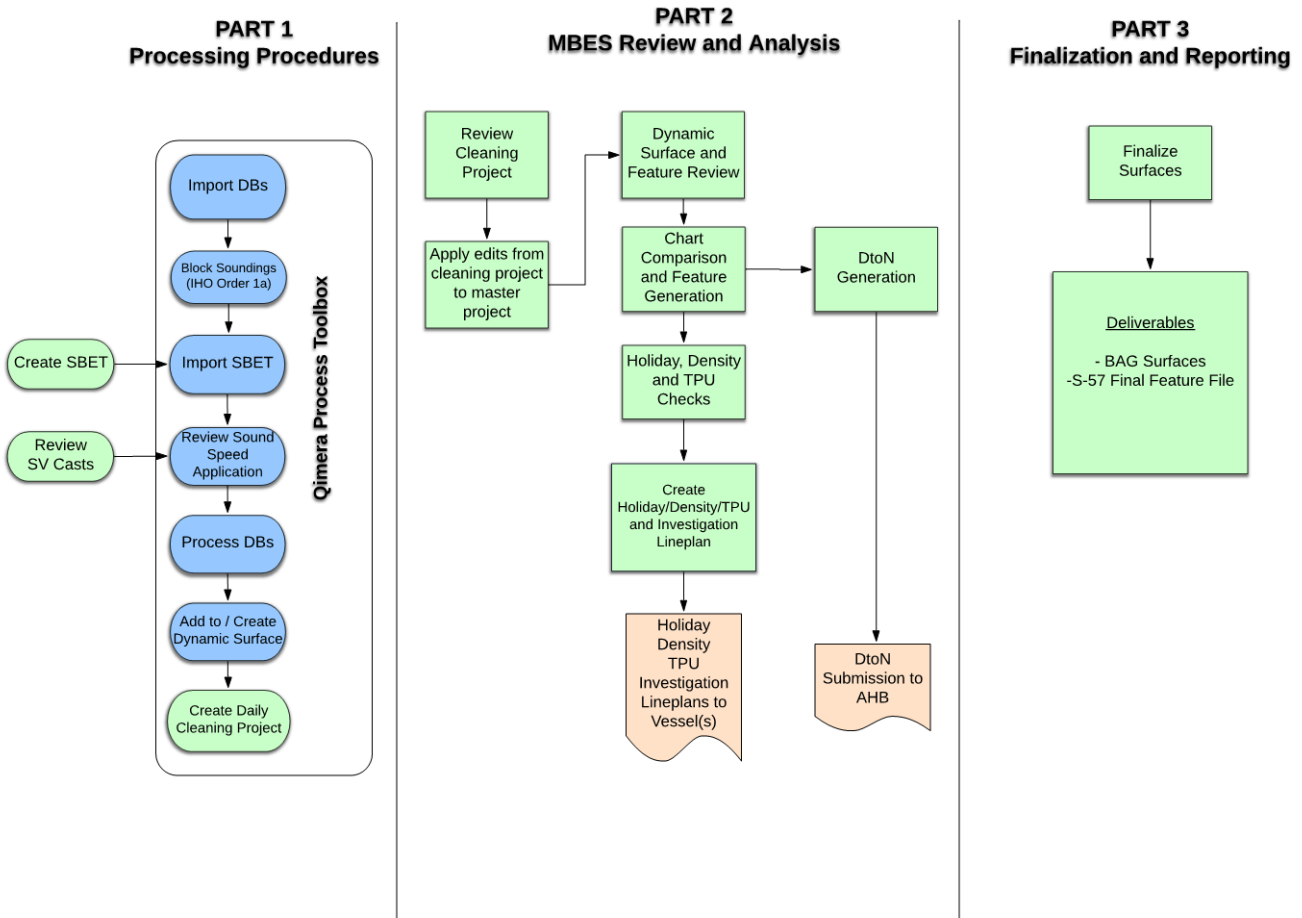


Figure 8: Qimera Processing Procedures

C.1.2 Single Beam Echosounder

Single beam echosounder bathymetry was not acquired.

C.1.3 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar bathymetry was not acquired.

C.1.4 Gridding and Surface Generation

C.1.4.1 Surface Generation Overview

All CUBE surfaces were created in Qimera. Sheet wide parent surfaces were created in each resolution that were relevant to surveyed depths.

C.1.4.2 Depth Derivation

Once data cleaning and a detailed review has been completed, finalized surfaces are created by using the "limit vertical bounds" option in the "Create Dynamic Surface" tool in Qimera. This option creates a final surface with a depth threshold. The resolution and depth ranges for each finalized surface follows the specifications in the HSSD 2020. The finalized CUBE surfaces are exported as BAG files for deliverables.

C.1.4.3 Surface Computation Algorithm

The NOAA parameters per surface resolution were imported into Qimera. These parameters were used for all surface generations throughout the duration of processing efforts.

C.2 Imagery

C.2.1 Multibeam Backscatter Data

Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

Snippets were collected simultaneously with MBES data collection to meet Complete Coverage and Object Detection requirements as specified in the HSSD.

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

QPS FMGeocoder Toolbox (FMGT) is a program designed to process, view, and analyze backscatter data. FMGT was utilized in the processing workflow as the exclusive snippets/backscatter processing software

to confirm that snippets were collected during all MBES data collection to meet Complete Coverage requirements as specified in the HSSD. Snippets data from GSF files exported from Qimera were brought into FMGT and processed into backscatter mosaics daily to confirm backscatter complete coverage. Below is an example image of the raw backscatter from H13396.



Figure 9: Raw Backscatter from R/V Inverness on DN226 in H13396

C.2.2 Side Scan Sonar

Side scan sonar imagery was not acquired.

C.2.3 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar imagery was not acquired.

C.3 Horizontal and Vertical Control

C.3.1 Horizontal Control

C.3.1.1 GNSS Base Station Data

GNSS base station data was not acquired.

C.3.1.2 DGPS Data

DGPS data was not acquired.

C.3.1.3 Other Horizontal Control Equipment

Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

During acquisition, R/V Inverness received GNSS satellite corrections over the POS MV G2+ carrier signal from the Marinestar Global Correction System maintained by Fugro. Marinestar is a global real-time GNSS broadcast system that delivers corrections from a network of base stations around the world via geostationary satellites. Corrections were monitored during data acquisition to ensure no dropouts occurred throughout the survey.

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

During calibration procedures and throughout the project, POSMV data were logged and post-processed in POSPac MMS to output a SBET. The SBET was applied in QPS Qimera in order to reduce the THU of the data and achieve a higher accuracy.

C.3.2 Vertical Control

C.3.2.1 Water Level Data

Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

In accordance with the Project Instructions, S-P365-KR-20 was an Ellipsoidally Referenced (ERS) survey. Data were vertically referenced to the ITRF-2014 ellipsoid using Marinestar G2+ Space Based corrections. A vertical separation model was created to transform the ellipsoidally referenced data from ITRF-2014 to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). This separation model was applied in QPS Qinsy on the vessels in realtime to achieve MLLW in the field. Achieving MLLW in the field was extremely efficient for field operations, as the NALL was easily identified in real-time.

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

The separation model automatically carried over into QPS Qimera through the DB files during processing. The separation model generated from VDatum is noted to have an uncertainty of 20 cm throughout the project area.

C.3.2.2 Optical Level Data

Optical level data was not acquired.

C.4 Vessel Positioning

Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

During acquisition, trajectory data was logged by the POS MV. R/V Inverness received GNSS satellite corrections over the POS MV G2+ carrier signal from the Marinestar Global Correction System maintained by Fugro. Marinestar is a global real-time GNSS broadcast system that delivers corrections from a network of base stations around the world via geo-stationary satellites. Corrections were monitored during data acquisition to ensure no dropouts occurred throughout the survey.

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Applanix PosPac MMS was utilized for all survey data to post-process realtime positioning data utilizing Trimble's PP-RTX implementation of Trimble CenterPoint RTX. The Trimble CenterPoint RTX correction service is delivered via internet connection and integrated into Applanix PosPac MMS 8, to aid in post

processed trajectories. A Smoothed Best Estimate of Trajectory (SBET) is provided by PosPac MMS and applied to survey data in Qimera 2.2.3.

C.5 Sound Speed

C.5.1 Sound Speed Profiles

Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

All sound speed sensors used on the project were calibrated within 1 year of survey commencement per the HSSD 2020. Manufacturer certified calibration sheets can be referenced in Appendices of this document.

All sound speed measurements were collected in accordance with specifications set forth in the HSSD 2020.

Sound speed profiles were collected using AML Base•X2 profiling units. On R/V Inverness the profiler was lowered on a data cable by hand. SV profiles were taken immediately prior to daily survey operations, as well as approximately every 2 hours during survey operations. In addition to planning SV casts around a 2 hour time interval, positional variance was considered when suspending survey operations to perform an SV cast.

During a cast on R/V Inverness, realtime SV profiler data was collected and displayed during the downcast of the probe. The SV profiler communicated with the acquisition computer via serial data communication. The profiler data is then saved as a CSV on the MBES acquisition computer. Then, the CSV was imported to QPS QINSy acquisition software for use online and is stored in each .DB file. Once imported into the QPS QINSy software, the cast data was exported into the .SVP format for use in office processing at a later date if needed. Application of .SVP files to vessel data was not required in post processing because the applied SVP is stored in the .DB file.

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Sound speed profiles collected in the field were applied to the MBES data. On each vessel, raw Qinsy .DB files store sound speed profile data real-time for each separate line of data. In Qimera, sound speed data is imported simultaneously with each respective raw DB file and was not altered during processing. However, in certain cases, the sound speed strategy in Qimera could be changed from “Real-Time Scheduling” to “Nearest in Distance within Time” should the processor need to engage in post collection sound speed processing.

Surface sound speed was collected at the R2Sonic transducer face, and sent via serial connection directly to the R2Sonic topside in order to facilitate beam steering.

C.5.2 Surface Sound Speed

Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

The R2sonic 2024 utilized an AML Micro•X located at the sonar head for surface sound speed measurement. The AML Micro•X is a time of flight SV sensor and is powered through the R2Sonic topside. Sound speed measurements (measured in meters per second) are output through the same serial connection at 1Hz.

Surface sound speed measured by the AML Micro•X, located at the sonar head, was compared in realtime against the corresponding SV from the most current cast entered into QINSy. An alarm was set to notify the operator if the difference between the two SV readings exceeded 2m/s. If the difference was ever in consistent excess of 2m/s and persisted longer than a designated time threshold, survey operations were suspended and a new sound velocity cast was performed.

Surface sound speed was measured at 1Hz during all MBES operations using the AML Micro•X. The AML Micro•X is installed using the R2Sonic provided mounting bracket and installed just above the face of the MBES receiver. On R/V Inverness, surface sound speed was transmitted at 1Hz to the R2Sonic topside SIM box and subsequently transmitted with the MBES data to QPS QINSy, where it was permanently logged in the raw .DB files. As mentioned above, surface sound speed was additionally utilized during online operations as a QC comparison to sound speed profile data.

Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Surface sound speed was not post-processed and all values remain as realtime.

C.6 Uncertainty

C.6.1 Total Propagated Uncertainty Computation Methods

Values were determined from manufacturer's specified/suggested values and/or calibration methodology/accuracy. CUBE surfaces were created in Qimera using the NOAA CUBE parameters based on surface resolution which determines uncertainty of each grid node. Uncertainty was checked in NOAA QC Tools. Further discussion of uncertainty assesment is located in section D.1.4.

C.6.2 Uncertainty Components

C.6.2.1 A Priori Uncertainty

<i>Vessel</i>		R/V Inverness
<i>Motion Sensor</i>	<i>Gyro</i>	0.02 degrees
	<i>Heave</i>	5.00%
		0.05 meters
	<i>Roll</i>	0.01 degrees
<i>Pitch</i>	0.01 degrees	
<i>Navigation Sensor</i>		0.10 meters

C.6.2.2 Real-Time Uncertainty

Real-time uncertainty was not applied.

C.7 Shoreline and Feature Data

Shoreline and feature data was not acquired.

C.8 Bottom Sample Data

Bottom sample data was not acquired.

D. Data Quality Management

D.1 Bathymetric Data Integrity and Quality Management

D.1.1 Directed Editing

Within Qimera, the standard deviation layer is used to detect vertical discrepancies or spurious noise.

D.1.2 Designated Sounding Selection

Within 3D editor of Qimera, soundings and the CUBE surface were visible to analyze if the CUBE surface was incorporating natural or man-made features adequately. The determination on if a sounding should become a designated sounding follows the specifications set fourth in the HSSD 2020.

D.1.3 Holiday Identification

The CUBE surface is exported as a BAG file and loaded into QC Tools within NOAA's HydrOffice. Within QC Tools, the BAG is processed through the "detect holidays" tool. QC Tools produces a shapefile of the detected holidays, which then can be loaded into Qimera for analysis. All holidays are added to a survey line plan to be collected by the vessels.

D.1.4 Uncertainty Assessment

The CUBE surface is exported as a BAG file and loaded in QC Tools within NOAA's HydrOffice. Within QC Tools, the BAG is processed through the "Grid QA" tool. QC Tools produces a graph of the uncertainty statistics, which then states whether the data is within uncertainty specifications.

D.1.5 Surface Difference Review

D.1.5.1 Crossline to Mainscheme

A beam-to-beam statistical analysis was performed using the Cross Check tool in Qimera as well as a depth difference analysis using the JunctionTrac program created in house by eTrac. Two 4 meter Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetric Estimator (CUBE) weighted dynamic surfaces were created, one incorporating only the mainscheme lines and the second incorporating only the crosslines. Both CUBE weighted dynamic surface's nodes were exported to an ASCII CSV files where the fields were (Eastern, Northing, Depth) for each node. A 4m difference surface between the datasets was also created and exported to an ASCII CSV file where the fields were (Easting, Northing, Diff) for each node. The three ASCII CSV files were then loaded into the JunctionTrac program and difference statistics were computed. The Cross Check tool was used to perform the beam-by-beam comparison of the crossline data to the mainscheme surface. The JunctionTrac program was used to evaluate the depth differences between the mainscheme surface and the crossline surface. Comparisons showed some misagreements, and results were below 95% of the allowable TVU. These missagreements were found to be caused by the extreme slopes along the edge of the surface. Crosssections from the eastern edge to the western edge of the surface show that there is great agreement between the mainscheme surface and the crossline surface in the areas that do not have steep slopes. Note: These surfaces were created for QC only and are not submitted as a surface deliverable. The beam-to-beam crossline comparison report generated through the Qimera Cross Check tool as well as the rults from JunctionTrac are included in Separates II in the Descriptive Report.

D.1.5.2 Junctions

There were no junctions assigned with S-P365-KR-20.

D.1.5.3 Platform to Platform

R/V Inverness was the only vessel used for S-P365-KR-20.

D.2 Imagery data Integrity and Quality Management

Imagery data integrity and quality management were not conducted for this survey.

E. Approval Sheet

As Chief of Party, field operations for this hydrographic survey were conducted under my direct supervision, with frequent personal checks of progress and adequacy. I have reviewed the attached survey data and reports.

The survey data meets or exceeds requirements as set forth in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables, Field Procedures Manual, Letter Instructions, and all HSD Technical Directives. These data are adequate to supersede charted data in their common areas. This survey is complete and no additional work is required with the exception of deficiencies noted in the Descriptive Report.

Approver Name	Approver Title	Date	Signature
David Neff	VP Survey	10/27/2020	

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