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Form 804

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

# **DESCRIPTIVE REPORT**

Type of Survey Hydrographic

Field No. PF-6159 Office No. H-8488

## **LOCALITY**

State Alaska

General locality North Side of Alaska
Peninsula - Bristol Bay
Locality Offshore - Port Moller

1959...

CHIEF OF PARTY

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## HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

REGISTER No. H-8488

Field No. PF-6159

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	A PENINSULA - BRISTOL BAY	
Locality OFFSHORE - GAPR LINESKOPP	TO LACON POINT	
Scale 1:60,000	Date of survey 27 June - 1 Sept. 1959	
Instructions dated 30 October 1958;	Supplemental Instructions 12 Feb. 1959	
Vessel USC&GS SHIP PATHFINDER		
Chief of partyIRA_RRUBOTTOM		
Surveyed by Personnel, SHIP PATH	FINDER	•
Soundings taken by fathometer, graphic r	ecorder, hand lead, wire No. 130-S; No. 57-2	3
Fathograms scaled by Personnel, SHI	P PATHFINDER	
Fathograms checked by Ship's Offic	ers, SHIP PATHFINDER	
Protracted by CHARLES A. BURROUGH	<b>S</b>	
Soundings penciled by CHARLES A. BU	RROUGHS	
Soundings in fathoms at at	MLLW	٠,
REMARKS:		
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#### DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY

## HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H-8488 (PF-6159)

## NORTH SIDE OF ALASKA PENINSULA, ALASKA

Scale: 1:60,000 USC&GSS PATHFINDER Date: 27 June 1959 to 1 September 1959 Ira R. Rubottom, Cmdg.

### A. PROJECT

This sheet is a portion of Project CS-375. The original instructions are dated 20 December 1954. Revised Instructions were forwarded 30 October 1958 which cancelled all previous instructions. Supplemental Instructions dated 12 February 1959 were forwarded which modified said Revised Instructions.

## B. SURVEY LIMITS AND DATES

The general locality of this survey is on the North Side of the Alaska Peninsula. The survey comprises the area enclosed by the following points:

Lat. 55° 50.0' 56° 04.0' 56° 26.0' 56° 12.0' Long. 162° 10.0' 161° 10.0' 161° 10.0' 162° 10.0'

Lat. 56° 04.01 Long. 162° 24.01

Hydrography commenced on 27 June 1959 and ended on 1 September 1959.

This survey is further described by the following prior surveys:
On the West by H-8434 (PF-6158); East by H-8223%(PF-4155).

(1958)

## C. VESSEL AND EQUIPMENT

All hydrography was performed by the Ship PATHFINDER. A type 808 Fathometer (#130-S) was used for most of the survey with the exception of the installation of 808 Fathometer (#57-23) on 29 August 1959 on Position 132Q until the end of the survey. A scoopfish bottom sampler was primarily used for determining bottom characteristics.

#### D. TIDE AND CURRENT STATIONS

Tide Zones "B" and "C" were arrived at by the Washington Office along with the corresponding time and range corrections. Reference is hereby made to the accompanying TIDE NOTE.

### E. SMOOTH SHEET

The projection was constructed by hand and checked aboard the Ship PATHFINDER during the field season. There is no shoreline shown on the sheet, in accordance with Paragraph 751, Hydrographic Manual.

## F. CONTROL STATIONS

Shoran station "CAS" (Lat. 55° 46' 24.14" - Long. 162° 04' 37.55") was located in 1958 by a second order traverse.

Shoran station "MARK R. M. 2, 1950-1959" (Lat. 55 \* 53 ' 31.26" Long. 161 ' 48 ' 23.98") was located in 1959 by a second order traverse and it is marked by a standard bronze reference mark disc brazed to a linch copper pipe. The disc was stamped MARK R. M. 2. 1950.

to a l inch copper pipe. The disc was stamped MARK R. M. 2, 1950. Shoran station "NEL" (Lat. 56°00' 40.27" - Long. 161°07' 50.64") was located in 1959 by a sextant angle and a taped distance from triangulation station NELSON, 1950.

#### H. SOUNDINGS

Soundings taken by the Ship were made with an 808 Fathometer, operating at 800 fathoms per second calibrated velocity. In accordance with Section 822 (Revised) of the Hydrographic Manual, no velocity corrections were computed. Initial setting was maintained at 2 fathoms, however occasional errors were found, and corrections were entered as separate items in the Sounding Records. Basic depth recorder corrections were obtained by vertical casts taken under good conditions. All vertical cast comparison were reduced to a common draft of 14.5 feet for tabulation purposes and then meaned. Corrections for variation from this draft were algebraically combined with the basic correction before being entered in the Sounding Record. RPM checks were made daily, and reed tachometers were carefully watched to insure proper calibration speed. Paper travel tests were also run to verify the calibration. All stylus arm lengths were checked by comparison of the fix marks with a standard template.

#### I. CONTROL OF HYDROGRAPHY

Shoran was used to control all hydrography. Three shoran stations were incorporated in the survey: "CAS", "MAR", and "NEL" as described under CONTROL STATIONS. "CAS" and "MAR" were first used to control the western portion of the survey after which the former station was removed and "MAR and "NEL" were used to complete the survey.

Shoran arcs were inked on the smooth sheet at five (5) mile intervals and were properly checked for accuracy of position.

### J. ADEQUACY OF SURVEY

The survey of the area is complete and adequate for charting purposes.

Junctions with adjoining surveys are satisfactory and depth  $\nu$  curves can be adequately drawn at the junction.

### K. CROSSLINES

The percentage of crosslines run was 13.4. Crossings were satisfactory with less than 10% of the crossing soundings 1 fathom or less shoaler in a depth of 30 fathoms than the main scheme hydrography. Careful inspection of the fathograms involved indicated that rough seas could have caused these discrepencies.

#### L. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS

There are no prior surveys of this area except for the scattered soundings which appear on C&GS Chart 8802. See Review I Tem 5

As mentioned in the Preliminary Review Project CS-375 Chart Concov 8802 dated January 1955, the 12 fathom sounding listed as item 3 was disproved as a result of an extensive development in that area (Iat. 56° 08' - Long. 162° 05'). Also the 6½ fathom sounding which shows on C&GS Chart 8802 (Iat. 56° 05' - Long. 161° 42') was found to be in error. No indication of shoaling was found in that area.

(1955) Comparisons with prior surveys on the east and west sides
H-8223 (PF-4155) and H-8434 (PF-6158) indicated good junctions
showing that depth curves can be drawn satisfactorily.
(1959) Comparison with the current year's hydrography to the south;
H-8485, H-8486, and H-8487 was also made and indicated good
agreement of soundings and depth curves.

### M. COMPARISON WITH CHART

The largest scale chart of the area is C&GS Chart 8802 (Revised 29 September 1958).

In general, the soundings appearing on the chart are of in chart to more greater depth on the west postion of this survey and shoaler on this statement. the east side of this survey. Thus the 20 fathom curve appears to be too far offshore over most of this survey. It is recommended that the chart be revised using the results of this survey.

#### N. DANGERS AND SHOALS

No dangers or shoals were found within the area of the survey.

## O. COAST PILOT INFORMATION

There are no changes or additions to the Coast Pilot as a result of this survey.

## P. AIDS TO NAVIGATION

None

### Q. LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS

None

#### R. GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

The geographic names investigation made by the photo party is considered adequate and no further study was made in the area. Names shown on the smooth sheet were obtained from the shoreline Manuscripts.

#### S. SILTED AREAS

None

#### T. BY PRODUCT INFORMATIONS - OCEANOGRAPHIC STATIONS

Fifteen Oceanographic Stations were occupied and are designated on the smooth sheet as 1" circles. Each station was occupied twice and their location data was properly recorded in the Sounding Record. A special oceanographic report is being forwarded.

#### Z. TABULATION OF APPLICABLE DATA

- One copy of Boat Sheet PF-6159 To be forwarded.
- 2. Fathograms "A" day thru "S" day Ship PATHFINDER To be forwarded.
- Special Report on Shoran Operations 1959 Field Season -To be forwarded.
- 4. Oceanographic Report To be forwarded.
- 5. Tide Station Report and level records for installation and removal of Port Moller tide gage Mailed 1 July 1959 and 9 September 1959.
- Photogrammetric Field Edit Report Mailed 23 September 1959.

Respectfully submitted, Charles a. Burroughs

Charles A. Burroughs

ENS, C&GS

## STATISTICS TO ACCOMPANY HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-8488

# Ship PATHFINDER (day letters in blue-capital)

Day				Nautical	Oceanographic
Letter	Volume	Date	Positions	Miles	Stations
A	1	27. June	5	0.0	5
В	1	29 June	10	0.0	10
С	1	13 July	74	60.2	
D	1	15 July	218	161.5	_
E	2	16 July	156	111.6	-
F	2	22 July	144	116.3	-
G	2	23 July	126	94.8	_
H	2	29 July	81	64.3	-
J	3 3 3	30 Ju <b>l</b> y	130	102.0	-
K	3	5 Aug.	183	153.0	-
L	3	18 Aug.	59	47.4	-
M	3	25 Aug.	∴33	28.0	_
N	3&4	27 Aug.	213	159.2	-
P	4	28 Aug.	175	138.0	-
Q	4	29 Aug.	236	181.5	-
R	4&5	30 Aug.	193	151.8	5
S	5	1 Sept.	<u>10</u>	0.0	<u>10</u>
		Total -	2046	1569.6	30

Total Area covered by Ship PATHFINDER = 587.2 square miles

## FATHOMETER CORRECTIONS

## SHIP PATHFINDER

Fathometer No. 130-S and No. 57-23

Correction is +0.4 fathoms for all depths at a Ship draft of 14.5 feet midship.

### TIDE NOTE

PROJECT CS-375 USCAGS SHIP PATHFINDER WORTH SIDE OF ALASKA PENINSULA 1959 FIELD SEASON

Hydrographic Surveys PF-2259 (H-8485), PF-2359 (H-8486), PF-2459 (H-8487), and PF-6159 (H-8488)

Tide reducers for all work done during the 1959 field season on Project CS-375 were obtained from a standard tide gage at Port Moller (Latitude 55° 59.43' Longitude 160° 33.65'). Hourly heights were furnished by the Washington Office. 5.4 feet on the tide staff corresponded to MLLW.

The area surveyed was divided into two sones designated as zone "B" and sone "C", sone "B" lying to the west of longitude 181° 27.2'W, including PF-2259, PF-2359, and the westerly pertion of PF-6159 and sone "C" lying to the east of longitude 161° 27.2'W including PF-2459 and the easterly pertion of PF-6159. Time and height corrections to be applied to Port Moller tides were furnished for these sones by the Tides and Currents Division (letter dated 31 July 1958, File No. 36-279-982 pat and letter dated 13 August 1959, File No. 36-300-982 pat). Corrections for tide sone "B" were minus (-) one hour time and 1.2/1.4 range and for zone "C", sero time and zero range.

Crossings were found to be consistantly bad in tide some "C" when using the above mentioned corrections. It was found that by using a mimus (-) one hour time correction and sero range correction in this area that most of the crossing descrepancies were resolved. Permission was received from the Chief, Tides and Currents Division to use the latter correction for some "C" in order to improve the crossings (letter dated 7 December 1959, File No. 36-466-982 pat).

#### APPROVAL SHEET

## REG. NO. H-8488 (PF-6159)

This survey was carried on under the direct personal supervision of the Chief of Party and the boat sheet was examined daily. The survey is complete and adequate for charting purposes, and no additional work is recommended.

The smooth sheet and records have been examined and are approved.

Ira R. Rubottom, Captain, C&GS

Comdg., Ship PATHFINDER

FORM 197 (3-16-55) **GEOGRAPHIC NAMES** Survey No. H-8488

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## TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

XX Division XXX Coastal XSuxways:

March 29, 1960

Division of Charts: R. H. Carstens

Plane of reference approved in 5 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 8488

Locality Bristol Bay, Alaska

Chief of Party: I. R. Rubottom in 1959
Plane of reference is mean lower low water, reading
5.4 ft. on tide staff at Port Moller
17.7 ft. below B. M. 1 (1939)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 9.8 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Chief. Tides Branch

xx Chief. Division xof Tidos and Currents:

## OFFICE OF CARTOGRAPHY

## REVIEW SECTION -- NAUTICAL CHART DIVISION

## REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

## REGISTRY NO. H-8488

FIELD NO. PF-6159

Alaska - Bristol Bay - Offshore Port Moller

SURVEYED: June 27 - Sept. 1, 1959

SCALE 1:60,000

PROJECT NO. CS-375

SOUNDINGS: 808 Depth Recorder

CONTROL: Shoran

## 1. Shoreline and Control

This sheet is offshore and no shoreline is shown.

This survey is shoran controlled from stations given in the Descriptive Report.

## 2. Sounding Line Crossings

The depths at sounding line crossings are in good agreement. The maximum error at sounding line crossings was I fathom in depths greater than 30 fathoms.

## 3. Depth Curve and Bottom Configuration

The standard depth curves are adequately delineated. The bottom ranges from smooth to undulating interspersed with sand ridges.

## 4. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys

Unverified junctional depths on surveys H-8434 (1958) on the west, H-8223 (1955) on the east, H-8485 (1959) on the southwest, H-8486 (1959) on the south, and H-8487 (1959) on the southeast, were examined and found to be adequate agreement with present survey depths. The maximum junctional error prior to verification was 1 fathom.

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## 5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

FE 5 (1947) FE 10 (1948)

The field examinations listed above were plotted on Chart 8802 (Scale 1,023,188) and covers the area of the present survey. The field examinations were merely reconnaissance lines and depths differ by as much as 4 fathoms with present depths in some places.

The present survey is adequate to supersede the field examinations in the common area.

## 6. Comparison with Chart 8802 - print date 12/21/59

## A. Hydrography

The hydrography on Chart 8802 originated with the two prior surveys, FE 5 (1947), and FE 10 (1948). The origin of 4 soundings charted prior to the year 1909 is unknown.

The charted 12 fathom "reported" sounding at Lat. 56°08', Long. 162°05' originated with chart letter 282 (1928) and falls in present survey depths of 32-39 fathoms. This sounding is considered disproved and should be removed from the chart.

The origin of a charted  $6\frac{1}{2}$  fathom sounding at Lat.  $56^{\circ}05^{\circ}$ , Long.  $161^{\circ}42^{\circ}$  is unknown but the sounding was apparently reported about 1941. The sounding falls in present survey depths of 25-28 fathoms and is considered disproved. This sounding should be removed from the chart.

The present survey is adequate to supersede the charted hydrography in the common area.

## B. Aids to Navigation

There are no aids to navigation within the limits of this survey.

## 7. Condition of Survey

- a. The sounding records and Descriptive Report are complete and comprehensive.
- b. The smooth plotting was done accurately and neatly.

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8. Compliance with Project Instructions

The survey adequately complies with project instructions.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended

This is a good basic survey and no additional field work is recommended.

Examined and Approved:

Chief, Chart I

12/14/60

Nautical Chart Division

Projects Officer, Operations Division Assistant Director, Office of Cartography

Assistant/Director, Office of Oceanography

# Hydrographic Surveys (Chart Division)

# HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 8488....

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Junctions	Time	•••
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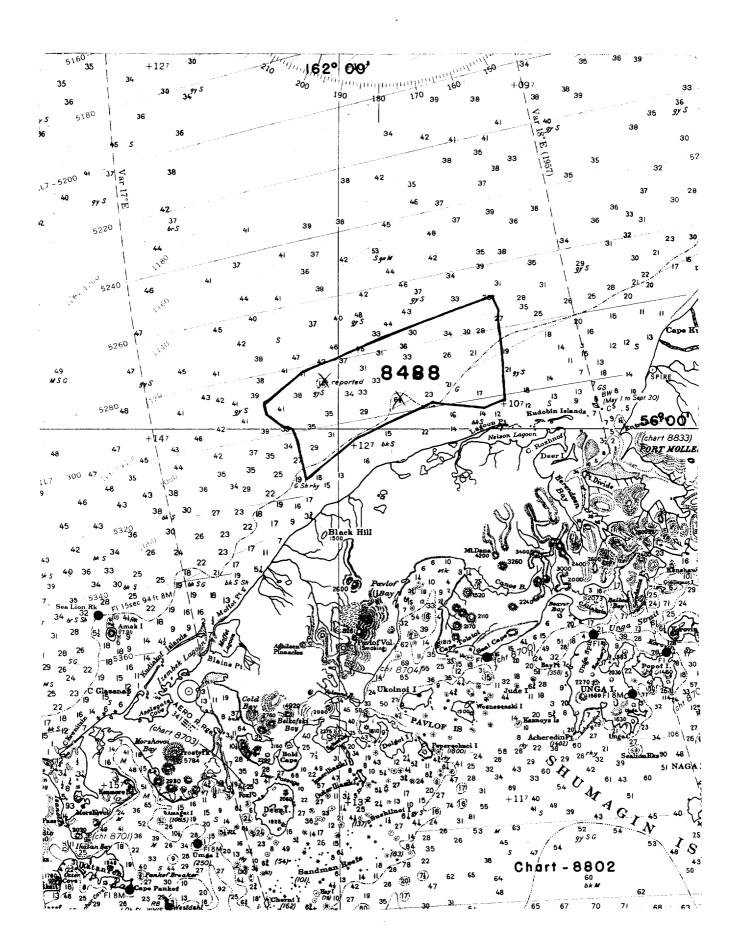
The verifier should deal with the present hydrographic survey only, as the reviewer considers its relation to previous surveys and published charts. He should be thoroughly familiar with Chapters 3, 7 and 9 of the Hydrographic Manual.

- 1. The descriptive report was consulted and appropriate notes were made in soft pencil regarding action taken.
- 2. Soundings originating with the survey and mentioned in the descriptive report have been verified, including latitude and longitude.
- 3. All reference to survey sheets mentioned in the descriptive report include the registry number and year.
- 4. Geographic names of hydrographic features if on sheet are in slanting lettering and of topographic features in vertical lettering.
- 5. All items affecting the plotting of the survey which are entered in the remarks columns of the sounding records were noted and check marked. In all cases appropriate action was taken.
- 6. All positions verified instrumentally were check marked in the sounding records.
- 7. All critical soundings are clear and legible and are a little larger than the adjacent soundings.
- 8. The metal protractor has been checked within the last three months.
- 9. The protracting and plotting of all bad crossings were verified.
- 10 All detached positions locating critical soundings, rocks or buoys were verified.
- 11. The boat sheet was compared with the smooth sheet.

- The spacing of soundings as recorded in the records was closely followed.
- 13. The bottom characteristics were shown on outstanding shoals.
- 14. The reduction and plotting of doubtful soundings were checked.
- 15. The transfer of contemporary topographic information was carefully examined.
- 16. All junctions were transferred and overlapping curves made identical.
- 17. The notation "JOINS H- (19--)" was added in ink for all contemporary adjoining or overlapping sheets now registered. Those not verified are shown in pencil.
- 18. The depth curves have been inspected before inking.
- 19. All triangulation stations and transfer of topographic and hydrographic signals were checked.
- 20. Heights of rocks were checked against range of tide.
- 21. Rocks transferred from topographic surveys have a dotted curve where shown thereon. Rocks located accurately by hydrographer are encircled by dotted red curve.
- 22. Unnecessary pencil notes have been removed.
- 23. Objects on which signals are located and which fall outside of the low water line have been described on the sheet.
- 24. The low water line and delineation of shoal areas have been properly shown.
- 25. Degree and minutes values and symbols have been checked.
- 26. Questionable soundings have been checked on the fathograms.

H-8488 Source of shoreline and signals (when not given in report). 27. All notes on sheet are in accordance with figure 171 in 28. the Hydrographic Manual. All aids located, with those on contemporary topographic 29. sheets, have been shown on survey. Depth curves were satisfactory except as follows: 30. Sounding line crossings were satisfactory except as follows: 31. Junctions with contemporary surveys were satisfactory 32. except as follows: Condition of sounding records was satisfactory except as 33. follows: The protracting was satisfactory except as follows: 34. The field plotting of soundings was satisfactory except 35. as follows:

36. Notes to reviewer:



## NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

## SURVEY NO. <u>H-8488</u>

## Record of Application to Charts

DATE	CHART	CARTOGRAPHER	REMARKS
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A basic hydrographic or topographic survey supersedes all information of like nature on the uncorrected chart. Give reasons for deviations, if any, from recommendations made under "Comparison with Charts" in the Review.