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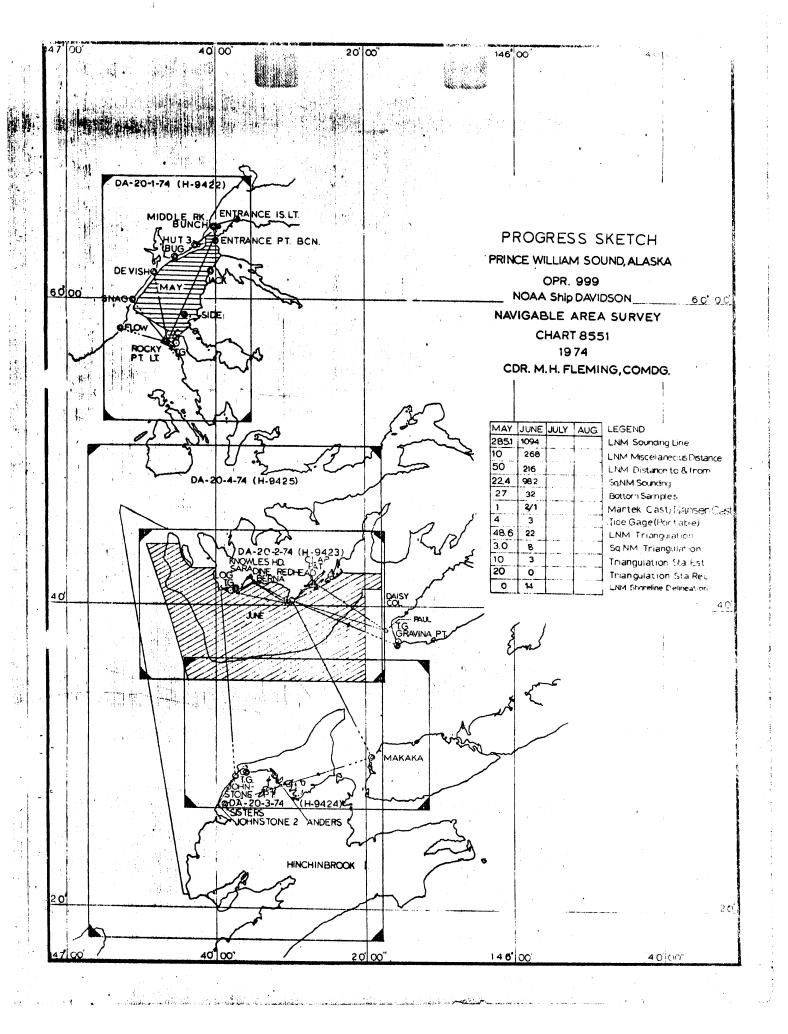
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

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DA-20-2-74

ORCA BAY

A. PROJECT

This survey was accomplished in accordance with Project Instructions OPR-999-DA-74, Prince William Sound, Alaska, dated February 4, 1974, with supplemental instructions Special Investigations SP-PMC-5-DA-74, Prince William Sound, Alaska.

B. AREA SURVEYED

The area surveyed is bounded on the east by 146° 20' 00" W Longitude, except for a shoal development at N 60° 41.5', 146° 18.0' W, on the south by N 60° 35' 00" Latitude; on the west by approximately 146° 45.0' W Longitude; and on the north by the north shore of Orca Bay around Knowles Head to Goose Island with the NW corner bounded by N 60° 44' 00" Latitude.

C. SOUNDING VESSEL

Three vessels were used for this survey using the following color codes on the position overlay:

DAVIDSON Brown
WZ 3039 (DA-1) Red
WZ 3040 (DA-2) Blue

(See Abstract of Positions)

D. SOUNDING EQUIPMENT

<u>Vessel</u> <u>Echo-Sounding Instruments</u>

DAVIDSON Raytheon DE-723, #1286

WZ 3039 Ross Fineline 5000, Series 544

Recorder SN-1048

Ross Digitizer 6000-544 (#1053) Transmitter/Receiver Unit SN-1053 Aircraft Standards, Inc., Hydrographic

Logger SN-05

Ross Fineline 5000, Series 544
Recorder SN-1053
Ross Digitizer 6000-544 (#1048)
Transmitter/Receiver Unit SN-1048
Aircraft Standards, Inc., Hydrographic Logger SN-06

The DAVIDSON used its fathometer in conjunction with bottom sampling only.

WZ 3039 (DA-1) was used for the majority of the survey. No problems were experienced with the sounding system of this launch.

WZ 3040 (DA-2) was used for only a small portion of the survey due to chronic RAYDIST problems. The sounding system worked well for all data acquisition by this launch.

Both launches used the digitized sounding systems which are not subject to fine arc, initial, or phase error. Digitized soundings were accepted as true and correct unless they were suspected, on the basis of fathogram scanning, of being reflections from mid-water objects, such as kelp or fish. The analog initial was maintained at zero and phase checks were made twice daily. All soundings are in fathoms. TRA TC/TI correctors, velocity correctors and measured launch drafts are available in the appendix of this report. Inked soundings were reduced for predicted tides at Johnstone Point; TRA correctors were not applied.

E. SOUNDING SHEET

A sounding sheet was produced in accordance with Project Instructions. The smooth sheet will be constructed and plotted by the Processing Division, Pacific Marine Center.

F. STATION CONTROL

Existing triangulation stations were recovered and new triangulation was established using third order methods. (See Horizontal Control Report for Prince William Sound [OPR-999])

G. POSITION CONTROL

RAYDIST Range-Range positioning control was used for all hydrographic work. The positioning equipment used by each launch and the periods during which it was used are abstracted in the OPR-999 1974 RAYDIST Report.

There were two RAYDIST stations used for this entire survey. They were established over the following triangulation:

	Station	<u>Latitude</u>	Longitude
© 025	Johnstone Pt RAYDIST, 1974	N 60° 28' 59.509"	146° 36' 43.192" W √
026	KAYAK 1974	N 60° 31' 55.294"	147° 18' 57.589" W

Daily calibrations were accomplished using a range of two signals and an angle of intersection from a third signal. This method of positioning proved to be very effective and expedient. Calibration signal data is abstracted in the List of Signals appended here-on.

The electronic corrector tape is a <u>daily</u> average of calibrations taken prior to and after the hydrography for that period. No correctors have been applied to the positions on this sheet. (See RAYDIST Report OPR-999, Prince William Sound)

H. SHORELINE

All shoreline on this sheet was provided by the DAVIDSON field edit party. (See Shoreline Delineation Report, OPR-999 (H-9423), Prince William Sound.) Since no shoreline was available from photogrammetric manuscripts, all shoreline features have been inked in red.

I. CROSSLINES

There were approximately 11% crosslines to sounding lines. Agreement between crosslines and sounding lines varied according to bottom slope. Agreement was excellent for the most part with over 95% of all crossline soundings being within one fathom of the regular soundings. Some steeply sloping areas in the northwest part of the sheet had larger differences of up to three fathoms, which was quite good for rugged bottom terrain.

J. JUNCTIONS

This survey junctions with:

Survey	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>
H-9424	1:20,000	July, 1974
H-9425	1:40,000	July, 1974

Junction with these surveys was excellent, with 95% agreement within one fathom and the remainder with no disagreement greater than three fathoms.

K. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS

All Pre-Survey Review items on this sheet were investigated and developed accordingly. No discrepancies from charted Pre-Survey Review items were greater than \pm 0.3 fathoms.

A charted 4.0 fathom shoal at N 60° 40.9', 146° 43.3' W, which was not included in the Pre-Survey Review, was carefully developed and verified by divers. This shoal was found to have a least depth of 3.8 fathoms. Considering its location and the depth of surrounding water, this shoal represents a significant hazard to shipping.

Comparison of soundings with prior surveys H-3816 and H-3815 revealed no definite patterns of bathymetry changes. Approximately 75% of the soundings compared were within ± 1 fathom of soundings from this survey. Some soundings differed by as much as 8-10 fathoms, but no definite patterns were obvious. (See Comparison with Prior Towneys in Venfiers Report)

L. COMPARISON WITH THE CHART

The largest scale chart of the area surveyed is C&GS 8520. Soundings from present survey compared well with the chart with generally small differences as discussed in Section K. Location of shoals compared favorably with present survey data.

Ma ADEQUACY OF SURVEY

This survey is considered complete as a Navigable Area Survey and adequate to superrede prior surveys for charting purposes.

All fathogram field records were scanned for peaks and deeps, and changes to the original records were made where appropriate.

N. AIDS TO NAVIGATION

There were no Floating Aids and only one Fixed Aid to Navigation. Goose Island Light with a published position of N 60° 42' 48.770", 146° 43' 31.201" W has been moved by the U.S. Coast Guard approximately 2 meters SW of its published position. Due to lack of time and clear weather, DAVIDSON was unable to locate this light. The old position will probably be sufficient for navigational purposes; but the fact that the light is no longer where published should be noted.

O. STATISTICS

	Total # Positions	<u>Total NM</u>	
WZ 3039	5,641	1053.9	
WZ 3040	132	111.5	1
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The approximate total area covered by this survey is 84.5 square miles.

P. MISCELLANEOUS

The bottom material in most of the area that is shallow enough for anchorage is composed of relatively unsorted terrigenous sediment and should hold an anchor well. The area SE of Red Head is protected from reported NW prevailing summer winds. The storm winds for this area were reported to be mostly SW to SE.

This area is very rich, biologically speaking. Bottom fish are abundant and large salmon runs occur annually in all but the smallest streams. There seems to be a fairly large population of sea otters (100-150) that are semi-resident in the area from Knowles Head to Point Gravina. Many species of shore birds and sea birds feed and nest in this area. The impact of even a relatively small oil spill in this area might be considerable.

Q. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that a buoy be placed on the shoal at N 60° 40.95', 146° 43.3' W. This shoal is a serious hazard to deep draft tanker navigation.

R. REFERENCES TO REPORTS

Reports pertinent to this survey include the following:

Descriptive Report
Descriptive Report
Corrections to Echo Sounders
RAYDIST Report
H-9424
H-9425
OPR-999, Prince William Sound,
Orca Bay, Alaska
OPR-999, Prince William Sound
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OPR-999 (H-9423)

No automated processing systems were used for preparation of data from this survey. Data acquisition was by methods and equipment described previously in this report.

Submitted by,

R. W. Mercer

R W Mercer LTJG, NOAA

Approved by,

M H Fleming CDR, NOAA

Commanding Officer NOAA Ship DAVIDSON

APPENDIX

Nonfloating Aids or Landmarks for Charts

Field Tide Note

Geographic Names List

Transducer Correctors

Tape Abstract

Electronic Corrector Abstract

Daily Electronic Control Calibrations

Station List

Abstract of Positions

Oceanographic Log Sheet "M" Bottom Sediment Data

Geodetic Computuations

Approval Sheet

FIELD TIDE NOTE

OPR-999-DA-74

Prince William Sound

CONTROL GAGE: CORDOVA, ALASKA

PREDICTED TIDES: Johnstone Point, Alaska

Time of all data: DDDD GMT

Local time: Alaskan Daylight Savings Time, +9 hours

Predicted tides of Johnstone Point, Hinchinbrook Island, were applied as tide correctors to soundings. These tides were obtained from the PDP8/e computer aboard NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, using program AM500.

There are a total of three (3) gages operating in the project area:

Gravina Point

N 60° 37.7' 146° 15.4' W Bristol bubbler S/N 73A234

This bubbler began operation on 22 May 1974 and is still in operating order. The gage has missed some minus tides due to orifice going dry. This problem was corrected. In addition, the clock mechanism was faulty and was replaced on 3 July 1974.

Johnstone Point

N 60° 29.0' 146° 36.7' W

Bristol bubbler S/N 64A11033

This bubbler began operation on 22 May 1974 and has been operating in good order since. No problems with

this gage excepting jammed paper.

Knowles Head

N 60° 40.9' 146° 37.2' W

Bristol bubbler S/N 73A233

This bubbler began operating on 23 May 1974 and is still in operation. For H-9423 Tide staff was relocated after the first day. Good traces are being

recorded at this gage.

There was minimal difficulties with Johnstone Point and Knowles Head tide gages. Gravina Point tide gage presented two problems: orifice going dry and the clock mechanism being faulty. A new clock was installed and the orifice put into deeper water (3 July and 2 July 1974).

LEVELS

All gage staffs were leveled to five bench marks. Ten (10) bench marks were estableshed (Knowles Head and Gravina Point) and five bench marks were recovered at Johnstone Point. Any staff movement will have to be verified by the leveling upon removal of these station. However, a sight inspection leads us to believe that the staffs have not moved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Knowles Head tides be used for obtaining tide reducers for sheet H-9423 (DA- 20-2-74) as it is more reliable than Gravina Point tide gage.

For DA-20-3-74, H-9424, it is suggested that Johnstone Point tide gage be used for tide correctors.

For sheet H-9425, (DA-40-1-74), it is recommended the Knowles Head tides be used for reducers until 4July74, and the Johnstone Point gage be used for all tide correctors after that date on this sheet. Ship operations shifted from the northern to southern portion of this sheet after that date.

Johnstone Point and Knowles Head tide gages are functioning without any problems at this time. Gravina Point tide gage has been erratic for a total period of four-five days. However, it is believed that this gage will present no further problems.

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Unadjusted field computation by triangulation - traverse by Ship DAVIDSON, May-June 1974. control report OPR-999, 1974 (Prince William Sound). See horizontal

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Unadjusted third order triangulation computation by PMC field party from May 1973.

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APPROVAL SHEET

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

ORCA BAY

The field work on this survey was accomplished under my supervision. Frequent inspections were made of the boat sheet and other records.

Michael H Fleming CDR, NOAA

Commanding Officer

NOAA Ship DAVIDSON CSS-31

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

Processing Division: Pacific Marine Center:

Hourly heights are approved for Form 362

Tide Station Used (NOAA Form 77-12): Knowles Head

Period: May 23 - July 26, 1974

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET: H-9423

OPR: 999

Locality: Prince William Sound, Alaska

12.7 (thru 1800 6/11)

Plane of reference (mean lower low water): 11.9 (after 1800 6/11)

Height of Mean High Water above Plane of Reference is 11.0 ft.

Remarks: Zone direct.

Chief, Tides Branch

NOAA FORM 77-27 (9-72) (PRESC BY HYDROGRAPHIC MANUAL 20-2.

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY STATISTICS HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H-9423

RECORDS ACCOMPANYING SURVEY: To be completed when survey is registered.

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Shoreline Delineation Report

OFFICE PROCESSING ACTIVITIES The following statistics will be submitted with the cartographer's report on the survey

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VERIFIER'S REPORT

Registry No. H-9423

Field No. DA-2Ø-2-74

Alaska, Prince William Sound, Knowles Head

Surveyed: June 1 - June 30, 1974

Project No: OPR-999

Scale: 1:20,000

Soundings: Ross 5000 Fineline

Control: Raydist

Chief of Party Cdr., M. H. Fleming

Surveyed by. DAVIDSON's Ship's Officers

Plotted by PMC Xynetics Plotter

Verified by B. A. Olmstead

Inspected by Lt. Cdr. D. E. Nortrup,
Lt. Cdr. J. C. Albright,
Lt. Cdr. D. E. Seidel, and

A. E. Eichelberger

This sheet was constructed and plotted at the Pacific Marine Center, Seattle, Washington. Information relating to this survey follows as specified by Chapter 6 of the Provisional Hydrographic Manual.

I. INTRODUCTION

This survey is located along the southern coast of Knowles Head, 27 miles southwest of Valdez in the upper regions of Prince William Sound. The project limits extend from Latitude $60^{\circ}35'00''N$ to Latitude $60^{\circ}44'00''N$ Longitude $146^{\circ}17'20''W$ to Longitude $146^{\circ}50'30''W$. Specifically, this sheet covers about 11 miles of coastline and extends from the shoreline to the 50-fathom curve on the east and south and to the 100-fathom curve on the west and north.

No updated photography was available in this area during 1974. Designated a Navigable Area Survey by project instructions, the ship was not provided with Class III manuscripts. But, as a chosen anchorage area for the anticipated heavy maritime traffic, the DAVIDSON felt that land references were most essential for navigating. It was determined that a shoreline could be compiled relatively fast and sufficiently accurate by establishing offshore positions and estimating a distance to the mean high water line.

The bottom configuration is gently sloping except, for that area immediately west of Goose Island where a steeper gradient is more evident. The bottom characteristics consist primarily of green clay and mud.

II. CONTROL and SHORELINE

The origin of control is given in Part F of the Descriptive Report and the seasons Horizontal Control Report for Prince William Sound (OPR-999).

There are no Class I photogrammetric manuscripts in this area. The entire shoreline is shown in dashed red on the smooth sheet as provided by the DAVIDSON field edit party. Methods and procedures in compiling this High Water Line are described in the Shoreline Delineation Report, OPR-999.

III. HYDROGRAPHY

Depths at crossings are in good agreement.

The usual depth curves are adequately delineated except the low-water line which was not required.

The development of the bottom configuration is considered excellent.

IV. CONDITION OF THE SURVEY

The smooth sheet and accompanying overlays, hydrographic records and reports are adequate and conform to the requirements of the hydrographic manual except for the following; (1) Several lines of

hydrography were not plotted on the boatsheet. With these lines not plotted, holidays in the survey were readily evident to the hydrographer. So splits, which appeared necessary, were in fact not necessary. This produced redundant hydrographic data; (2) Many positions were not logged on the master tape. Thus, insertion of positions, soundings and time data had to be entered for recompute at the preliminary phases of processing; (3) Field edit positions were not logged by the ship. Several sets of these positions were given erroneous baseline information and many individual positions were manually misplotted by 50-100 meters. Verifier rechecked raw values with Odessey Protractor when conflicts arose between plots; (4) The physical size of the sheet exceeds the specifications of the hydrographic manual; and (5) As an incidential note, the verifier felt the raw data printouts were insufficiently annotated.

V. JUNCTIONS

An adequate junction was effected with H-9425 (DA-2 \emptyset -4-74) on the northwest and southwest portions of this survey. The standard depth curves of 5-fathoms thru 2 $\emptyset\emptyset$ -fathoms inclusive were made identical and inked within the common area. H-9424 (DA-2 \emptyset -3-74) junctions the majority of the southern limits of this sheet at 6 \emptyset -7 \emptyset fathom depths and involves no standard depth curves. Agreement is within 1-2 fathoms. Areas on the extreme east and north of this project have no contemporary junctional data.

Two older surveys, H-7628 (DE-4147) and H-7766 (DE-4148) are 1:40,000 visually controlled surveys which considerably overlap the contemporary hydrography. H-7766 (1948) is an unverified sheet and was used strictly for comparison. H-7628 (1947) agreed very well in most areas but fell completely apart on the southwest. Verifier felt these older surveys could possibly have been used for junctional purposes but numerous problems prevented any attempt at doing so.

VI. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS

H-2658 (19Ø3) 1:2Ø,ØØØ H-3815 (1915) 1:2Ø,ØØØ H-3816 (1915) 1:2Ø,ØØØ

The depths since these prior surveys have generally shoaled 1-3 fathoms inside the 30-fathom curve. This agreement is extremely good considering the surveying methods utilized and the subjection of this area to earthquake activity. Generally, depths have increased by 1-4 fathoms beyond the 30-fathom curve with some differences to 10 fathoms. Two areas of extreme disagreement lie at Latitude 60°35'00"N - 60°38'00"N Longitude 146°40'30"W - 146°42'00"W and Latitude 60°42'00"N - 60°44'00"N Longitude 146°45'00"W -

Prior sounding lines are displaced excessively because of weak control,

146°48'00"W. Here, since the 1903 survey, present depths reveal a deepening of up to 50 fathoms. Obviously, many of the lead line soundings were misread during these prior field projects. But, this does not account for all the large discrepancies. As the differences in depth indicate, the depth curves have correspondingly shifted to depict this change. The change in most cases is small but noticeable.

A shoreline comparison shows good stability and remarkable similarity. This substantiates fairly well the method used in compiling the 1974 shoreline.

H-7766 (1948)1:4Ø,ØØØ (unverified) H-7628 (1947)1:4Ø,ØØØ

Generally, depths since these prior surveys have deepened 1-3 fathoms. Agreement is excellent in most cases with the exception of the following; H-7628 (1947) reveals soundings that are 20 fathoms shoaler at Latitude 60°35'00"N - 60°38'00"N Longitude exist with 146°40'30"W - 146°43'00"W. These differences reflect the 1903 1403 1403 trend with H-2658. Some accountable differences are; tide correctors were not based on time and range in 1947, earthquake 4-9423 activity of 1964 in Prince William Sound and natural processes of bottom changes over 27 years. Also, visual methods of control over distances of 3-5 miles can at best be very approximate. H-7766 (1948) is an unverified sheet which contains a 20 fathom shoal at Latitude 60°38'18"N Longitude 146°39'48"W. This sounding is ten fathoms shoaler than the surrounding depths.

With the exception of the 20 fathom sounding on H-7766 (unverified) 1948, the present survey is adequate to supersede the prior surveys within the common area. 20 15 a spurious sounding

VII. COMPARISON WITH CHART

A. A chart comparison was made with Chart 8520 15th Edition, January 20/73. The charted hydrography originates primarily with the five previously discussed prior surveys applied from verified and unverified smooth sheets.

Special mention is made of the following critical information for future chart application. This information to be used in compiling a data base for future hydrographic investigation. See the attached chart for additional information and clarification of the following chart comparison comments.

1. The 20 fathom sounding charted at Latitude 60°38'18"N Longitude 146°39'48"W originates with an unverified

prior survey H-7766 (1948). Two hydrographic lines of sounding data fall on each side of the shoal but indicate no feature as existing. Because this specific feature was not spoken to by the field, verifier recommends retaining on subsequent editions of the chart. See chart item "A". Disregard 20 fms. Sparious on H-7766

- 2. The 48 fathom sounding charted at Latitude 60°40'55"N Longitude 146°20'35"W originates with prior survey H-3816 (1915) 1:20,000. This sounding should be 38 fathoms.
- 3. The shoal charted at Latitude 60°41'30"N Longitude 146°19'08"W was further developed by the present survey and a least depth of 32 fathoms was found. Recommend that this least depth be shown on the next edition of the chart. See Chart Item "C".
- 4. The 4 fathom sounding charted at Latitude 60°40'58"N Longitude 146°43'22"W originates with H-7766 (1948) an unverified smooth sheet. The present survey carefully developed this area and was verified by divers. The shoal was found to have a least depth of 38 fathoms and should be charted. See Chart Item "D".
- 5. The two sunken rocks and two rocks awash charted at Latitude 60°41'35"N Longitude 146°35'45"W are from an unknown source and were neither proved nor disproved by the present survey. And, should be retained on the chart. See Chart Item "E".

Except as noted in the five items above, the present survey is adequate to supersede the charted hydrography within the common area.

B. Aids to Navigation

It is recommended that a buoy be placed on the shoal 38 fathoms at Latitude 60°40'55"N Longitude 146°43'18"W. The location of this feature and the increase of supertanker traffic within the next few years make this shoal a danger to navigation. Of the two fixed aids to navigation; one, Goose Island Light, has been moved by the U. S. Coast Guard approximately 2 meters SW of its published position. The Ship DAVIDSON did not locate this light due to a lack of time and clear weather. With the above changes acknowledged, the charted aids adequately mark the features intended.

VIII. COMPLIANCE WITH PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

The survey adequately complies with the project instructions.

IX. ADDITIONAL FIELD WORK

This is an excellent basic survey. Additional field work is not required with the exception of the 20 fathom sounding mentioned in Section VII, Part 1. This sounding should be listed as a Presurvey Review item during the next project operation in Prince William Sound.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Alan Olmstrad

Bruce Alan Olmstead Cartographic Technician March 9, 1976

Examined and approved by,

James S. Green

Chief, Verification Branch



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY, Pacific Marine Center 1801 Fairview Ave. E., Seattle, Washington 98102

Date: 31 March 1976

H. R. Lippold, Jr., RADM

To: Director

From: Donald E. Nortrap, CDR Chief, Processing Division

Subject: PMC Hydrographic Survey Inspection Team Report - H-9423

This survey is a navigable area survey of Prince William Sound, Orca Bay, AK. conducted by NOAA Ship DAVIDSON in 1974 in compliance with Project Instructions OPR-999-DA-74 dated Ø4 February 1974. A number of minor cartographic corrections have been made to the smooth sheet as a result of the inspection process.

Although no photogrammetric shoreline compilation was available, the ship delineated the inshore features using field edit methods. This information has been applied to the smooth sheet in lieu of the shoreline.

Project Instructions for this survey specified maximum line spacing of 200 meters. The survey was conducted with 100 meter spacing to 20 fathoms, 200 meters between 20 and 50 fathoms, and 400 meters in depths exceeding 50 fathoms. Although the 400 meter spacing exceeds the maximum Project Instructions specifications, the inspection team unanimously agrees that the delineation of the bottom configuration is very good.

The verifier has recommended that a 20 fathom sounding from prior survey H-7766, latitude 60°38.3'N, longitude 146°39.8'W, be retained for on future editions of the chart. Since H-7766 is an unverified survey the appearance the sounding has not been carried forward to the smooth sheet of this survey. The inspection team recommends that the source data for this sounding be examined and the existence of this sounding be verified before compilation of the next edition of the chart.

Similarly, the verifier has recommended the retention of four rocks in the vicinity of latitude 60°41.6'N, longitude 146°35.7'W. The source of these rocks is unknown. The inspection team recommends that source materials be researched to verify the existence of the rocks before compilation of the next edition of the chart.

Although major differences exist between the soundings of this survey and those of prior surveys (see Section VI, Verifier's Report), the inspection team has concluded that H-9423 is adequate to supersede all prior surveys with the possible exception of the single 20 fathom sounding mentioned above. The survey is adequate for charting.

This is a very good survey. Both the ship DAVIDSON and the verifier deserve credit for a job well done.

Donald E. Nortrup, ICDR

John C. Albright LCDR

Arnold E. Eichelberger

Dean R. Seidel, LCDR

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

H-9423

The smooth sheet and reports of this survey have been reviewed and found to be complete and adequate for charting. It gives me considerable satisfaction to approve this survey.

4/1/76 Date

Director

Pacific Marine Center

H-9423

Items for Future Presurvey Reviews

The bottom appears to be stable and little shifting of sediments is expected. Some changes in the shoreline in the east portion of the survey may occur where lagoons and inlets exist.

Position Lat.	Index Long.	Bottom Change Index	Use <u>Index</u>	Resurvey Cycle
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603	1463	1	1	50 years
604	1465	1	1	50 years
604	1464	1	1	50 years
604	1463	2	1	50 years
604	1462	1	1	50 years



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY Rockville, Md. 20852

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June 22, 1976

T0:

Chief, Marine Surveys Division

THRU:

Chief, Quality Control Branch

FROM:

R. H. Carstons

Quality Evaluator

SUBJECT: Quality Control Report for H-9423 (1974), Orca Bay, Alaska

Survey H-9423 was examined with respect to data acquisition, development of least depths and bottom configuration, adequacy of junctions and sounding line crossings, cartographic presentation, smooth plotting, verification and review and, in general, was found to conform to National Ocean Survey standards and requirements.

Attention should be directed to the following:

- 1. The 20-fathom depth charted in latitude 60°38.3', longitude 146°39.8' from the unverified survey H-7766 (1948) is a spurious sounding on the graphic depth record and should be disregarded.
- 2. The name of the aid to navigation, Goose Island Light, for example, adequately given in the triangulation name need not be repeated.
- 3. Ross depth recorder 1048 produced numerous questionable traces which made interpretation particularly difficult. The interpretation of some traces could well be in error.
- 4. Numerous differences of as much as 50 fathoms occur with soundings from H-2658 (1903) in the vicinity of 50 to 100 fathoms on the west portion of the present survey. Because of weak control of lines on the prior survey some lines are excessively displaced. Soundings still retained on the chart from the prior survey should be replaced by present survey depths.
- 5. The shoreline in red estimated from positions established by electronic control provides supplementary information for charting. In general it was extremely detailed particularly with respect to inshore features. The position of the high water line, however, is dependent on distance estimates and sketching which may vary considerably in accuracy. A number of





errors were found by the verifier in the manual field plot of the shoreline. Because of this the use of the field plot to represent true conditions was of questionable value. A comparison with prior shoreline of the east portion of the survey reveals considerable change and the need for photogrammetric surveys to complete delineation of the area.

6. Development for least depths on shoals was particularly well done on this survey.

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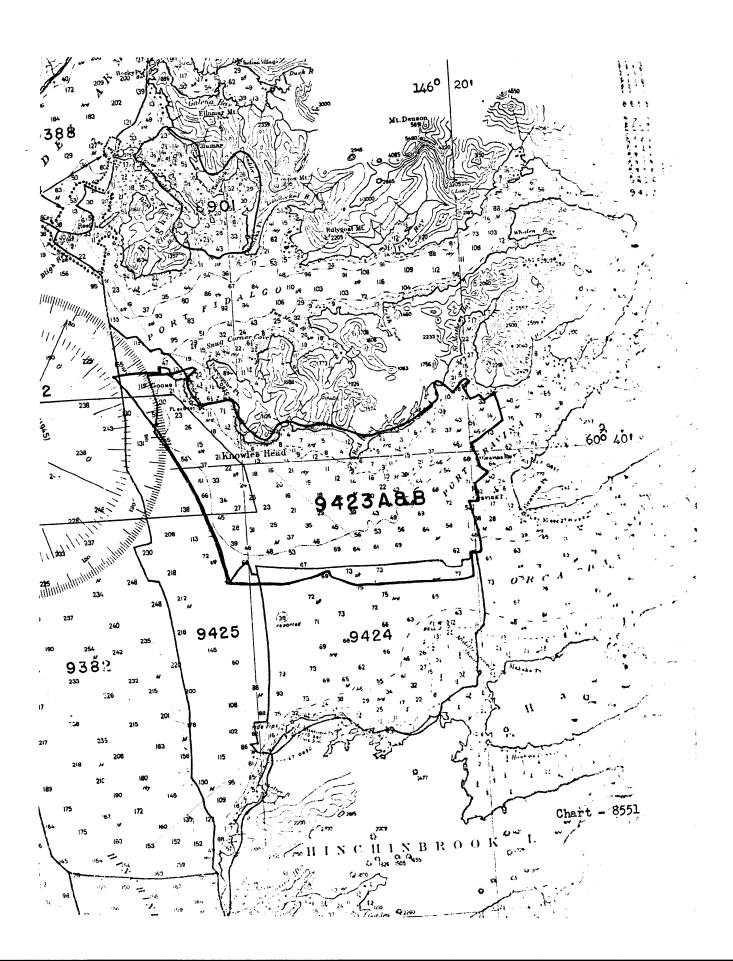
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INITIALS

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NAUTICAL CHART DIVISION

RECORD OF APPLICATION TO CHARTS

FILE WITH DESCRIPTIVE REPORT OF SURVEY NO.

INSTRUCTIONS

A basic hydrographic or topographic survey supersedes all information of like nature on the uncorrected chart.

1. Letter all information.

2. In "Remarks" column cross out words that do not apply.

3. Give reasons for deviations, if any, from recommendations made under "Comparison with Charts" in the Review.

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