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OPR-0186-MI-86
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The gage was operated and maintained by MT MITCHELL personnel and ran satisfactorily with only minor problems from the time it was installed on September 17th until it was removed on November 15, 1986. On September 23rd it was noticed that the gage was running on local time and at 2000Z it was reset to UTC. The gage continued to run on UTC for the remainder of the project. On October 25th at 1600Z the marigram chart paper ran out. This was not corrected until October 28th (DOY: 301) at 2300Z. This incident occurred during one of the ship's inport weekends. The MT MITCHELL, (VESNO: 2220), ran four hours of bottom samples, (DOY: 301: 1850Z-2300Z), while the gage was not operating. On October 29th at 0700Z the marigram jumped sprockets. This was corrected on October 30th at 0100Z. The hourly heights scaled from the marigram were corrected for both time and height offsets.

Based on the average of all staff to gage comparisons the height datum for this gage is as follows:

Pipe Staff (SEPT. 19-SEPT. 23 @ 1600Z): 0.0 on marigram
equals -3.9 on the
staff

Wood Staff (SEPT. 23 @ 1700Z-NOV. 15): 0.0 on marigram
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staff

There was no evidence of orifice movement. All hourly heights of tides were abstracted from the marigrams by MT MITCHELL personnel and timing errors were distributed linearly throughout the period between observations.

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levels were run from BM 2368 B (1986) to the 1" galvanized steel pipe staff. Then on September 23rd, following the installation of the 4" X 4" wood staff, levels were again run from BM 2368 B (1986) to the new staff. Closing levels were run to all five permanent benchmarks and the staff on November 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1986. The elevation differences obtained from the opening and closing level runs indicate that there was staff movement of up to 0.05 feet. The distance from the staff to the furthest benchmark is approximately one and a quarter miles. The level run itself is difficult. The terrain varies from gravel beach to large rock outcrops and rocky slide areas to spongy marsh areas. The complete level run cannot be finished in one day and must be accomplished at various states of tide.

It is recommended that BM 1 (1901) be designated as the primary benchmark because it is set in bedrock. The present primary benchmark, BM 4 (1959), is atop a large boulder which rests on spongy ground.

PT. ADOLPHUS, ALASKA (945-2516):

On November 4, 1986 a 0-30 foot BRISTOL Bubbler tide gage , S/N 67A-10294, was installed ten feet above high water line on top of a large rock outcrop on the second rocky point west of Pt. Adolphus Light on the northeast tip of Chicagof Island, Alaska. It is at the same site used by NOAA Ship DAVIDSON in 1976. The orifice was placed 220 feet directly offshore from the gage and was secured to a 1" galvanized steel pipe "T"-stand which was anchored in place with rocks. On November 5th the orifice exposed at low tide. At 1800Z on November 5 it was moved to deeper water. After the orifice was manually moved to deeper water there was no further evidence of orifice movement.

On November 5th a 4" X 4" wood staff was installed 200 feet offshore from the tide gage at the northwest edge of a large rock outcrop.

The gage was operated and maintained by MT MITCHELL personnel and ran satisfactorily with only minor time errors from the time it was installed on November 4th to the time it was removed on November 15, 1986. All times were recorded in UTC.

Based on the average of all staff to gage observations, the height datum for this gage is as follows:

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ZONING:

Field inspection of tide data indicates that predicted tidal times and ranges are very similar to actual tides obtained on the marigrams. As per Project Instructions OPR-MI-0186-86 use the following tidal information for final plotting:

| <u>FIELD SHEET</u> | <u>TIDE STATION</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Survey H-10227 Survey H-10231 | Swanson Harbor, Alaska Station #945-2368 |
| Field Sheet MI-20-3-86 | Pt. Adolphus, Alaska Station #945-2516 |

Swanson Harbor, Alaska
Field Tide Note
April - May, 1987

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Predicted tide correctors were interpolated aboard the FAIRWEATHER using data from the 1987 West Coast Tide Tables and PDP-8 program AM 500, dated November 10, 1972. All correctors calculated were based on zone correctors supplied by the project instructions and tabulated below.

| Time Correction | | Height Correction |
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The orifice at the Swanson Harbor tide gage was secured to a 150-lbs cement block with an angle iron placed vertically to support the orifice which was secured with hose clamps. Tubing was placed between the orifice and gage (approximately 200 feet) and was secured with boulders along its length. A 14-foot fiberglass staff was erected at the site by securing its base within a fracture at the base of a large outcrop. The staff was then shored with an 8-foot 2X4. Guy wires and cables were secured to the staff at the 6-foot and 14-foot marks. Cables which connected to the top of the

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