

H10976

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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey Hydrographic

Field No. RA-20-05-00

Registry No. H-10976

LOCALITY

State Alaska

General Locality Shelikof Strait

Sublocality Offshore - Cape Nukshak to Cape Gull

2000

CHIEF OF PARTY

Commander Daniel R. Herlihy, NOAA

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DATE

May 2, 2002

HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

H-10976

INSTRUCTIONS · The hydrographic sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the office.

FIELD NO.
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Scale 1:20,000

Date of Survey 5/26/00 - 6/20/00

Instructions Date 5/8/00

Project No. OPR-P164-RA-00

Vessel RAINIER (2120), RA-4 (2124)

Chief of Party Commander D. H. Herlihy, NOAA

Surveyed by RAINIER Personnel

Soundings taken by echo sounder, hand lead, pole SEABEAM 1050D, SEABEAM 1180

Graphic record scaled by RAINIER Personnel

Graphic record checked by RAINIER Personnel

Evaluation by I. Almacen

Automated plot by HP Designjet 750C

Verification by E. Domingo, R. Mayor, R. Davies

Soundings in Fathoms

at

MLLW

REMARKS: Time in UTC. Revisions and marginal notes in black

were generated during office processing. All separates

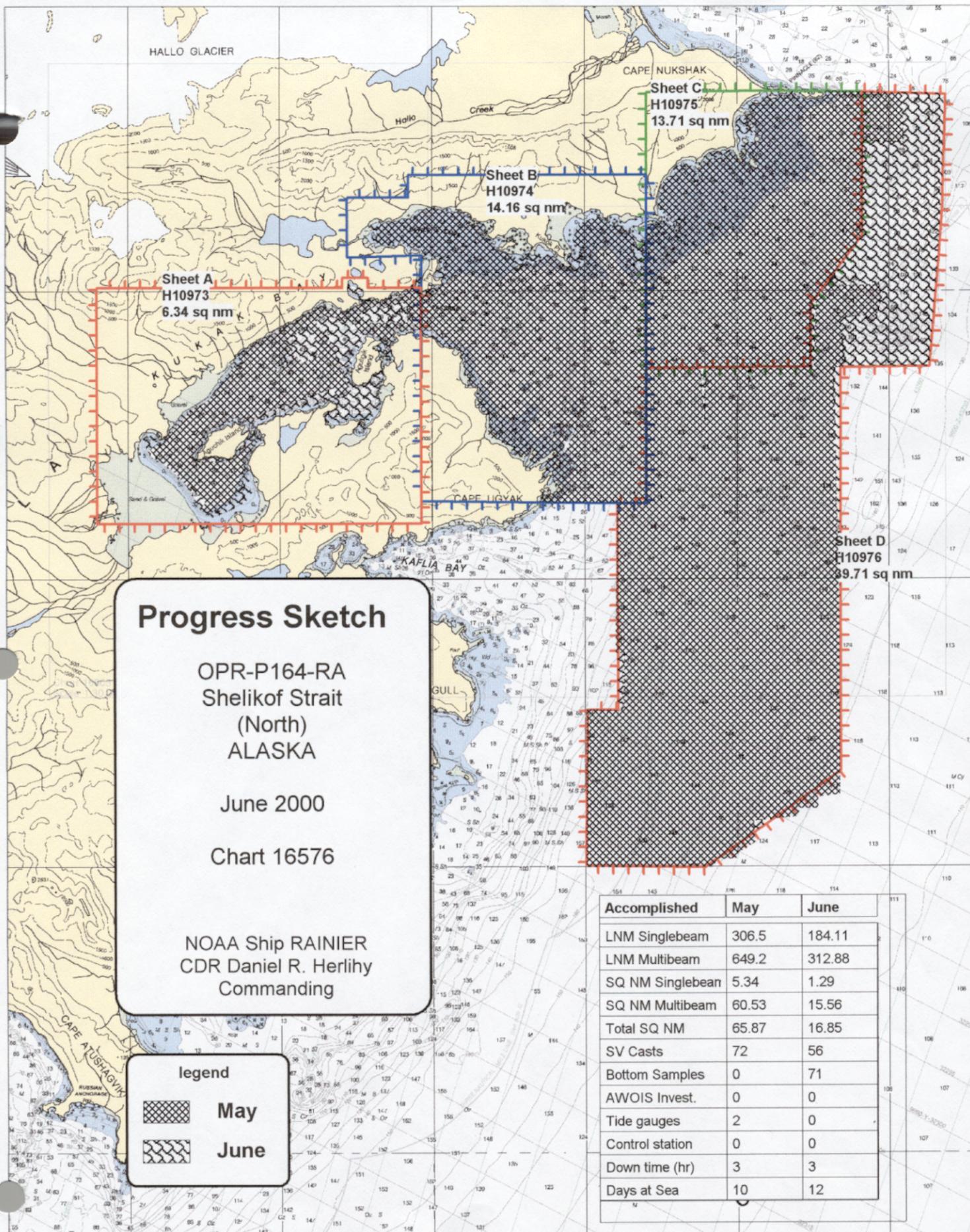
are filed with the hydrographic data. As a result page

numbering may be interrupted or non-sequential.

All depths listed in this report are referenced to

mean lower low water unless otherwise noted.

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Progress Sketch

OPR-P164-RA
Shelikof Strait
(North)
ALASKA

June 2000

Chart 16576

NOAA Ship RAINIER
CDR Daniel R. Herlihy
Commanding

legend



May



June

Accomplished	May	June
LNM Singlebeam	306.5	184.11
LNM Multibeam	649.2	312.88
SQ NM Singlebeam	5.34	1.29
SQ NM Multibeam	60.53	15.56
Total SQ NM	65.87	16.85
SV Casts	72	56
Bottom Samples	0	71
AWOIS Invest.	0	0
Tide gauges	2	0
Control station	0	0
Down time (hr)	3	3
Days at Sea	10	12

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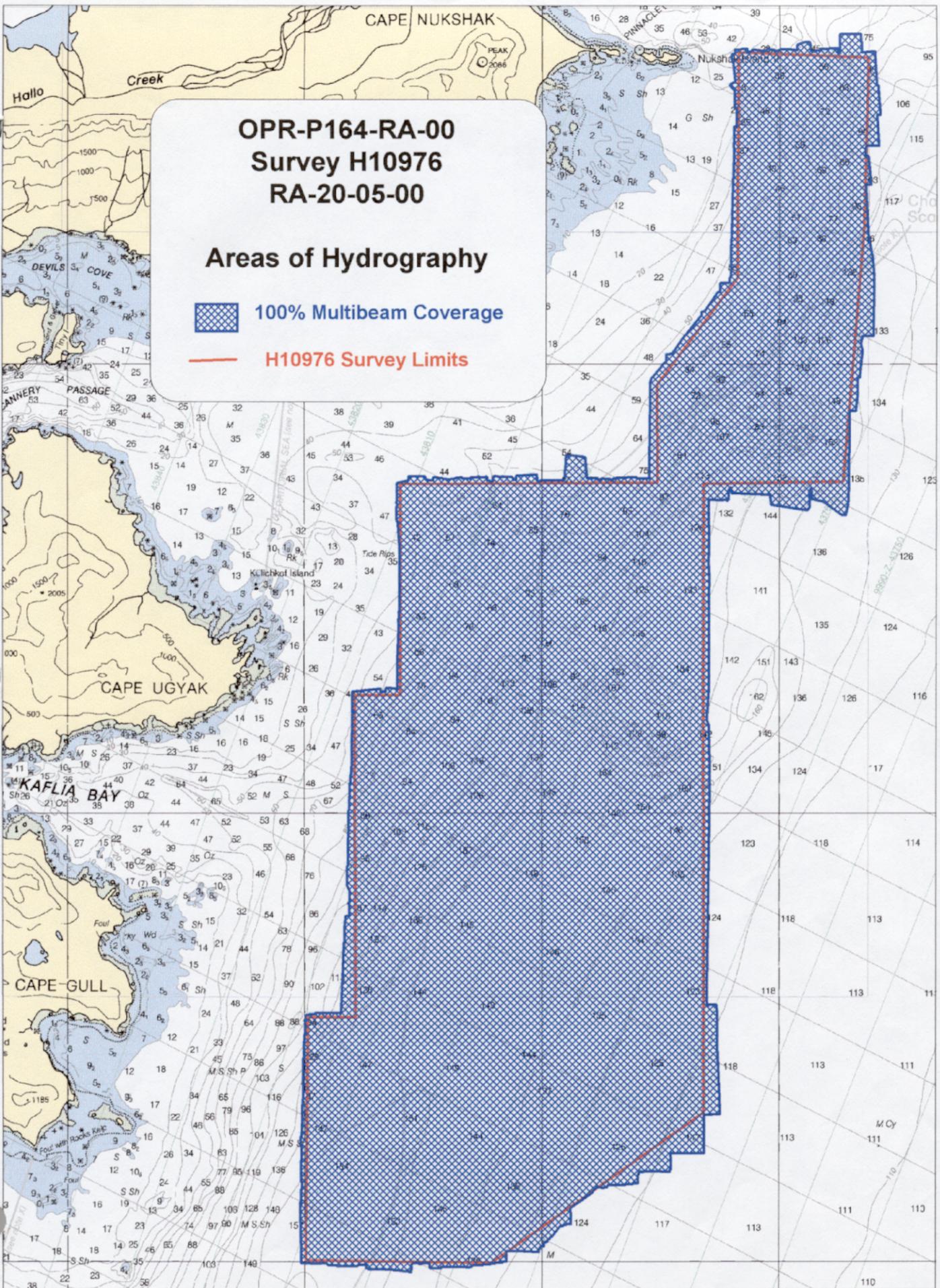
Areas of Hydrography



100% Multibeam Coverage



H10976 Survey Limits



Descriptive Report to Accompany Hydrographic Survey H10976

Project OPR-P164-RA-00 Shelikof Strait
Scale 1:20,000
May - June 2000
NOAA Ship RAINIER
Chief of Party: CDR Daniel R. Herlihy, NOAA

A. AREA SURVEYED ✓

This hydrographic survey was completed as specified by Hydrographic Survey Letter Instructions OPR-P164-RA-00, dated May 8, 2000, ^{Change #1 dated June 13, 2000} and the Draft Standing Project Instructions dated April 6, 1998. Survey H10976 corresponds to Sheet D as defined in the sheet layout. This survey will provide data to supersede soundings on charts 16576 and 16603, which originated from Coast and Geodetic Survey (C&GS) hydrographic surveys conducted in 1949.

The survey area is located in Shelikof Strait, AK from Cape Nukshak to Cape Gull. The survey's northern limit is latitude $58^{\circ}23'42''$ N and the southern limit is latitude $58^{\circ}09'52''$ N. The survey's western limit is longitude $154^{\circ}05'08''$ W and the eastern limit is longitude $153^{\circ}52'34''$ W.

Data acquisition was conducted from May 26, 2000 to June 20, 2000 (DN 147 to 172).

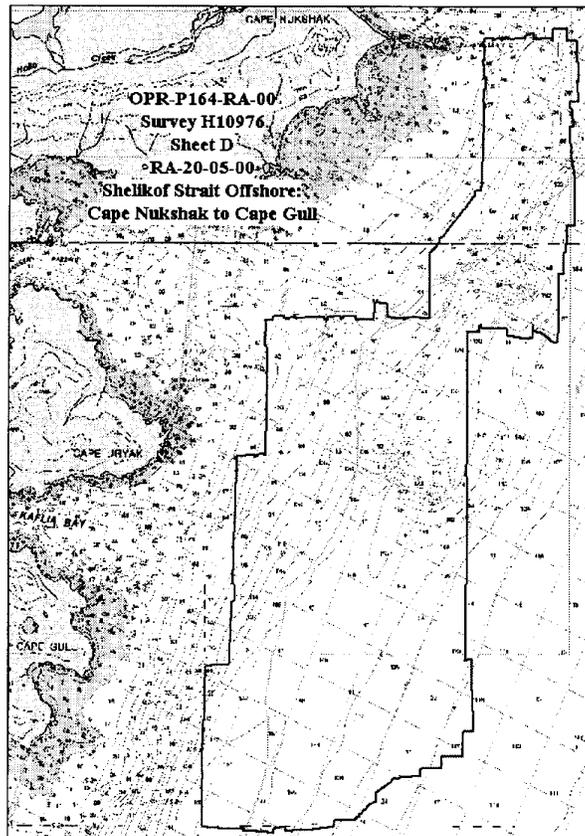


Figure 1. Survey Limits of H10976

B. DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING ✓

A complete description of data acquisition and processing systems, survey vessels, quality control procedures, and data processing methods, can be found in the *OPR-P164-RA-00 Data Acquisition and Processing Report* submitted under separate cover. Items specific to this survey and any deviations from the aforementioned report are discussed in the following sections.

B.1. Equipment and Vessels ✓

Data were acquired by RAINIER and one of her survey launches (vessel numbers 2120 and 2124). RAINIER and Vessel 2124 were used to acquire intermediate-depth multibeam soundings and sound velocity profiles. No Vertical Beam Echosounder (VBES) data were acquired for this survey. No unusual vessel configurations or problems were encountered on this survey.

B.2. Quality Control ✓

Crosslines

Multibeam crosslines totaled 14.7 nautical miles, comprising 7.0% of hydrography. The Quality Control Report (CARIS HIPS) for the checkline file averaged 88.45786%, with a depth tolerance factor of 0.013 which conforms to International Hydrographic Organization Order 1 specifications detailed in Special Publication S-44, Edition 4, as well as NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables Manual. See Appendix V for the detailed report.

Junctions (See ENR RPT., Sec 2)

The following contemporary surveys junction with H10976:

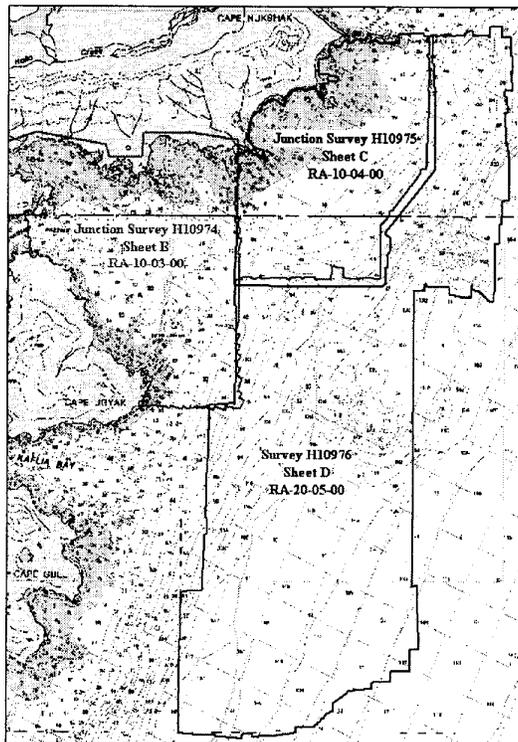


Figure 2. Junction Surveys with H10976

Registry #	Scale	Date	Junction side
H10974	1:10,000	2000	North ✓
H10975	1:10,000	2000	Northwest ✓

Surveys H10974 and H10975 junction well with this survey, with differences generally one fathom or less.

Final comparisons will be made at the Pacific Hydrographic Branch (PHB) after the application of smooth tides.

Data Quality Factors ✓

No unusual conditions were encountered during survey H10976 that affected the expected accuracy and quality of survey data.

B.3. Data Reduction ✓

Data reduction procedures for survey H10976 conform to those detailed in the *OPR-P164-RA-00 Data Acquisition and Processing Report*. *

C. VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONTROL ✓

A complete description of vertical and horizontal control for survey H10976 can be found in the *OPR-P164-RA-00 Horizontal and Vertical Control Report* submitted under separate cover. A summary of horizontal and vertical control for this survey follows.

Horizontal Control ✓

The horizontal datum for this project is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83). Differential GPS (DGPS) was the sole method of positioning. The U.S. Coast Guard Beacons at Kodiak, AK, and Kenai, AK, were the sources of differential correctors. Launch-to-launch DGPS performance checks were performed in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Field Procedures Manual (FPM). Copies of the performance checks are included in the *OPR-P164-RA-00 Horizontal and Vertical Control Report*. *

Vertical Control ✓

The vertical datum for this project is Mean Lower-Low Water (MLLW). The operating National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) primary tide station at Kodiak, Alaska (945-7292) will serve as control for datum determination. RAINIER personnel installed Sutron 8200 "bubbler" tide gauges at the following subordinate stations in accordance with the Project Instructions:

Station Name	Station Number	Type of Gauge	Date of Installation	Date of Removal
Aguchick Island	945-6901	30-day	23 May 2000	24 June 2000
Nukshak Island	945-6717	30-day	24 May 2000	30 June 2000

Raw water level data from these gauges were forwarded to N/OPS1 throughout the project period, with the final package submitted on August 18, 2000 in accordance with Hydrographic Survey Guideline (HSG) 50 and FPM 4.7. The Pacific Hydrographic Branch (PHB) will apply final approved (smooth) tides to the survey data during final processing. A request for delivery of final approved (smooth) tides

for survey H10976 was forwarded to N/OPS1 on July 14, 2000 in accordance with FPM 4.8. Field tide notes, final tide notes, and a copy of the "Request for Approved Tides/Water Levels" are included in Appendix IV* of this report. *Approved Tide Note dated November 17, 2000 is attached.*

D. RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ✓

D.1. Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System (AWOIS) Investigations

No AWOIS Items were within the limits of survey H10976. *CONCUR.*

D.2. Chart Comparison ✓

Survey H10976 was compared with chart 16576 (3rd Ed.; Mar. 14, 1998, 1:80,000) and chart 16603 (7th Ed.; Jan. 4, 1992, 1:30,000).

Depths from charts 16576 and 16603 matched well with survey H10976. Most charted depths were found to be 1-2 fathoms deeper than the current survey, with a few larger differences of 5-7 fathoms noted as well.

A few charted depths were found to be shoaler than the current survey, with most of these soundings differing by one fathom or less. Soundings found to have a difference greater than one fathom are addressed below. These areas were fully developed with 100% multibeam coverage.

In the vicinity of a charted 53-fathom sounding on chart 16603 at 58°23'26.3"N, 153°53'54.7"W (E447468.9, N6472554.2), the present survey revealed a depth of 57 fathoms. ✓

In the vicinity of a charted 144-fathom sounding on chart 16576 at 58°13'00.5"N, 154°02'37.7"W (E438676.5, N6453323.4), the present survey revealed a depth 146 fathoms. ✓

In the vicinity of a charted 134-fathom sounding on chart 16576 at 58°15'37.6"N, 154°00'12.5"W (E441,118.0, N6458144.3), the present survey revealed a depth of 136 fathoms. ✓

D.3. Shoreline (*See EVAL. RPT. SEC. J*)

No shoreline exists within the limits of survey H10976. *CONCUR.*

D.4. Dangers to Navigation ✓

No dangers to navigation (DTONs) were found within the limits of survey H10976. *CONCUR.*

D.5. Aids to Navigation ✓

No aids to navigation (ATONs) exist within the limits of survey H10976. *CONCUR.*

D.6. Prior Surveys (*See EVAL RPT., Sec. M*)

Survey H10976 was compared with prior surveys H07812 and H07822. No significant discrepancies were found that have not already been addressed in comparisons with charts 16576 and 16603.

E. APPROVAL ✓

As Chief of Party, I have ensured that standard field surveying and processing procedures were followed in producing this examination in accordance with the Hydrographic Manual, Fourth Edition; the Hydrographic Survey Guidelines; the Field Procedures Manual, and the NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables, as updated for 2000.

The digital data and supporting records have been reviewed by me, are considered complete and adequate for charting purposes, and are approved. All records are forwarded for final review and processing to N/CS34, Pacific Hydrographic Branch

Survey H10976 is complete and adequate to supersede charted soundings and features in their common areas. No additional work is required on this survey. *Concur.*

Listed below are supplemental reports submitted separately which contain additional information relevant to this survey:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Sent</u>	<u>Office</u>
Data Acquisition and Processing Report for OPR-P164-RA-00	October 2, 2000	N/CS34
Horizontal and Vertical Control Report for OPR-P164-RA-00	TBD	N/CS34
Tides and Water Levels Package for OPR-P164-RA-00	August 18, 2000	N/OPS1
Coast Pilot Report for OPR-P164-RA-00	TBD	N/CS26

Approved and Forwarded: *Daniel R. Herlihy*
 Daniel R. Herlihy
 Commander, NOAA
 Commanding Officer

In addition, the following individuals were also responsible for overseeing data acquisition and processing of this survey:

Survey Sheet Manager: *Daniel K. Karlson*
 Daniel K. Karlson
 Ensign, NOAA

Field Operations Officer: *E. J. Van Den Ameerle*
 Edward J. Van Den Ameerle
 Lieutenant, NOAA

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

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Name on Survey	A ON CHART NO. 16576		B ON PREVIOUS SURVEY NO.		C ON U.S. QUADRANGLE MAPS		D FROM LOCAL INFORMATION		E ON LOCAL MAPS		F P.O. GUIDE OR MAP		G GRAND McNALLY ATLAS		H U.S. LIGHT LIST		K	
ALASKA (title)	X		X															1
ALASKA PENINSULA	X		X															2
CAPE GULL (title)	X		X															3
CAPE NUKSHAK (title)	X		X															4
CAPE UGYAK	X		X															5
KUKAK POINT	X		X															6
KULICHKOF ISLAND	X		X															7
LITTLE BEACH	X		X															8
SHELIKOF STRAIT	X		X															9
YUGNAT ROCKS	X		X															10
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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

DATE: November 17, 2000

HYDROGRAPHIC BRANCH: Pacific
HYDROGRAPHIC PROJECT: OPR-P164-RA-2000
HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET: H-10976

LOCALITY: Northern Shelikof Strait, AK
TIME PERIOD: May 26 - June 20, 2000

TIDE STATION USED: 945-6717 Nukshak Island, AK
Lat. 58° 23.5'N Lon. 153° 57.6'W
PLANE OF REFERENCE (MEAN LOWER LOW WATER): 0.000 meters
HEIGHT OF HIGH WATER ABOVE PLANE OF REFERENCE: 3.957 meters

REMARKS: RECOMMENDED ZONING
Use zone(s) identified as: SS14, SS25 & SS32.

Refer to attachments for zoning information.

Note 1: Provided time series data are tabulated in metric units (meters), relative to MLLW and on Greenwich Mean Time.

Thomas V. Mero 11/17/00

CHIEF, REQUIREMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Final tide zone node point locations for OPR-P164-RA-2000,
Sheet H-10976.

Format: Longitude in decimal degrees (negative value denotes
Longitude West),
Latitude in decimal degrees
Tide Station (in recommended order of use)
Average Time Correction (in minutes)
Range Correction

	Tide Station Order	AVG Time Correction	Range Correction
Zone SS14	945-6717	0	1.01
-154.159216 58.409726			
-153.982972 58.391473			
-153.961876 58.392684			
-153.952909 58.390352			
-153.881433 58.348206			
-153.793241 58.289993			
-153.695792 58.219459			
-153.670059 58.197491			
-153.532511 58.230034			
-153.354739 58.227774			
-153.43064 58.28924			
-153.607381 58.413132			
-153.898484 58.574627			
-154.134751 58.503107			
-154.159216 58.409726			
Zone SS25	945-6717	-6	1.00
-153.670059 58.197491			
-153.84431 58.18428			
-154.003896 58.160123			
-154.022405 58.178906			
-154.150451 58.216542			
-154.379911 58.2221			
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Zone SS32

945-6717

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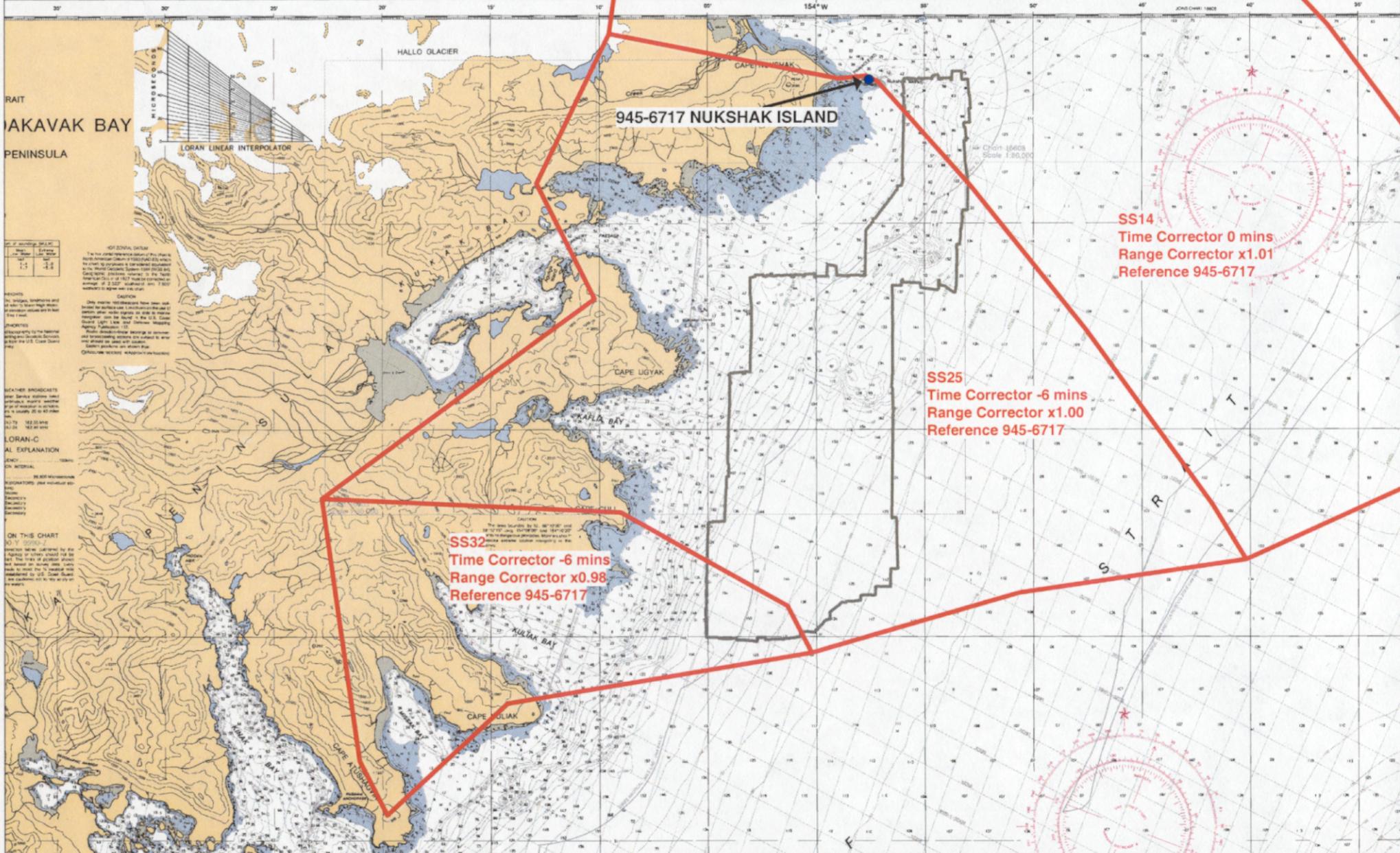
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-154.022405 58.178906
-154.150451 58.216542
-154.379911 58.2221
-154.351093 58.115935
-154.330076 58.093663
-154.237436 58.139447
-154.003896 58.160123
-154.022405 58.178906

Final Tidal Zoning for OPR-P164-RA-2000

Northern Shelikof Strait, AK - Sheet H-10976

NOTE
 Bearings are not established by Presidential Proclamation 1923, but are shown on the chart for the convenience of the user. The bearings are, therefore, not guaranteed. The bearings are shown for the purpose of providing a means of comparison with the bearings shown on other charts. The bearings are shown for the purpose of providing a means of comparison with the bearings shown on other charts. The bearings are shown for the purpose of providing a means of comparison with the bearings shown on other charts.



945-6717 NUKSHAK ISLAND

SS14
 Time Corrector 0 mins
 Range Corrector x1.01
 Reference 945-6717

SS25
 Time Corrector -6 mins
 Range Corrector x1.00
 Reference 945-6717

SS32
 Time Corrector -6 mins
 Range Corrector x0.98
 Reference 945-6717

RAIKAVAK BAY
 PENINSULA

LORAN LINEAR INTERPOLATOR

Scale	1:1	1:4
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NOTES
 The depth soundings and other information on this chart are based on the best available information. The soundings are in fathoms, unless otherwise indicated. The soundings are in fathoms, unless otherwise indicated. The soundings are in fathoms, unless otherwise indicated.

WEATHER BROADCASTS
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ON THIS CHART
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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY STATISTICS

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

RECORD DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	RECORD DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
SMOOTH SHEET		1	SMOOTH OVERLAYS: POS., ARC, EXCESS		N/A
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT		1	FIELD SHEETS AND OTHER OVERLAYS		N/A
DESCRIP-TION	DEPTH/POS RECORDS	HORIZ. CONT. RECORDS	SONAR-GRAMS	PRINTOUTS	ABSTRACTS/SOURCE DOCUMENTS
ACCORDION FILES					
ENVELOPES					
VOLUMES					
CAHIERS					
BOXES					

SHORELINE DATA

SHORELINE MAPS (List): T-13160, T-13163 and T-13166

PHOTOBATHYMETRIC MAPS (List):

NOTES TO THE HYDROGRAPHER (List):

SPECIAL REPORTS (List):

NAUTICAL CHARTS (List):

OFFICE PROCESSING ACTIVITIES

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

PROCESSING ACTIVITY	AMOUNTS		
	VERIFICATION	EVALUATION	TOTALS
POSITIONS ON SHEET			
POSITIONS REVISED			
SOUNDINGS REVISED			
CONTROL STATIONS REVISED			

PROCESSING ACTIVITY	TIME-HOURS		
	VERIFICATION	EVALUATION	TOTALS
PRE-PROCESSING EXAMINATION			
VERIFICATION OF CONTROL			
VERIFICATION OF POSITIONS			
VERIFICATION OF SOUNDINGS			
VERIFICATION OF JUNCTIONS			
APPLICATION OF PHOTOBATHYMETRY			
SHORELINE APPLICATION/VERIFICATION			
COMPILATION OF SMOOTH SHEET			116
COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS AND CHARTS			
EVALUATION OF SIDE SCAN SONAR RECORDS			
EVALUATION OF WIRE DRAGS AND SWEEPS			
EVALUATION REPORT			48
GEOGRAPHIC NAMES			
OTHER (Chart Compilation)			62
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TOTALS			226

Pre-processing Examination by	Beginning Date	11/15/2000	Ending Date	
Verification of Field Data by E. Domingo, R. Davies, R. Mayor	Time (Hours)	116	Ending Date	
Verification Check by	Time (Hours)		Ending Date	
Evaluation and Analysis by I. Almacen	Time (Hours)	48	Ending Date	10/18/2001
Inspection by L. Deodato	Time (Hours)	11	Ending Date	12/04/2001

**EVALUATION REPORT
H-10976**

A. PROJECT

Project information is adequately discussed in the hydrographer's report.

B. AREA SURVEYED

This survey covers an offshore area along Shelikof Strait from Cape Nukshak to Cape Gull and is adequately described in the hydrographer's report

Page-size plots of the area on charts 16576 and 16603 depicting the specific limits of supersession accompanies this report as Attachments 1 and 2.

Depths range from 17.0 to 158.0 fathoms.

C. SURVEY VESSELS

Survey vessels are adequately discussed in the hydrographer's report.

D. AUTOMATED DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING

The acquisition and processing of data in the field has been adequately discussed in the hydrographer's report and in the Data Acquisition and Processing Report submitted by the ship for this project..

Office processing of survey data was conducted using the same Computer Aided Resource Information System (CARIS), and Hydrographic Processing System (HPS) used by the hydrographer. The smooth sheet was compiled with MicroStation 95.

Digital data for this survey exists in the standard HPS format, a database format using the .dbf extension. In addition, the smooth sheet drawing is filed in the MicroStation format, i.e., dgn extension. Copies of these files have been forwarded to the Hydrographic Surveys Division and a backup copy retained at PHB. Database records forwarded are in the Internal Data Format (IDF) and are in compliance with specifications in existence at the time of survey processing.

The drawing files necessarily contain information that is not part of the HPS data set such as geographic names text, line-type data, and minor symbolization. In addition, those soundings deleted from the drawing for clarity purposes remain unrevised in the HPS digital files to preserve the integrity of the original hydrographic data set. Cartographic codes used to describe the digital data are those authorized by the Specifications and Deliverables dated June 2000.

The data are plotted using a Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection, Zone 5 and are depicted on a single sheet.

E. SONAR EQUIPMENT

Side scan sonar was not utilized during this survey.

F. SOUNDING EQUIPMENT

Sounding equipment has been adequately discussed in section B1 of the hydrographer's report. SEABEAM. 1050D and 1180 echosounders were used during survey operations. No Vertical Beam Echosounder (VBES) was utilized during this survey

G. CORRECTIONS TO SOUNDINGS

Soundings have been reduced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) with tide correctors obtained from the Center For Operational Oceanographic Products and Services. The approved tide correctors are zoned from Nukshak Island, Alaska, gage 945-6717.

Other sounding reducers include corrections for static draft, dynamic draft, sound velocity, heave, roll and pitch. These reducers have been reviewed and are consistent with NOS specification.

H. CONTROL STATIONS

Section C of the hydrographer's report contains information concerning horizontal and vertical control used during this survey. A horizontal and vertical control report for OPR-P164 was submitted under separate cover and was included in the project file.

The positions of horizontal control stations used during hydrographic operations are published values based on NAD 83. The geographic positions of all survey data are based on NAD 83. The smooth sheet is annotated with an NAD27 adjustment tick based on values determined with the NGS program NADCON. Geographic positions based on NAD27 may be plotted on the smooth sheet utilizing the NAD 83 projection by applying the following corrections.

Latitude: -2.458 seconds (-76.062 meters)

Longitude: 7.592 seconds (123.732 meters)

I. HYDROGRAPHIC POSITION CONTROL

Differential GPS (DGPS) was used to control this survey. The satellite configuration, as indicated by HDOP and number of satellites, is monitored by POS/MV software displays to insure position data quality. The maximum HDOP allowable limit of 2.5 has not been exceeded during this survey and the quality of data obtained is good. DGPS performance checks were conducted in the field and found adequate.

NAD 83 is used as the horizontal datum for plotting and position computations.

Additional information concerning specific control system type, calibrations and system checks can be found in the hydrographer's report and in the separates related to horizontal position control and correction to position data.

J. SHORELINE

Shoreline maps T-13160, T-13163, and T-13166 in raster format were office compiled on NAD27 and apply to this survey. The shoreline was digitized at the Pacific Hydrographic Branch on NAD83. Shoreline drawn on the smooth sheet in black originates from the above raster data as provided by the Remote Sensing Division, NGS. Being an offshore survey, shoreline shown on the smooth sheet is for orientation purposes only. The digital shoreline files and the survey file were merged during Microstation processing.

K. CROSSLINES

Crosslines are adequately discussed in section B2 of the hydrographer's report.

L. JUNCTIONS

Survey H-10976 junctions with the following surveys.

<u>Survey</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Year</u>
H-10974	2000	1:10,000	Western Limit
H-10975	2000	1:10,000	Western Limit

The junctions with surveys H-10974 and H-10975 are complete. A "Joins" notes have been added to the smooth sheet where applicable.

M. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS

<u>Survey</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Datum</u>
H-7812	1949	1:40,000	NAD 27
H-7822	1949	1:20,000	NAD 27
H-9201	1971-72	1:40,000	NAD 27
H-9306	1972	1:40,000	NAD 27
H-9523	1975-77	1:10,000	NAD 27
H-9524	1975	1:10,000	NAD 27

The legibility of the prior survey digital image files is considered acceptable and was adequately registered to the present survey smooth sheet. The registration was accomplished by applying the corrections mentioned in section H of this report.

Prior survey H-7812 covers most of the survey area while survey H-7822 covers only the northeastern tip of the present survey. The soundings from the current survey generally agree with the priors to within 1.0-2.0 fathoms with no consistent pattern of shoaling or increase in depths noted around the area. Aside from the natural effects of past earthquake activity, the differences in depths with the prior surveys may well be attributed to the greater sounding coverage and improved surveying methods applied to the present survey.

Prior surveys H-9201 and H-9306 cover the southern and eastern edges of the present survey. The soundings from this prior surveys generally agree with the present survey to within 1.0-2.0 fathoms for depths greater than 100.0 fathoms.

Prior surveys H-9523 and H-9524 cover the area along the western limits of the present survey. The soundings from the present survey generally agree with the priors to within 1.0-2.0 fathoms.

A more thorough bottom coverage utilizing the shallow water multibeam (SWMB) system has generally provided a better portrayal of the bottom configuration of this deep offshore area along Shelikof Strait.

Survey H-10976 is adequate to supersede the prior surveys within the area of common coverage.

N. ITEM INVESTIGATIONS

There were no AWOIS items assigned to this survey.

O. COMPARISON WITH CHART

Survey H-10976 was compared with the following charts.

<u>Chart</u>	<u>Edition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Datum</u>
16576	3 rd	Mar. 14, 1998	1:80,000	NAD 83
16603	7 th	Jan. 4, 1992	1:30,000	NAD 83

a. Hydrography

Charted hydrography originates with the previously discussed prior surveys and requires no further discussion.

Survey H-10976 is adequate to supersede charted hydrography within the common area.

b. Dangers to navigation

There are no dangers to navigation found within the area of the present survey and no dangers were identified during office processing.

P. ADEQUACY OF SURVEY

The hydrography contained on survey H-10976 is adequate to:

- a. delineate the bottom configuration, determine least depths, and draw the required depth curves;
- b. reveal there are no significant discrepancies or anomalies requiring further investigation; and
- c. show the survey was properly controlled and soundings are correctly plotted.

The hydrographic records and reports received for processing are adequate and conform to the requirements of the Hydrographic Manual, 4th Edition, revised through Change No. 3, the Hydrographic Survey Guidelines, the Field Procedures Manual, April 1998 Edition, and the Specifications and Deliverables dated June 2000.

Q. AIDS TO NAVIGATION

There are no fixed and floating aids to navigation within the survey area.

There were no features of landmark value located within the area of this survey.

R. STATISTICS

This section in the hydrographer's report is no longer required under the Specifications and Deliverables dated June 2000.

S. MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous information is adequately discussed in the hydrographer's report.

T. RECOMMENDATIONS

Survey H-10976 is a good hydrographic survey. No additional work is recommended.

U. REFERRAL TO REPORTS

Referral to reports is adequately discussed in the hydrographer's report.

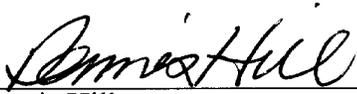


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APPROVAL SHEET
H-10976

Initial Approvals:

The completed survey has been inspected with regard to survey coverage, delineation of the depth curves, development of critical depths, cartographic symbolization, comparison with prior surveys and verification or disproval of charted data. The survey records and digital data comply with NOS requirements except where noted in the Evaluation Report.



Dennis Hill,
Chief, Cartographic Team
Pacific Hydrographic Branch

Date: 12-19-01

I have reviewed the smooth sheet, accompanying data, and reports. This survey and accompanying digital data meet or exceed NOS requirements and standards for products in support of nautical charting except where noted in the Evaluation Report.

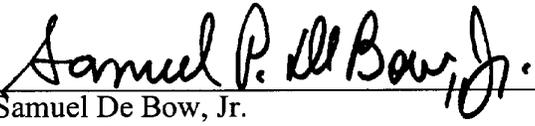


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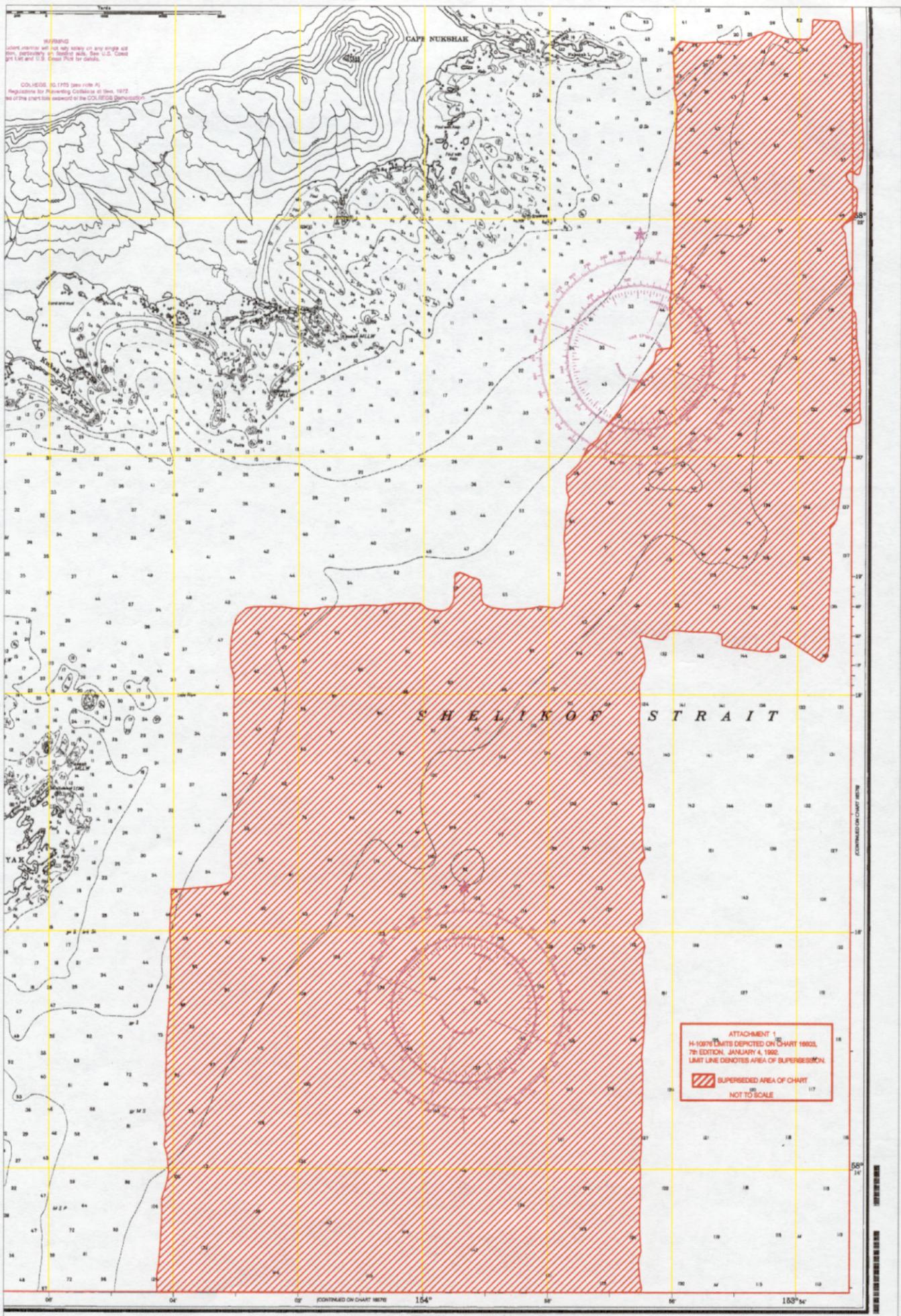
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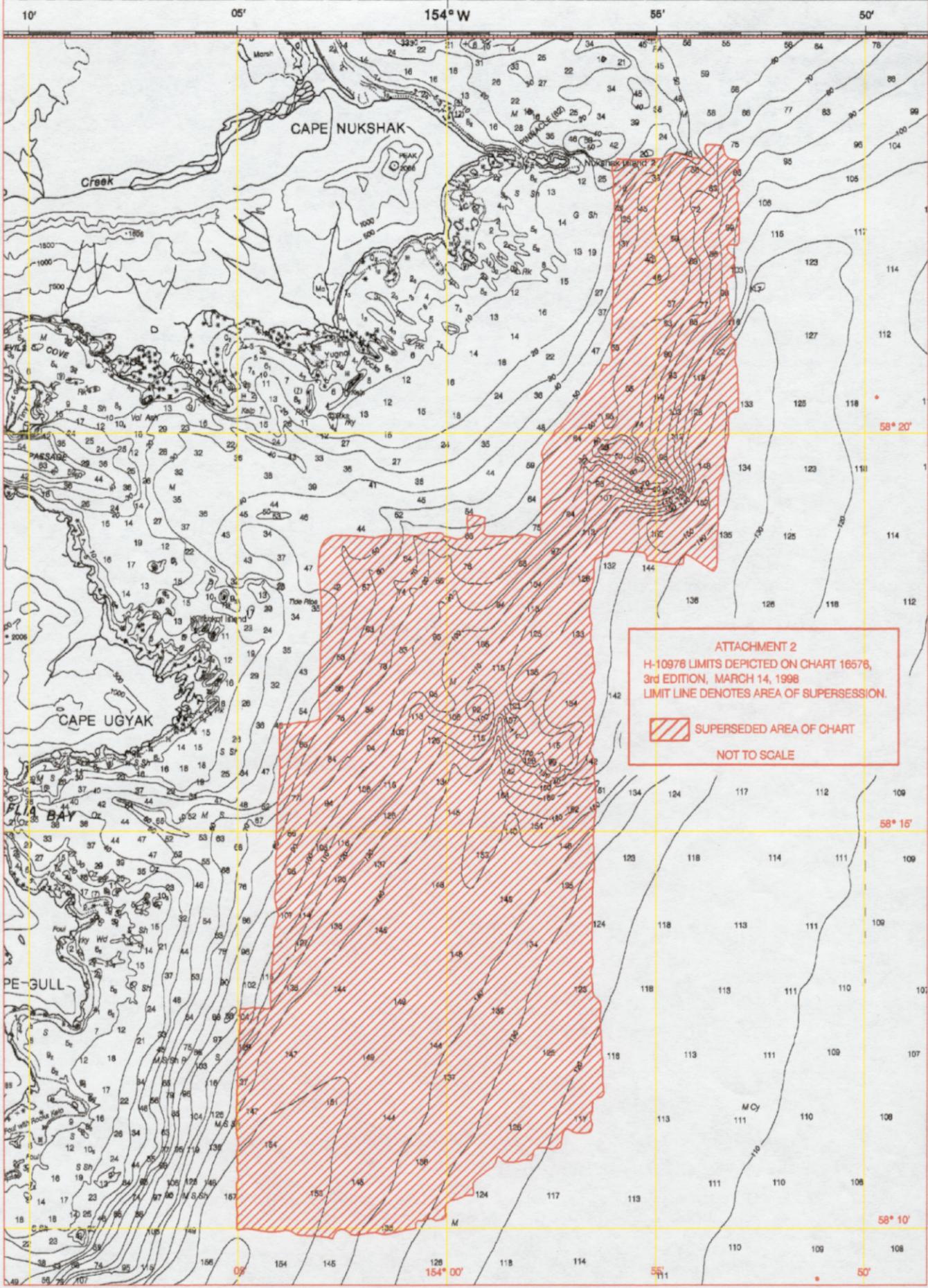
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Samuel De Bow, Jr.
Captain, NOAA
Chief, Hydrographic Surveys Division

Date: May 3, 2002





ATTACHMENT 2
H-10978 LIMITS DEPICTED ON CHART 16576,
3rd EDITION, MARCH 14, 1998
LIMIT LINE DENOTES AREA OF SUPERSESSION.

 SUPERSEDED AREA OF CHART

NOT TO SCALE

