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Sub-locality: NE Approach to Port Mansfield

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Sub-Locality: **NE Approach to Port Mansfield**

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Instructions Dated: **06/23/2015**

Project Number: **OPR-K370-KR-15**

Field Unit: **eTrac Inc.**

Chief of Party: **David Neff, ACSM C.H.**

Soundings by: **Multibeam Echo Sounder**

Imagery by: **Multibeam Echo Sounder Backscatter**

Verification by: **Atlantic Hydrographic Branch**

Soundings Acquired in: **meters at Mean Lower Low Water**

Remarks:

All times are UTC. The purpose of this survey is to update existing NOS nautical charts. H12765 will cover approximately 56 square nautical miles of survey area in the NE Approach to Port Mansfield as designated in NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities, 2012 edition. SUBCONSULTANT: Geodynamics LLC, 310A Greenfield Dr., Newport, NC 98570 SUBCONSULTANT: Theory Marine, 777 Viewcrest Dr., Ventura, CA 93003 Projection: UTM 14N, NAD83

The purpose of this survey is to provide contemporary surveys to update National Ocean Service (NOS) nautical charts. All separates are filed with the hydrographic data. Any revisions to the Descriptive Report (DR) generated during office processing are shown in bold red italic text. The processing branch maintains the DR as a field unit product, therefore, all information and recommendations within the body of the DR are considered preliminary unless otherwise noted. The final disposition of surveyed features is represented in the OCS nautical chart update products. All pertinent records for this survey, including the DR, are archived at the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) and can be retrieved via <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/>.

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Descriptive Report to Accompany Survey H12765

Project: OPR-K370-KR-15

Locality: Port Mansfield, TX

Sublocality: NE Approach to Port Mansfield

Scale: 1:40000

June 2015 - August 2015

eTrac Inc.

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A. Area Surveyed

eTrac Inc. conducted hydrographic survey operations in the vicinity of Port Mansfield, TX. H12765 covers approximately 56 square nautical miles of survey area, including the safety fairway approaching Port Mansfield, TX. H12765 is generally rectangular in geometry, and is approximately 7 nautical miles wide (E-W) by 8 nautical miles long (N-S).

Survey was conducted within these limits between June 7, 2015 (DN158) and August 12, 2015 (DN224).

A.1 Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the following survey limits:

Northwest Limit	Southeast Limit
26° 49' 3.67" N 97° 2' 52.71" W	26° 41' 13.16" N 96° 54' 55.15" W

Table 1: Survey Limits

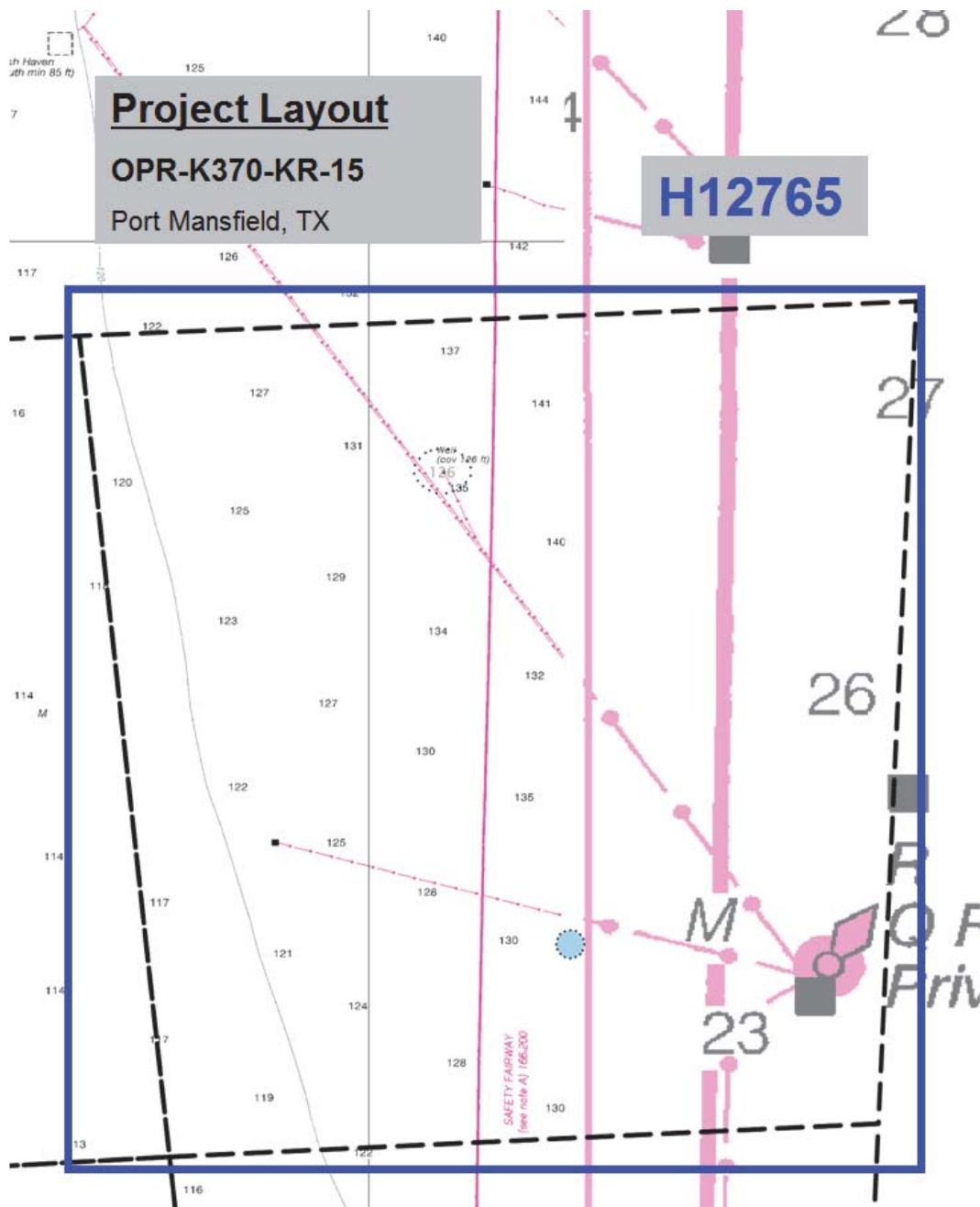


Figure 1: Survey Limits (Black dashed line)

All data were acquired in accordance with the requirements in the Project Instructions and specifications set forth in the Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables 2015 Edition (HSSD 2015).

A.2 Survey Purpose

The purpose of this survey is to update existing NOS nautical charts. H12765 covers approximately 56 square nautical miles of survey area in Port Mansfield, TX as designated in NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities, 2012 edition.

A.3 Survey Quality

The entire survey is adequate to supersede previous data.

Survey H12765 is accurate to IHO Order 1a as required per the HSSD 2015.

A.4 Survey Coverage

Survey Coverage was in accordance with the requirements in the Project Instructions and HSSD 2015. Depths in H12765 range from 35 to 54 meters. H12765 was surveyed to Complete MBES with backscatter standards set forth in the HSSD 2015.

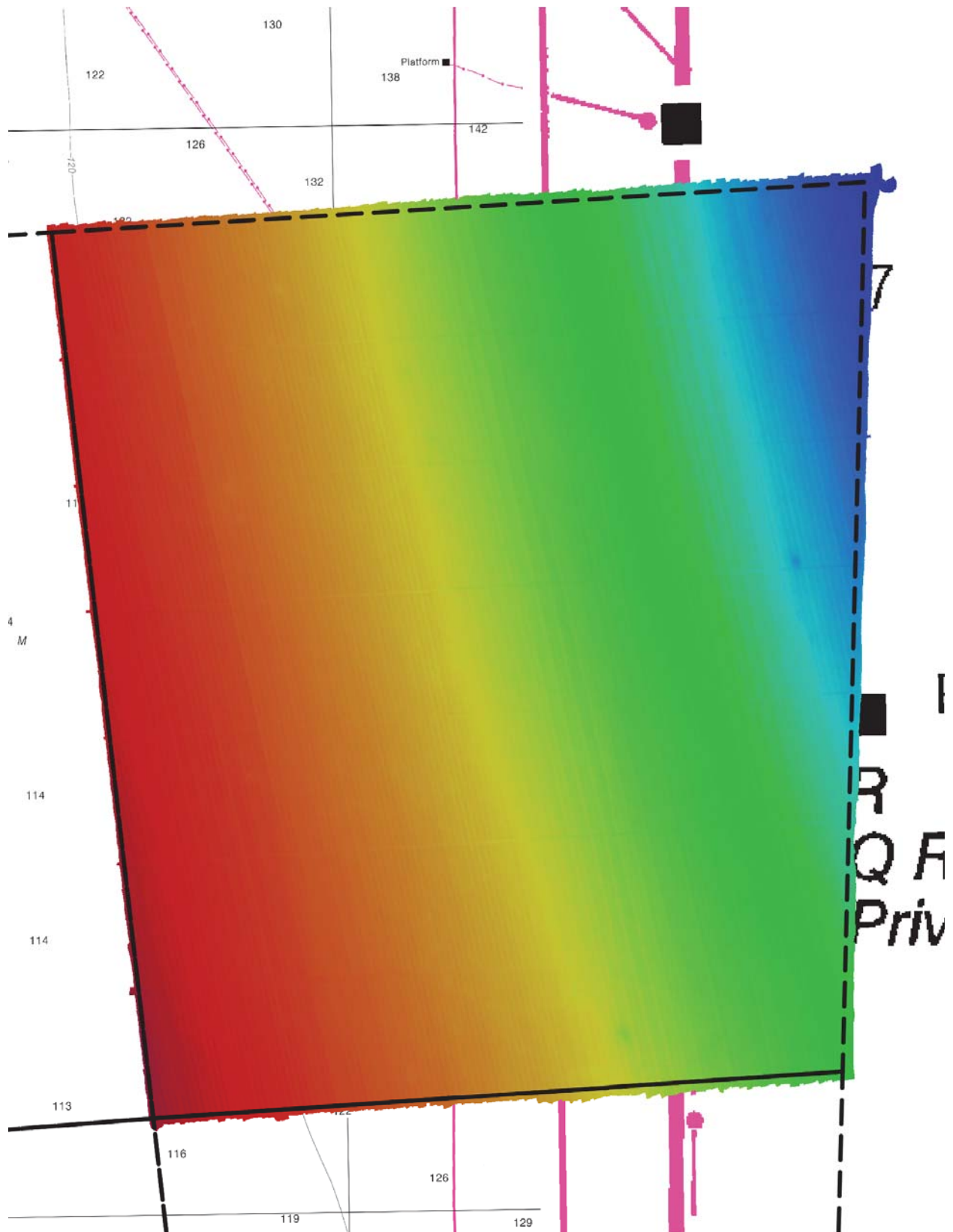


Figure 2: Survey Coverage

A.5 Survey Statistics

The following table lists the mainscheme and crossline acquisition mileage for this survey:

	HULL ID	<i>JAB</i>	<i>Benthos</i>	<i>Taku</i>	<i>Total</i>
LNM	SBES Mainscheme	0	0	0	0
	MBES Mainscheme	6	463	519	988
	Lidar Mainscheme	0	0	0	0
	SSS Mainscheme	0	0	0	0
	SBES/SSS Mainscheme	0	0	0	0
	MBES/SSS Mainscheme	0	0	0	0
	SBES/MBES Crosslines	0	36	7	43
	Lidar Crosslines	0	0	0	0
Number of Bottom Samples					8
Number of AWOIS Items Investigated					0
Number Maritime Boundary Points Investigated					0
Number of DPs					0
Number of Items Investigated by Dive Ops					0
Total SNM					56

Table 2: Hydrographic Survey Statistics

The following table lists the specific dates of data acquisition for this survey:

Survey Dates	Day of the Year
06/07/2015	158
06/08/2015	159
06/09/2015	160
06/10/2015	161
06/11/2015	162
06/24/2015	175
06/25/2015	176
06/26/2015	177
06/28/2015	179
06/29/2015	180
06/30/2015	181
07/03/2015	184
07/04/2015	185
07/05/2015	186
07/09/2015	190
07/10/2015	191
07/11/2015	192
07/12/2015	193
08/10/2015	222
08/11/2015	223
08/12/2015	224

Table 3: Dates of Hydrography

B. Data Acquisition and Processing

B.1 Equipment and Vessels

Refer to the Data Acquisition and Processing Report (DAPR) for a complete description of data acquisition and processing systems, survey vessels, quality control procedures and data processing methods. Additional information to supplement sounding and survey data are discussed in the following sections.

B.1.1 Vessels

The following vessels were used for data acquisition during this survey:

Hull ID	<i>M/V Jab</i>	<i>R/V Benthos</i>	<i>R/V Taku</i>
LOA	13 meters	10 meters	10 meters
Draft	0.75 meters	0.6 meters	0.6 meters

Table 4: Vessels Used

The M/V Jab is a 13 meter aluminum catamaran equipped with a multibeam moonpool and an A-frame for towed body operations.

The R/V Benthos is a 10 meter aluminum catamaran equipped with a custom over-the-side (port) multibeam hydraulic pole mount, as well as an A-Frame for towed body operations.

The R/V Taku is a 10 meter aluminum catamaran equipped with an Universal Sonar Mount (USM) over-the-side (starboard) multibeam mount, as well as an A-Frame for towed body operations.

B.1.2 Equipment

The following major systems were used for data acquisition during this survey:

Manufacturer	Model	Type
R2Sonic	2024	MBES
Applanix	POSMV 320 V5	Positioning and Attitude System
AML	Base.X	Sound Speed System
AML	Minos.X	Sound Speed System
Trimble	SPS351	Positioning System
Trimble	DSM232	Positioning System

Table 5: Major Systems Used

Note: The major systems listed above were used on each vessel. The AML Minos.X, AML Base.X, and Trimble DSM232 were utilized on the M/V Jab. R/V Benthos utilized an AML Base.X and Trimble SPS351. R/V Taku utilized an AML Base.X and Trimble DSM232.

B.2 Quality Control

B.2.1 Crosslines

Crosslines acquired for this survey totaled 4% of mainscheme acquisition.

A comparison of crossline mileage to mainscheme mileage yields a cross line percentage of 4.30% and is noted to be above the required 4%.

A beam-by-beam statistical analysis was performed using the Line QC reporting tool in Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0. A 2 meter CUBE weighted BASE surface was created incorporating only the mainscheme lines and excluded crosslines. Note: this surface was created for QC only and is not submitted as a surface deliverable. The Line QC reporting tool was used to perform the beam-by-beam comparison of the crossline data to the mainscheme surface. Comparisons showed excellent agreement well above 95% of the allowable TVU. Note: the statistical analysis excluded the outer 5 beams (beams 1-5 and beams 252-256), as these beams were excluded from both mainscheme and crossline data across the entire project.

The beam-to-beam crossline comparison report generated through the Caris Line QC reporting tool is included in Separate II.

Below is a graph of crossline comparison statistics showing IHO Special Order and Order 1a compliance per beam.

Note: The R/V Benthos acquired MBES crossline data for H12765 on DN158. It was discovered after completion of crossline acquisition that the R/V Benthos was operating a sonar that had a low power port side element. The faulty element caused issues with port side beam formation, creating a lower percentage of accepted beams per IHO Special Order standards as displayed in the graph below. IHO Order 1a compliance remained unaffected and crossline data is noted to be well within specifications set forth in the HSSD 2015.

Resolution: The faulty sonar was immediately replaced on the morning of DN159, isolating the issue to DN158 crossline data.

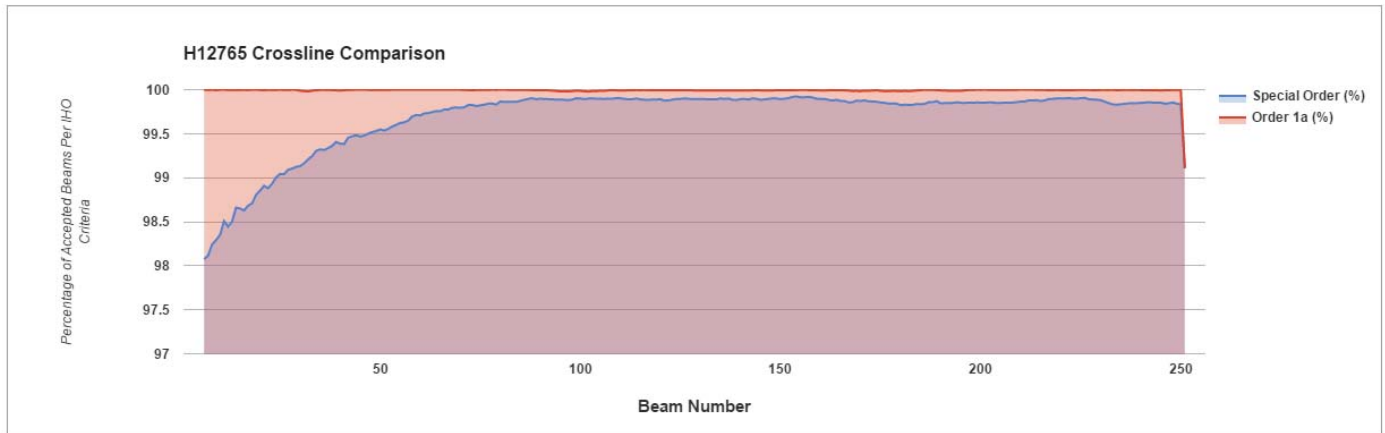


Figure 3: H12765 Crossline Comparison

B.2.2 Uncertainty

The following survey specific parameters were used for this survey:

Measured	Zoning
0.22 meters	0 meters

Table 6: Survey Specific Tide TPU Values

Hull ID	Measured - CTD	Measured - MVP	Surface
M/V Jab	4 meters/second	0 meters/second	2 meters/second
R/V Benthos	4 meters/second	0 meters/second	2 meters/second
R/V Taku	4 meters/second	0 meters/second	2 meters/second

Table 7: Survey Specific Sound Speed TPU Values

Note: Tide TPU value given as 2 sigma.

Standard deviation and uncertainty BASE surfaces were utilized during data processing to search for features, water column noise, and systematic errors.

A custom layer was created within the BASE surface utilizing the Deep and Shoal layers in the following configuration:

$$\text{Custom Layer} = (\text{Deep} - \text{Shoal})^2$$

By viewing this custom layer, seafloor features, water column noise, and systematic errors are graphically exaggerated and can easily be identified for further examination.

A TVU QC layer was created within the BASE surface utilizing the Uncertainty and Depth layers in the following configuration:

$-\text{Uncertainty}/((0.5^2 + ((\text{Depth} * 0.013)^2))^0.5)$

By viewing the TVU QC layer, nodes that exceed the IHO Order 1a uncertainty standards can be identified and further analyzed.

Standard deviation and uncertainty were quantified using the QC Reporting tool within Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0. The option "Greater of the two" was selected in the reporting tool in order to generate statistics quantifying the maximum error occurring within the data. IHO Order 1a uncertainty specification was met by 100% of the nodes.

B.2.3 Junctions

The following junctions were made with this survey:

Registry Number	Scale	Year	Field Unit	Relative Location
H12763	1:40000	2015	eTrac Inc.	S
H12764	1:40000	2015	eTrac Inc.	W

Table 8: Junctioning Surveys

H12763

H12765 junctions with H12763 to the south. The junction comparison was performed using approximately 250m of overlapping data between H12765 and H12763. Depths were compared in Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0 by creating a 2 meter difference surface between the junctioning datasets. Note: the 2 meter difference surface was created for comparison efforts only and is not submitted as a surface deliverable. The comparison showed excellent agreement between H12765 and H12763. Depth differences generally were within 30cm or less, with the majority of depth differences being less than 10cm. Junction comparison statistics are included in Separate II.

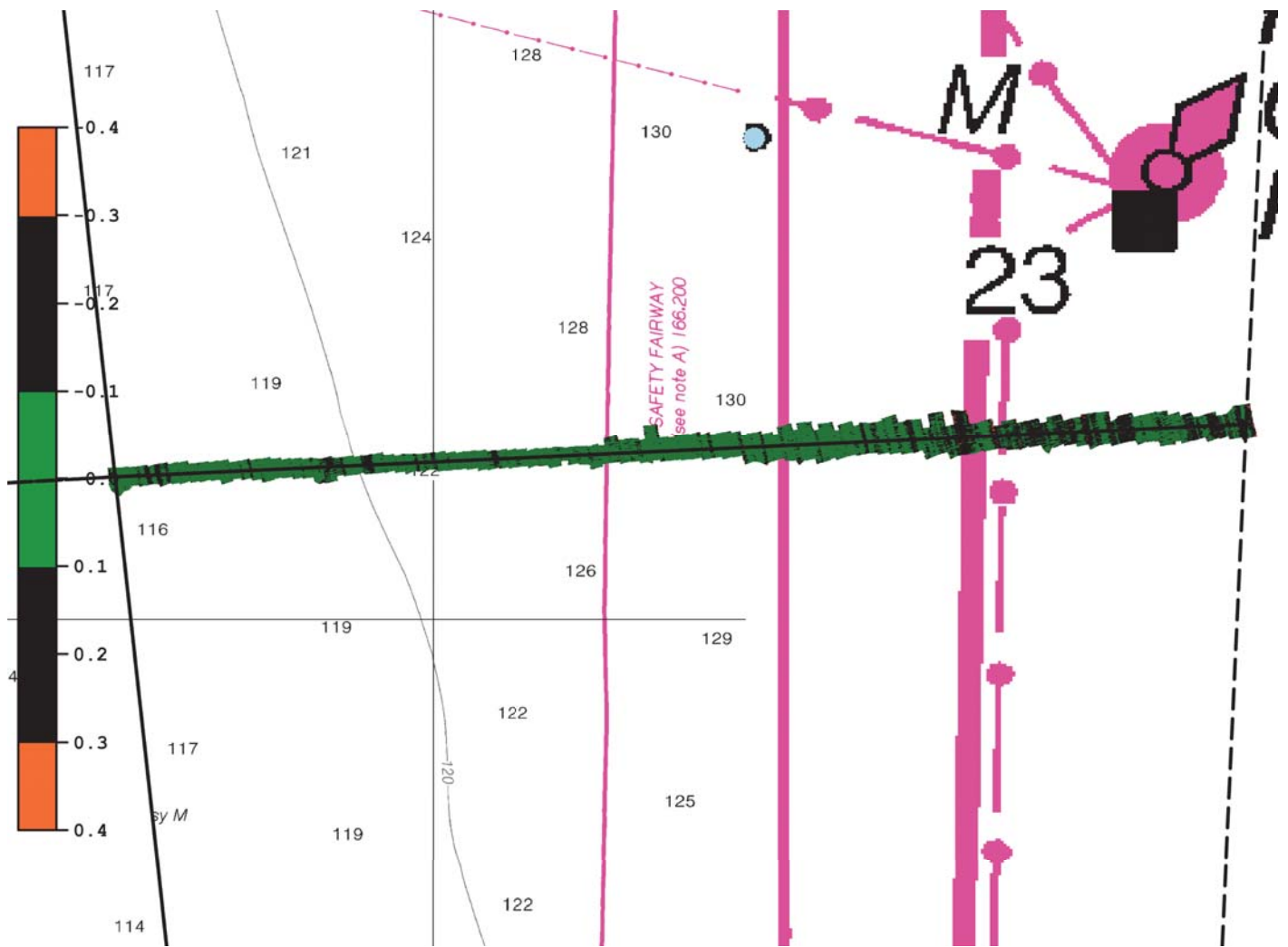


Figure 4: Junction Comparison (H12765 to H12763)

H12764

H12765 junctions with H12764 to the west. The junction comparison was performed using approximately 250m of overlapping data between H12765 and H12764. Depths were compared in Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0 by creating a 2 meter difference surface between the junctioning datasets. Note: the 2 meter difference surface was created for comparison efforts only and is not submitted as a surface deliverable. The comparison showed excellent agreement between H12765 and H12764. Depth differences generally were within 30cm or less, with the majority of depth differences being less than 10cm. Junction comparison statistics are included in Separate II.

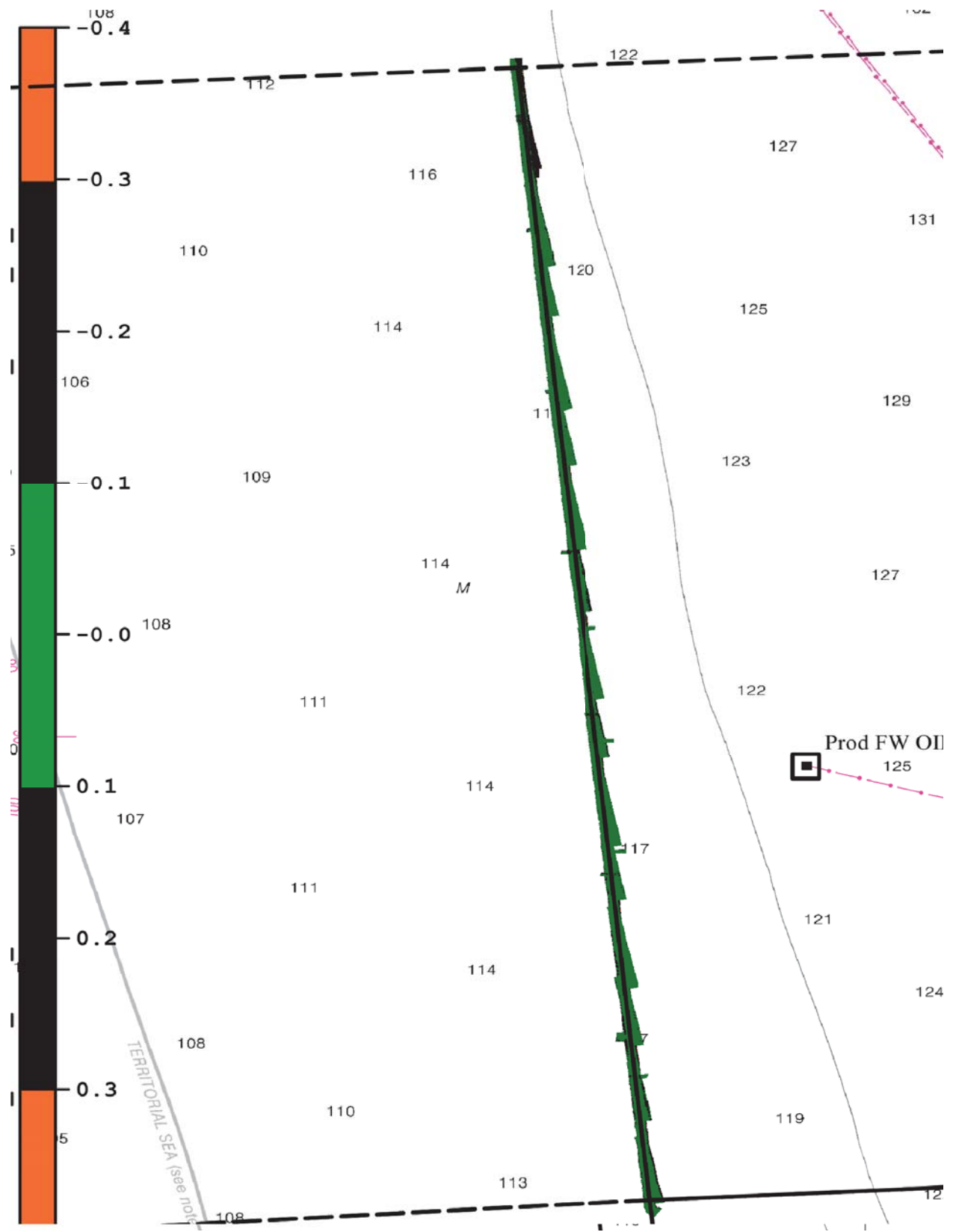


Figure 5: Junction Comparison (H12765 to H12764)

B.2.4 Sonar QC Checks

Sonar system quality control checks were conducted as detailed in the quality control section of the DAPR.

B.2.5 Equipment Effectiveness

There were no conditions or deficiencies that affected equipment operational effectiveness.

B.2.6 Factors Affecting Soundings

There were no other factors that affected corrections to soundings.

B.2.7 Sound Speed Methods

Sound Speed Cast Frequency: SVP casts were generally taken every 2 hours. Occasionally casts would exceed a 2 hour frequency, however would never exceed a 4 hour frequency. Casts were applied in QPS QINSy acquisition software at the time of the cast. Surface SVP measured at 1Hz was compared to surface speed from the current profile in realtime. If the surface velocity comparison was in excess of 2m/s at any time during survey operations, a new cast was taken.

SVP surface velocities were compared in real-time and profile to profile for each cast on the vessel. Additionally, profiles were compared day-to-day in the field office using the SVPTrac program, created in-house by eTrac Inc., to better understand trends for efficient acquisition planning.

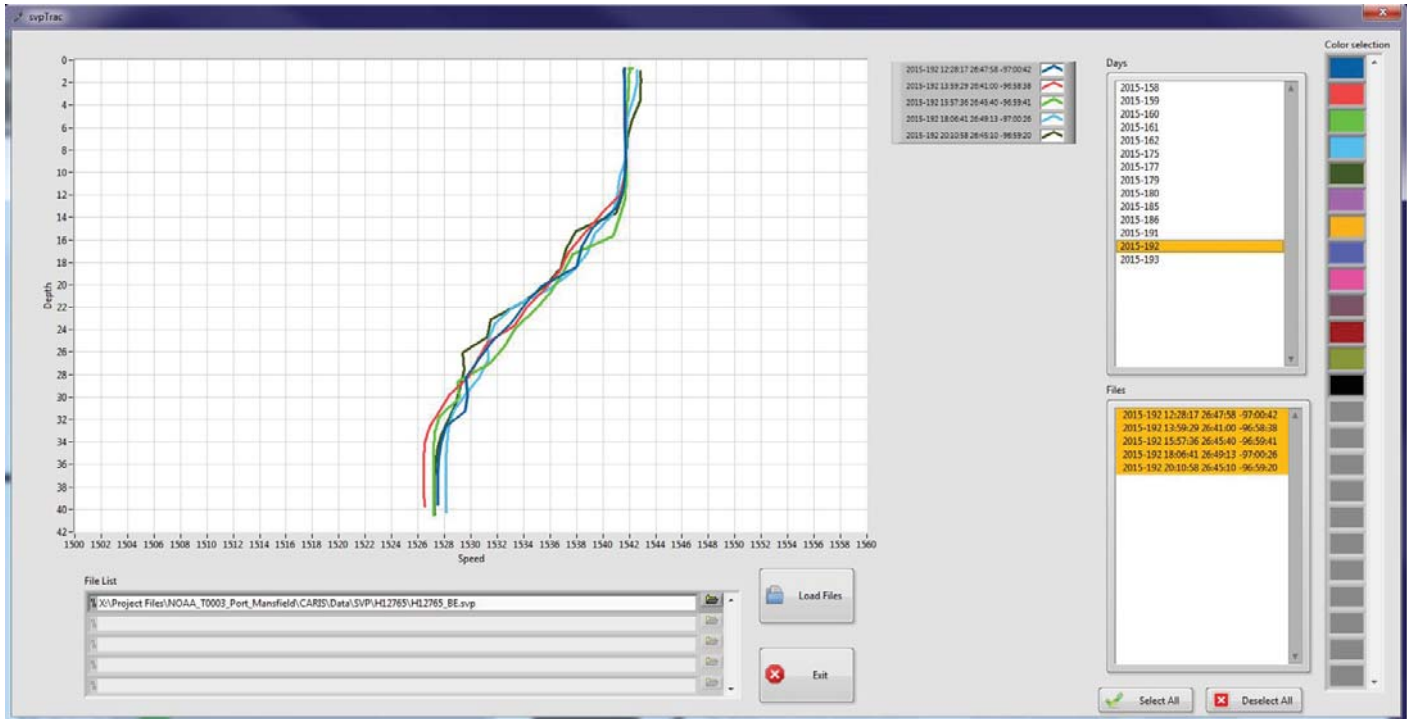


Figure 6: Example of Daily SVP Data Plot (DN192)

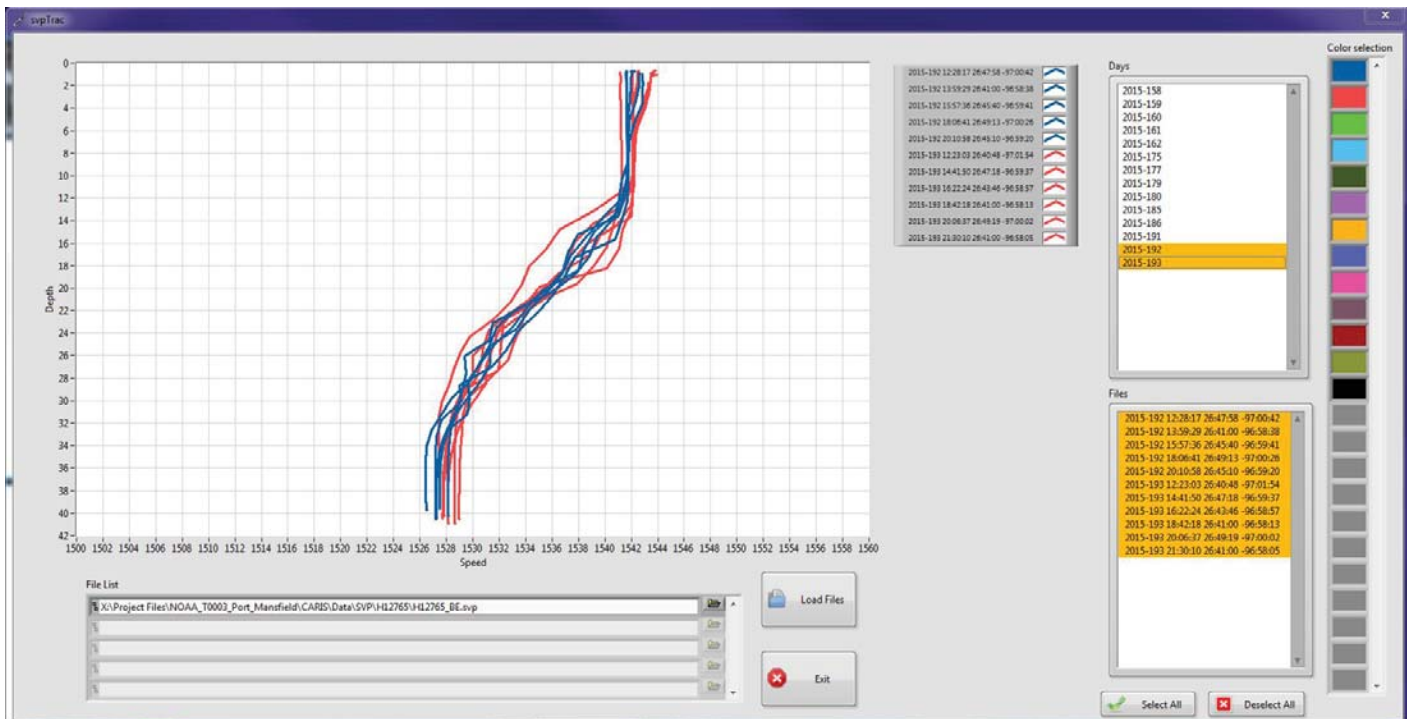


Figure 7: Example of Day to Day SVP Comparison (DN192 and DN193)

B.2.8 Coverage Equipment and Methods

All equipment and survey methods were used as detailed in the DAPR.

B.2.9 Data Density Evaluation

In order to determine if the density of the data met the specified 5 soundings per node, data density was evaluated using the DensityTrac program developed in-house by eTrac Inc. Each BASE surface's nodes were exported to an ASCII CSV file where the fields were (Easting, Northing, Denisty) for each node. The CSV file was then loaded into the DensityTrac program and density statistics were computed. For H12765 the following percentage represent the results of the density testing:

Complete Coverage MBES (2m Gridded Surface) = 99.48% of all nodes are composed from at least 5 soundings.

Complete Coverage MBES (4m Gridded Surface) = 99.95% of all nodes are composed from at least 5 soundings.

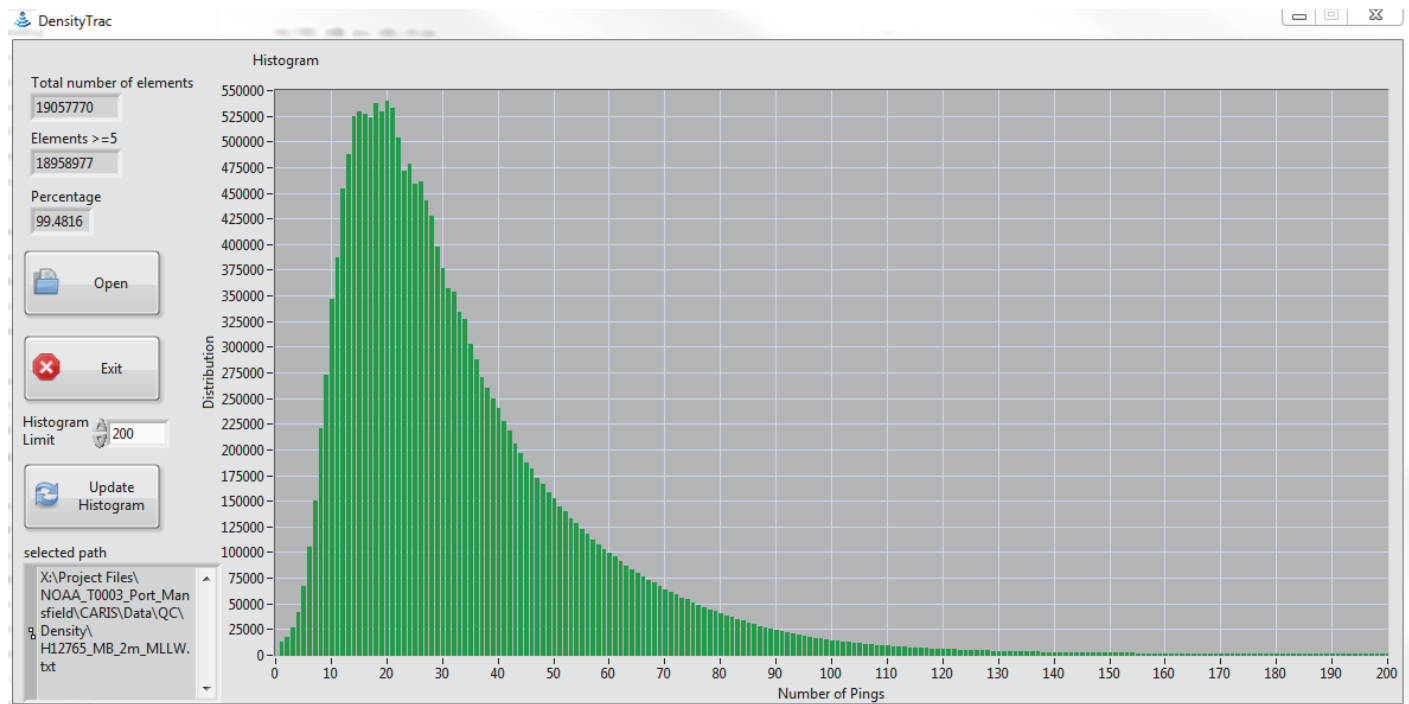


Figure 8: H12765 2m Complete Coverage MBES Density Distribution Statistics

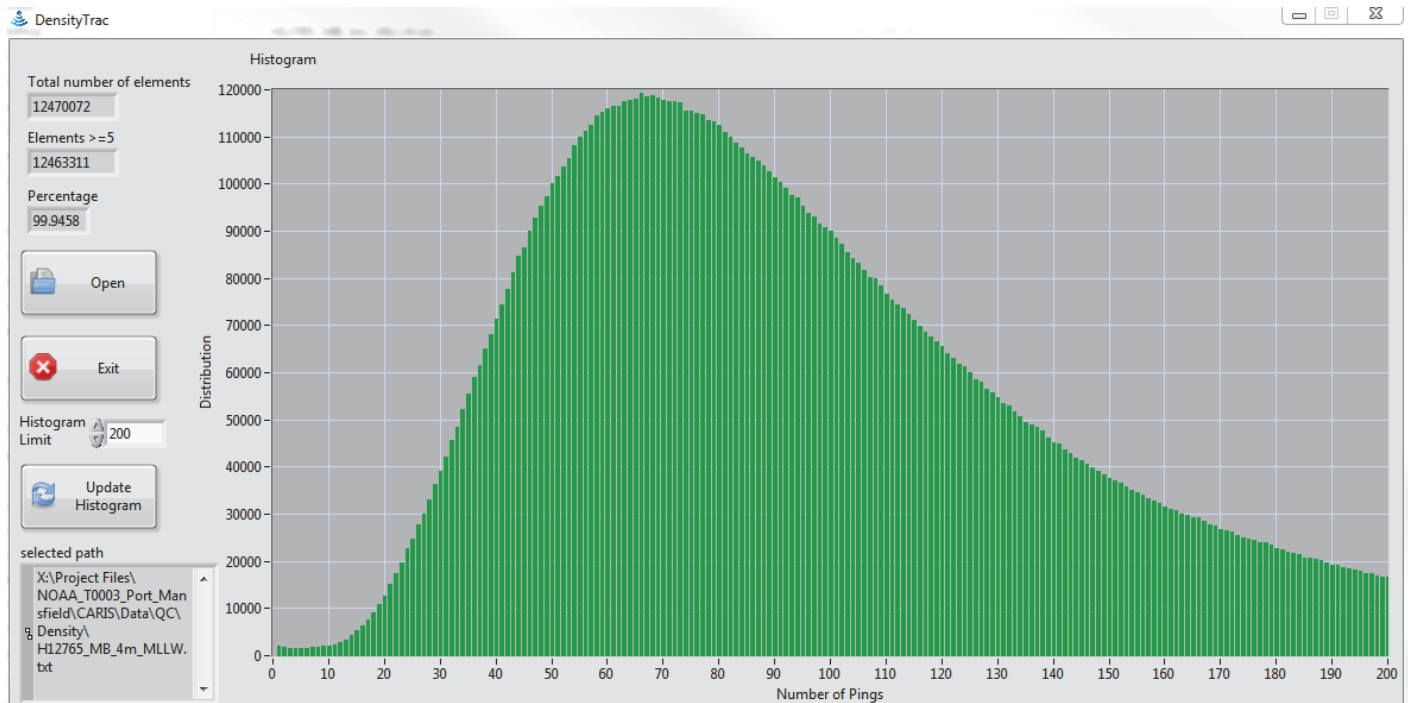


Figure 9: H12765 4m Complete Coverage MBES Density Distribution Statistics

B.3 Echo Sounding Corrections

B.3.1 Corrections to Echo Soundings

All data reduction procedures conform to those detailed in the DAPR.

B.3.2 Calibrations

All sounding systems were calibrated as detailed in the DAPR.

B.4 Backscatter

Backscatter data were collected throughout the survey and are retained in the raw XTF files. Every effort was made in the field to collect quality backscatter data while maintaining the primary mandate of high quality bathymetric data. While no processing or analysis of backscatter was required, eTrac Inc. engaged in a minimal effort to verify coverage and general quality of the backscatter data collected. Raw backscatter data were viewed in Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0 to ensure collection criteria had been met. Shown below is an example of the unprocessed backscatter mosaic from H12765 DN179.

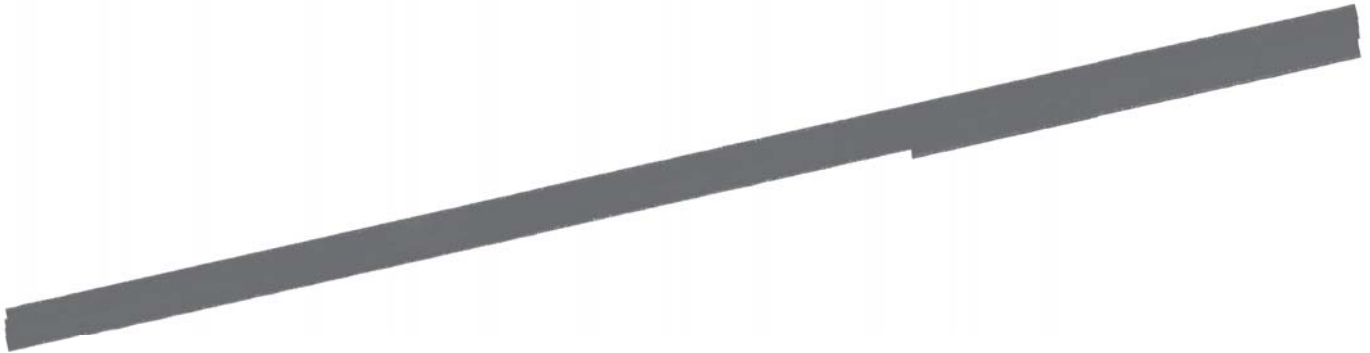


Figure 10: Raw Backscatter From R/V Benthos (DN179)

B.5 Data Processing

B.5.1 Software Updates

There were no software configuration changes after the DAPR was submitted.

The following Feature Object Catalog was used: NOAA Profile V_5_3_2

B.5.2 Surfaces

The following surfaces and/or BAGs were submitted to the Processing Branch:

Surface Name	Surface Type	Resolution	Depth Range	Surface Parameter	Purpose
H12765_MB_2m_MLLW	CUBE	2 meters	35.24 meters - 40 meters	NOAA_2m	Complete MBES
H12765_MB_4m_MLLW	CUBE	4 meters	36 meters - 52.54 meters	NOAA_4m	Complete MBES
H12765_MB_2m_Parent	CUBE	2 meters	35.24 meters - 53.27 meters	NOAA_2m	Complete MBES
H12765_MB_4m_Parent	CUBE	4 meters	35.4 meters - 52.54 meters	NOAA_4m	Complete MBES

Surface Name	Surface Type	Resolution	Depth Range	Surface Parameter	Purpose
H12765_MB_2m_4m_Combined_Parent	CUBE	4 meters	35.24 meters - 52.54 meters	NOAA_4m	Complete MBES

Table 9: Submitted Surfaces

In areas shoaler than 40 meters, a 2 meter surface is provided meeting complete coverage MBES with backscatter specifications.

In areas deeper than 36 meters, a 4 meter surface is provided meeting complete coverage MBES with backscatter specifications.

Parents surfaces of the 2 meter and 4 meter surfaces are provided, both covering the entire survey area of H12765.

A combined surface of the 2 meter and 4 meter parent surfaces is provided. The combined surface was created during the review process in order to reduce the number of designated soundings. The combined surface has a resolution of 4 meters but honors the least depths from **teh** 2 meter surface. Reference page 17 of Appendix II Supplemental Survey Records and Correspondence.

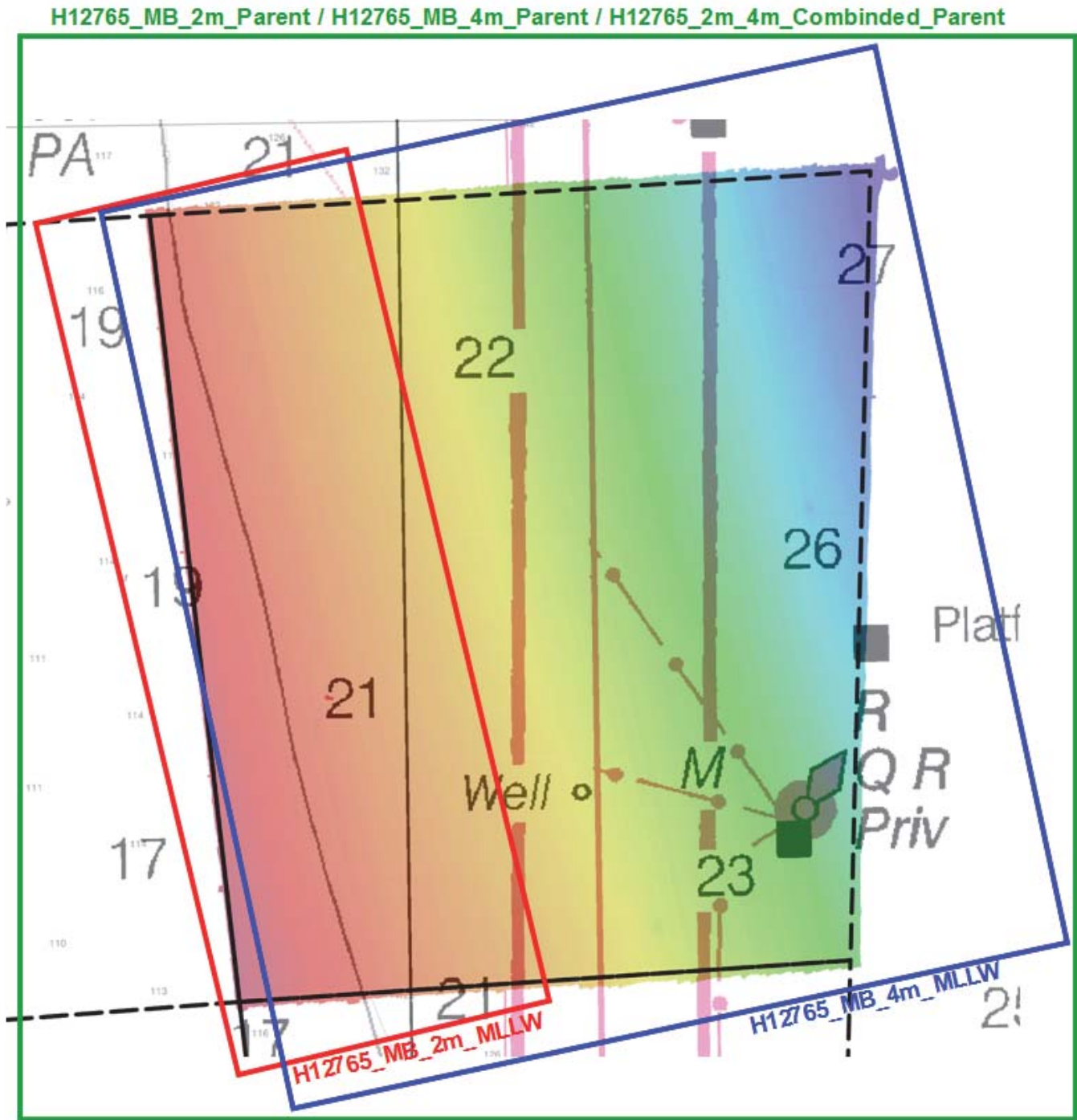


Figure 11: H12765 Delivered BASE Surface Coverage Graphic

C. Vertical and Horizontal Control

C.1 Vertical Control

The vertical datum for this project is Mean Lower Low Water.

Standard Vertical Control Methods Used:

Discrete Zoning

The following National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) stations served as datum control for this survey:

Station Name	Station ID
Corpus Christi TX	877-5870

Table 10: NWLON Tide Stations

File Name	Status
8775870.tid	Verified Observed

Table 11: Water Level Files (.tid)

File Name	Status
K370KR2015CORP.zdf	Final

Table 12: Tide Correctors (.zdf or .tc)

C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).

The projection used for this project is UTM Zone 14N.

DGPS correctors were monitored realtime during data collection for dropouts. No dropouts were witnessed during data collection. In addition to the realtime monitoring of DGPS corrections, position data was analyzed in the office during post-processing. The attitude editor within Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0 was utilized to identify any position data that may be insufficient for final delivery.

The following DGPS Stations were used for horizontal control:

DGPS Stations
Aransas Pass, 304kHz, ID: 816

Table 13: USCG DGPS Stations

D. Results and Recommendations

D.1 Chart Comparison

A chart comparison was conducted for H12765 using Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0. Contours, as well as soundings, were compared against the largest scale RNC 11304 and ENC US4TX15M charts to accomplish the chart comparison. RNC 11304 and ENC US4TX15M do not cover the eastern half of H12765 and therefore RNC 11300 and ENC US3GC01M were included to complete the sounding comparison. The method and results of the comparison are detailed below.

Contour Comparison Method:

Using the 4 meter CUBE weighted BASE surface, the 120 foot contour was generated and displayed against the charted contour. Additionally, the 4 meter CUBE weighted BASE surface was viewed by a custom color band range based on the contour intervals (12ft, 18ft, 30ft, 60ft, 90ft, 120ft, 180ft). The results of the comparison are described below.

Sounding Comparison Method:

Using the same 4 meter CUBE weighted BASE surface used for the contour comparison, spot soundings were generated in Caris HIPS and SIPS 9.0 for H12765. Soundings were displayed against the charted soundings and a visual comparison was made. The results are described below.

D.1.1 Raster Charts

The following are the largest scale raster charts, which cover the survey area:

Chart	Scale	Edition	Edition Date	LNМ Date	NM Date
11304	1:80000	14	04/2012	09/01/2015	09/12/2015
11300	1:460732	43	09/2011	09/01/2015	09/12/2015

Table 14: Largest Scale Raster Charts

11304

Contour Comparison Results:

The 120 foot contour has receded shoreward, on average, approximately 1000 meters from the charted contour.

Sounding Comparison Results:

With exception to the differences identified through the contour comparison, in general, the soundings are in excellent agreement, with no major discrepancies. Soundings are generally within 1 foot (0.3m) of each other. Occasionally soundings differ by 2 to 3 feet, however generally depth differences appear to be minimal. Depth differences are not biased in any particular direction to support a systematic error.

11300

Contour Comparison Results:

RNC 11304 covers the entire 120 foot contour within H12765, and therefore RNC 11300 was not required for contour comparison.

Sounding Comparison Results:

Results of the sounding comparison with RNC 11300 match those of the RNC 11304 sounding comparison.

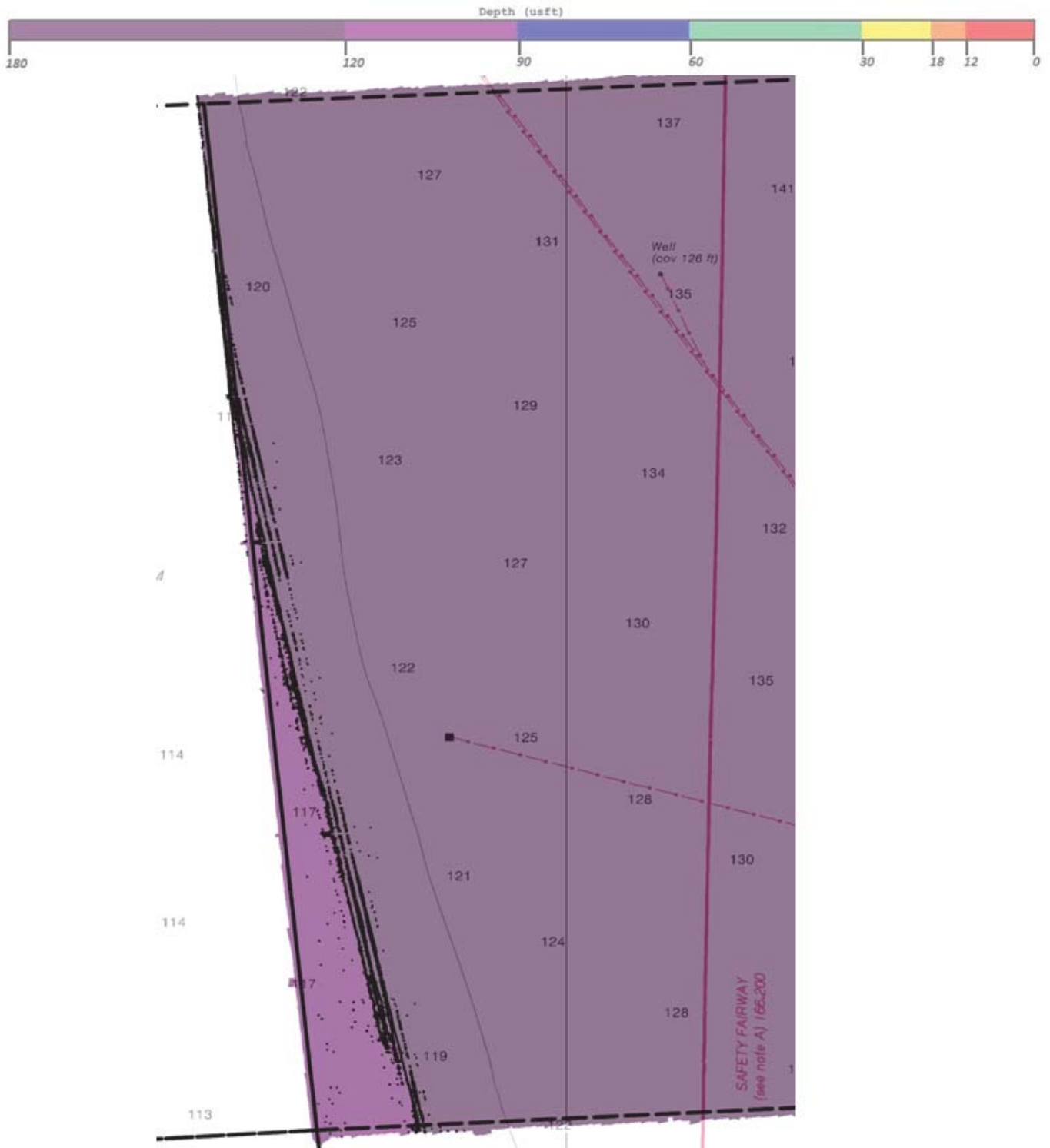


Figure 12: H12765 Contour Comparison with RNC 11304 (120ft Contour)

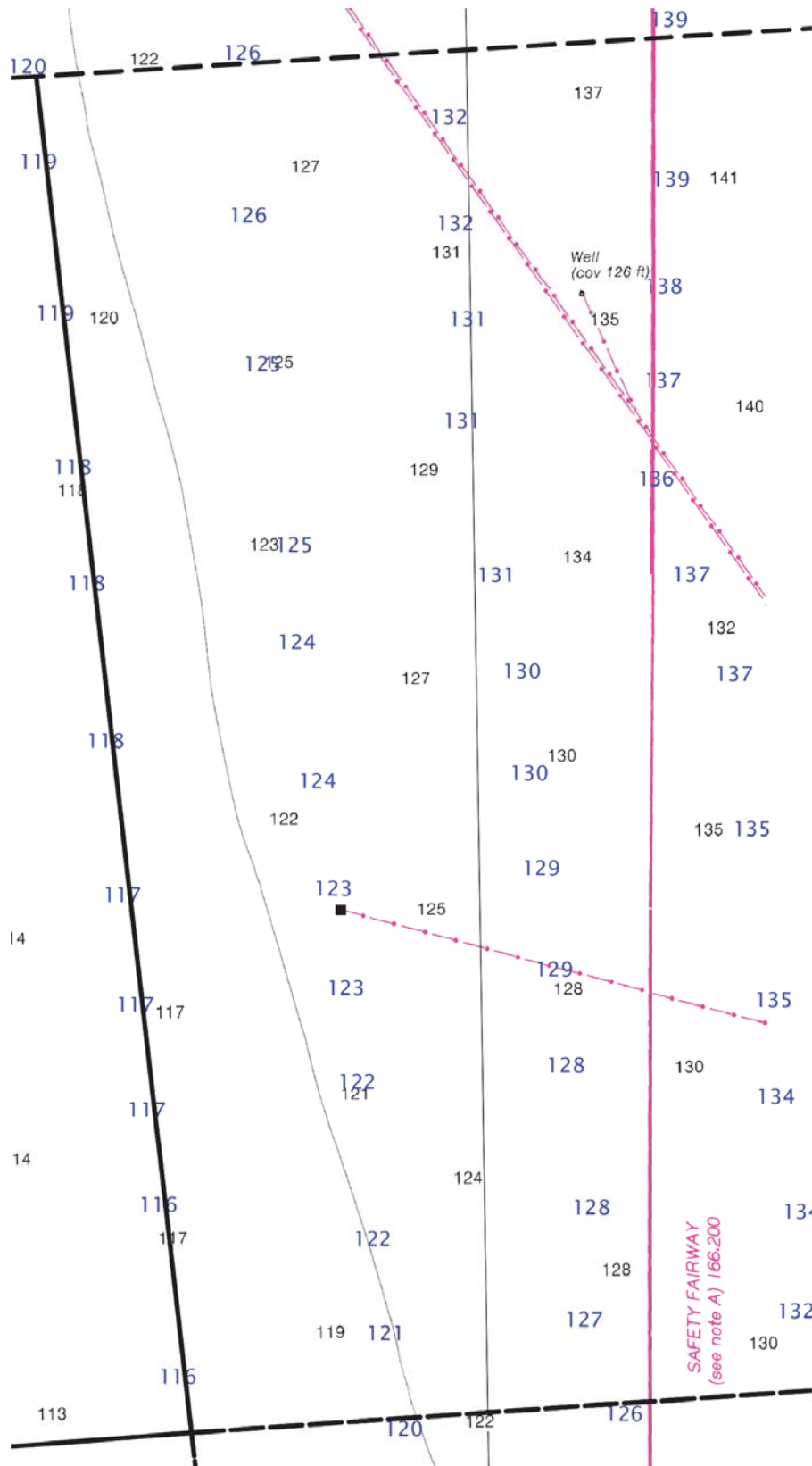


Figure 13: H12765 Sounding Comparison with RNC 11304

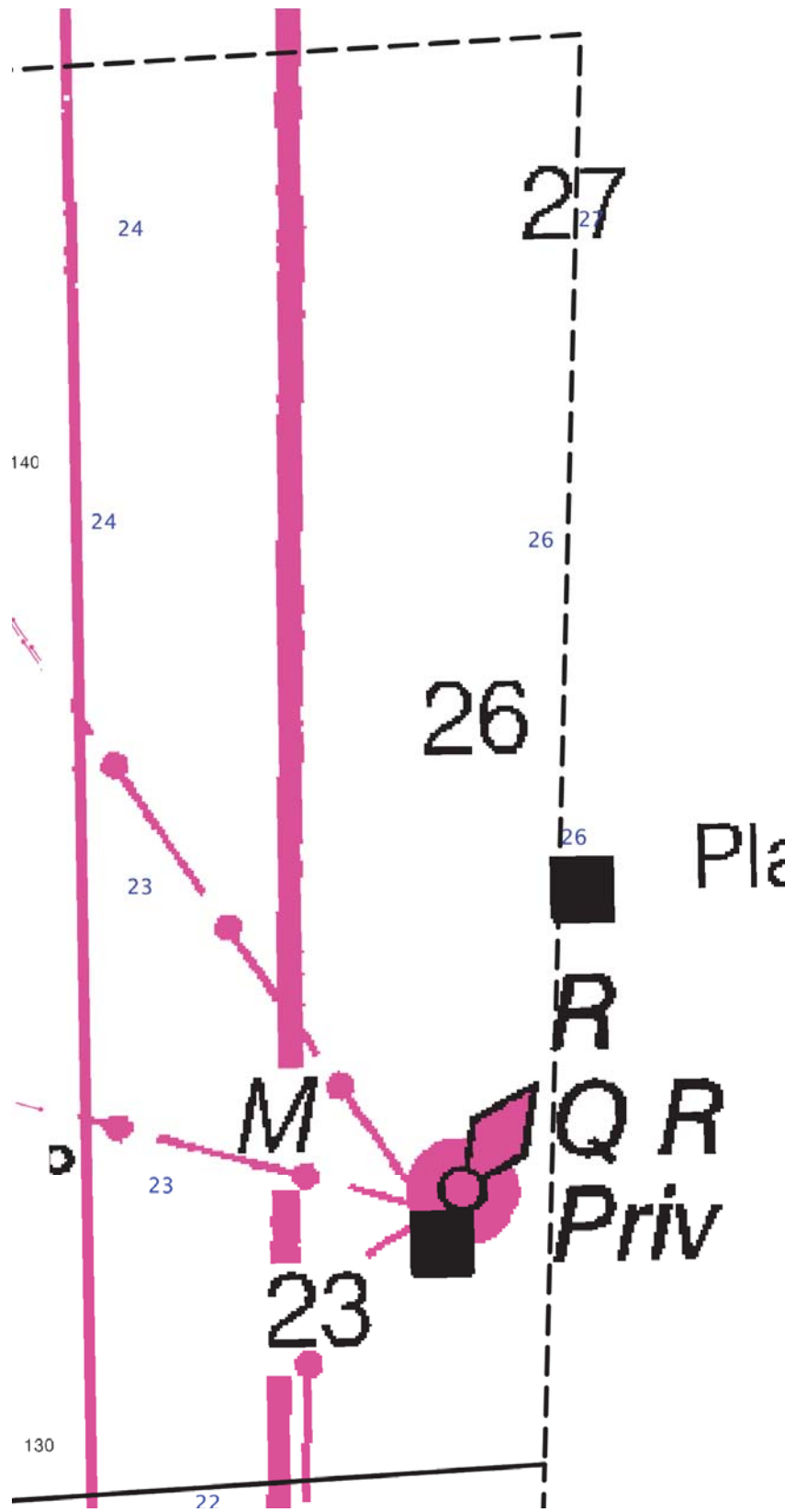


Figure 14: H12765 Sounding Comparison with RNC 11300

D.1.2 Electronic Navigational Charts

The following are the largest scale ENC's, which cover the survey area:

ENC	Scale	Edition	Update Application Date	Issue Date	Preliminary?
US4TX15M	1:0	10	02/07/2014	06/10/2015	NO
US3GC01M	1:0	20	10/01/2012	09/03/2015	NO

Table 15: Largest Scale ENC's

US4TX15M

The results of the chart comparison with US4TX15M match those of the RNC chart comparisons.

US3GC01M

The results of the chart comparison with US3GC01M match those of the RNC chart comparisons.

D.1.3 AWOIS Items

No AWOIS Items were assigned for this survey.

D.1.4 Maritime Boundary Points

No Maritime Boundary Points were assigned for this survey.

D.1.5 Charted Features

There were 2 charted features assigned and 2 charted features not assigned to H12765. Both the assigned and not assigned features are retained in the Final Feature File (FFF). The feature in the FFF has been given a unique identifier in the "userid" field of the .000 S-57 file (format H12765_XXX).

Of the (2) assigned features the following determinations and recommendations were made:

DELETE: (2) assigned features were not found using complete coverage MBES. A DELETE action is recommended.

Of the (2) not assigned features the following determinations and recommendations were made:

DELETE: (2) not assigned features were not visually seen or detected in complete coverage MBES. A DELETE action is recommended.

D.1.6 Uncharted Features

There were no uncharted features found in H12765.

D.1.7 Dangers to Navigation

There were no DTONs found in H12765.

D.1.8 Shoal and Hazardous Features

No shoals or potentially hazardous features exist for this survey.

D.1.9 Channels

A safety fairway runs north-south through H12765. The surveyed depths within the safety fairway are in general agreement with the charted depths as detailed in the chart comparison section of this report.

D.1.10 Bottom Samples

8 bottom samples were obtained in accordance with sections 7.1 and 8.2 of the HSSD 2015 in areas designated by the feature object class springs (SPRING) in the Project Reference File (PRF). A brief description of the results is listed below.

H12765_E001: soft brown mud with broken shells
H12765_E002: soft brown mud
H12765_E003: soft brown mud
H12765_E004: soft brown mud with broken shells
H12765_E005: soft brown mud
H12765_E006: soft brown mud
H12765_E007: soft brown mud
H12765_E008: soft brown mud

Detailed information and images of the bottom samples listed above are located in the Final Feature File (FFF). Each bottom sample has been given a unique identifier in the "userid" field of the .000 S-57 file (format H12765_EXXX).

D.2 Additional Results

D.2.1 Shoreline

Shoreline was not assigned in the Hydrographic Survey Project Instructions or Statement of Work.

D.2.2 Prior Surveys

No prior survey comparisons exist for this survey.

D.2.3 Aids to Navigation

No Aids to navigation (ATONs) exist for this survey.

D.2.4 Overhead Features

No overhead features exist for this survey.

D.2.5 Submarine Features

No submarine features exist for this survey.

D.2.6 Ferry Routes and Terminals

No ferry routes or terminals exist for this survey.

D.2.7 Platforms

There were 2 charted platforms for H12765. Each platform is retained in the Final Feature File (FFF). Each platform in the FFF has been given a unique identifier in the userid field (format H12765_XXX). Of the (2) platforms the following determinations and recommendations were made:

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D.2.8 Significant Features

No significant features exist for this survey.

D.2.9 Construction and Dredging

No present or planned construction or dredging exist within the survey limits.

D.2.10 New Survey Recommendation

No new surveys or further investigations are recommended for this area.

D.2.11 Inset Recommendation


No new insets are recommended for this area.

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.

All BASE surfaces, this Descriptive Report, and all accompanying records and data are approved. All records are forwarded for final review and processing to the Processing Branch.

The survey data meets or exceeds requirements as set forth in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys and Specifications Deliverables Manual, 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	Approval Date	Signature
David R. Neff, C.H.	VP of Survey, eTrac Inc.	12/08/2015	 

APPENDIX I
TIDES AND WATER LEVELS



OPR-K370-KR-15 Port Mansfield, TX
Abstract: times of Hydrography
H12765

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Survey Date	Day of Year	Start Time	End Time
6/7/2015	158	13:54	21:13
6/8/2015	159	15:42	20:40
6/9/2015	160	12:28	20:53
6/10/2015	161	12:34	20:57
6/11/2015	162	12:50	19:59
6/24/2015	175	12:54	20:34
6/25/2015	176	12:46	20:44
6/26/2015	177	11:53	22:16
6/28/2015	179	12:32	20:50
6/29/2015	180	12:02	20:33
6/30/2015	181	12:43	13:53
7/3/2015	184	12:36	21:01
7/4/2015	185	13:08	20:54
7/5/2015	186	12:48	20:30
7/9/2015	190	12:53	13:04
7/10/2015	191	12:34	20:59
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7/12/2015	193	12:30	21:52
8/10/2015	222	13:01	17:17
8/11/2015	223	19:42	21:05
8/12/2015	224	15:59	16:15



Isadora Kratchman <izzy@etracinc.com>

Fwd: OPR-K370-KR-15

David Neff <david@etracinc.com>
To: Isadora Kratchman <izzy@etracinc.com>

Fri, Sep 4, 2015 at 11:39 PM

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APPENDIX II

SUPPLEMENTAL SURVEY RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE



David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Squat/Settlement Test

Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>

Tue, May 19, 2015 at 8:04 AM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Cc: Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Hi Dave,

Please find attached the draft CSF and PRF files associated with Port Mansfield.

Thank you,
Katrina

On Mon, May 18, 2015 at 6:41 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Thank you Megan,

Will you be sending the CSF and other associated files now that the draft instructions have officially been sent?

Dave

On Mon, May 18, 2015 at 7:26 PM, Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dave,

A new dynamic draft table is up to you. It is not required in the HSSD. If there were "any major changes to the loading or change to the vessel power plant" (HSSD 5.2.3.2) then it's required.

I'm responding for Katrina because she is on leave today. Keep sending your questions to Katrina and CC me.

Thanks,
Megan

On Fri, May 15, 2015 at 7:50 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Katrina,

We will be including the same 2 vessels we used in Panama City in our proposal for the TX project.

One question. Shall we be required to define a new dynamic draft table for the vessels as this was performed in January. **HSSD 5.2.3.2** under Dynamic Draft states that this must be performed once a year, but I wasn't sure if this was for meant for field units, contractors, or both.

Thanks, and enjoy the weekend.

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 **OPR-K370-KR-15_CSF_draft.000**
363K

 **OPR-K370-KR-15_PRF_draft.000**
19K



David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Updated CSF/PRF

David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Thu, May 21, 2015 at 8:44 AM

To: Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>

Cc: Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Thank you for sending Katrina,

I've already sent the cost estimate based on the original version, but I don't see much change here, as you say we gain an obstruction and lose a wreck. The loss in SNM doesn't appear to warrant a review and resubmital of the cost estimate. All is good here.

Thanks
Dave

On Thu, May 21, 2015 at 8:00 AM, Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dave,

I attached a new version of the CSF/PRF files. I had not included the 40,000 ENC in the creation of the files I originally sent you (see image attached). This only affects sheet H12761: there is more shoreline detail so the sheet limit has been updated (SNM went down slightly because it no longer includes the piers), and one assigned wreck is no longer assigned but there is a new obstruction that is assigned. Please take a look and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Katrina

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Phone Call 6/8/15

Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>

Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 8:27 AM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Cc: Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Hi Dave,

The marine mammal log referenced in 2015 HSSD is a fill-able pdf and is attached to this email. The procedure you describe of printing the log off and then scanning it to a digital copy is also acceptable. At the end of each project, those digital pdf forms and any associated digital photographs need to be submitted to pop.information@noaa.gov with a CC to your COR. There is not a sea turtle observation log referenced in 2015 HSSD, but an example log attached to this email can be used to record sea turtle sightings. The sea turtle observations are also submitted on a project by project timeline to the contact provided in Section 7.6 (also with a CC to the COR). A marine mammal DVD will be sent to all of the Contractors and NOAA ships shortly to reinforce marine mammal observation procedures.

Please let me know if you have additional questions on this new section of specs.

Thank you,
Katrina

On Mon, Jun 8, 2015 at 10:04 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Thank you Katrina,

In anticipation to receiving direction from AGO I wanted to clarify one topic in the 2015 specs. Compliance for observing marine mammals. We've performed this on many contracts before for other agencies. In these cases the observation of marine mammals is generally performed by the vessel captains and logged by the hydrographer in the digital log. Occasionally, a form will be provided such as the one in the 2015 specs and in that case the form will be filled out, brought to the office, scanned, and stored with the digital logsheets.

We would propose a similar program in order to operate within compliance on future Task Orders for NOAA. We would have a stack of observation logsheets printed and available on each vessel. In the event of a sighting, a log would be completed and a note would be logged in the digital line log as well. Observation logsheets would be transferred to the office at the end of the day, scanned to PDF and stored digitally with the daily logsheets.

Does this sound satisfactory?

Dave

On Mon, Jun 8, 2015 at 3:48 PM, Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dave,

To follow up on the questions you asked on the phone today:

1. Yes, [2015 HSSD](#) have been published. Attached is a document that highlights some of the major changes from the 2014 version.

2. HSD cannot accept weekly reports for Port Mansfield until (and if) a signed task order exists.
3. HSD cannot provide a zoned tide file for Port Mansfield until (and if) a signed task order exists. Civilians can request a zoned tide file from CO-OPS, at their own cost.
4. When (and if) Port Mansfield has a task order, a site visit can be scheduled.

Thank you,
Katrina

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3 attachments



POP Fillable PDF.pdf
915K



POP Instruction (fillable PDF).pdf
93K



Sea Turtle Observation Log.xls
34K



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Distribution of Weekly Reports

David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 7:27 AM

To: Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>

Cc: Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Understood Katrina. Thanks

On Jul 8, 2015 12:07 AM, "Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal" <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dave,

I am sending the following email text on behalf of my boss. I understand you will be hearing from contracting this week on the Port Mansfield project so hopefully this email is timely.

Thank you,
Katrina

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Greetings,

This message is with regard to the new weekly progress reporting described in Section 8.1.1 of the 2015 HSSD. First, let me relay my appreciation to those of you have commenced survey operations this year and have been preparing these weekly documents for us. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand soundings, and it has greatly facilitated our office's understanding of the progress of your respective projects.

Meanwhile, between a few recent personnel changes within our Operations Branch, along with a number of field deployments among our CORs; we've been having difficulty managing your collective reports via our CORs' inboxes. **To that end, I am requesting that the weekly reports are emailed to progress.sketches@noaa.gov in addition to your respective COR.** No changes are requested with respect to the monthly reports (still being uploaded to TOMIS).

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very respectfully,
~~ michael.gonsalves, LCDR/NOAA
HSD Operations Branch, Chief



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Preliminary Zone File for Port Mansfield

Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 11:25 AM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Cc: Corey Allen - NOAA Federal <corey.allen@noaa.gov>, Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>

Dave,

Please see attached entire final project package for OPR-K370-KR-15. Let me know if you have any questions.

Megan

[Quoted text hidden]

**OPR-K370-KR-15 Port Mansfield, TX.zip**

2819K



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SVP Casts

Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 8:49 AM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Cc: Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>, Corey Allen - NOAA Federal <corey.allen@noaa.gov>

Dave,

The plan you have described below is acceptable. The important thing is that the data meets the specifications in the HSSD. You don't have to have an SV on each vessel (although that is usually the most accurate/efficient method of surveying).

Megan

On Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 11:32 AM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Hi Megan,

A situation came up today onsite regarding SV and I wanted to run my temporary solution by you to make sure it's ok.

We have 3 boats in TX, each with an SV profiler and 1 spare onsite. One of the vessels profilers stopped working and we brought it to the field office to troubleshoot while they switched to the spare on the vessel. I got a call on the Sat Phone this morning that the spare is now malfunctioning as well. I've sent yet another brand new profiler to the site overnight this morning, but it will not arrive until tomorrow and will not go into use until Friday.

Each of the vessels are working in their own areas which are all separated by substantial distance. For today and tomorrow, I've instructed the vessel with the failed SV to move to one of the other vessels areas and collect data next to them. The idea is to use only one vessels SV casts to correct 2 vessels worth of data for the next 2 days until we get a working unit back onsite. Is this acceptable, or is there some reason each vessel needs to have its own specific profiler?

Thanks

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Mon, Oct 5, 2015 at 10:04 AM

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Megan

On Mon, Oct 5, 2015 at 12:17 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Happy Monday,

I wanted to follow up with the group here regarding tidal error. We have been doing quite a bit of research and working with Caris on how Tide error values from CO-OPS are entered when computing TPU. The take away from Caris is that all error values are entered at 1 sigma throughout the software (both in the HVF and during "compute TPU"). All uncertainty values are reported however at 2 sigma (95% CI). Therefore, since the tidal error value for the Port Mansfield project is given from CO-OPS as 0.22m at 2 sigma, we will be using a value of 0.11m for tidal error when we compute TPU.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Dave

On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 8:29 AM, Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dave,

Katrina has compiled answers to your questions from the office visit. Please see below. Note, she is still working on how to enter CO-OPS tide values into CARIS (i.e. one sigma or two).

Megan

Answers to Outstanding Items from Office Visit:

1. Feature disapprovals conducted with a second 100% of side scan sonar data within the assigned radius should be submitted as a separate mosaic from the 100% coverage mosaic. This guidance will be included in HSSD 2016.

2. If more than one survey is submitted on a drive, organize by project folder and then sheet:

OPR-J357-KR-14

H12717 (containing the Project Reports)

H12717_Checksums.MD5

H12717_Checksum_Results.txt

OPR-J357-KR-14

H12718_Checksums.MD5

H12718_Checksum_Results.txt

3. For Junction Analysis, although the Project Instructions state no junctions are required in TX, the sheet on sheet junction analysis (as performed in Florida) is the best practice and should be included in the DR. If a survey is submitted before the junction survey is done processing, it is acceptable to state that in the DR and report on the junction comparison when the second survey is complete.

4. The fish haven VALSOU in H12718 was correctly changed by AHB to be the least depth within the area

object even though it was sourced from bathymetry instead of a feature.

5. There was a feature that was rejected outside of the survey boundary by mistake. The question was, will eTrac be held accountable for data outside the sheet limit and should they cut their data to the sheet limit? The answer is do not cut the data by the sheet limit and if there are concerns about a feature outside of the sheet boundary, contact the COR as they can be handled on a case-by-case basis.

6. For DtoNs found in non-NOAA contracted work, the best practice is to submit the chart discrepancy through this website: <http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx>. For NOAA contracted work, continue submitting DtoNs through AHB.

7. There was a question about a Florida sheet limit that did not extend far enough to junction with NRT 1 survey. We are investigating why this happened. If you ever see this again, please reach out immediately to COR.

8. One day of tides seemed to have a meteorological issue. After contacting COR and COOPS, COOPS said the day was fine. The day had to be re-run. Was there any kind of filter that could have been applied to the tidal data instead of re-acquiring a day of data? The answer is no, COOPS is our internal tidal experts and they provided the best guidance available.

9. Izzy had asked if she needed to report on marine mammals observed in the sonar record if they were not seen on the surface. The best guidance we have is no, only report on what is actually observed visually.

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Port Mansfield Coast Pilot

Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Wed, Oct 14, 2015 at 9:27 AM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

Cc: Isadora Kratchman <izzy@etracinc.com>, Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov>

Correct.
Megan

On Wed, Oct 14, 2015 at 12:08 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

That's how we understood it Megan. So we will be making changes to the latest downloaded coast pilot and not doing anything with the word document as we've found it contains exact excerpts from the full Coast Pilot document.

Dave

On Wed, Oct 14, 2015 at 8:59 AM, Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dave,
I stand corrected. The 2015 HSSD requirements are to examine the HSD OPS provided Coast Pilot Word Document **and** to download the most recent Coast Pilot section from the Coast Pilot web site.

From 2015 HSSD, "The hydrographer shall first download the latest edition of Coast Pilot and compare against the information contained in the Coast Pilot Field Report. In the event of a conflict between the two sources, the review shall be completed using the information in the downloaded Coast Pilot."

Megan

On Wed, Oct 14, 2015 at 11:28 AM, Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dave,
That's correct. We changed the procedure from 2014 HSSD to 2015 HSSD. In 2014 the hydrographer was responsible for downloading the appropriate Coast Pilot section.

However, in 2015 (for Port Mansfield) HSD OPS provides the Coast Pilot document to the hydrographer. The hydrographer should edit the provided Word Document which may or may not contain more specific (directed) questions. See section 7.5 Coast Pilot Data of 2015 HSSD.

Megan

On Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 5:55 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Hi Megan/Katrina,

In the Final PI package, we received an excerpt of the Coast Pilot in Word Doc format. For the FL project we downloaded the latest Coast Pilot and suggested changes to any relevant text. We've done the same for the TX project. Should we only be editing the provided Word Document and delivering that as the Coast Pilot review deliverable. What is the purpose of the Word Doc otherwise?

Thanks

Dave

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H12765 Designated Soundings

Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Fri, Jul 17, 2015 at 5:52 AM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

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Dave,

I consulted with AHB and OPS and here is the guidance:

- Waters shoaler than 40 meters should have a 2 meter resolution surface (depth 18-40 = 2m). The examples you listed below were < 40 meters and therefore should be gridded at a 2 meter resolution.

Depth Range (m)	Resolution (m)
0-20	1
18-40	2
36-80	4
72-160	8
144-320	16

From 2015 HSSD page 92

- Waters deeper than 40 meters with numerous "pockets" and "ridges":
 - try creating a 2 meter (or even 1 meter - you will need to test) surface to see if the soundings are honored more accurately. If so, create a 2 meter and a 4 meter surface in those areas. Then, combine the surfaces. During the combine surface process the product will be a 4 meter surface (the coarser resolution) which will honor the 2 meter least depths.
 - For this particular situation HSD OPS will waive the density requirement for the 2 meter surface (depths greater than 40 meters where the pockets exist). However, the density requirement may be met after you combine the surfaces. You will have to test.
 - In addition to delivering the combined surface, please deliver the 2 meter and 4 meter surface.
- Include this email in the Project Correspondence folder so that the processing branch can see the changes when they are conducting their review.

Megan

On Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 12:25 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Hi Megan, thanks for the response and see mine inline. Seems like it may just be best to keep them all designated?

On Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 9:30 AM, Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dave,

I agree that survey H12765 has a lot of designated soundings so far. You are correct in reaching out to COR in this situation.

I also agree that the designated sounding examples you have below, would not become features based on the 5% rule. And, they do not appear to be navigationally significant based on the water depth of ~35 meters.

Here are a couple thoughts:

- The first image shows "designated soundings" for holes? Not for "peaks"? If so I will discuss with

others but we may be able to relax the requirement for the "holes".

We have generalized these anomalies as "the holes" in the office. They are holes with distinct peaks on each side. All the designated soundings are on peaks next to what we have been calling "holes".

- The first example should not be designated because the difference between the gridded surface and the reliable shoaler sounding is less than the maximum allowable TVU at that depth. See "Feature Detection and Designated Soundings" section of 2015 HSSD page 89. Were you aware of this requirement/guidance? Will this reduce the # of designated soundings?

That is correct and it was a bad example. I am aware of the requirement/guidance through a detailed thread with Katrina during Panama City data processing. This will not reduce the vast number of soundings that are being designated. We work off of a designation threshold worksheet that spells out when a sounding should be designated. See screenshot below. The example posted in the email was a mistake.

Designated Sounding Selection Threshold							
Designate if surface is off by >				Designate if surface is off by >			
Depth	m	ft	Designate	Depth	m	ft	Designate
1	3.28	0.25	0.82	36	118.11	0.68	2.25
2	6.56	0.25	0.82	37	121.39	0.69	2.28
3	9.84	0.25	0.82	38	124.67	0.70	2.31
4	13.12	0.25	0.82	39	127.95	0.71	2.34
5	16.40	0.25	0.83	40	131.23	0.72	2.37
6	19.69	0.25	0.83	41	134.51	0.73	2.40
7	22.97	0.25	0.83	42	137.80	0.74	2.43
8	26.25	0.26	0.84	43	141.08	0.75	2.46
9	29.53	0.26	0.84	44	144.36	0.76	2.49
10	32.81	0.26	0.85	45	147.64	0.77	2.52
11	36.09	0.26	0.85	46	150.92	0.78	2.56
12	39.37	0.26	0.86	47	154.20	0.79	2.59
13	42.65	0.26	0.87	48	157.48	0.80	2.62
14	45.93	0.27	0.87	49	160.76	0.81	2.66
15	49.21	0.27	0.88	50	164.04	0.82	2.69
16	52.49	0.27	0.89	51	167.32	0.83	2.72
17	55.77	0.27	0.90	52	170.60	0.84	2.76
18	59.06	0.28	0.91	53	173.88	0.85	2.79
19	62.34	0.28	0.91	54	177.17	0.86	2.83
20	65.62	0.28	0.92	55	180.45	0.87	2.86
21	68.90	0.57	1.87	56	183.73	0.88	2.90
22	72.18	0.58	1.89	57	187.01	0.89	2.93
23	75.46	0.58	1.91	58	190.29	0.90	2.97
24	78.74	0.59	1.93	59	193.57	0.92	3.00
25	82.02	0.60	1.96	60	196.85	0.93	3.04
26	85.30	0.60	1.98	61	200.13	0.94	3.08
27	88.58	0.61	2.00	62	203.41	0.95	3.11
28	91.86	0.62	2.03	63	206.69	0.96	3.15
29	95.14	0.63	2.05	64	209.97	0.97	3.18
30	98.43	0.63	2.08	65	213.25	0.98	3.22
31	101.71	0.64	2.11	66	216.54	0.99	3.26
32	104.99	0.64	2.13	67	219.82	1.00	3.29

- What is the horizontal distance between each "peak"? If less than 2mm at the scale of the survey then only the shoalest depth shall be designated. (also from page 89). What is the horizontal distance of the "Plan View of Surface"?

2mm at our survey scale of 40,000 is 80m. The designated soundings are farther apart than 80 meters. We are only selecting the shoaler of the two peaks that each hole creates.

- What is your grid resolution? I am assuming your grid is 2m? What happens if you grid your data at 1m? Can you still meet the HSSD requirements or do you have holidays? The 1m grid may honor more of the shoal depths so that you would not need to designate so many soundings.

CUBE Surface is mostly 4m. A small corner of sheet 5 is at 2m resolution. Our density will not met sepc at 2m for the entire sheet.

Megan

On Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 6:06 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Hi Megan,

In conversations with Katrina while compiling the deliverables for Panama City, she mentioned if we ever get to a point where we are designating an extreme amount of soundings to make sure to speak up. I think we have that exact situation in H12765.

We started coming across these features in H12765 (the farthest offshore sheet) and have been

designating them and moving on until we could get some direction. The best way I can describe them would be it looks like a hole that a dog would dig on a beach with 2 distinct piles of sediment on each side, one always larger than the other. Here are some screen captures.

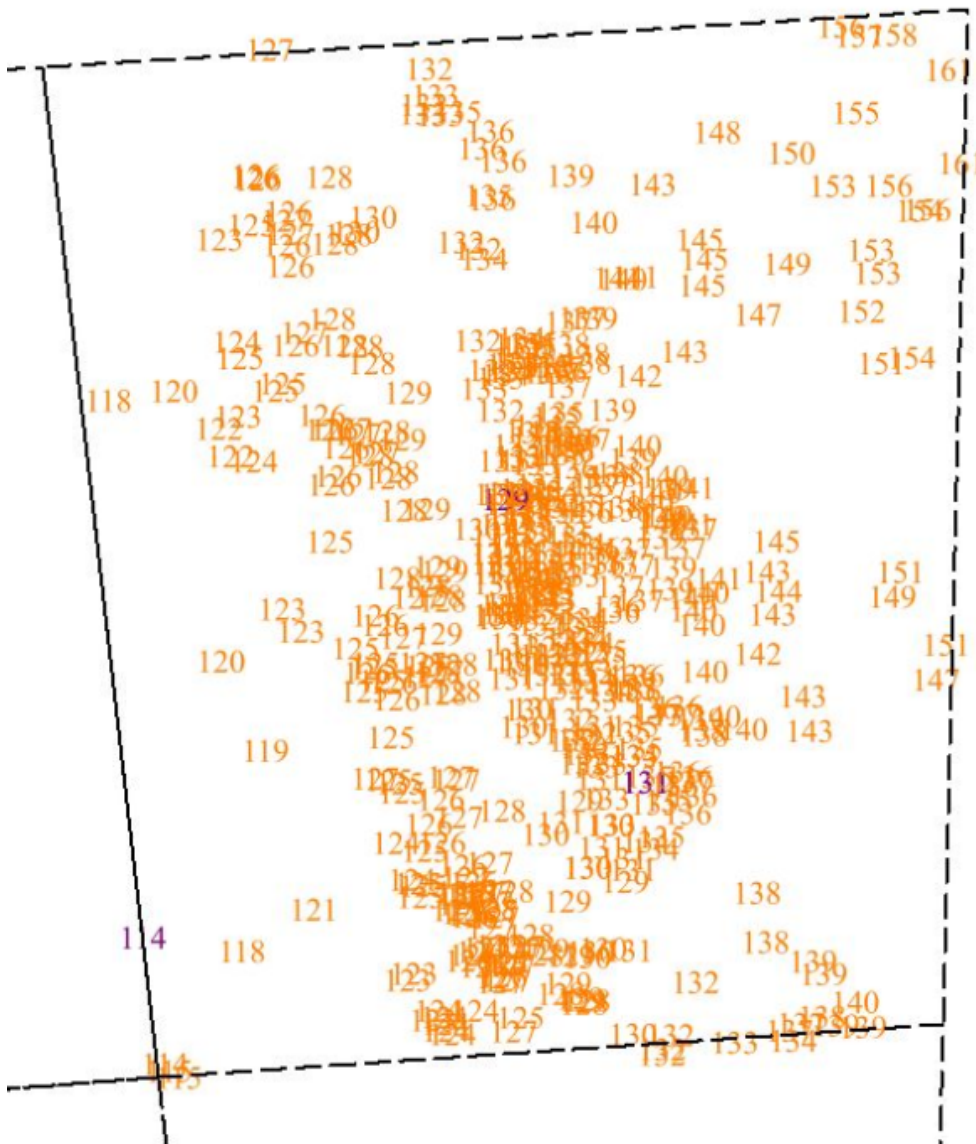
I believe most of these designated soundings would not become features based on the 5% rule, but they would remain designated per spec. I believe that whatever they are, they are not navigationally significant especially considering their water depth. Shall we continue to designate them, or would you suggest a different direction?

Here are a few of the guesses from our team (for fun).

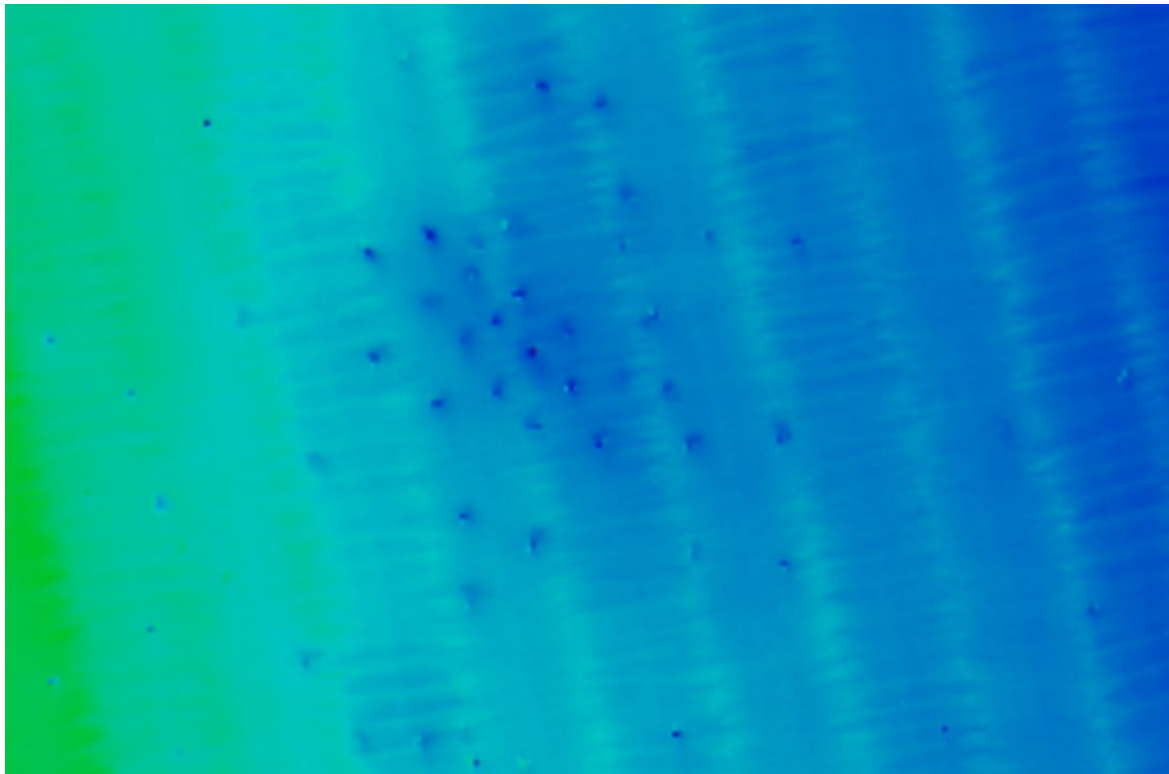
- Some sea creature building a home
- Gas bubbles seeping up
- Ordinance used for Oil and Gas seismic exploration.

We have not opened up H12763 (directly south of H12765) yet, but will be doing so in the next few days. We anticipate more of these and will keep you updated.

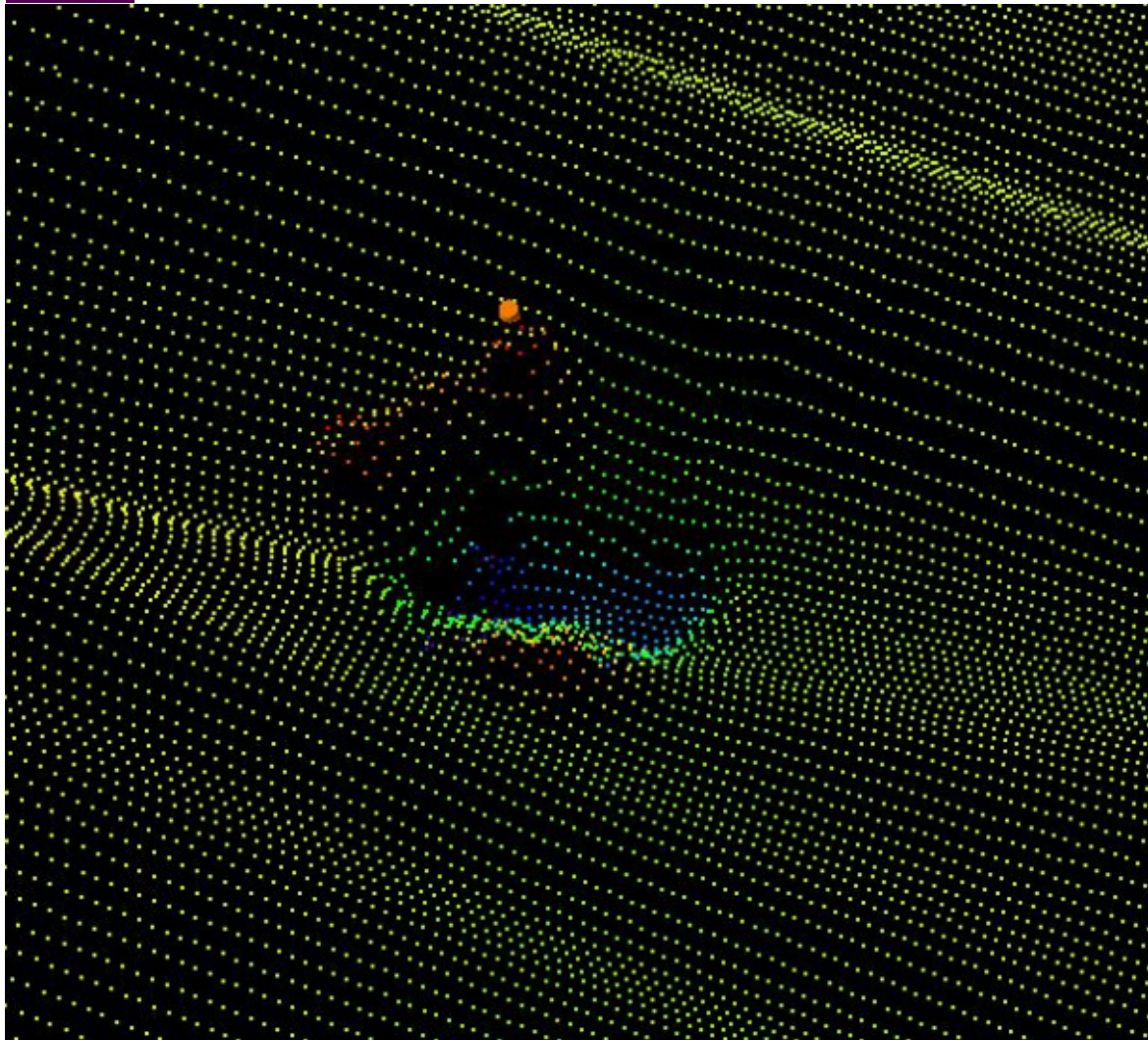
Number of these Holes Designated based on designation criteria



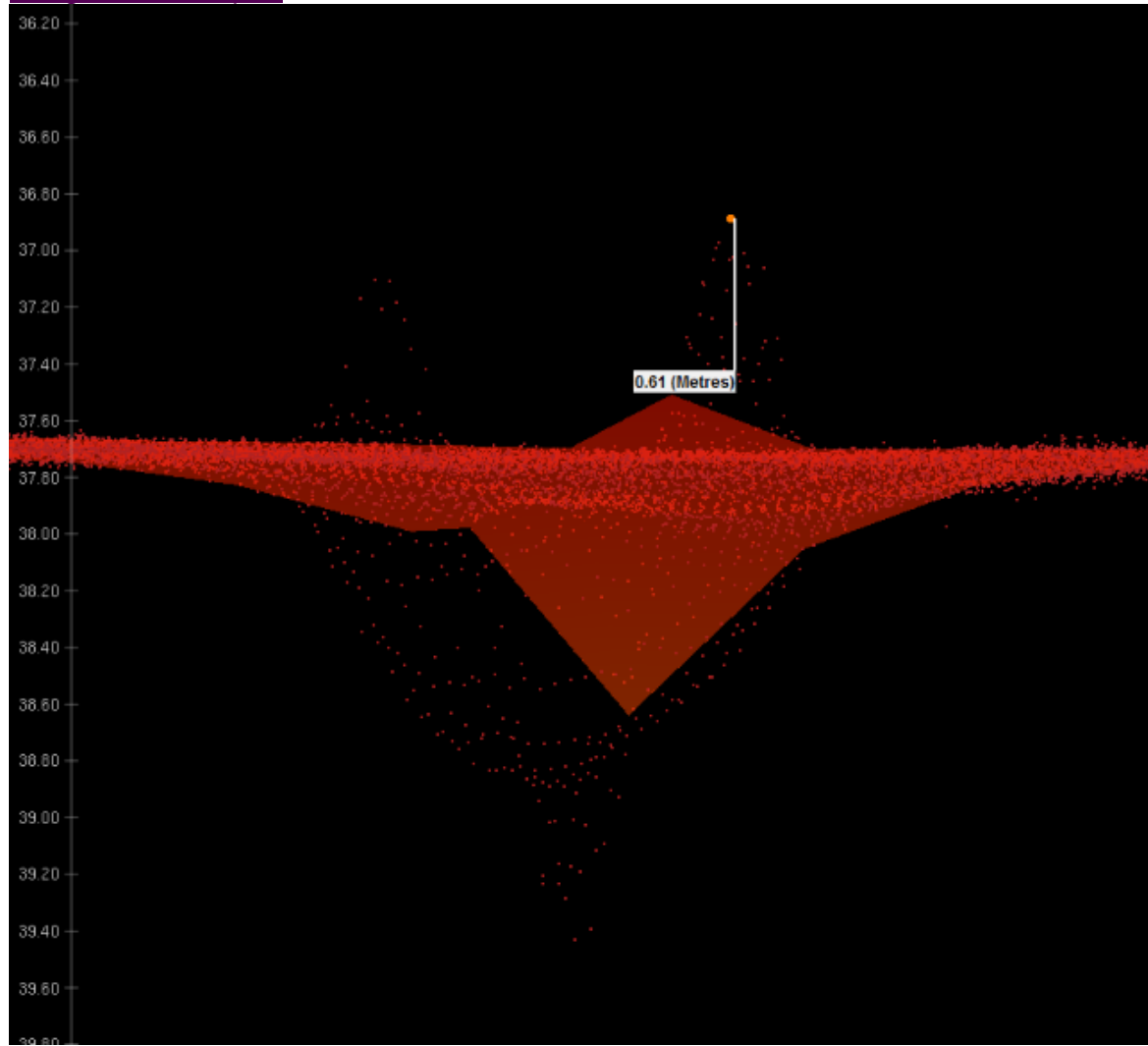
Sample Section Plan View of Surface

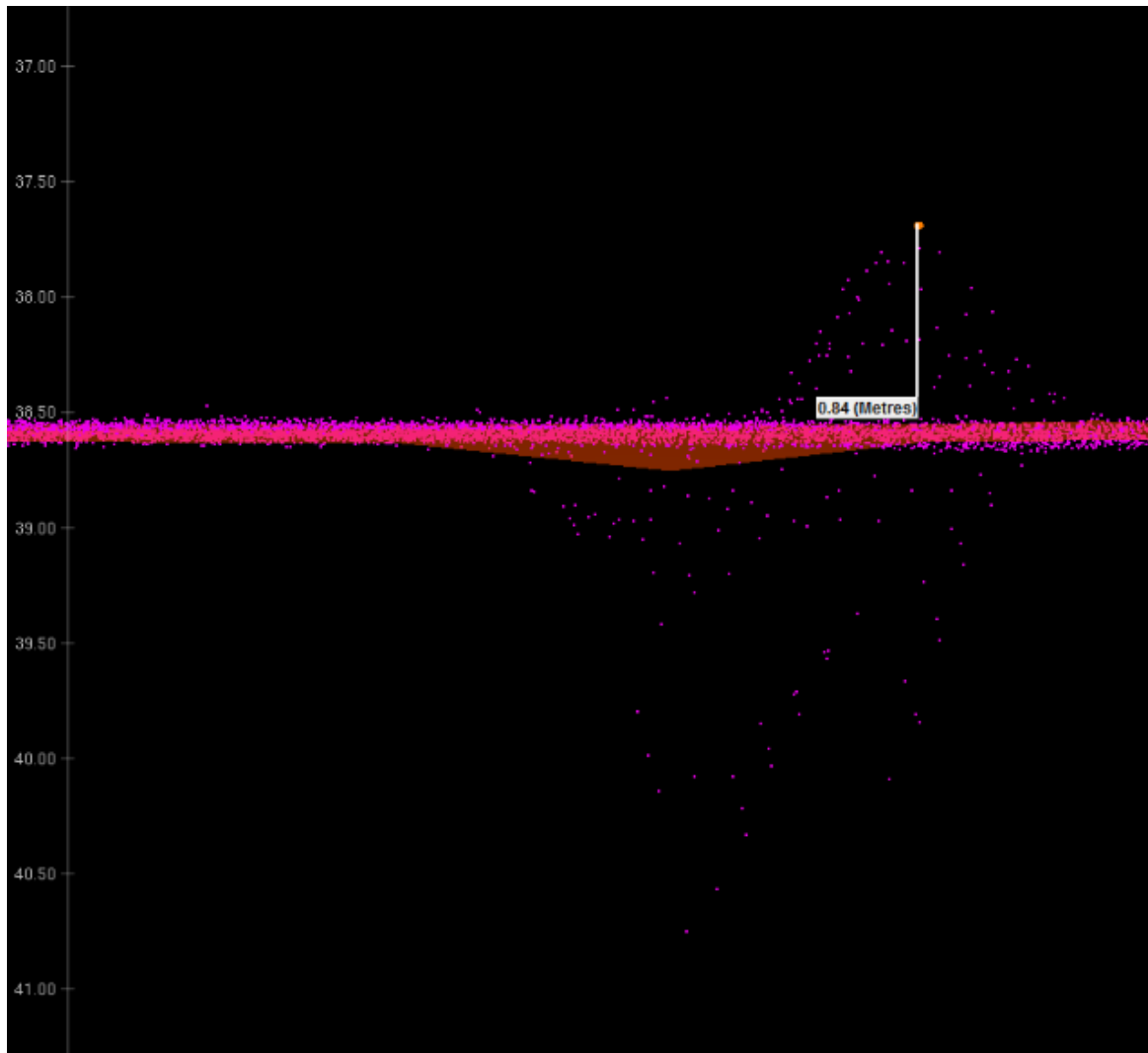


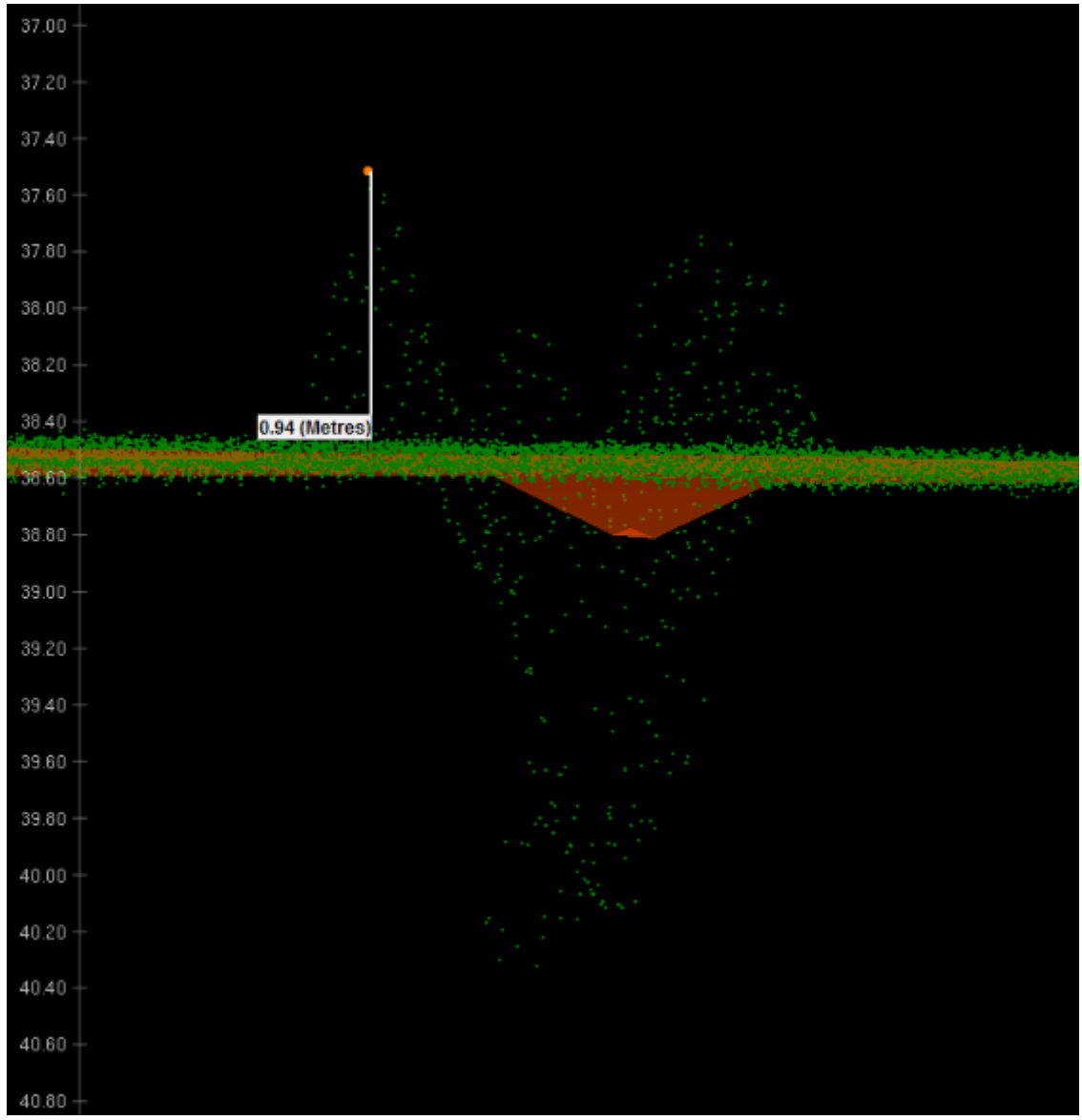
3D Subset



Designation Examples







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Assigned features in Port Mansfield

Megan Greenaway - NOAA Federal <megan.greenaway@noaa.gov>

Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 2:16 PM

To: David Neff <david@etracinc.com>

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Dave,
See comments in line.

On Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 3:02 PM, David Neff <david@etracinc.com> wrote:

Hi Megan,

Circling back to this email from the beginning of the project.

Unassigned Platforms

There is 1 unassigned platform in H12765. The entire sheet is covered with complete coverage MBES, so I believe that is enough data collection or does a formal disproval require additional data collection? Also, is there a certain procedure for a "Formal Disproval"? Do we just put the feature in the FFF and remark it there as formally disproved?

Yes. Complete MBES coverage is sufficient for the disproval. Yes, you should attribute the feature in the FFF with descrp = Delete and then remrks = something like "feature not visually seen or detected in complete MBES", and then recomd = something like "hydrographer recommends removing platform from the chart".

PA Features

There are 2 PA wrecks in H12761 that we have not found with 100% SSS. They are in about 4.5 meters of water. It seems according to the Spec that a disproval of these could be completed using 200% rather than covering the 100m radius area with MBES. The SSS would be more efficient, so that would be my preference. My plan would be to draw a 100m radius circle and make sure it is covered by both a 100% SSS Mosaic and a 200% SSS mosaic. Sufficient?

You are correct. Disproval with SSS requires 200% coverage. 100% does not suffice. A 100 meter radius circle is sufficient.

Thanks
Dave

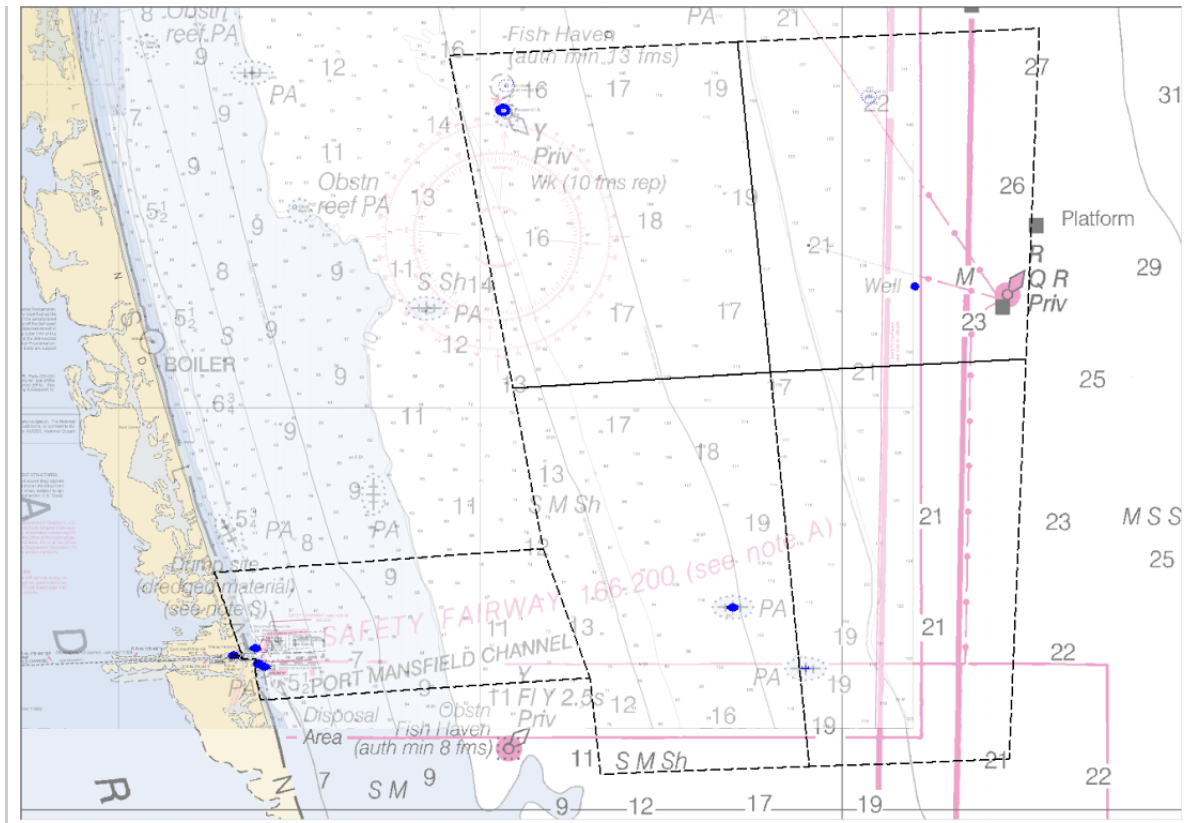
On Tue, May 19, 2015 at 7:12 PM, Katrina Wyllie - NOAA Federal <katrina.wyllie@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dave,

Here is that image of the assigned (colored blue) features in the draft CSF file we sent over today. There are 3 obstructions, 7 wrecks, and 1 sounding. And to reiterate what we just spoke about on the phone, the PI language under Shoreline and Nearshore Features states:

"In the case of the unassigned, offshore oil platforms within the survey area, should the field unit observe that the feature is not visible, then a formal disproval is required. For the purposes of disproval, charted features labeled with a "PA" will have a search radius of 100 meters in survey H12761 and 160 meters in all other areas. All other features will have a disproval radius of 50 meters."

Thank you,
Katrina



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To: castle.e.parker@noaa.gov
Cc: [Barrett, Ricky J CIV](#); [Temple, Joseph M CIV](#); [Ussery, James C CIV](#); [Ledet, David P CIV](#); [Vawters, Joe W CIV](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] USCG District 8 Light List entry inquiry
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:35:37 AM

Mr. Parker,

I can confirm that the Eighth Coast Guard District does not have any active USCG Private Aids to Navigation approvals for any private aid located in or near 26-42-46.543N 096-55-24.563W.

Additionally, this office would not use this type of charting terminology: "R QR Priv; Q(1) R 1s) with ENC object named "Gulf of Mexico Buoy."

This office would incorporate the owners name and/or assign an alpha-numeric name consistent with our aid naming process. The aid info above is totally inconsistent with the D8 private aid naming process.

Based upon my 29 years of experience with the CG, it appears the aid in question was installed without being reviewed or approved by the USCG.

Any questions please contact our office. Thank you.

- Tim

v/r
Tim Boriskie
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"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." - Will Rogers

-----Original Message-----

From: Ledet, David P CIV
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:33 AM
To: Boriskie, Timothy B CIV; Vawters, Joe W CIV
Cc: Barrett, Ricky J CIV; Temple, Joseph M CIV; Ussery, James C CIV
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] USCG District 8 Light List entry inquiry

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Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:27 AM

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Cc: Briana Welton - NOAA Federal; Alan Bunn - NOAA Federal; Kayla Johnson - NOAA Affiliate

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] USCG District 8 Light List entry inquiry

Good day,

Atlantic Hydrographic Branch is reviewing and verifying a NOAA hydrographic survey H12765 which is located 20nm northeast of Port Mansfield TX channel. My inquiry today concerns a charted private navigational aid BOYSPP special purpose buoy (R QR Priv; Q(1) R 1s) with ENC object named "Gulf of Mexico Buoy" located in 26-42-46.543N 096-55-24.563W. I've reference the 2016 Light List and do not find this private nav aid listed in the Light List for NOAA chart 11300. Because the field unit was not assigned to prove or disprove the existence of this charted feature the survey contains no comments.

My question to you is whether or not the USCG District 8 has documentation of the removal of this navigational aid or any information regarding the existence. Any information would be appreciated.

Thanks and regards,

Gene Parker

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APPROVAL PAGE

H12765

Data meet or exceed current specifications as certified by the OCS survey acceptance review process. Descriptive Report and survey data except where noted are adequate to supersede prior surveys and nautical charts in the common area.

The following products will be sent to NCEI for archive

- H12765_DR.pdf
- Collection of depth varied resolution BAGS
- Processed survey data and records
- H12761_H12762_H12763_H12764_H12765_GeoImage.pdf

The survey evaluation and verification has been conducted according current OCS Specifications, and the survey has been approved for dissemination and usage of updating NOAA's suite of nautical charts.

Approved: _____

Lieutenant Commander Briana Welton, NOAA
Chief, Atlantic Hydrographic Branch