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General Locality: Channel Islands, CA

Sub-locality: East Santa Cruz Channel and Vicinity

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**HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET**

**H13209**

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

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General Locality: **Channel Islands, CA**

Sub-Locality: **East Santa Cruz Channel and Vicinity**

Scale: **20000**

Dates of Survey: **10/04/2019 to 10/14/2019**

Instructions Dated: **08/27/2019**

Project Number: **OPR-L397-FA-19**

Field Unit: **NOAA Ship *Fairweather***

Chief of Party: **CAPT Marc Moser**

Soundings by: **Multibeam Echo Sounder**

Imagery by: **Multibeam Echo Sounder Backscatter**

Verification by: **Pacific Hydrographic Branch**

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

**Remarks:**

*Any revisions to the Descriptive Report (DR) applied during office processing are shown in red italic text. The DR is maintained as a field unit product, therefore all information and recommendations within this report are considered preliminary unless otherwise noted. The final disposition of survey data is represented in the NOAA nautical chart products. All pertinent records for this survey are archived at the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) and can be retrieved via <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/>. Products created during office processing were generated in NAD83 UTM 11N, MLLW. All references to other horizontal or vertical datums in this report are applicable to the processed hydrographic data provided by the field unit.*

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## Descriptive Report to Accompany Survey H13209

Project: OPR-L397-FA-19

Locality: Channel Islands, CA

Sublocality: East Santa Cruz Channel and Vicinity

Scale: 1:20000

October 2019 - October 2019

**NOAA Ship *Fairweather***

Chief of Party: CAPT Marc Moser

### A. Area Surveyed

The survey area is located on the east of Santa Cruz Channel, CA.

#### A.1 Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the following survey limits:

<b>Northwest Limit</b>	<b>Southeast Limit</b>
34° 6' 51.93" N 120° 1' 29.38" W	34° 3' 36.39" N 119° 49' 39.76" W

*Table 1: Survey Limits*

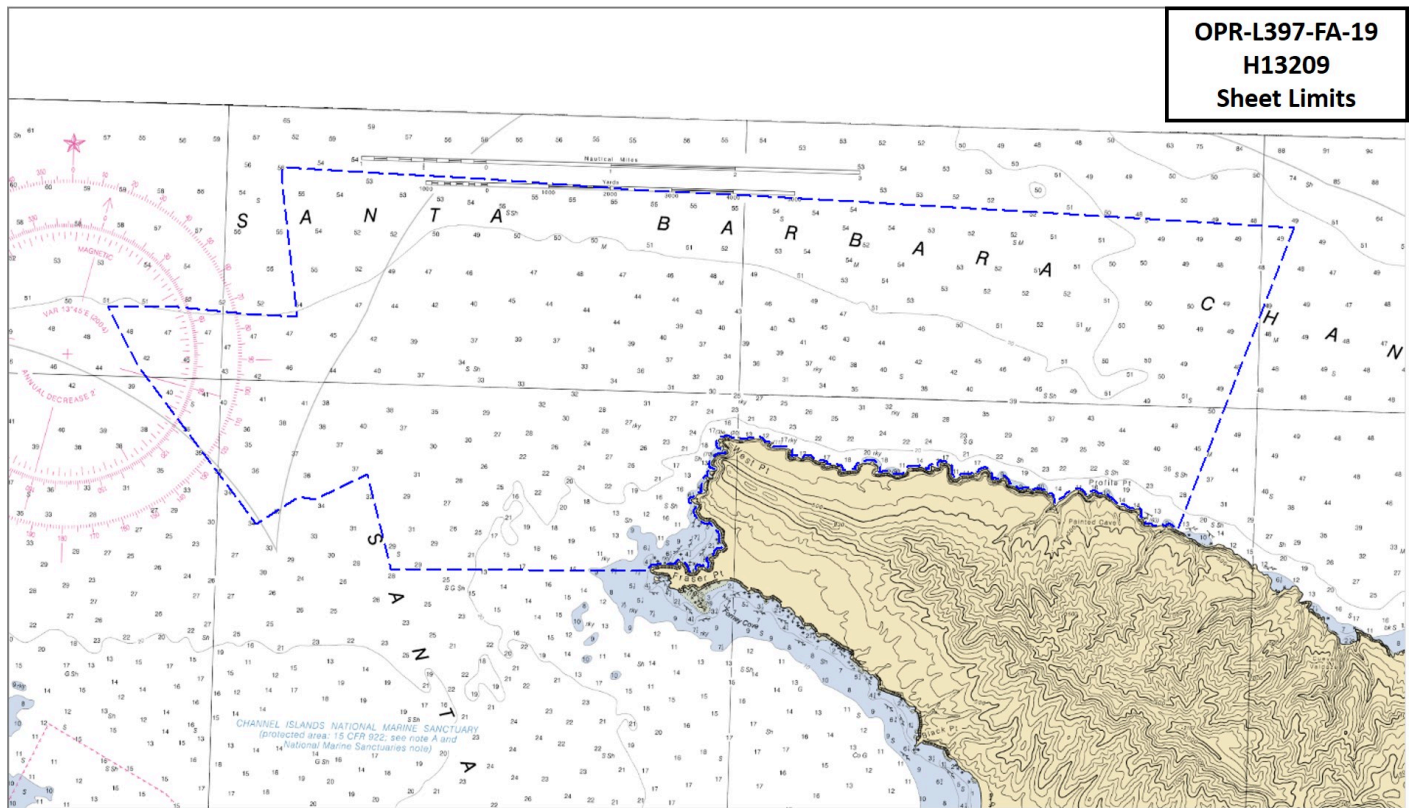


Figure 1: H13209 sheet limits (in blue) overlaid onto Chart 18728

Data were acquired to the survey limits in accordance with the requirements in the Project Instructions and the March 2019 NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables (HSSD) as shown in Figure 1. In all areas where the 3.5 meter depth contour or the sheet limits were not met, the Navigable Area Limit Line (NALL) was defined as the inshore limit of bathymetry due to kelp and the risks of maneuvering the survey vessel in close proximity to the steep and rocky shoreline. Examples of such areas are shown in Figure 2.

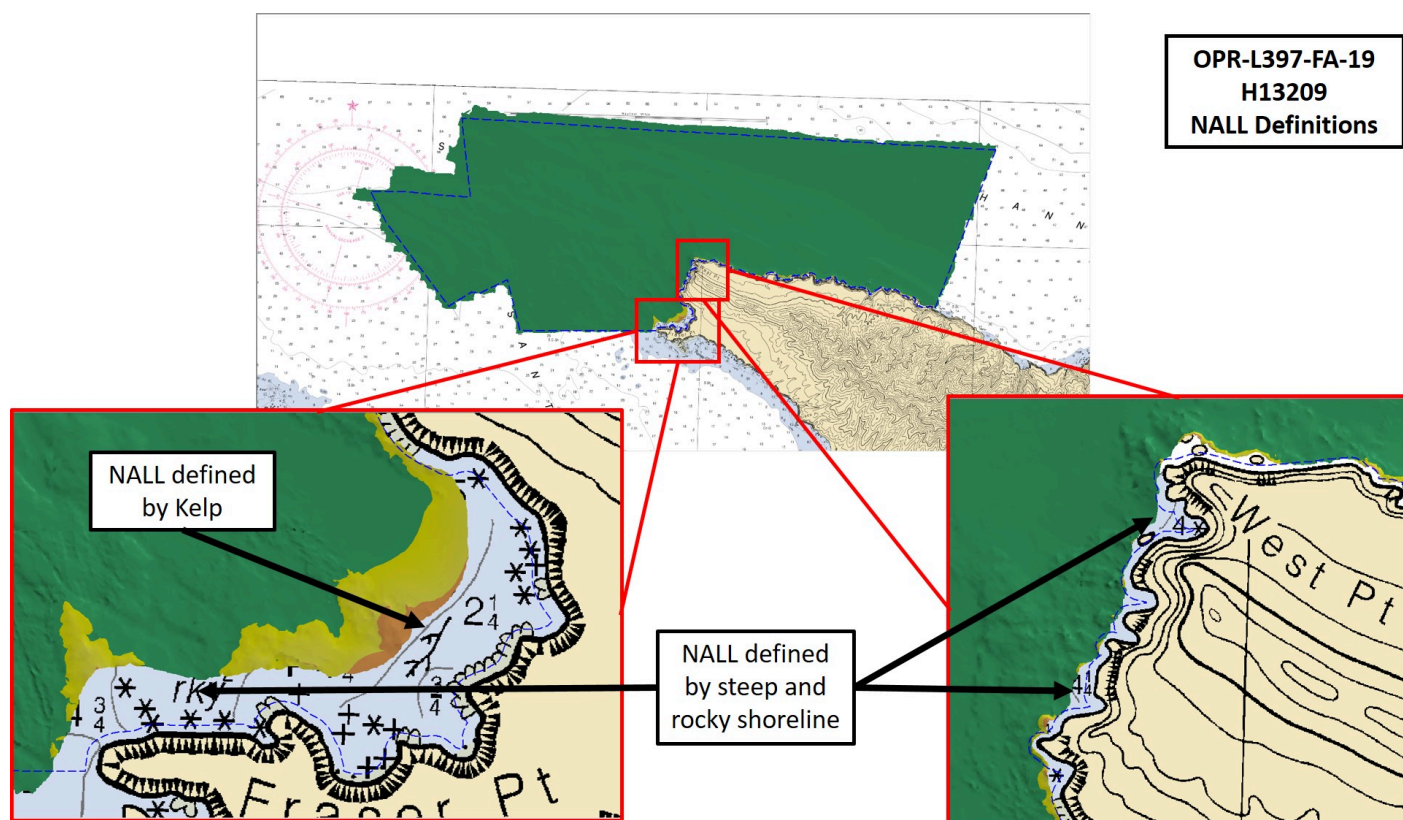


Figure 2: Areas where the NALL was defined by the presence of kelp or due to the steep and rocky shoreline

## A.2 Survey Purpose

This year the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary work will focus on the remaining survey area around Santa Cruz Island, the largest of the Channel Islands (about 97 sq. mi.), located about 30 miles offshore of the California mainland city of Santa Barbara. The waters surrounding CINMS are highly productive and are home to recreational and commercial fishing efforts, and regularly host kayakers, surfers, sightseers, whale watchers, researchers, and Channel Islands National Park concessionaires, who all access the sanctuary via boats. Correspondingly, the abundance of sea life and aquatic habitats drives a thriving industry of recreational and commercial fishing that brings varied vessel traffic through the waters of CINMS. The commercial fishing vessel traffic alone is responsible for the highest commercial landings value (approximately \$450 million; 2005-2015) across all of California's ports. Additionally, major mainland port traffic transiting to and from Los Angeles and Long Beach, California routes large cargo and tanker vessels close to CINMS boundaries. Much of the existing nautical chart data dates back to 1930s lead line or single beam echo sounder surveys, and the areas not surveyed to modern standards are predominantly located in the shallow waters (<40m) where vessel traffic is highest. This poses a serious risk to life, property, and the delicate ecosystem with 64 groundings since 2000. Increasing traffic is increasing the risk, with seven of those groundings in 2015 alone. Modern survey efforts, such as a 2015 survey by NOAA Ship Bell M. Shimada, have found previously undetected pinnacles within the sanctuary. This survey will continue modern mapping efforts to identify any similar threats that may exist in these waters. The CINMS hydrographic survey will be as unique as the region itself. In addition to providing data for crucial nautical



chart updates, this survey will also generate backscatter data, which will be used in habitat mapping and substrate analysis. Both multibeam echo sounder and backscatter data will not only serve to enhance marine navigational safety, but will also be used by sanctuary managers, planners, and researchers, aiding them in the conservation of this most precious resource. Survey data from this project is intended to supersede all prior survey data in the common area.

### **A.3 Survey Quality**

The entire survey is adequate to supersede previous data.

Data acquired in H13209 meet multibeam echo sounder (MBES) coverage requirements for complete coverage, as required by the HSSD. This includes crosslines (see Section B.2.1), NOAA allowable uncertainty (see Section B.2.10), and density requirements (see Section B.2.11).

### **A.4 Survey Coverage**

The following table lists the coverage requirements for this survey as assigned in the project instructions:

<b>Water Depth</b>	<b>Coverage Required</b>
All waters in survey area	Complete Coverage

*Table 2: Survey Coverage*

The entirety of H13209 was acquired with complete coverage, meeting the requirements listed above and in the HSSD. See Figure 3 for an overview of coverage.

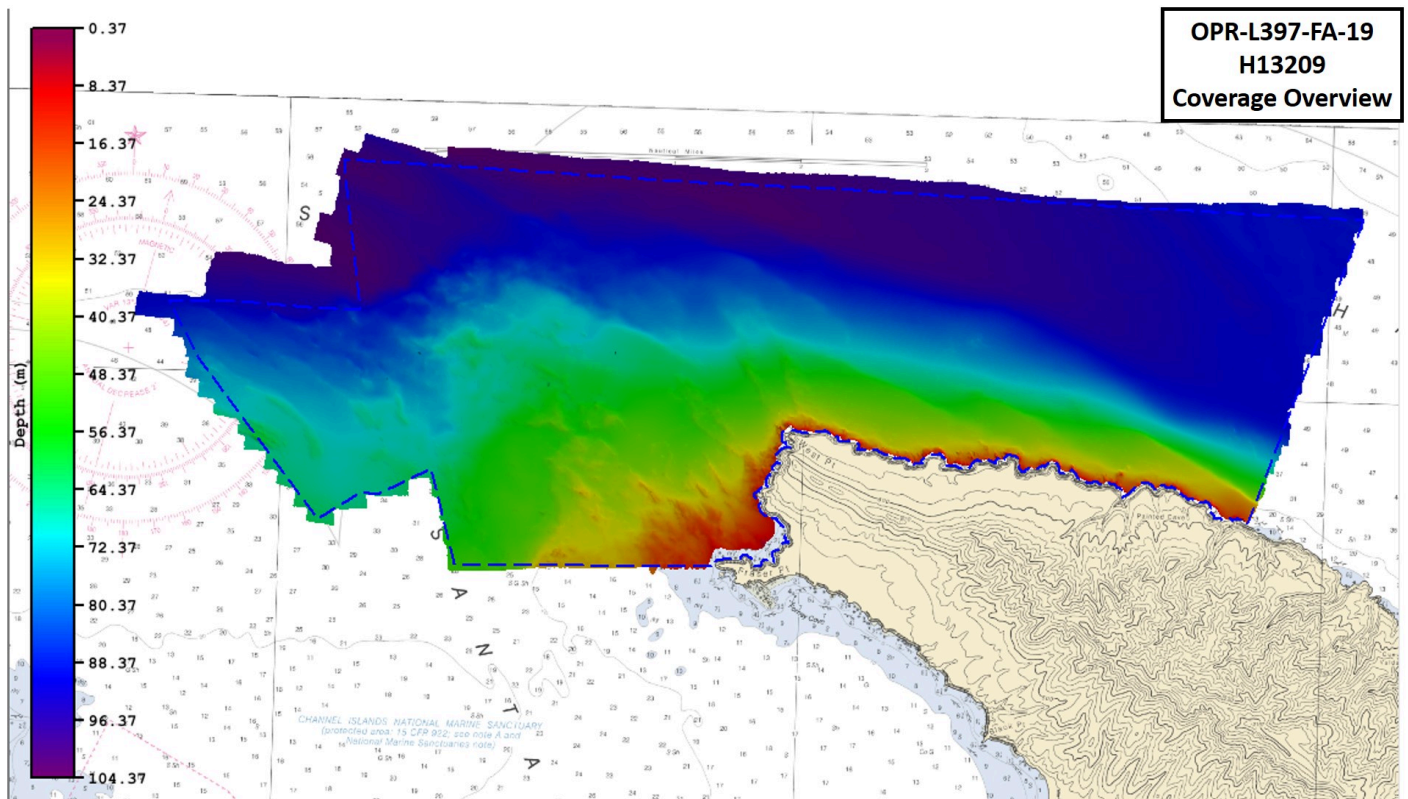


Figure 3: H13209 survey coverage overlaid onto Chart 18728

### A.6 Survey Statistics

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

	<b>HULL ID</b>	<i>FA</i> <b>2805</b>	<i>FA</i> <b>2806</b>	<i>FA</i> <b>2807</b>	<i>FA</i> <b>2808</b>	<i>S220</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>LNM</b>	<b>SBES Mainscheme</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>MBES Mainscheme</b>	39.6	38.2	9.7	36.5	89.6	213.6
	<b>Lidar Mainscheme</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>SSS Mainscheme</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>SBES/SSS Mainscheme</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>MBES/SSS Mainscheme</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>SBES/MBES Crosslines</b>	9.5	0	0	0	0	9.5
	<b>Lidar Crosslines</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Number of Bottom Samples</b>							0
<b>Number Maritime Boundary Points Investigated</b>							0
<b>Number of DPs</b>							0
<b>Number of Items Investigated by Dive Ops</b>							0
<b>Total SNM</b>							22.5

Table 3: Hydrographic Survey Statistics

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

<b>Survey Dates</b>	<b>Day of the Year</b>
10/04/2019	277

<b>Survey Dates</b>	<b>Day of the Year</b>
10/05/2019	278
10/06/2019	279
10/13/2019	286
10/14/2019	287

*Table 4: Dates of Hydrography*

## **B. Data Acquisition and Processing**

### **B.1 Equipment and Vessels**

Refer to the OPR-L397-FA-19 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, and any deviations from the DAPR are discussed in the following sections.

#### **B.1.1 Vessels**

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

<b>Hull ID</b>	<b>2805</b>	<b>2806</b>	<b>2807</b>	<b>2808</b>	<b>S220</b>
<b>LOA</b>	8.6 meters	8.6 meters	8.6 meters	8.6 meters	70.4 meters
<b>Draft</b>	1.1 meters	1.1 meters	1.1 meters	1.1 meters	4.8 meters

*Table 5: Vessels Used*

## B.1.2 Equipment

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

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Type</b>
Kongsberg Maritime	EM 2040	MBES
Kongsberg Maritime	EM 710	MBES
Sea-Bird Scientific	SBE 19plus V2	Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth Sensor
Teledyne RESON	SVP 70	Sound Speed System
Teledyne RESON	SVP 71	Sound Speed System
Applanix	POS MV 320 v5	Positioning and Attitude System

*Table 6: Major Systems Used*

The equipment was installed on the survey platforms as follows: S220 utilizes the Kongsberg EM 710 MBES, a POS M/V v5 system for position and attitude, SVP 70 surface sound speed sensors, and Lockheed Martin Deep Blue XBT for temperature and depth casts. All launches utilize the Kongsberg EM 2040 MBES, a POS M/V v5 system for position and attitude, SVP 71 surface sound speed sensors, and Sea-Bird SBE 19plus v2 CTDs for conductivity, temperature, and depth casts.

## B.2 Quality Control

### B.2.1 Crosslines

Crosslines were collected, processed, and compared in accordance with Section 5.2.4.2 of the HSSD. To evaluate crosslines, a surface generated via data strictly from mainscheme lines and a surface generated via data strictly from crosslines were created. From the two surfaces, a difference surface (mainscheme - crosslines = difference) was generated (Figure 4), and is submitted in the Separates II Digital Data folder. Statistics show the mean difference between depths derived from mainscheme data and crossline data was 0.01 meters (with mainscheme being shoaler) and 95% of nodes falling within +/- 0.39 meters (Figure 5). For the respective depths, the difference surface was compared to the allowable NOAA uncertainty standards. In total, 99.5+% of the depth differences between H13209 mainscheme and crossline data were within allowable NOAA uncertainties.

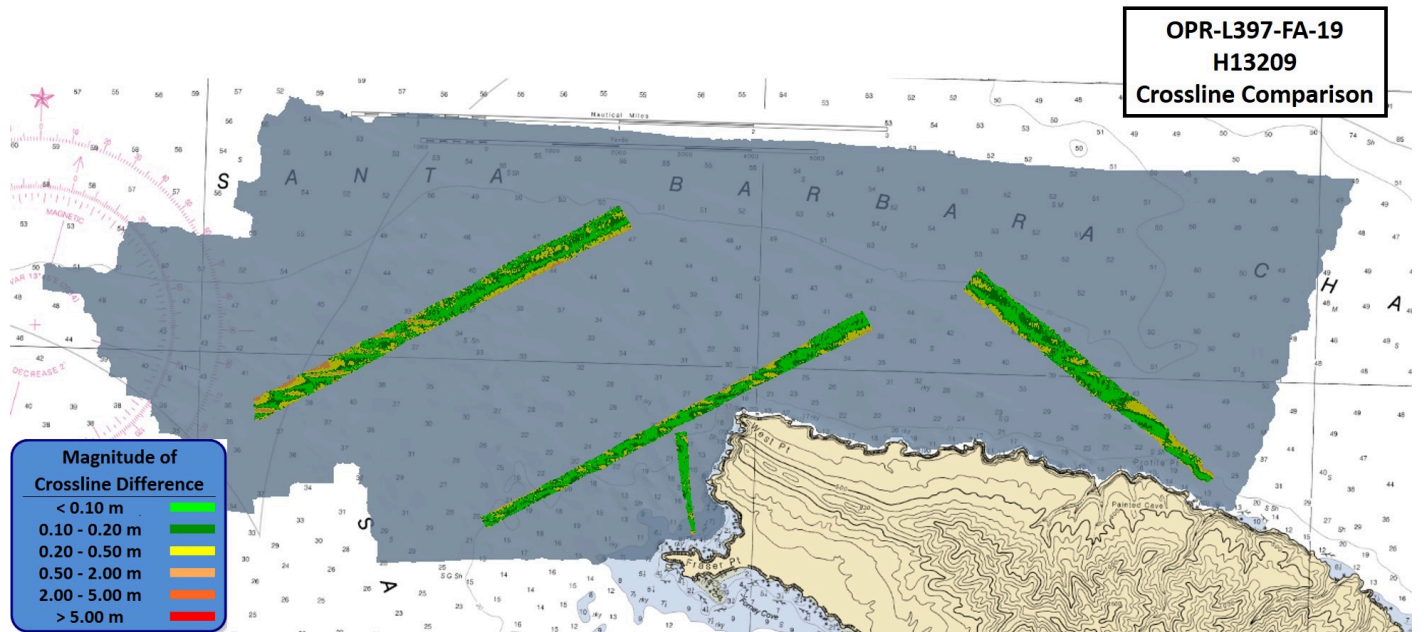


Figure 4: Overview of H13209 crosslines

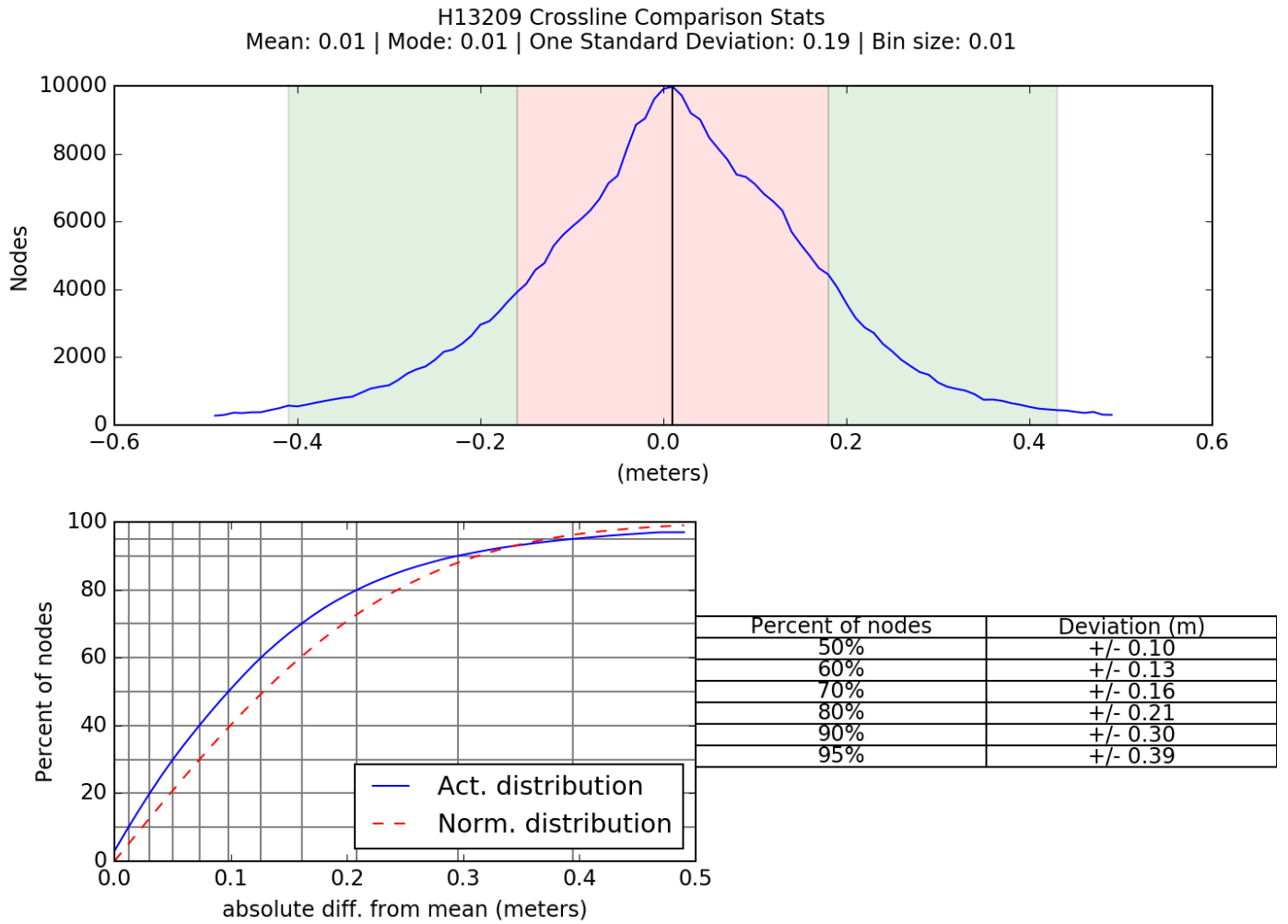


Figure 5: H13209 crossline and mainscheme difference statistics

### B.2.2 Uncertainty

The following survey specific parameters were used for this survey:

Method	Measured	Zoning
ERS via VDATUM	N/A	7.8 centimeters

Table 7: Survey Specific Tide TPU Values.

Hull ID	Measured - CTD	Measured - MVP	Surface
280X	2 meters/second	N/A	0.5 meters/second
S220	N/A	4 meters/second	0.5 meters/second

*Table 8: Survey Specific Sound Speed TPU Values.*

In addition to the usual a priori estimates of uncertainty via device models for vessel motion and VDATUM, real-time and post-processed uncertainty sources were also incorporated into the depth estimates of survey H13209. Real-time uncertainties were provided via EM 2040 and EM 710 MBES data and Applanix Delayed Heave RMS. Following post-processing of the real-time vessel motion, recomputed uncertainties of vessel roll, pitch, gyro and navigation were applied in CARIS HIPS and SIPS via a Smoothed Best Estimate of Trajectory (SBET) RMS file generated in Applanix POSPac.

### **B.2.3 Junctions**

H13209 junctions with 2 adjacent surveys from this project, H13208 and H13210 and 1 survey from prior projects, H13205 as shown in Figure 6. Data overlap between H13209 and each adjacent survey was achieved. These areas of overlap between surveys were reviewed in CARIS HIPS and SIPS by surface differencing (at equal resolutions) to assess surface agreement. The junctions with H13209 are generally within/exceed the NOAA allowable uncertainty in their areas of overlap. For all junctions with H13209, a negative difference indicates H13209 was shoaler and a positive difference indicates H13209 was deeper.



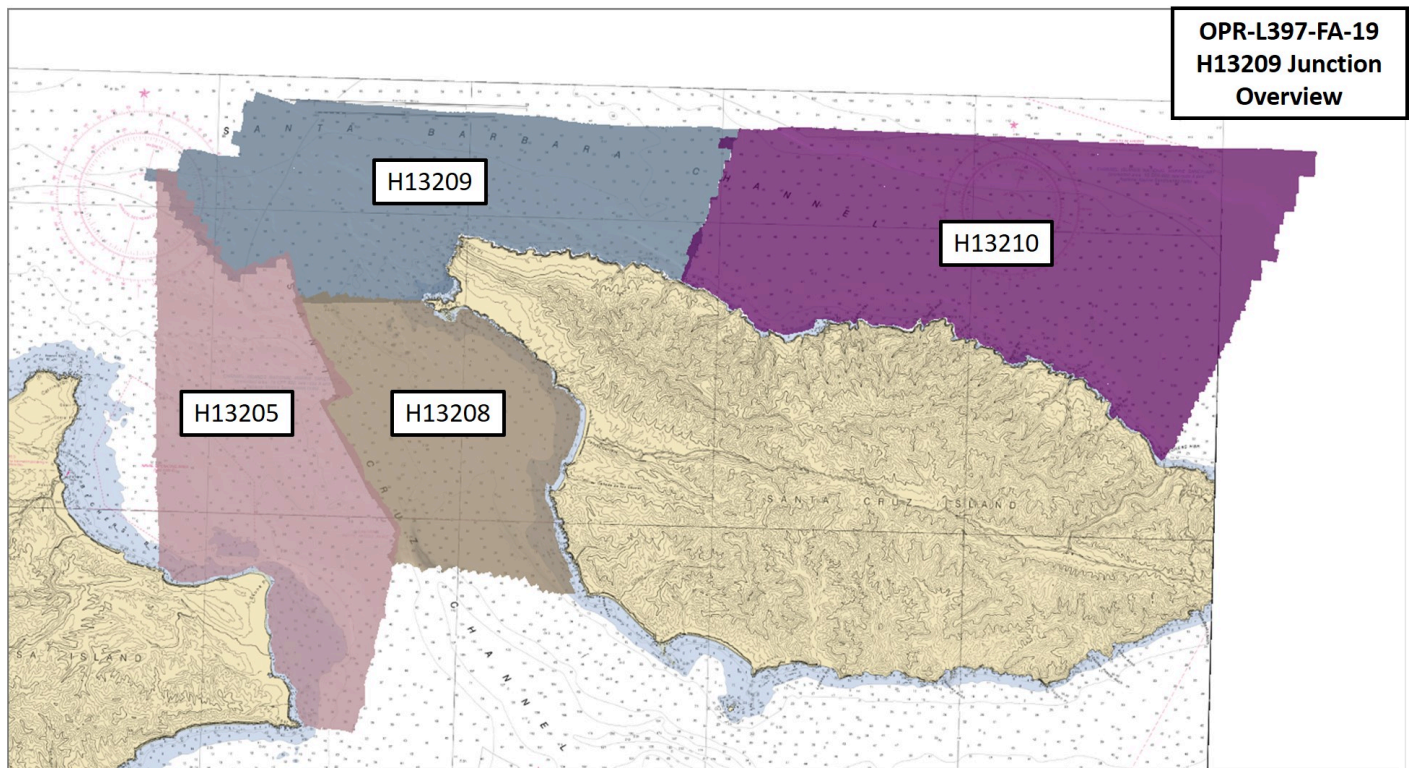


Figure 6: Overview of H13209 junction surveys

The following junctions were made with this survey:

Registry Number	Scale	Year	Field Unit	Relative Location
H13205	1:20000	2018	NOAA Ship RAINIER	W
H13208	1:20000	2019	NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER	S
H13210	1:20000	2019	NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER	E

Table 9: Junctioning Surveys

### H13205

Surface differencing in CARIS HIPS and SIPS was used to assess junction agreement between the surface from H13209 and the surface from H13205 (Figure 7). The statistical analysis of the difference surface shows a mean of -0.07 meters with 95% of the nodes having a maximum deviation of +/- 0.36 meters, as seen in Figure 8. It was found that 99.5+% of nodes are within NOAA allowable uncertainty.

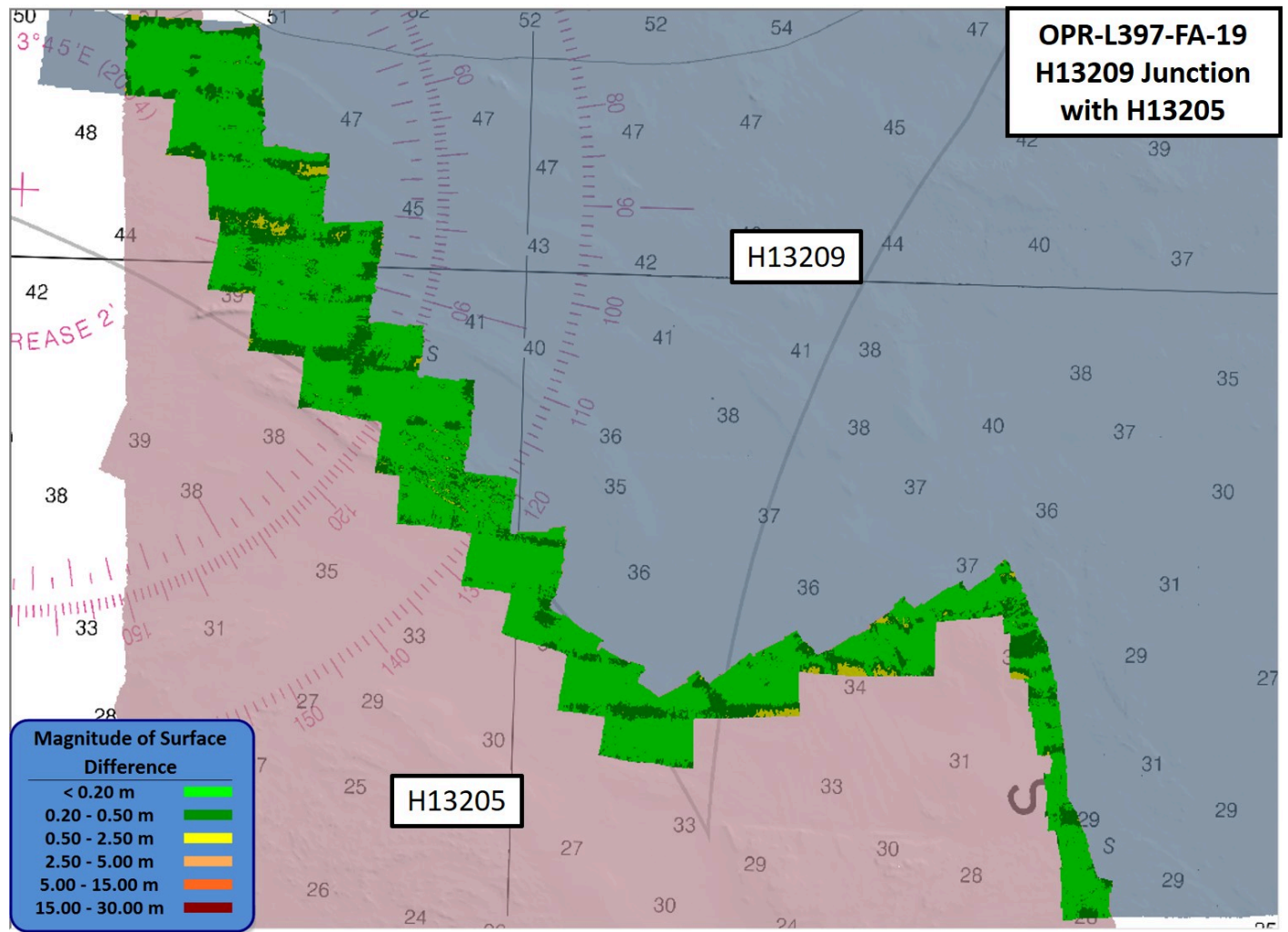


Figure 7: Difference surface between H13209 (blue) and junctioning survey H13205 (pink)

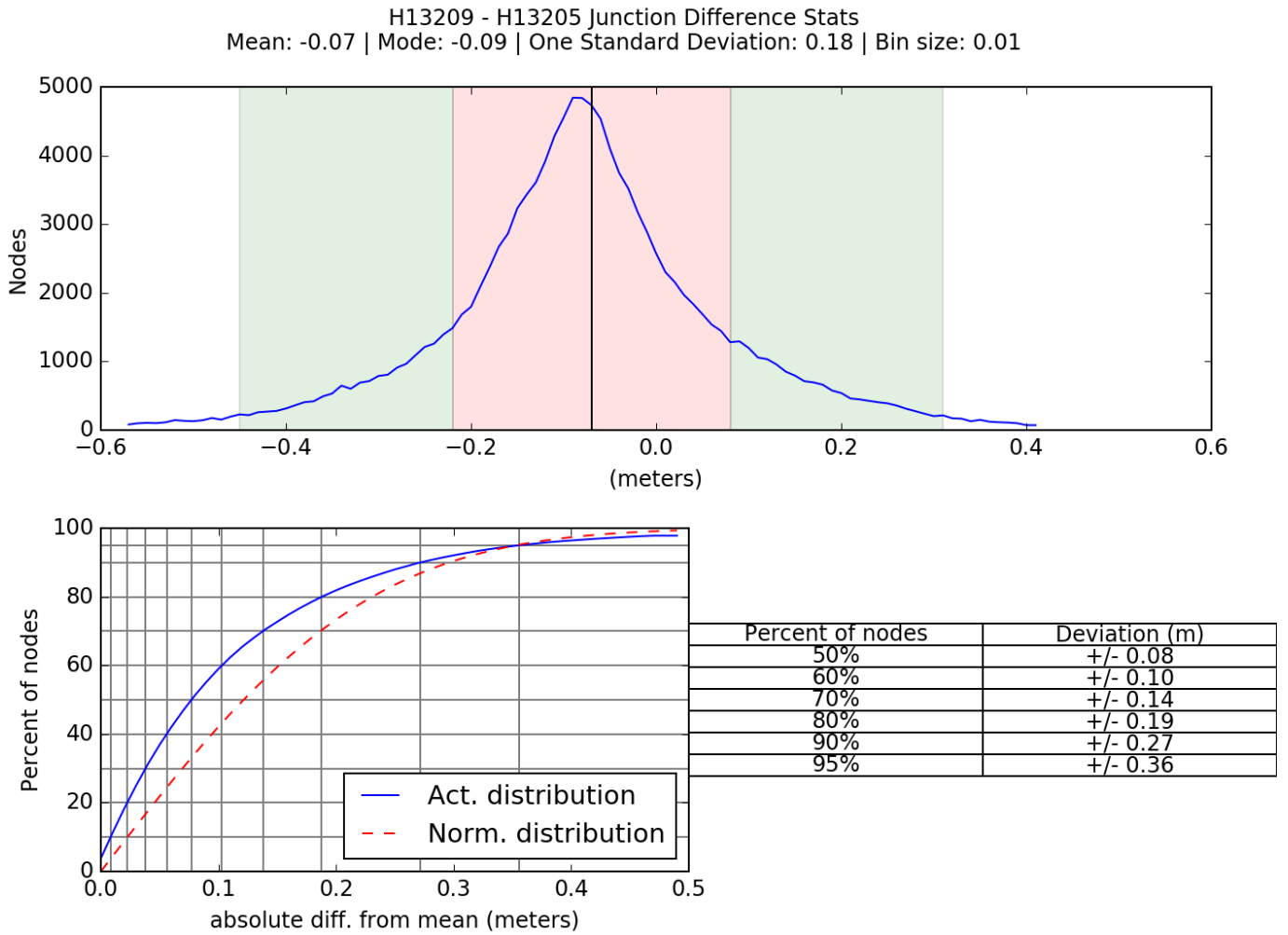


Figure 8: Difference surface statistics between H13209 and H13205 (VR surface)

H13208

Surface differencing in CARIS HIPS and SIPS was used to assess junction agreement between the surface from H13209 and the surface from H13208 (Figure 9). The statistical analysis of the difference surface shows a mean of 0.04 meters with 95% of the nodes have a maximum deviation of +/- 0.31 meters, as seen in Figure 10. It was found that 99.5+% of nodes are within NOAA allowable uncertainty.

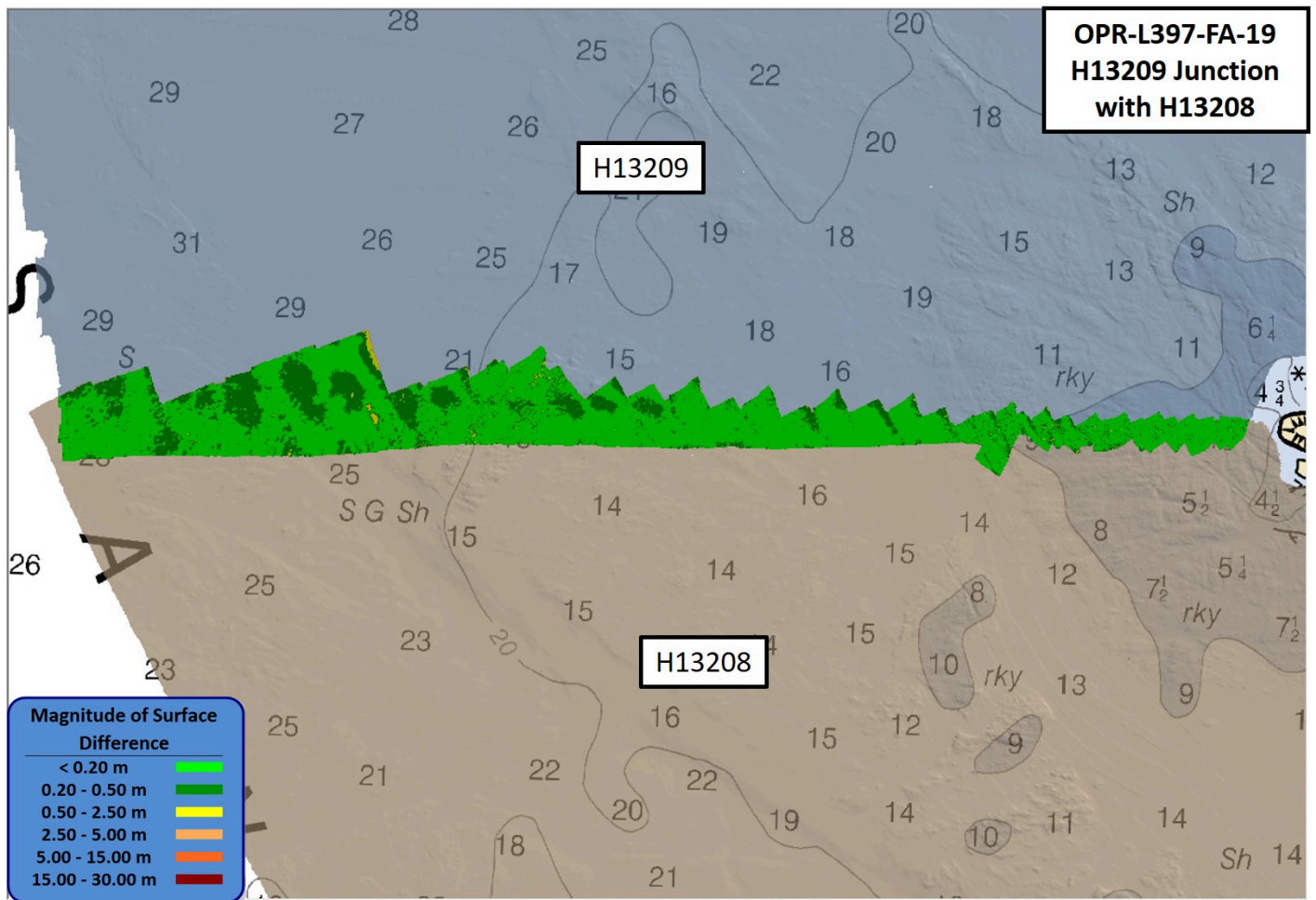


Figure 9: Difference surface between H13209 (blue) and junctioning survey H13208 (brown)

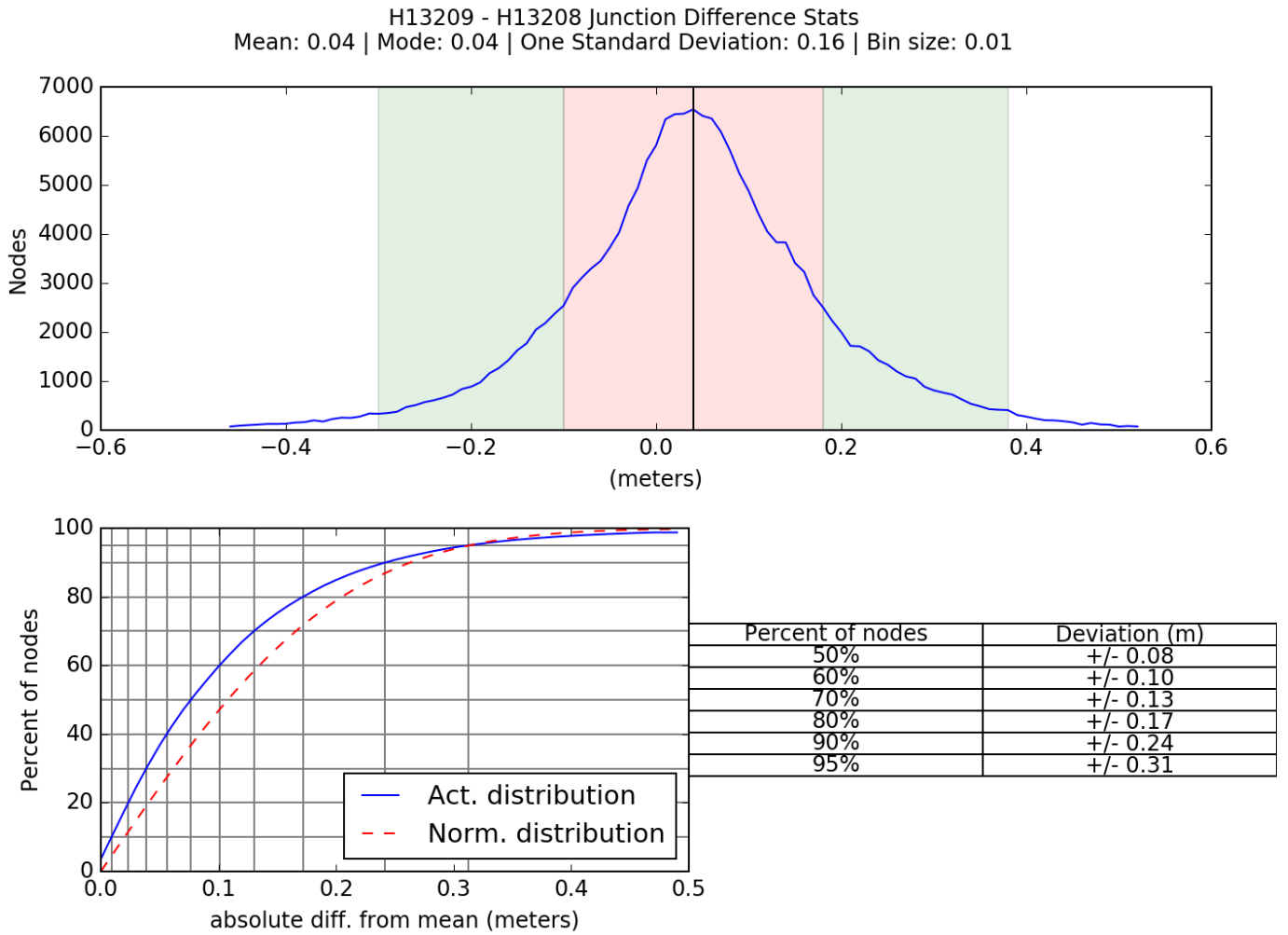


Figure 10: Difference surface statistics between H13209 and H13208 (VR surface)

H13210

Surface differencing in CARIS HIPS and SIPS was used to assess junction agreement between the surface from H13209 and the surface from H13210 (Figure 11). The statistical analysis of the difference surface shows a mean of 0.00 meters with 95% of the nodes having a maximum deviation of +/- 0.32 meters, as seen in Figure 12. It was found that 99.5+% of nodes are within NOAA allowable uncertainty.

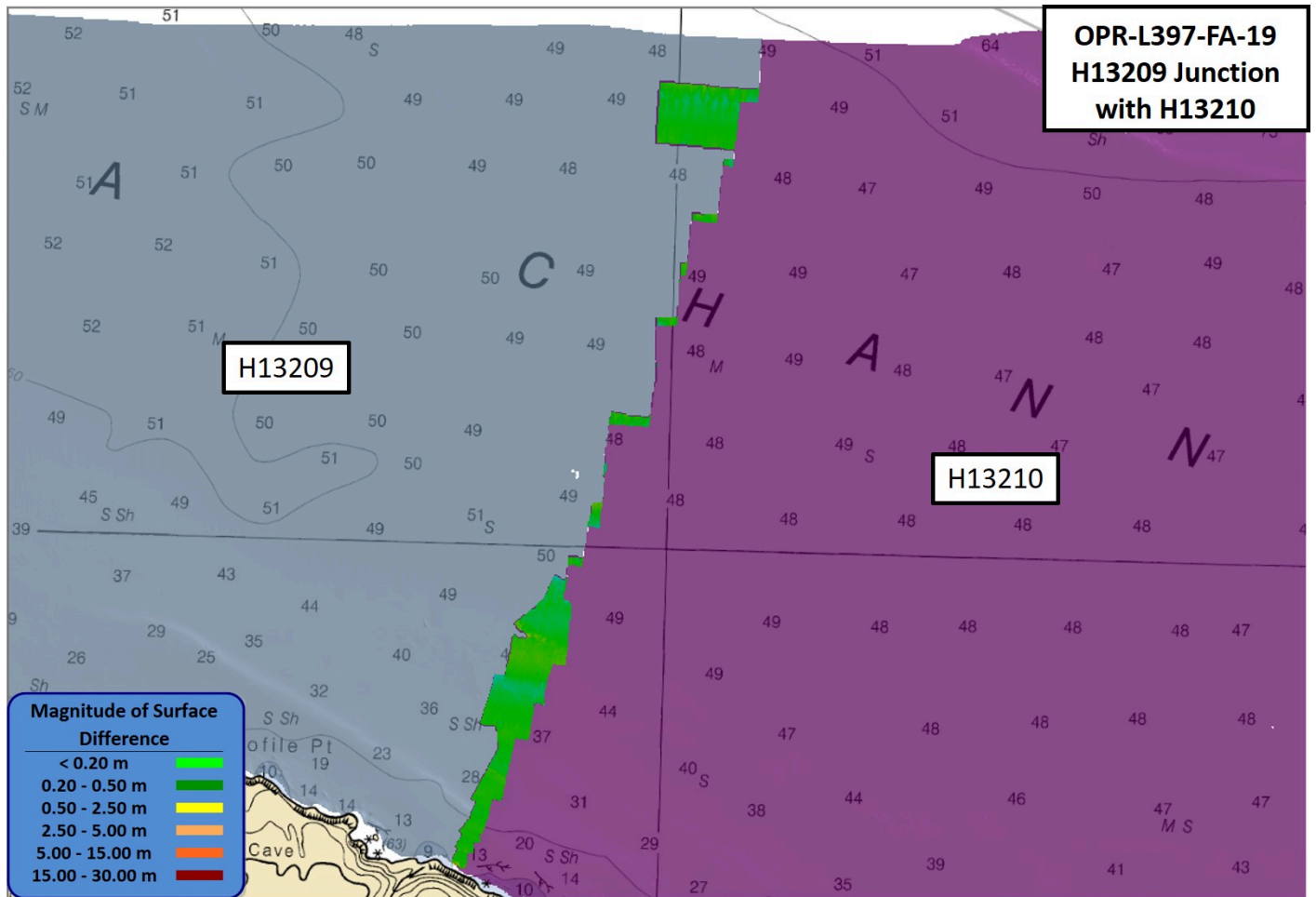


Figure 11: Difference surface between H13209 (blue) and junctioning survey H13210 (purple)

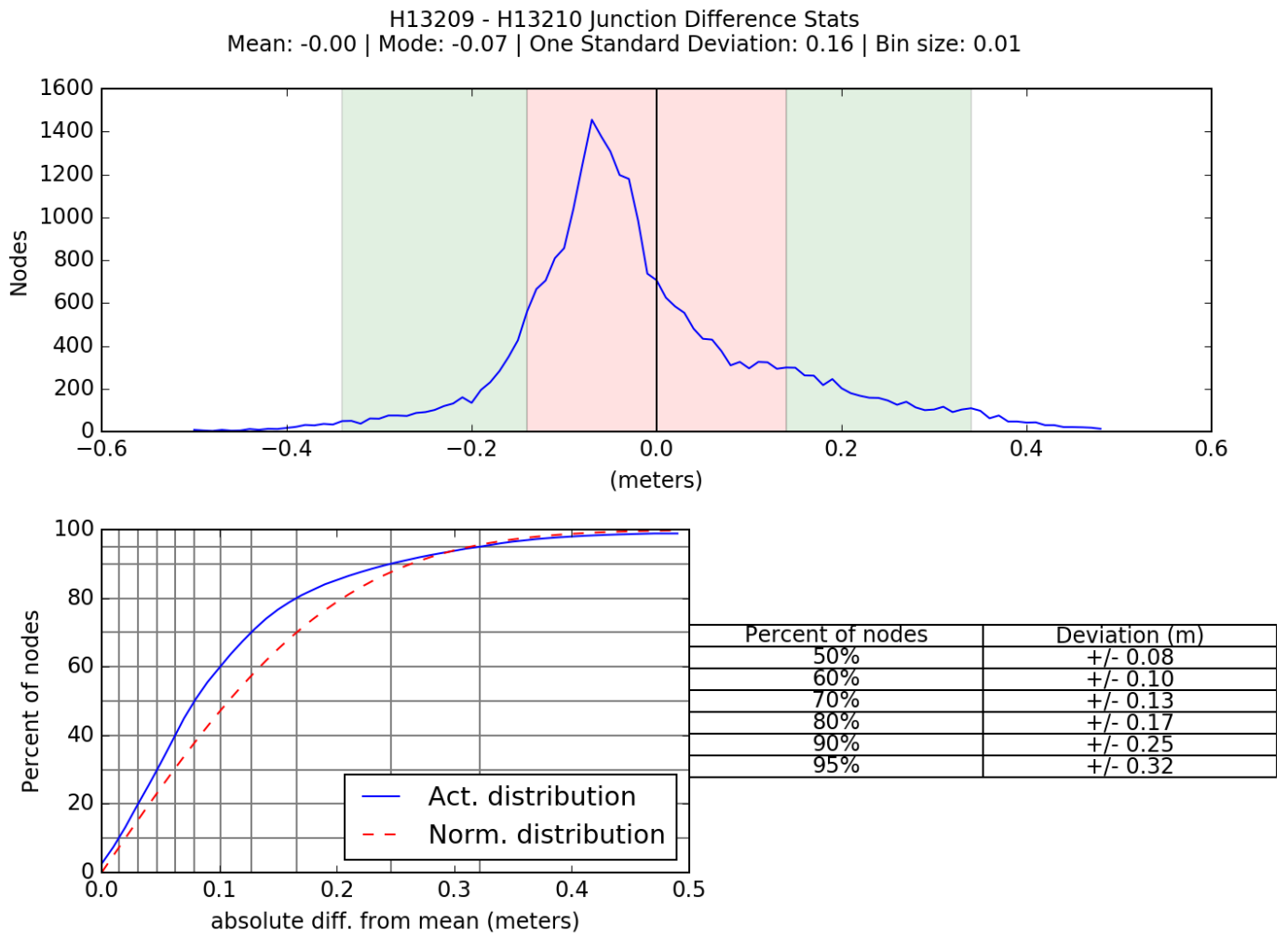


Figure 12: Difference surface statistics between H13209 and H13210 (VR surface)

### B.2.4 Sonar QC Checks

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

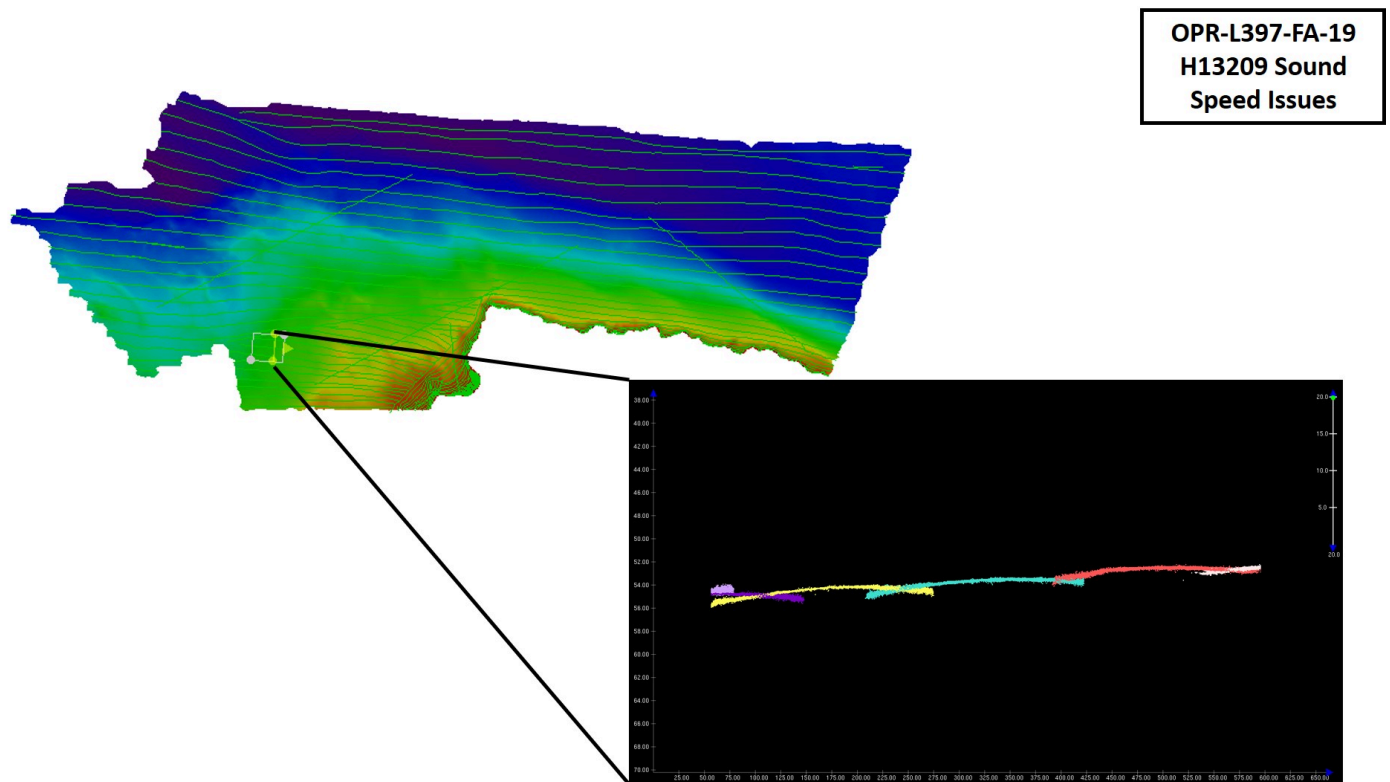
### B.2.5 Equipment Effectiveness

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

## B.2.6 Factors Affecting Soundings

### Sound Speed Issues

In certain areas, particularly the western offshore portion of the survey area, sound speed issues were apparent, visible primarily as "frowns" (see Figure 13). Given the location of the issues, the most probable cause is subsurface mixing that was not modeled on the surface. Surfaces were not significantly impacted and the data still meet NOAA allowable uncertainty parameters from HSSD Section 5.1.3. As such, the data remain sufficient to supersede previous data.



*Figure 13: Example of sound speed issues visible in the data exaggerated 20x*

## B.2.7 Sound Speed Methods

**Sound Speed Cast Frequency:** Casts were conducted at a minimum of one every four hours during launch acquisition. Casts were conducted more frequently when there was a change in surface sound speed greater than two meters per second. XBT casts on S220 were conducted at an average interval of 156 minutes, guided by observations of the surface sound speed and targeted to deeper areas. A limit of 25 XBTs was



imposed while in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary which also impacted cast frequency. All sound speed methods were used as detailed in the DAPR.

### **B.2.8 Coverage Equipment and Methods**

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

### **B.2.9 Holidays**

H13209 data were reviewed in CARIS HIPS and SIPS for holidays in accordance with Section 5.2.2.3 of the HSSD. One holiday that meets the definition described in the HSSD for complete coverage were identified via HydrOffice QC Tools Holiday Finder tool. This tool automatically scans the surface for holidays as defined in the HSSD and was run in conjunction with a visual inspection of the surface by the hydrographer.

The one holiday was due to acoustic shadowing in a steep and rocky area as seen in Figure 14. The area was investigated in CARIS subset editor to verify that least depths were found and the hydrographer is confident that no significant shoaling occurs within the holiday.

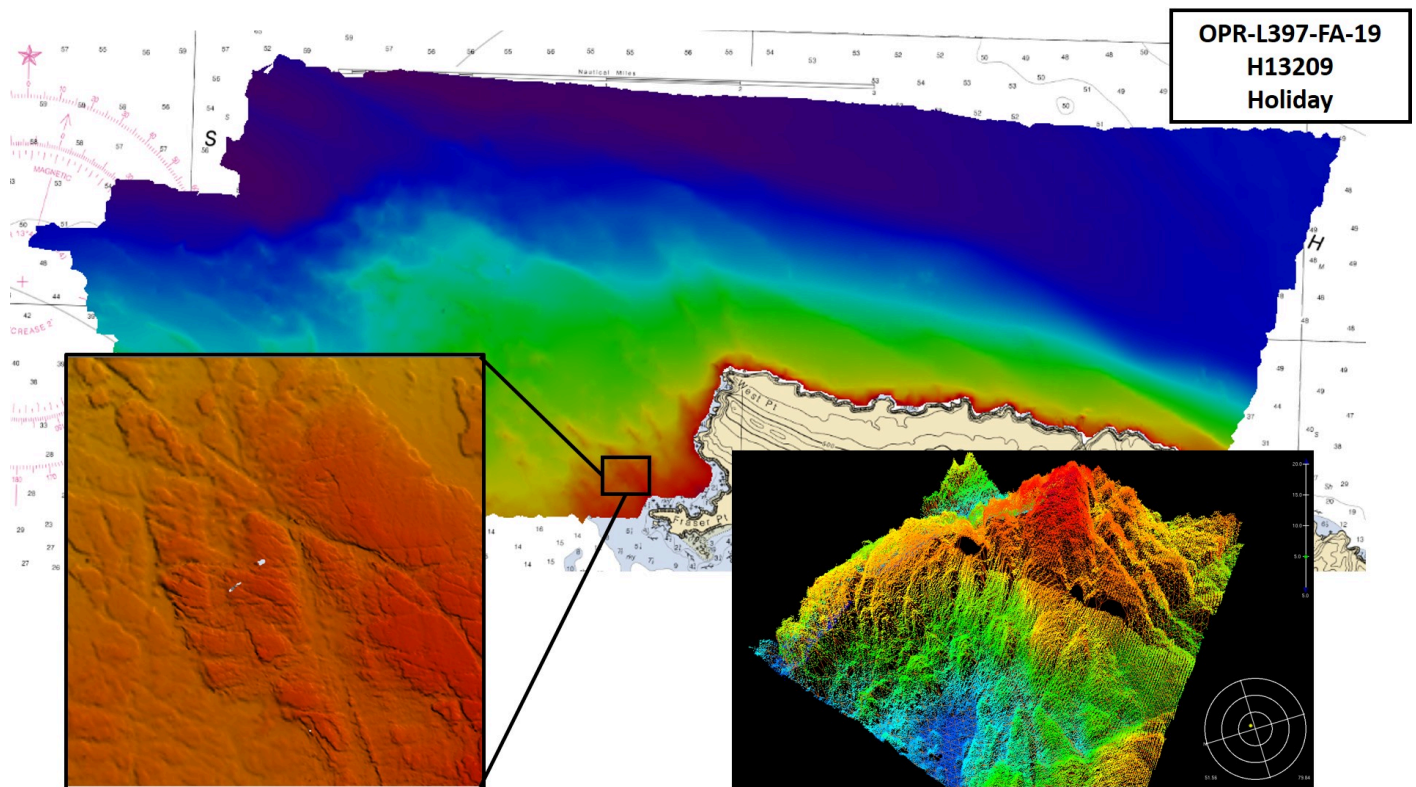
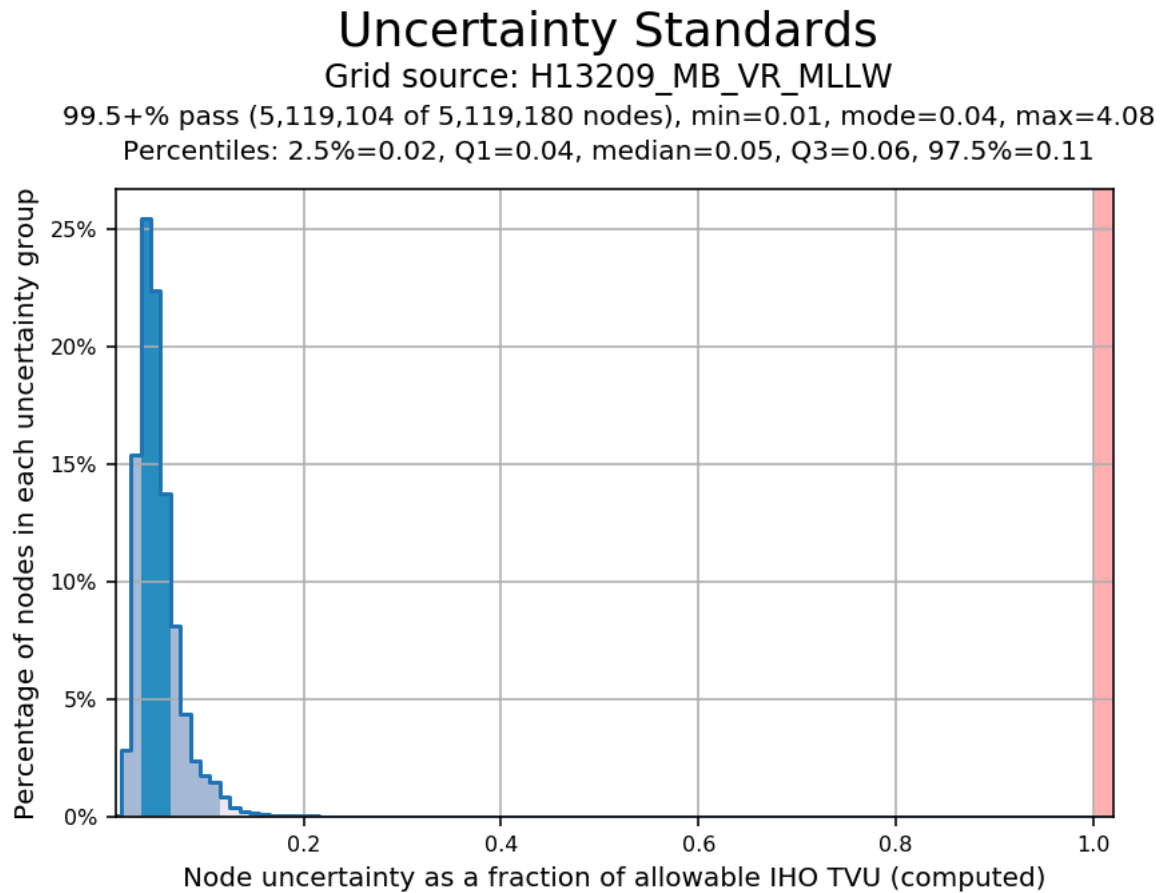


Figure 14: Overview of holiday identified in H13209

### B.2.10 NOAA Allowable Uncertainty

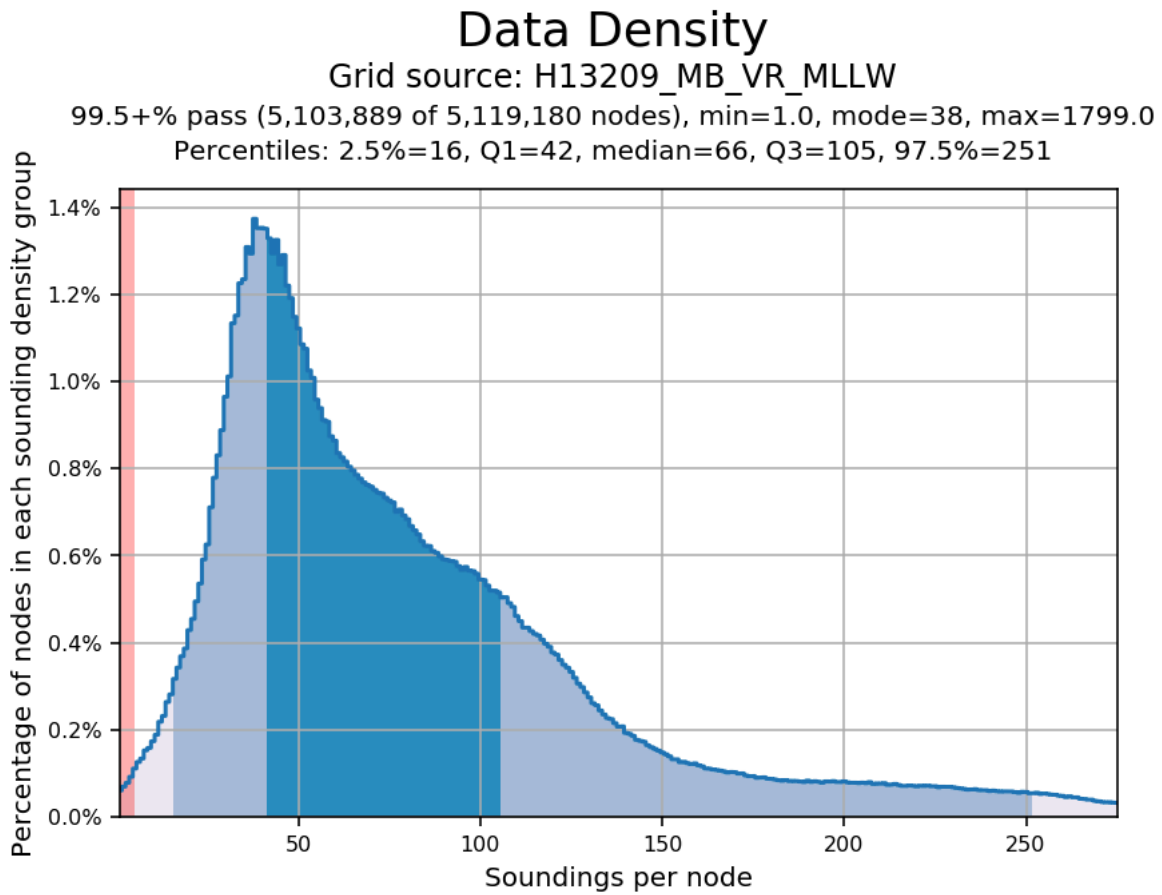
The surface was analyzed using the HydrOffice QC Tools Grid QA feature to determine compliance with specifications. Overall, 99.5+% of nodes within the surface meet NOAA Allowable Uncertainty specifications for H13209 (Figure 15).



*Figure 15: H13209 Allowable uncertainty standards*

### B.2.11 Density

The surface was analyzed using the HydrOffice QC Tools Grid QA feature to determine compliance with specifications. Density requirements for H13209 were achieved with at least 99.5+% of surface nodes containing five or more soundings as required by HSSD Section 5.2.2.3 (Figure 16).



*Figure 16: H13209 Data density 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

Raw backscatter data were stored in the .all file for Kongsberg systems. All backscatter were processed to GSF files and a floating point mosaic was created by the field unit via Fledermaus FMGT 7.8.10. See Figure 17 for a greyscale representation of the complete mosaic.

A relative backscatter calibration was performed by HSTB via a patch test in order to bring the survey systems on each of the launches into alignment. See Figure 18 for a table of the calibration values entered into the Processing Settings within FMGT. Approximate inter-calibration corrections for offsets between sonar systems were applied to the mosaic.

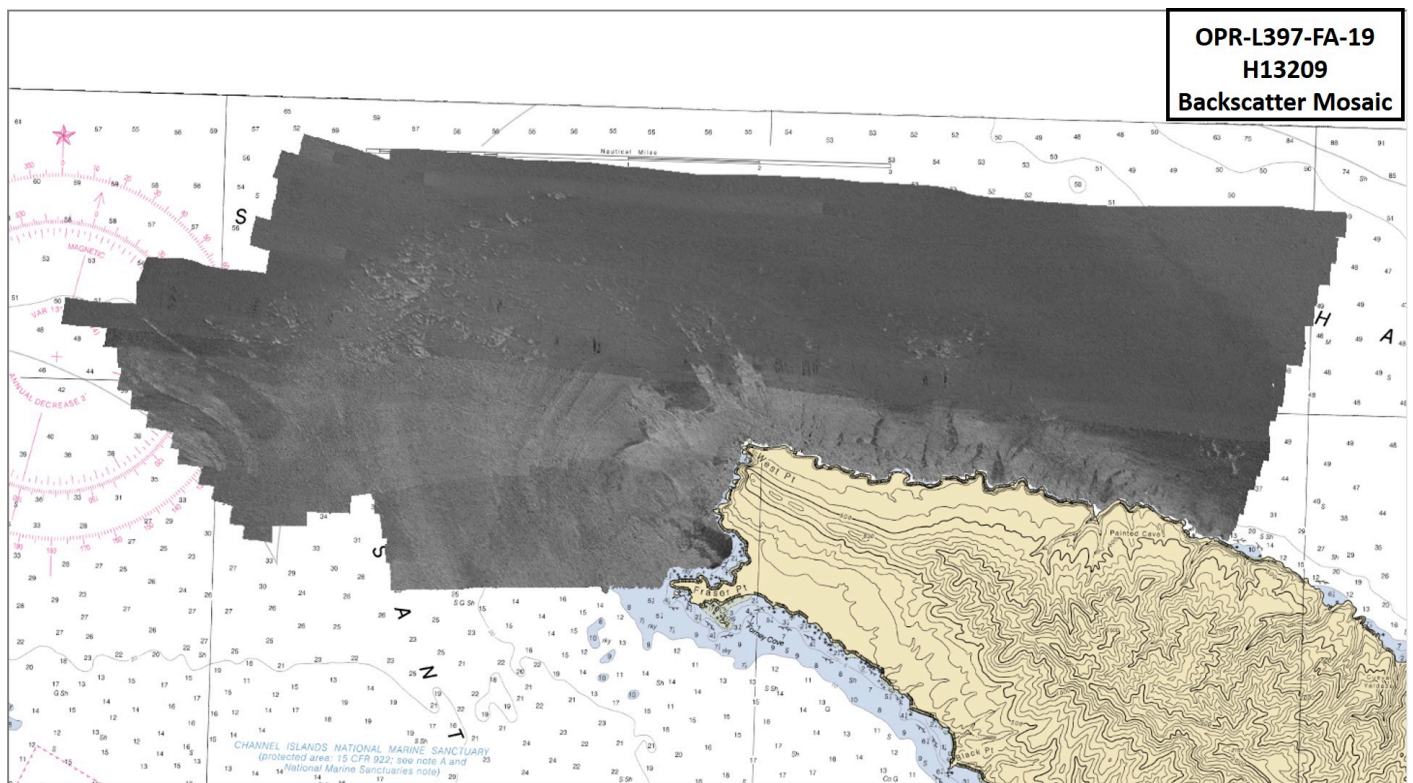


Figure 17: Backscatter mosaic for H13209

	200				300				400		
	Shor t CW	Med CW	Long CW	FM (Both)	Shor t CW	Med CW	Long CW	FM (Both)	Short CW	Med CW	Long CW
2805	-1.1	-1.4	-1.8	2.7	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-1.4	3	3.9	4.8
2806	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	3.6	4.65	5.7
2807	-0.3	-0.15	0	0	0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	3.3	4.2	5.1
2808	0	0.6	1.2	1.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-1.0	1.8	2.7	3.6

Figure 18: Backscatter calibration values

## B.5 Data Processing

### B.5.1 Primary Data Processing Software

The following software program was the primary program used for bathymetric data processing:

Manufacturer	Name	Version
CARIS	HIPS and SIPS	11.1.3

Table 10: Primary bathymetric data processing software

The following software program was the primary program used for imagery data processing:

Manufacturer	Name	Version
QPS	Fledermaus	7.8.10

Table 11: Primary imagery data processing software

The following Feature Object Catalog was used: NOAA Profile Version 2019.

### 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
H13209_MB_VR_MLLW_Final	CARIS VR Surface (CUBE)	Variable Resolution	1.75 meters - 104.37 meters	NOAA_VR	Complete MBES
H13209_MB_VR_MLLW	CARIS VR Surface (CUBE)	Variable Resolution	1.75 meters - 104.37 meters	NOAA_VR	Complete MBES

*Table 12: Submitted Surfaces*

The NOAA CUBE parameters defined in the HSSD were used for the creation of all CUBE surfaces for H13209. The surfaces were reviewed where noisy data, or "fliers" are incorporated into the gridded solutions causing the surface to be shoaler or deeper than the true sea floor. Where these spurious soundings cause the gridded surface to vary from the reliably measured seabed by greater than the maximum allowable Total Vertical Uncertainty at that depth, the noisy data were rejected by the hydrographer and the surface recomputed.

Flier Finder, part of the QC Tools package within HydrOffice, was used to assist the search for spurious soundings following gross cleaning. Flier Finder was run iteratively until all remaining flagged fliers were deemed to be valid aspects of the surface.

### B.5.3 Data Logs

Data acquisition and processing notes are included in the acquisition and processing logs, and additional processing such as final separation model reduction and sound speed application are noted in the H13209 Data Log spreadsheet. All data logs are submitted digitally in the Separates I folder.

## C. Vertical and Horizontal Control

Per section 5.1.2.3 of the 2014 Field Procedures Manual, no Horizontal and Vertical Control Report has been generated for H13209.

## C.1 Vertical Control

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

### ERS Datum Transformation

The following ellipsoid-to-chart vertical datum transformation was used:

Method	Ellipsoid to Chart Datum Separation File
ERS via VDATUM	OPR-L397-FA-19_100m_NAD83-MLLW_geoid12a

*Table 13: ERS method and SEP file*

ERS methods were used as the final means of reducing H13209 to MLLW for submission.

## C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

The projection used for this project is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 11.

The following PPK methods were used for horizontal control:

- RTX

Vessel kinematic data were post-processed using Applanix POSPac processing software and RTX positioning methods described in the DAPR. Smoothed Best Estimate of Trajectory (SBET) and associated error (RMS) data were applied to all MBES data in CARIS HIPS and SIPS.

### WAAS

During real-time acquisition, all platforms received correctors from the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) for increased accuracies similar to USCG DGPS stations. WAAS and SBETs were the sole methods of positioning for H13209 as no DGPS stations were available for real-time horizontal control.

## D. Results and Recommendations

### D.1 Chart Comparison

A comparison was performed between survey H13209 and ENC US5CA66M using CARIS HIPS and SIPS. Sounding and contour layers were overlaid on the ENC to assess differences between the surveyed soundings and charted depths. The ENC was compared to the surface by extracting all soundings from the chart and



creating an interpolated TIN surface which could be differenced with the surface from H13209. The resulting surface is shown in Figure 19 with statistical analysis in Figure 20.

All data from H13209 should supersede charted data. In general, surveyed soundings agree with the majority of charted depths. A full discussion follows below.

### D.1.1 Electronic Navigational Charts

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

ENC	Scale	Edition	Update Application Date	Issue Date
US5CA66M	1:40000	6	05/24/2019	10/04/2019

*Table 14: Largest Scale ENC's*

### D.1.2 Shoal and Hazardous Features

One hazardous feature exists for this survey but is not included in the Final Feature File as the least depth was found by full coverage MBES. An underwater rock in the far eastern corner of survey H13209 has a minimum depth of 1.75 meters in an area that is otherwise 10 to 15 meters deep (Figure 23). This rock was not submitted as a DTON as it is very close to shore and therefore not hazardous to the prudent navigator.

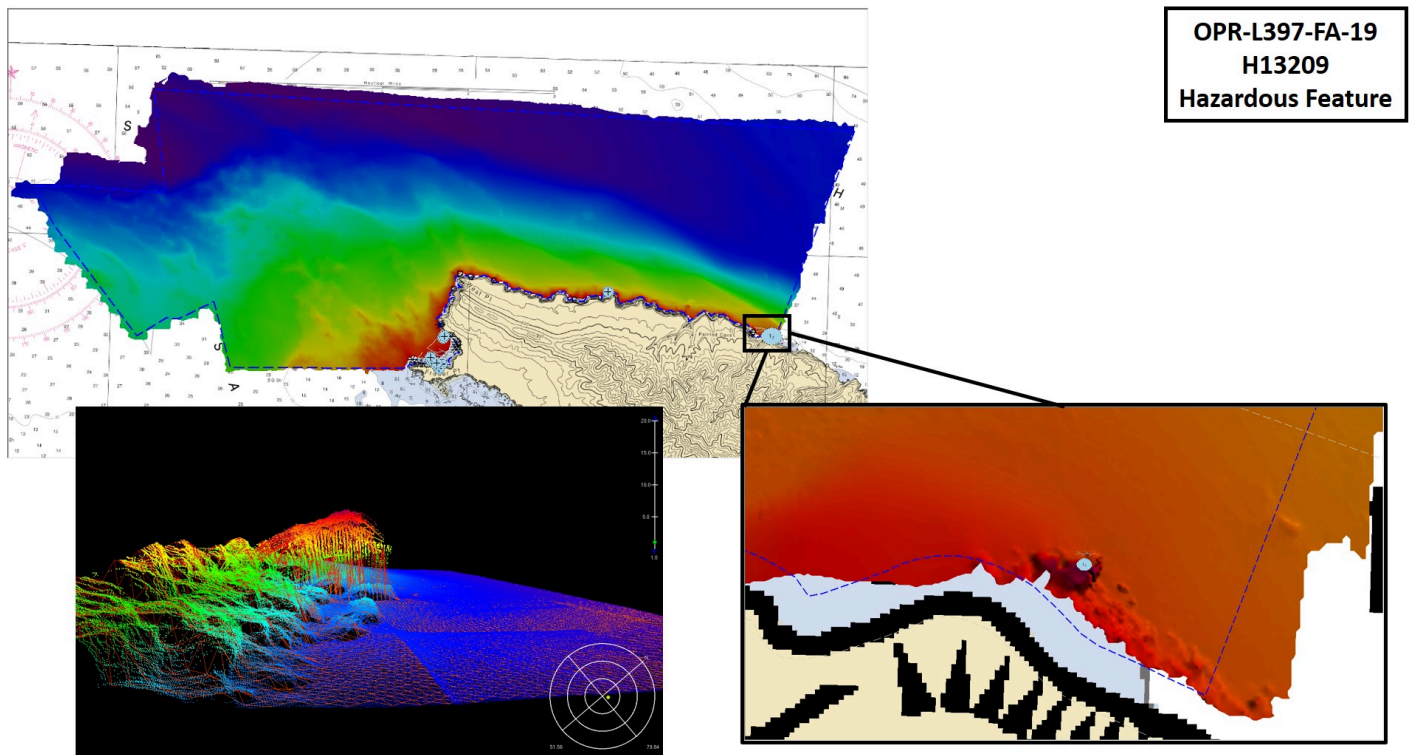


Figure 19: Potentially hazardous feature in H13209

### D.1.3 Charted Features

No charted features exist for this survey.

*SAR - The hydrographer's comment in D.1.3 is incorrect. The survey area includes many charted features, most of which were assigned for verification. The field unit addressed all assigned charted features within the surveyed extents.*

### D.1.4 Uncharted Features

Survey H13209 has 4 new features that are addressed in the H13209 Final Feature File. Of these features, there is 1 new Land Area, 1 new Land Elevation, and 2 new Kelp Areas.

### D.1.5 Channels

No channels exist for this survey. There are no designated anchorages, precautionary areas, safety fairways, traffic separation schemes, pilot boarding areas, or channel and range lines within the survey limits.

## **D.2 Additional Results**

### **D.2.1 Aids to Navigation**

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

### **D.2.2 Maritime Boundary Points**

No Maritime Boundary Points were assigned for this survey.

### **D.2.3 Bottom Samples**

No bottom samples were required 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 Platforms**

No platforms exist for this survey.

### **D.2.7 Ferry Routes and Terminals**

No ferry routes or terminals exist for this survey.

### **D.2.8 Abnormal Seafloor or Environmental Conditions**

No abnormal seafloor and/or environmental conditions 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 Recommendations**

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

**D.2.11 ENC Scale Recommendations**

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 field sheets, 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 Specifications and Deliverables, 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.

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## F. Table of Acronyms

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>AHB</b>	Atlantic Hydrographic Branch
<b>AST</b>	Assistant Survey Technician
<b>ATON</b>	Aid to Navigation
<b>AWOIS</b>	Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System
<b>BAG</b>	Bathymetric Attributed Grid
<b>BASE</b>	Bathymetry Associated with Statistical Error
<b>CO</b>	Commanding Officer
<b>CO-OPS</b>	Center for Operational Products and Services
<b>CORS</b>	Continuously Operating Reference Station
<b>CTD</b>	Conductivity Temperature Depth
<b>CEF</b>	Chart Evaluation File
<b>CSF</b>	Composite Source File
<b>CST</b>	Chief Survey Technician
<b>CUBE</b>	Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetry Estimator
<b>DAPR</b>	Data Acquisition and Processing Report
<b>DGPS</b>	Differential Global Positioning System
<b>DP</b>	Detached Position
<b>DR</b>	Descriptive Report
<b>DTON</b>	Danger to Navigation
<b>ENC</b>	Electronic Navigational Chart
<b>ERS</b>	Ellipsoidal Referenced Survey
<b>ERTDM</b>	Ellipsoidally Referenced Tidal Datum Model
<b>ERZT</b>	Ellipsoidally Referenced Zoned Tides
<b>FFF</b>	Final Feature File
<b>FOO</b>	Field Operations Officer
<b>FPM</b>	Field Procedures Manual
<b>GAMS</b>	GPS Azimuth Measurement Subsystem
<b>GC</b>	Geographic Cell
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>HIPS</b>	Hydrographic Information Processing System
<b>HSD</b>	Hydrographic Surveys Division

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>HSSD</b>	Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables
<b>HSTB</b>	Hydrographic Systems Technology Branch
<b>HSX</b>	Hypack Hysweep File Format
<b>HTD</b>	Hydrographic Surveys Technical Directive
<b>HVCR</b>	Horizontal and Vertical Control Report
<b>HVF</b>	HIPS Vessel File
<b>IHO</b>	International Hydrographic Organization
<b>IMU</b>	Inertial Motion Unit
<b>ITRF</b>	International Terrestrial Reference Frame
<b>LNM</b>	Linear Nautical Miles
<b>MBAB</b>	Multibeam Echosounder Acoustic Backscatter
<b>MCD</b>	Marine Chart Division
<b>MHW</b>	Mean High Water
<b>MLLW</b>	Mean Lower Low Water
<b>NAD 83</b>	North American Datum of 1983
<b>NALL</b>	Navigable Area Limit Line
<b>NTM</b>	Notice to Mariners
<b>NMEA</b>	National Marine Electronics Association
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NOS</b>	National Ocean Service
<b>NRT</b>	Navigation Response Team
<b>NSD</b>	Navigation Services Division
<b>OCS</b>	Office of Coast Survey
<b>OMAO</b>	Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (NOAA)
<b>OPS</b>	Operations Branch
<b>MBES</b>	Multibeam Echosounder
<b>NWLON</b>	National Water Level Observation Network
<b>PDBS</b>	Phase Differencing Bathymetric Sonar
<b>PHB</b>	Pacific Hydrographic Branch
<b>POS/MV</b>	Position and Orientation System for Marine Vessels
<b>PPK</b>	Post Processed Kinematic
<b>PPP</b>	Precise Point Positioning
<b>PPS</b>	Pulse per second

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>PRF</b>	Project Reference File
<b>PS</b>	Physical Scientist
<b>RNC</b>	Raster Navigational Chart
<b>RTK</b>	Real Time Kinematic
<b>RTX</b>	Real Time Extended
<b>SBES</b>	Singlebeam Echosounder
<b>SBET</b>	Smooth Best Estimate and Trajectory
<b>SNM</b>	Square Nautical Miles
<b>SSS</b>	Side Scan Sonar
<b>SSSAB</b>	Side Scan Sonar Acoustic Backscatter
<b>ST</b>	Survey Technician
<b>SVP</b>	Sound Velocity Profiler
<b>TCARI</b>	Tidal Constituent And Residual Interpolation
<b>TPU</b>	Total Propagated Uncertainty
<b>USACE</b>	United States Army Corps of Engineers
<b>USCG</b>	United States Coast Guard
<b>UTM</b>	Universal Transverse Mercator
<b>XO</b>	Executive Officer
<b>ZDF</b>	Zone Definition File



APPROVAL PAGE

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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

- Descriptive Report
- Collection of Bathymetric Attributed Grids (BAGs)
- Collection of backscatter mosaics
- Processed survey data and records
- GeoPDF of survey products

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commander Olivia Hauser, NOAA**  
Chief, Pacific Hydrographic Branch