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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey:	Navigable Area
Registry Number:	H13610

LOCALITY

State(s):	Pennsylvania
General Locality:	Lake Erie
Sub-locality:	Vicinity of Presque Isle

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HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET	**H13610**

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

State(s):	**Pennsylvania**
General Locality:	**Lake Erie**
Sub-Locality:	**Vicinity of Presque Isle**
Scale:	**5000**
Dates of Survey:	**07/05/2022 to 08/12/2022**
Instructions Dated:	**04/19/2022**
Project Number:	**OPR-W386-TJ-22**
Field Unit:	**NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson***
Chief of Party:	**Matthew J. Jaskoski, CDR/NOAA**
Soundings by:	**Multibeam Echo Sounder**
Imagery by:	**Multibeam Echo Sounder Backscatter**
Verification by:	**Atlantic Hydrographic Branch**
Soundings Acquired in:	**meters at Low Water Datum 569.2 ft IGLD-1985 Lake Erie**

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 17N, LWD - IGLD 1985. 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 H13610

Project: OPR-W386-TJ-22

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Scale: 1:5000

July 2022 - August 2022

NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson*

Chief of Party: Matthew J. Jaskoski, CDR/NOAA

A. Area Surveyed

The survey area is referred to as H13610, "Vicinity of Presque Isle" (sheet 4) in the Project Instructions (PIs). The survey area is approximately 10 square nautical miles.

A.1 Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the following survey limits:

Northwest Limit	Southeast Limit
42° 12' 16.64" N 80° 11' 6.39" W	42° 6' 15.87" N 80° 0' 39.99" W

Table 1: Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the assigned survey limits as required in the Project Instructions and 2022 Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables (HSSD) unless otherwise noted in this report. See figure below for overview of sheet limits.

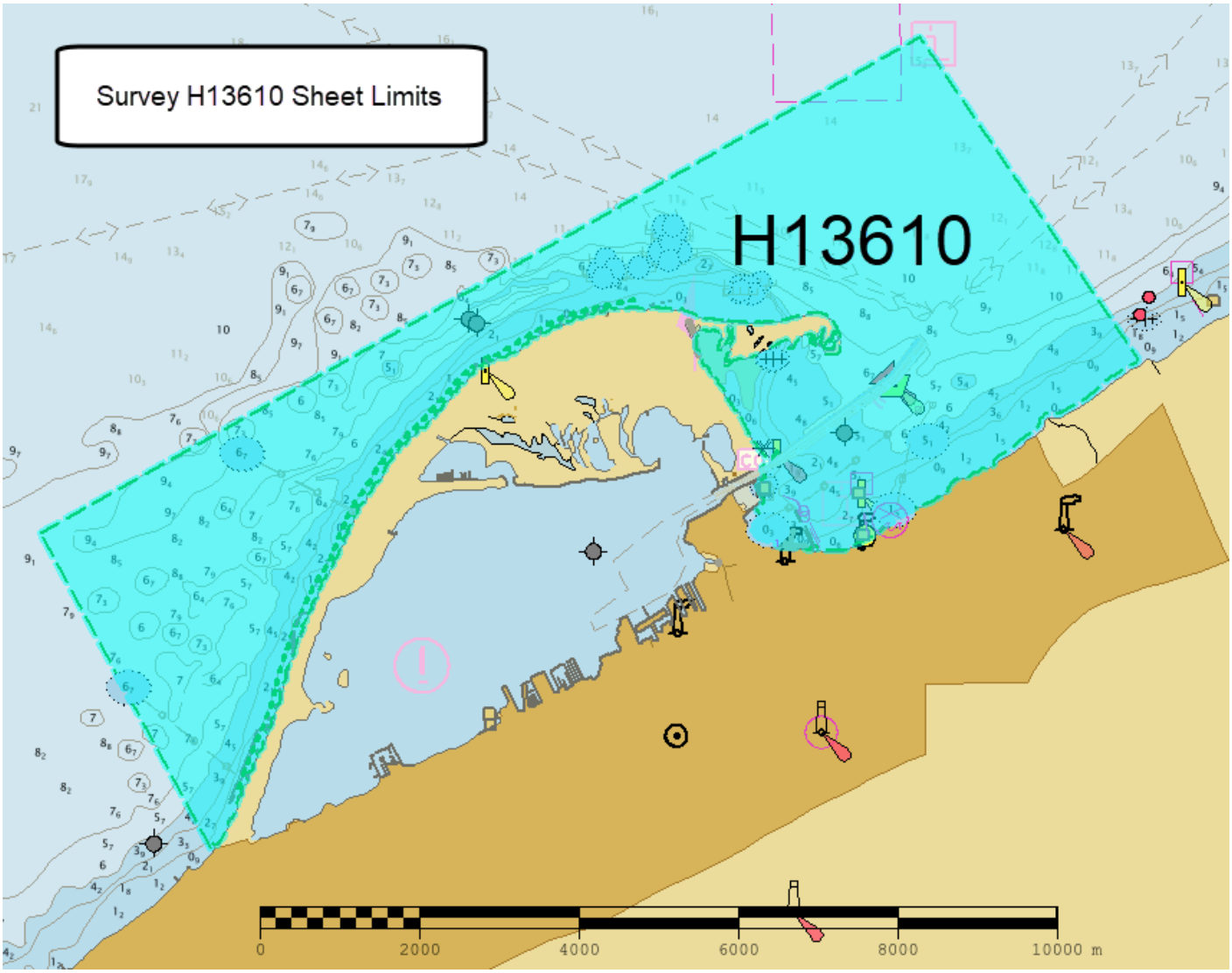


Figure 1: H13610 assigned survey area (Chart US4PA21M)

A.2 Survey Purpose

Erie is Pennsylvania's primary port for accessing Lake Erie and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Erie, PA is occasionally used by container ships, tankers, barges, and other large shipping vessels. It also boasts a robust sailing and fishing community, scenic beauty, biodiversity, and historical connections.This area was identified as a statistically significant hotspot within the 2018 Hydrographic Health Model, a risk model that Coast Survey uses for evaluating priorities based upon navigational risk and the necessary quality of data to support modern traffic. The modern bathymetric survey in this area will not only identify hazards and changes to the lake bed, but will update National Ocean Service (NOS) nautical charting products and support Erie County's Lake Erie Quadrangle nomination for National Marine Sanctuary designation.

https://www.sail-world.com/Australia/Erie-Pennsylvania-Small-place-big-boating/-127219

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_Erie,_Pennsylvania

A.3 Survey Quality

The entire survey is adequate to supersede previous data.

Data acquired in H13610 meet multibeam echo sounder (MBES) coverage requirements for complete coverage, as required by the 2022 HSSD. This includes crosslines (see section B.2.1), NOAA allowable uncertainty (see Section B.2.10), and density requirements (see Section B.5.2).

A.4 Survey Coverage

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

Water Depth	Coverage Required
All waters in survey area	Complete Coverage (Refer to HSSD Section 5.2.2.3)
All waters in survey area	Acquire backscatter data during all multibeam data acquisition (Refer to the HSSD Section 6.2)

Table 2: Survey Coverage

Survey coverage was acquired in accordance with the 2022 HSSD. Complete coverage requirements were met with 100% multibeam (MBES) or full MBES coverage. See image below for more detail on the extents of survey coverage.

Coverage met the inshore limit of hydrography, the Navigable Area Limit Line (NALL). The NALL is defined as the most seaward of the following: the surveyed 3.5- meter depth contour, the line defined by the distance seaward from the observed mean high water (MHW) line which is equivalent to 0.8 millimeters at chart scale, or the inshore limit of safe navigation. Areas where H13610 survey coverage reached neither 3.5 meters water depth, nor the assigned sheet limits, was due to the presence of hazards such as a thick weeds, recreational boaters, swimmers or private docks and moorings. See image below for an example of NALL determination for this survey.

Pydro Explorer QC Tool Holiday Finder was used to detect gaps in data (holidays) on the finalized Single Resolution (SR) surfaces for submission. Holiday finder yielded 3 certain holidays. Two of these holidays are false positives; one is marking the outer edge of survey coverage and the other is marking a gap left around an above water feature. The final holiday was created after cleaning out vegetation from the MBES data. See image below for an overview of these holidays.

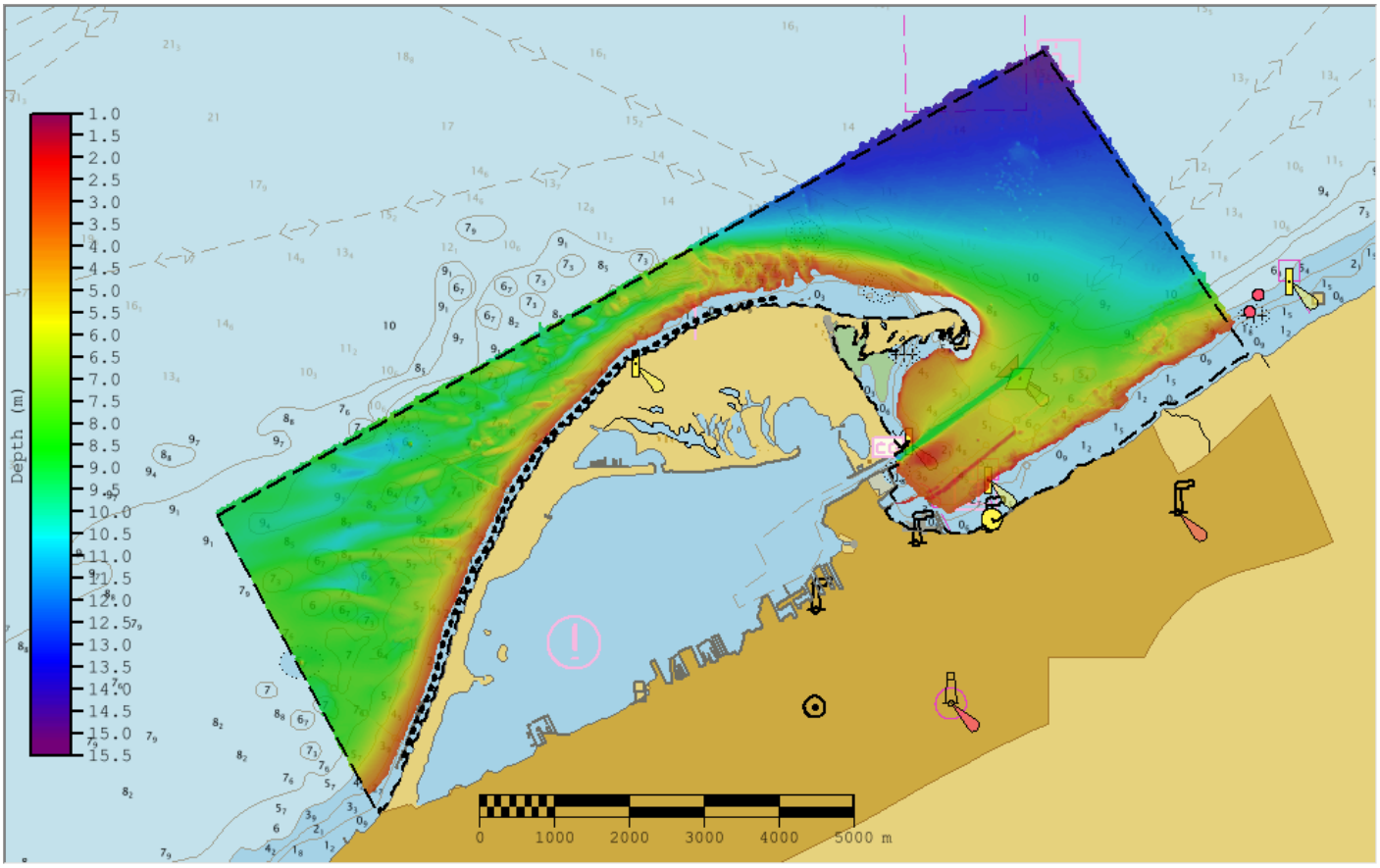


Figure 2: H13610 MBES coverage and assigned survey limits.

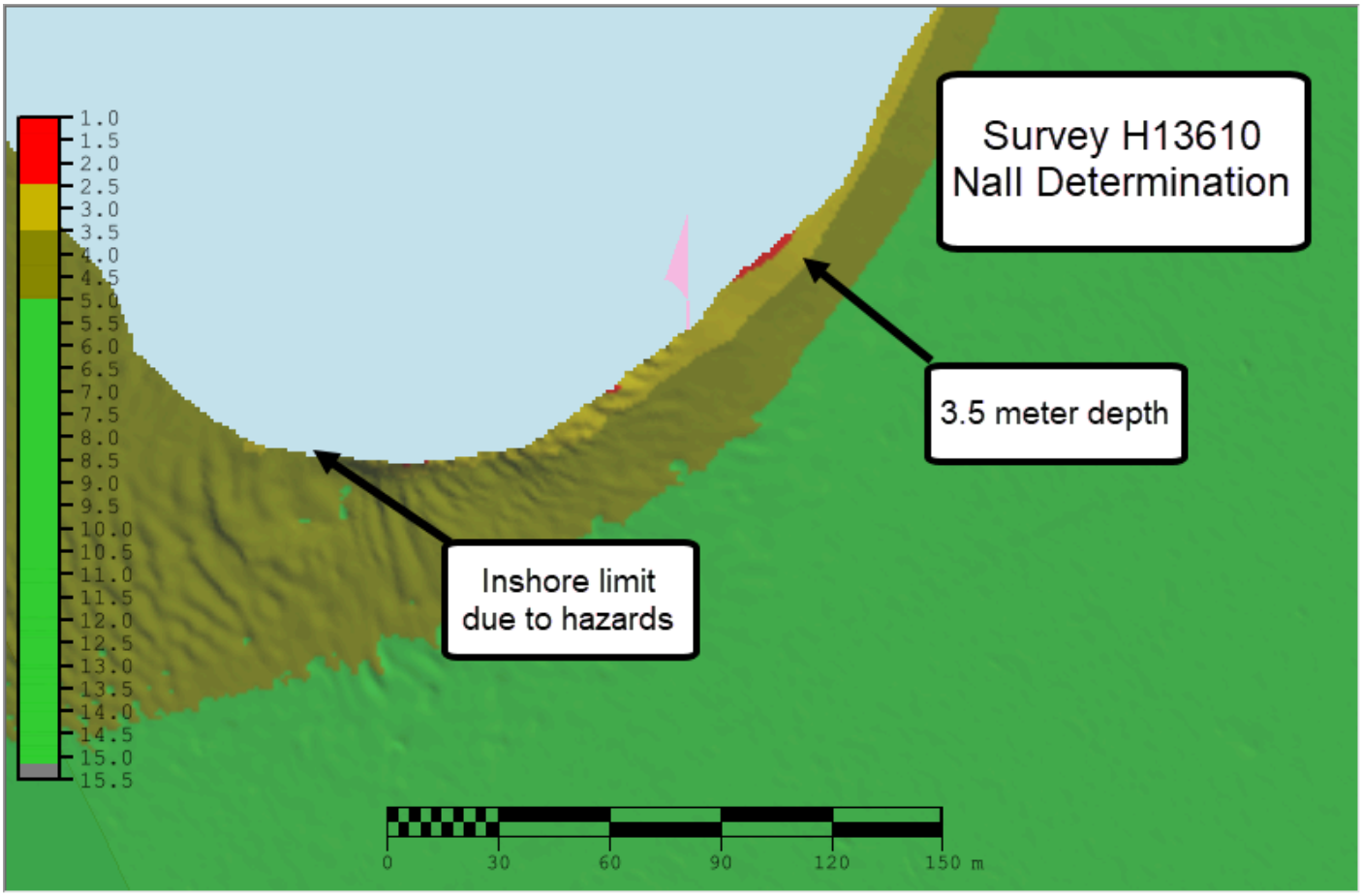


Figure 3: Examples of H13610 NALL determination; the black dashed line indicates assigned sheet limits and the yellow indicates where the 3.5-meter contour was reached.

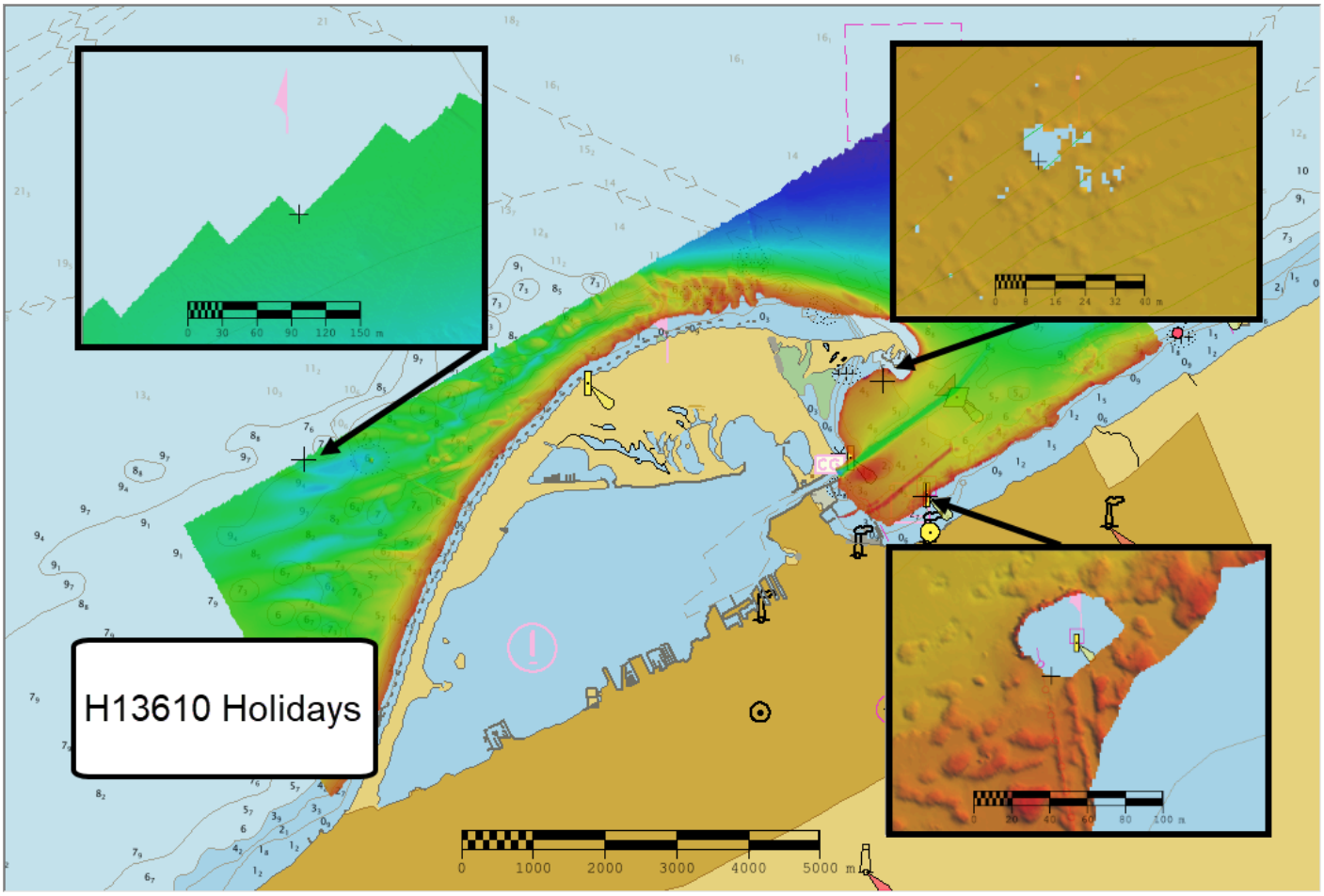


Figure 4: Overview of H13610 Holidays.

A.6 Survey Statistics

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

	HULL ID	*2903*	*2904*	*Total*
LNM	SBES Mainscheme	0.0	0.0	0.0
	MBES Mainscheme	371.1	449.6	820.7
	Lidar Mainscheme	0.0	0.0	0.0
	SSS Mainscheme	0.0	0.0	0.0
	SBES/SSS Mainscheme	0.0	0.0	0.0
	MBES/SSS Mainscheme	0.0	0.0	0.0
	SBES/MBES Crosslines	37.1	0.0	37.1
	Lidar Crosslines	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number of Bottom Samples				8
Number Maritime Boundary Points Investigated				0
Number of DPs				0
Number of Items Investigated by Dive Ops				0
Total SNM				10.1

Table 3: Hydrographic Survey Statistics

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

Survey Dates	Day of the Year
07/05/2022	186
07/16/2022	197

Survey Dates	Day of the Year
07/17/2022	198
07/19/2022	200
07/20/2022	201
07/26/2022	207
07/27/2022	208
07/28/2022	209
07/29/2022	210
07/30/2022	211
07/31/2022	212
08/01/2022	213
08/02/2022	214
08/03/2022	215
08/12/2022	224

Table 4: 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, 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:

Hull ID	*2903*	*2904*
LOA	8.5 meters	8.5 meters
Draft	1.2 meters	1.2 meters

Table 5: Vessels Used

Figure 5: Thomas Jefferson launch 2903 operating offshore Presque Isle, PA.

B.1.2 Equipment

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

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

Table 6: Major Systems Used

B.2 Quality Control

B.2.1 Crosslines

Thomas Jefferson launch 2903 acquired 37.1 nautical miles of multibeam crosslines or 3.5 % of mainscheme lines across most depth ranges and multiple boat days. H13610 crossline data is adequate for verifying and evaluating the internal consistency of survey data. The Compare Grids function in Pydro Explorer analyzed finalized single resolution (SR) surfaces of H13610 crossline-only data and mainscheme-only data. In the difference surface, the resulting mean was 0.02 m with a standard deviation of 0.04 m; 99.5% of nodes met IHO allowable Total Vertical Uncertainty (TVU) standards. See figures below for specific details on crossline analysis.

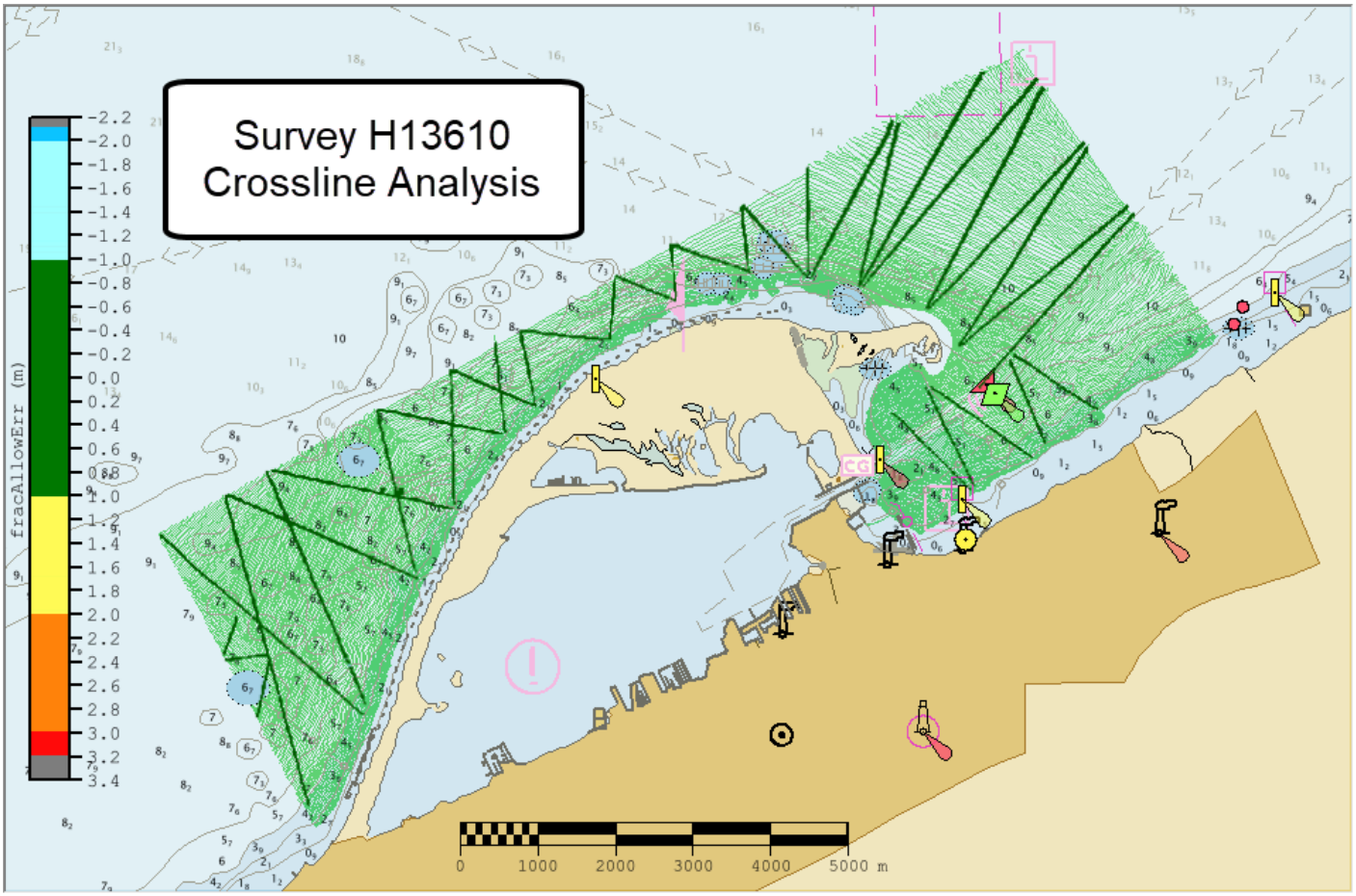
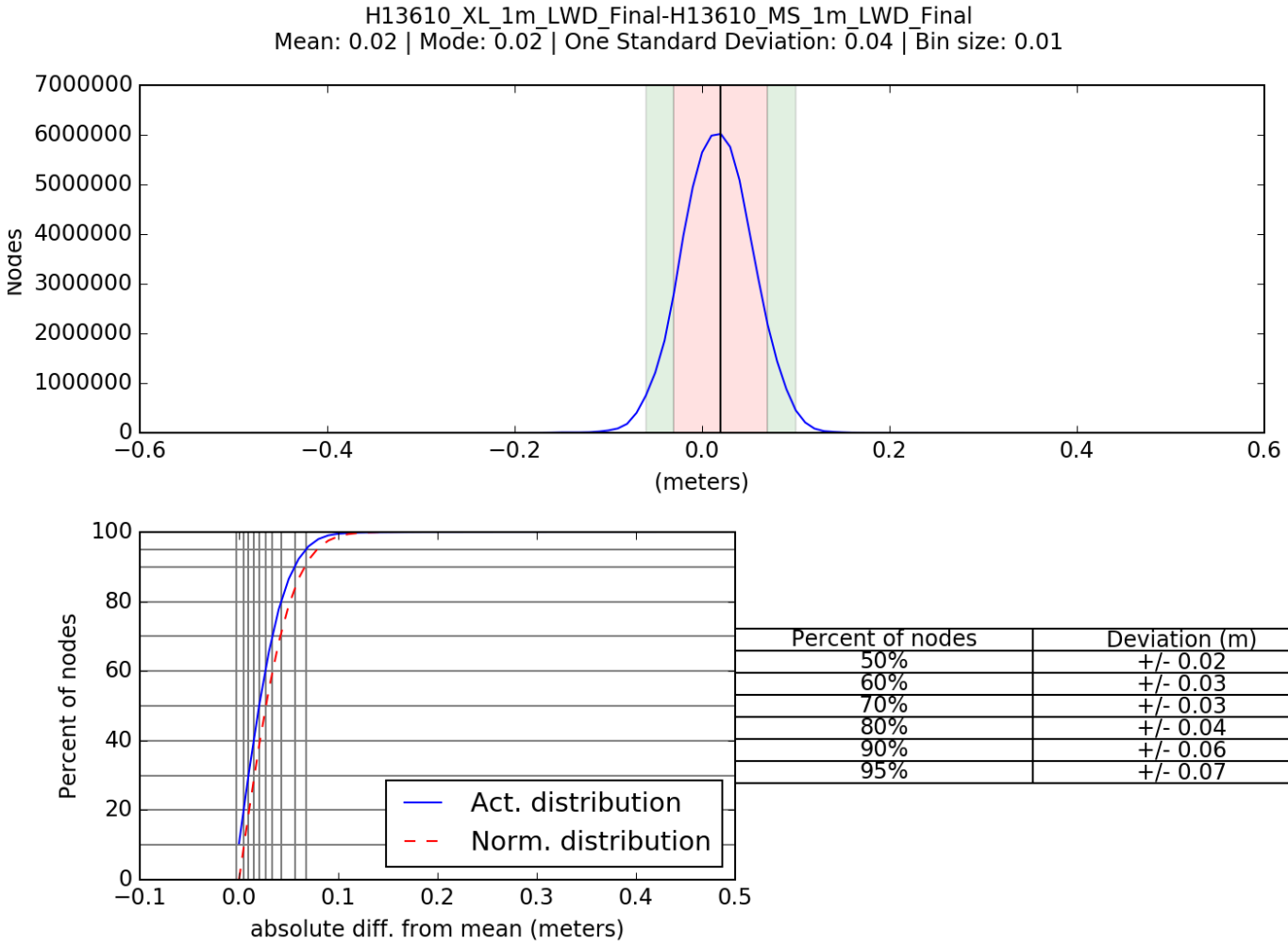


Figure 6: H13610 crossline surface overlaid on mainscheme tracklines.



Percent of nodes	Deviation (m)
50%	+/- 0.02
60%	+/- 0.03
70%	+/- 0.03
80%	+/- 0.04
90%	+/- 0.06
95%	+/- 0.07

Figure 7: Pydro derived plot showing absolute difference.

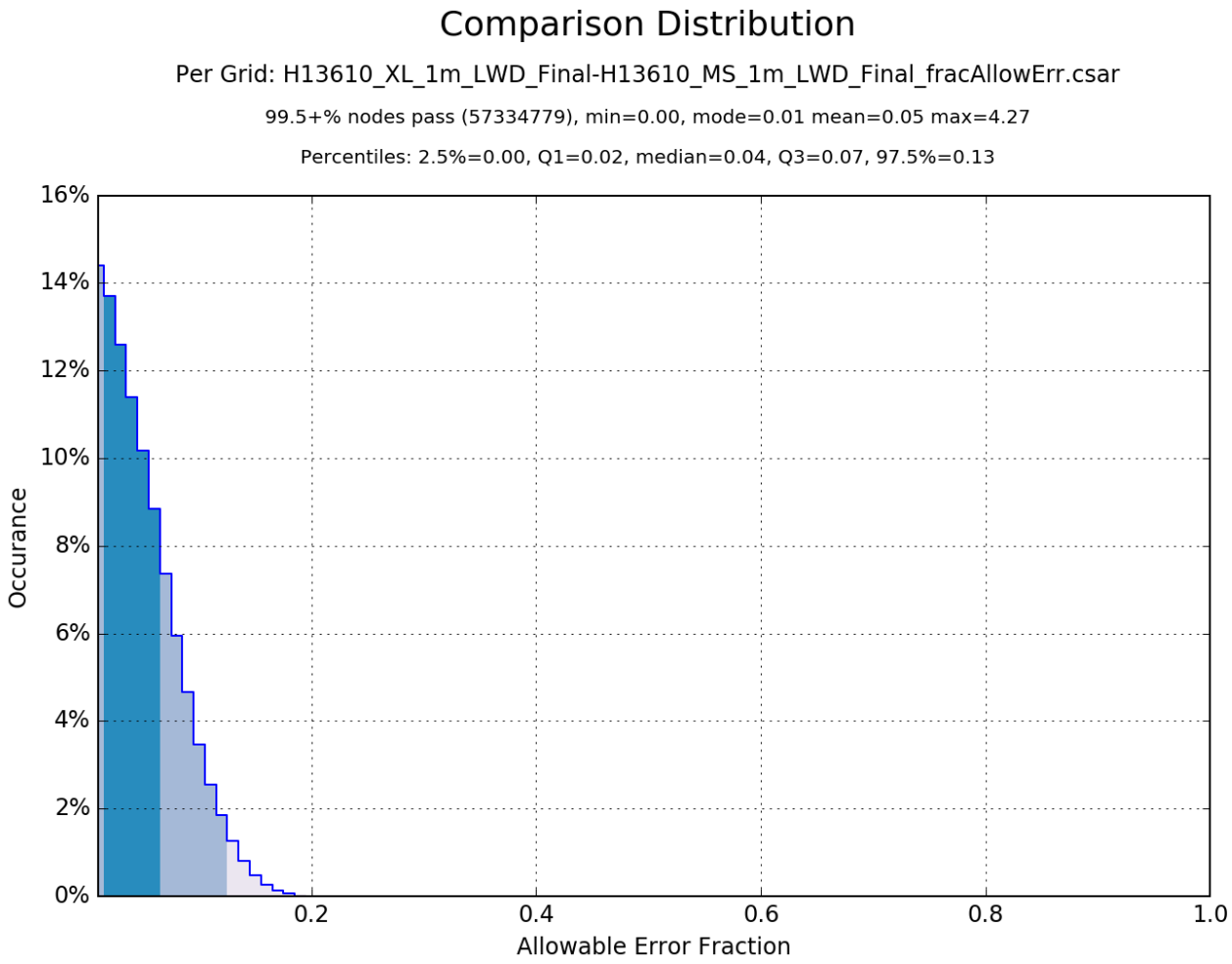


Figure 8: Pydro derived plot showing percentage-pass value of H13610 mainscheme to crossline data.

B.2.2 Uncertainty

The following survey specific parameters were used for this survey:

Method	Measured	Zoning
ERS via VDATUM	0.0 meters	0.045 meters

Table 7: Survey Specific Tide TPU Values.

Hull ID	Measured - CTD	Measured - MVP	Measured - XBT	Surface
2903/2904	4 meters/second	N/A meters/second	N/A meters/second	0.2 meters/second

Table 8: Survey Specific Sound Speed TPU Values.

Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) values for survey H13610 were derived from a combination of fixed values for equipment and vessel characteristics, as well as from field assigned values for sound speed uncertainties. Tidal uncertainty was provided in the project instructions for the NOAA vertical datum transformation model used for this survey.

In addition to the usual a priori estimates of uncertainty, some real-time and post-processed uncertainty sources were also incorporated into the depth estimates of this survey. Real-time uncertainties for position, navigation, attitude, and vessel motion data from Applanix POS MV were applied during acquisition and initially in post-processing. However, the SBET and RMS files, which were generated using POSPac MMS software and applied in CARIS HIPS to supersede POS MV data, have post-processed uncertainties associated with the GPS height and position.

Uncertainty values of the submitted finalized grids were calculated in Caris using "Uncertainty" of uncertainty and standard deviation (scaled to 95%). Grid QA v5 within Pydro QC Tools was used to analyze H13510 TVU compliance. H13610 met the 2022 HSSD requirements in over 99.5 percent of grid nodes, which is shown in the histogram plot below. Pydro QC Tools 2 Grid QA was used to analyze H13610 multibeam echosounder (MBES) data density. The submitted H13610 single-resolution surface met the 2022 HSSD density requirements as shown in the histograms below.

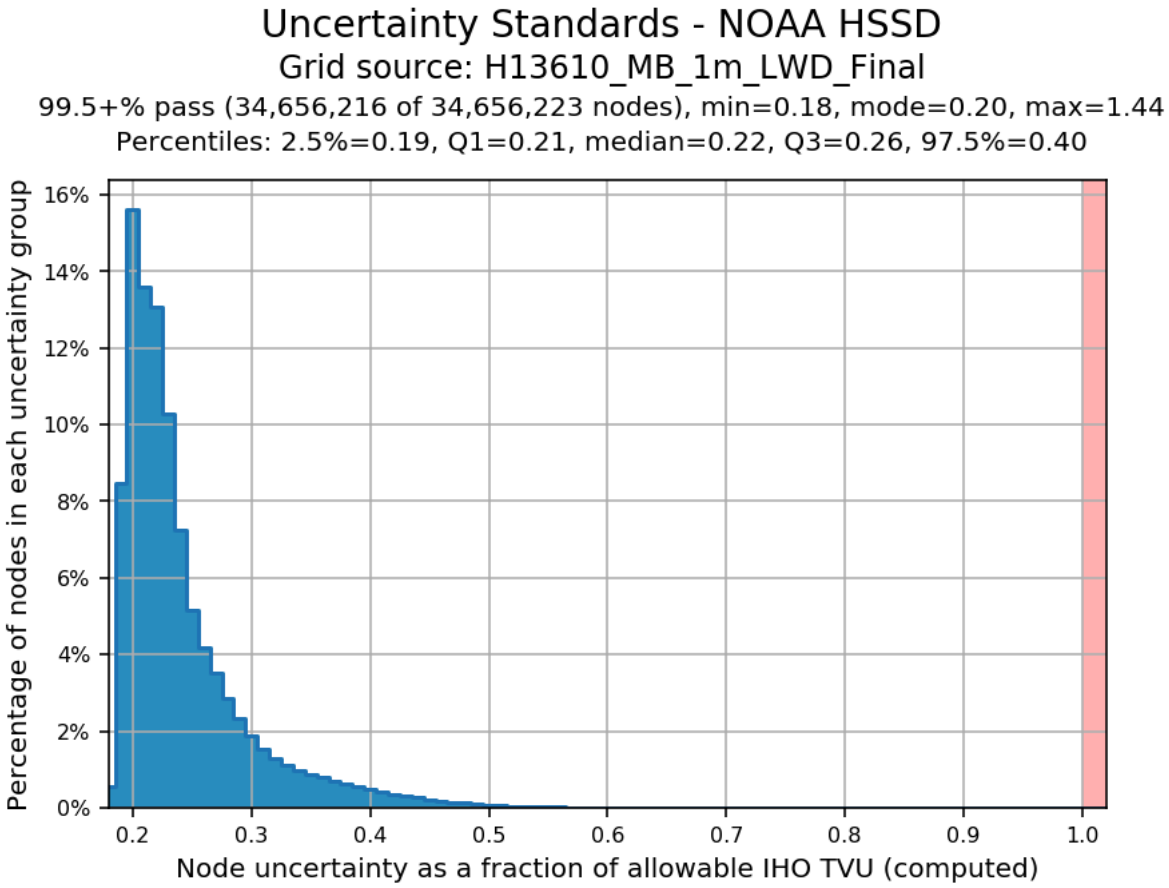


Figure 9: Pydro derived plot showing TVU compliance of H13610 finalized single-resolution MBES data.

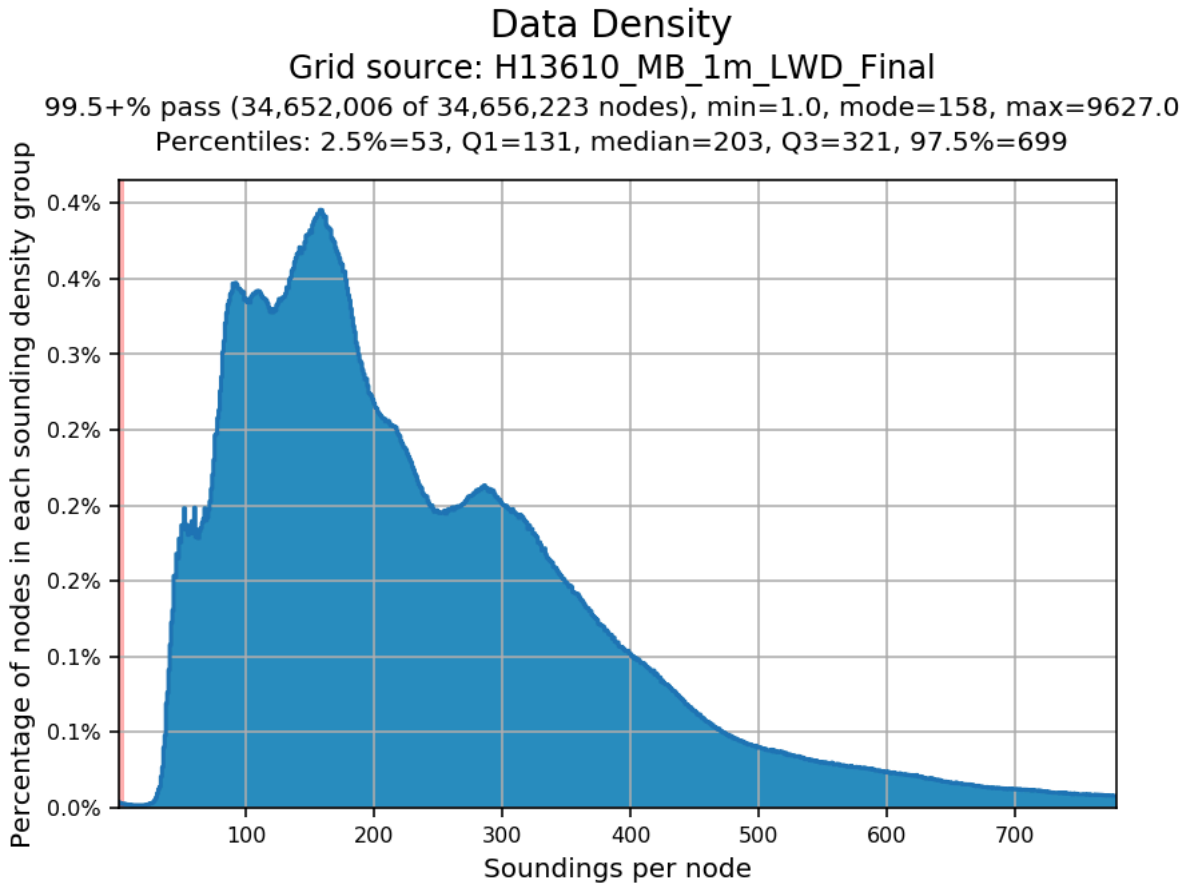


Figure 10: Pydro derived histogram plot showing HSSD density compliance of H13610 finalized single-resolution MBES data.

B.2.3 Junctions

Survey H13610 junctions with one contemporary survey conducted by NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson. Comparisons were made using the Compare Grids program within Pydro Explorer.

The following junctions were made with this survey:

Registry Number	Scale	Year	Field Unit	Relative Location
H13611	1:5000	2022	Thomas Jefferson	NW

Table 9: Junctioning Surveys

H13611

The junction with survey H13611 encompassed approximately 0.34 square nautical miles along the western boundary of H13610. Pydro's Compare Grids results showed that 99.5+% of nodes in the common area met NOAA allowable error standards. Analysis of the difference surface indicated that H13611 is an average of 0.00 meters different than H13610 with a standard deviation of 0.04 meters. See figures below for more information.

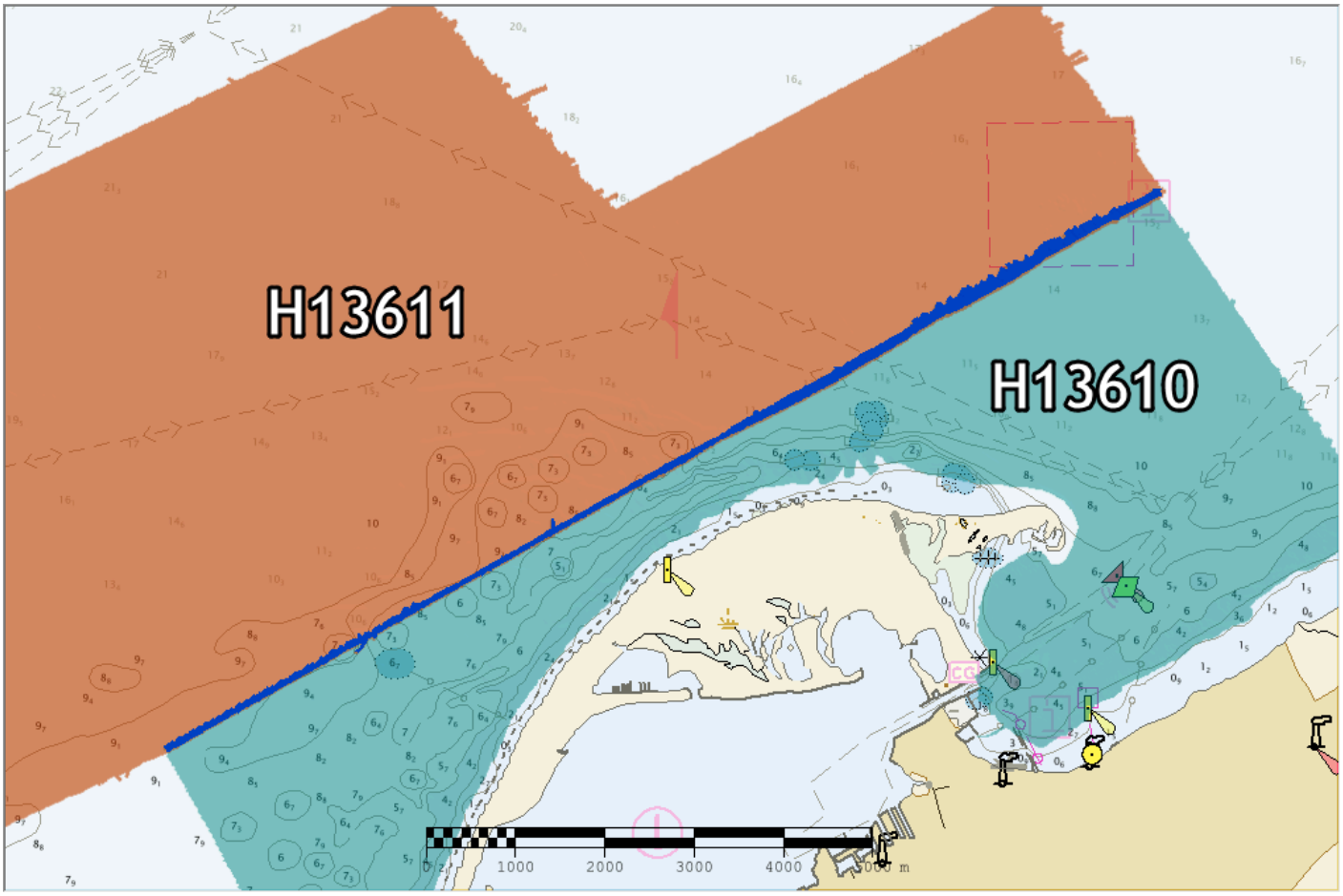
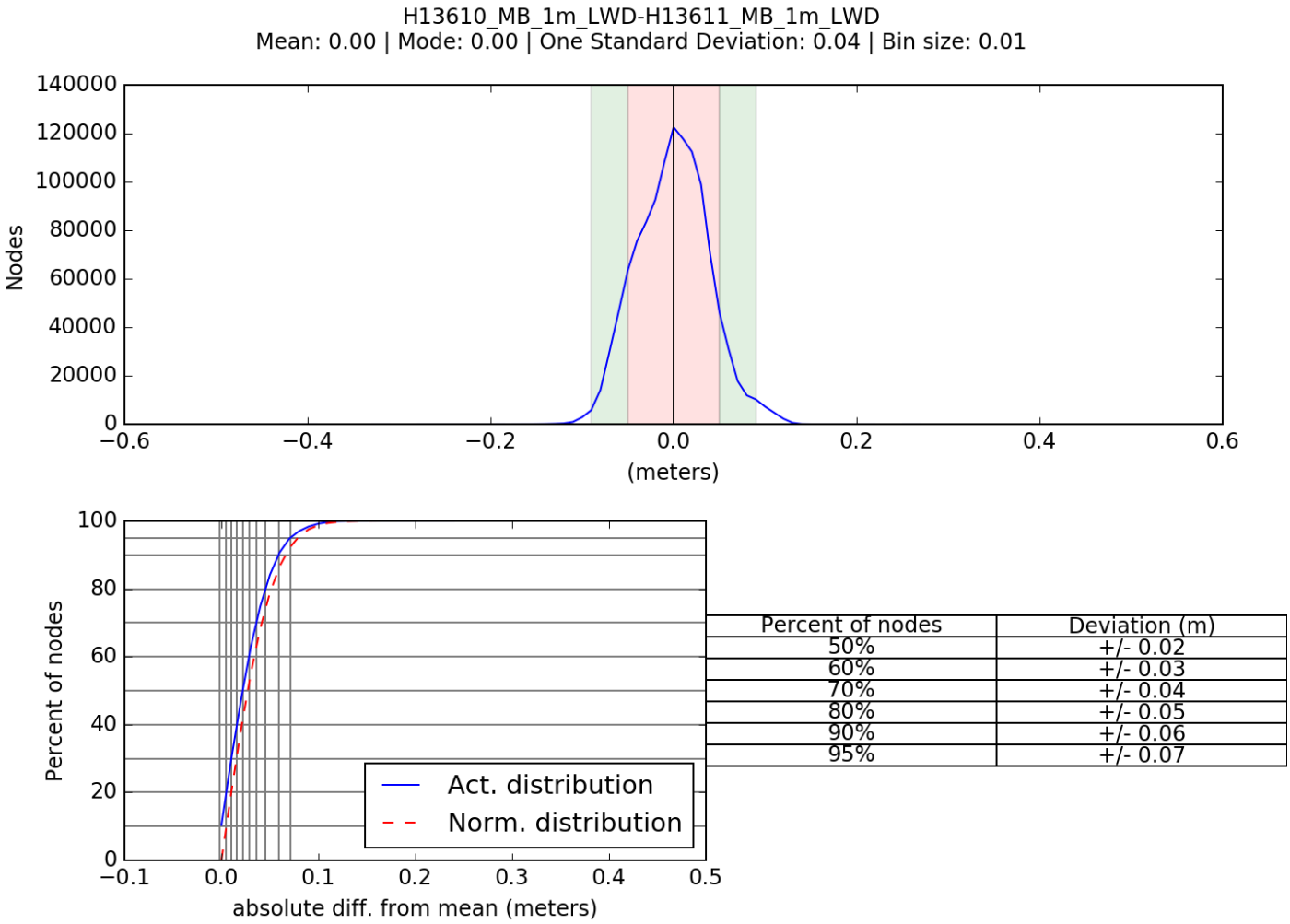


Figure 11: Overview of survey junction between H13610 and H13611.



Percent of nodes	Deviation (m)
50%	+/- 0.02
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Figure 12: Pydro derived plot showing H13610 and H13611 comparison statistics.

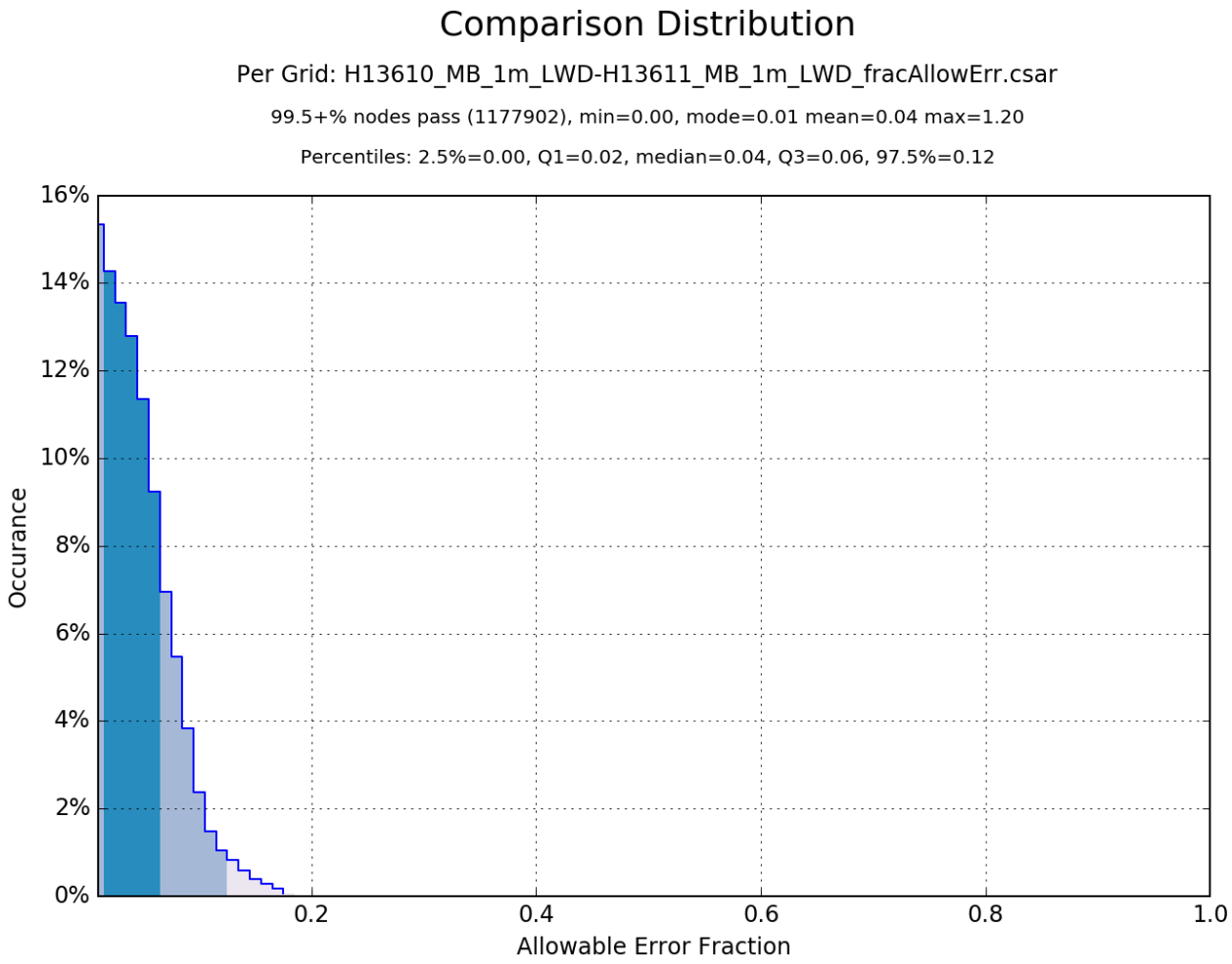

Figure 13: H13610 fractional allowable error node distribution.

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

Dense vegetation

While conducting survey operations, field personnel reported dense patches of vegetation in Erie Harbor north of Entrance Channel A. This vegetation was prominent in the multibeam data and resulting grid surfaces. After consultation with Atlantic Hydro Branch personnel (submitted in II_Supplemental_Records with this report), these vegetation patches were cleaned out of the submitted surfaces. This cleaning resulted in one holiday detailed in section A.4. Survey Coverage. Additionally, a delineated WEDKELP area object was added to the Final Feature File (FFF).

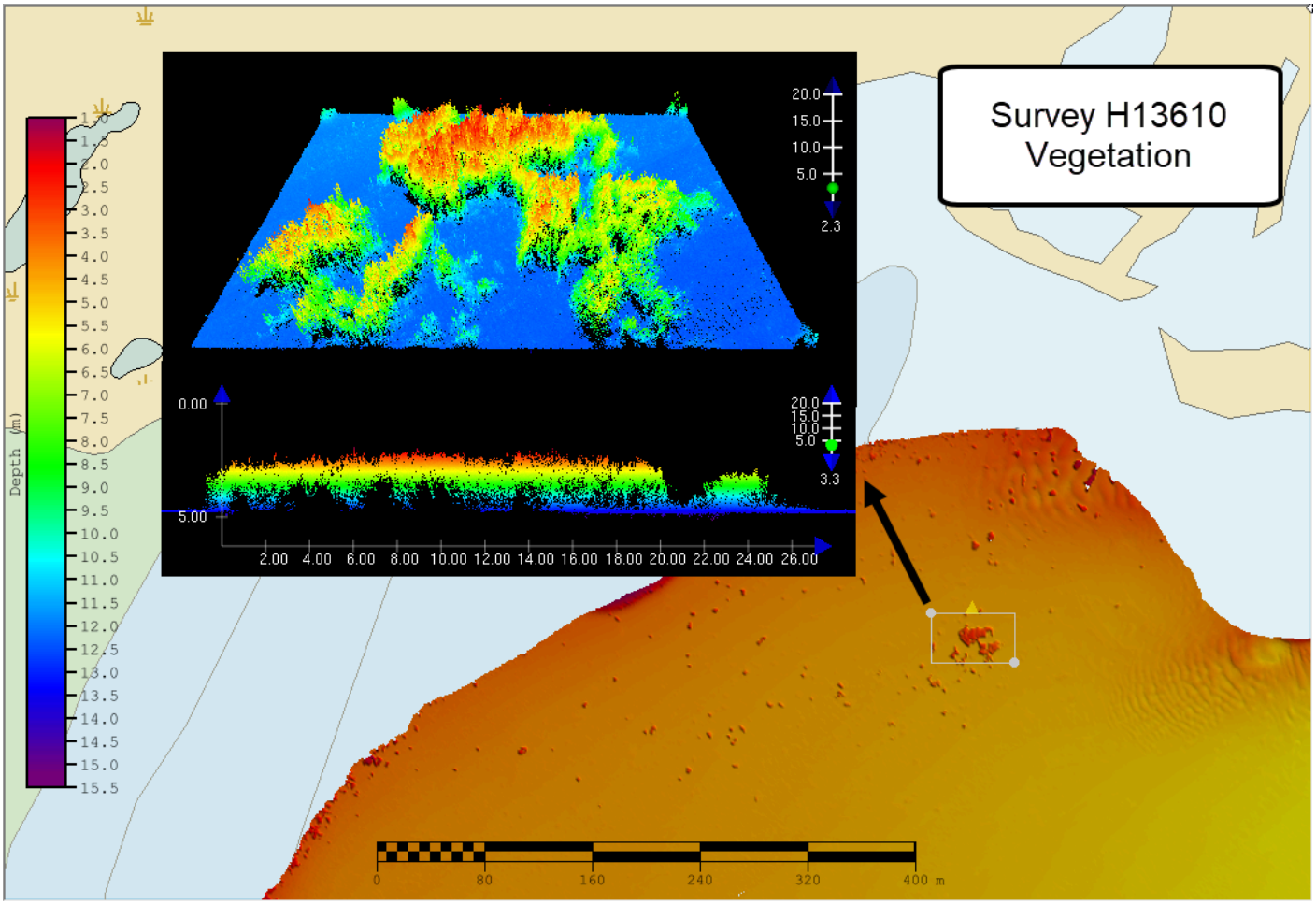

Figure 14: Dense patches of vegetation in Erie Harbor prior to cleaning.

B.2.7 Sound Speed Methods

Sound Speed Cast Frequency: 58 sound speed profiles were acquired for this survey at discrete locations within the survey area at least once every four hours, when significant changes in surface sound speed were observed, or when operating in a new area. Launch sound speed profiles were acquired using Sea-Bird 19plus SEACAT Profilers. All casts were concatenated into a master file and applied to MBES data using the "Nearest distance within time" (4 hours) profile selection method.

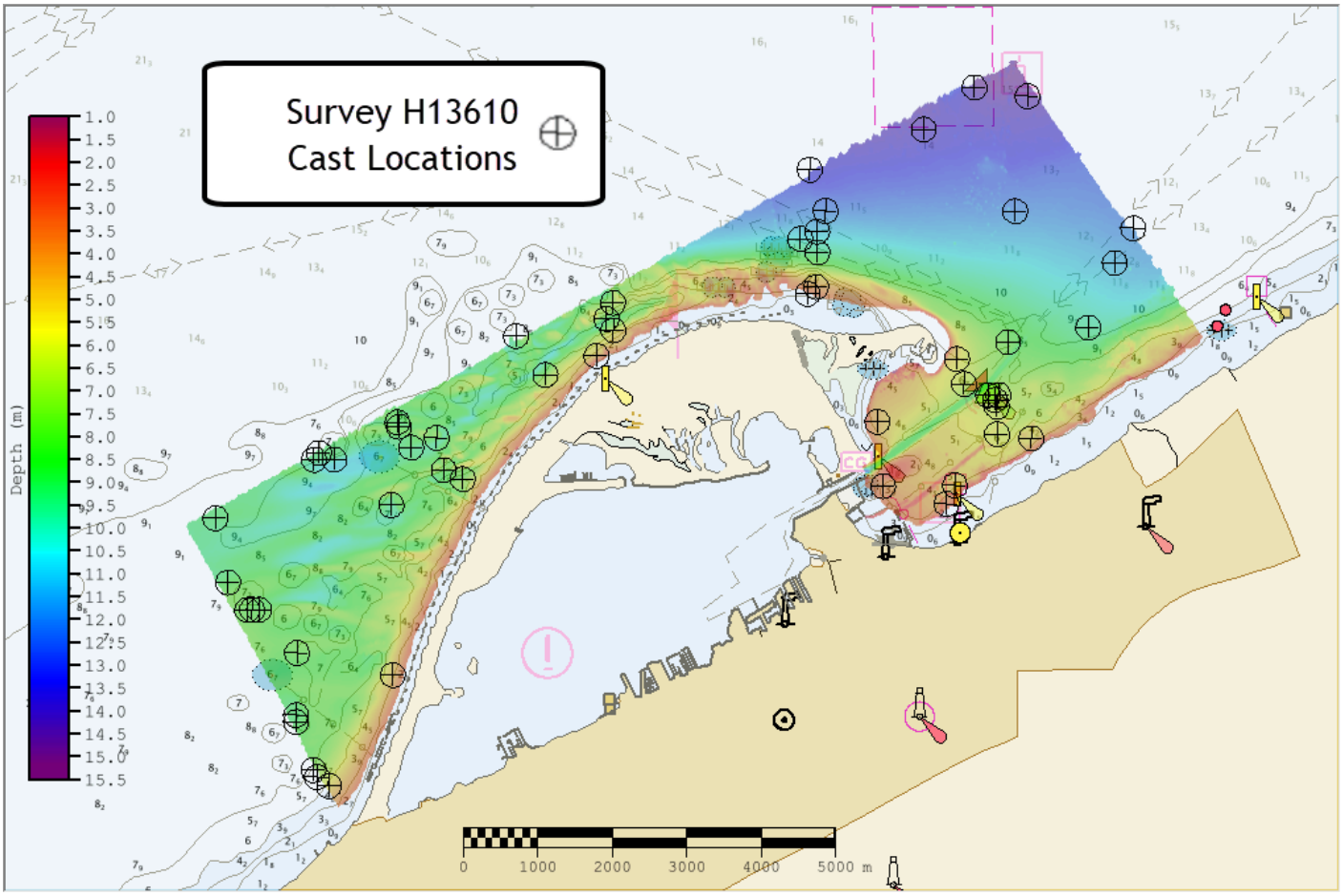

Figure 15: H13610 sound speed cast locations.

B.2.8 Coverage Equipment and Methods

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

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

All equipment and survey methods were used as detailed in the DAPR. Raw MBES backscatter was flagged as part of the .all file from the Kongsberg EM2040 systems. Backscatter was processed in the QPS Fledermaus GeoCoder Toolbox (FMGT) software, and the exported geotiffs are included in the final processed data submission package.

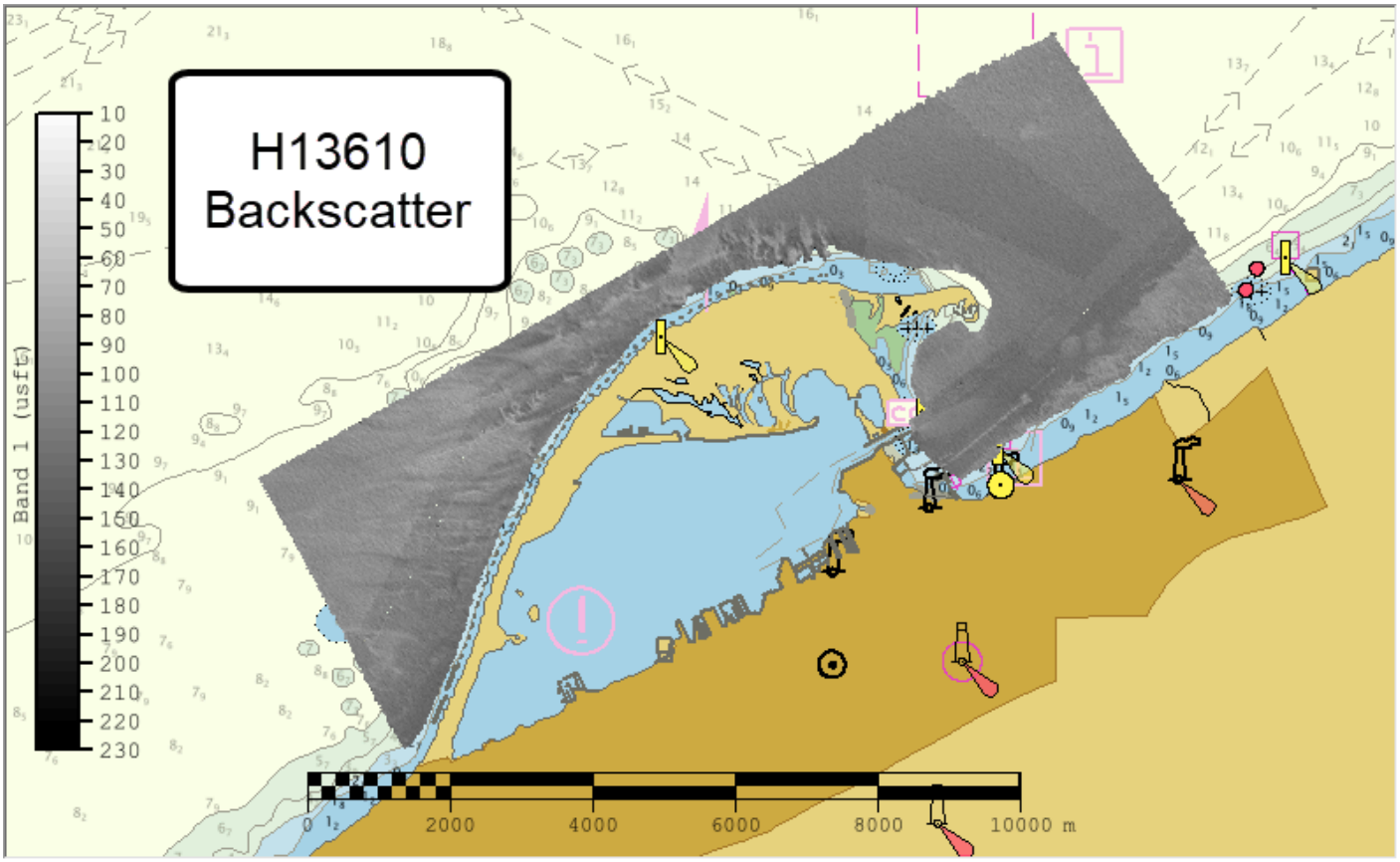

Figure 16: Overview of H13610 backscatter mosaics.

B.5 Data Processing

B.5.1 Primary Data Processing Software

The following Feature Object Catalog was used: NOAA Profile Version 2022.

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
H13610_MB_1m_LWD	CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE)	1 meters	1.0 meters - 15.2 meters	NOAA_1m	Complete MBES

Surface Name	Surface Type	Resolution	Depth Range	Surface Parameter	Purpose
H13610_MB_1m_LWD_Final	CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE)	1 meters	1.0 meters - 15.2 meters	NOAA_1m	Complete MBES
H13610_MBAB_2m_2903_400kHz_1of2	MB Backscatter Mosaic	2 meters	-	N/A	MBAB Backscatter
H13610_MBAB_2m_2904_300kHz_2of2	MB Backscatter Mosaic	2 meters	-	N/A	MBAB Backscatter

Table 10: Submitted Surfaces

Submitted surfaces were generated using the recommended parameters for depth-based (Ranges) Caris single-resolution bathymetric grids as specified in the 2022 HSSD. Pydro QC Tools Detect Fliers was used with the experimental option 7 "Noisy Margins" selected to find fliers in a finalized 1 meter single resolution surfaces. Obvious noise was rejected by the Hydrographer in Caris Subset Editor. After data cleaning, Detect Fliers was run again and found 38 potential fliers. Upon further inspection, these flagged grid's nodes are considered to be accurate representations of the sea floor and have been retained in the submitted surfaces.

C. Vertical and Horizontal Control

Field installed tide and GPS stations were not utilized for this survey. There is no HVCR report included with the submission of H13610.

C.1 Vertical Control

The vertical datum for this project is Low Water Datum 569.2 ft IGLD-1985 Lake Erie.

ERS Datum Transformation

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

Method	Ellipsoid to Chart Datum Separation File
ERS via VDATUM	OPR-W386-TJ-22_NAD83_2011_VDatum_LWD_IGLD85

Table 11: ERS method and SEP file

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 17.

RTK

Trimble-RTX service was used with an Applanix POS MVv5 GNSS_INS system to obtain highly accurate ellipsoidally referenced position data.

WAAS

The Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) was used for real-time horizontal control during data acquisition.

D. Results and Recommendations

D.1 Chart Comparison

D.1.1 Electronic Navigational Charts

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

ENC	Scale	Edition	Update Application Date	Issue Date
US4PA21M	1:15000	19	10/15/2021	10/15/2021
US4PA22M	1:80000	14	10/15/2021	10/15/2021

Table 12: Largest Scale ENCs

D.1.2 Shoal and Hazardous Features

The ENC's charted depth curves showed general agreement with H13610 derived survey contours with one notable exception. The area around Gull point of Presque Isle, PA showed shoaling significantly differently than what is currently charted. H13610 data showed the 3.6 m and 5.4 m survey contours extending approximately 175 m from Gull Point. Additionally the 7.3 m contour lays approximately 200-400 m farther

offshore than the current ENC depth curve. A more detailed comparison of derived survey depths and charted depths within these channels is made in the images below.

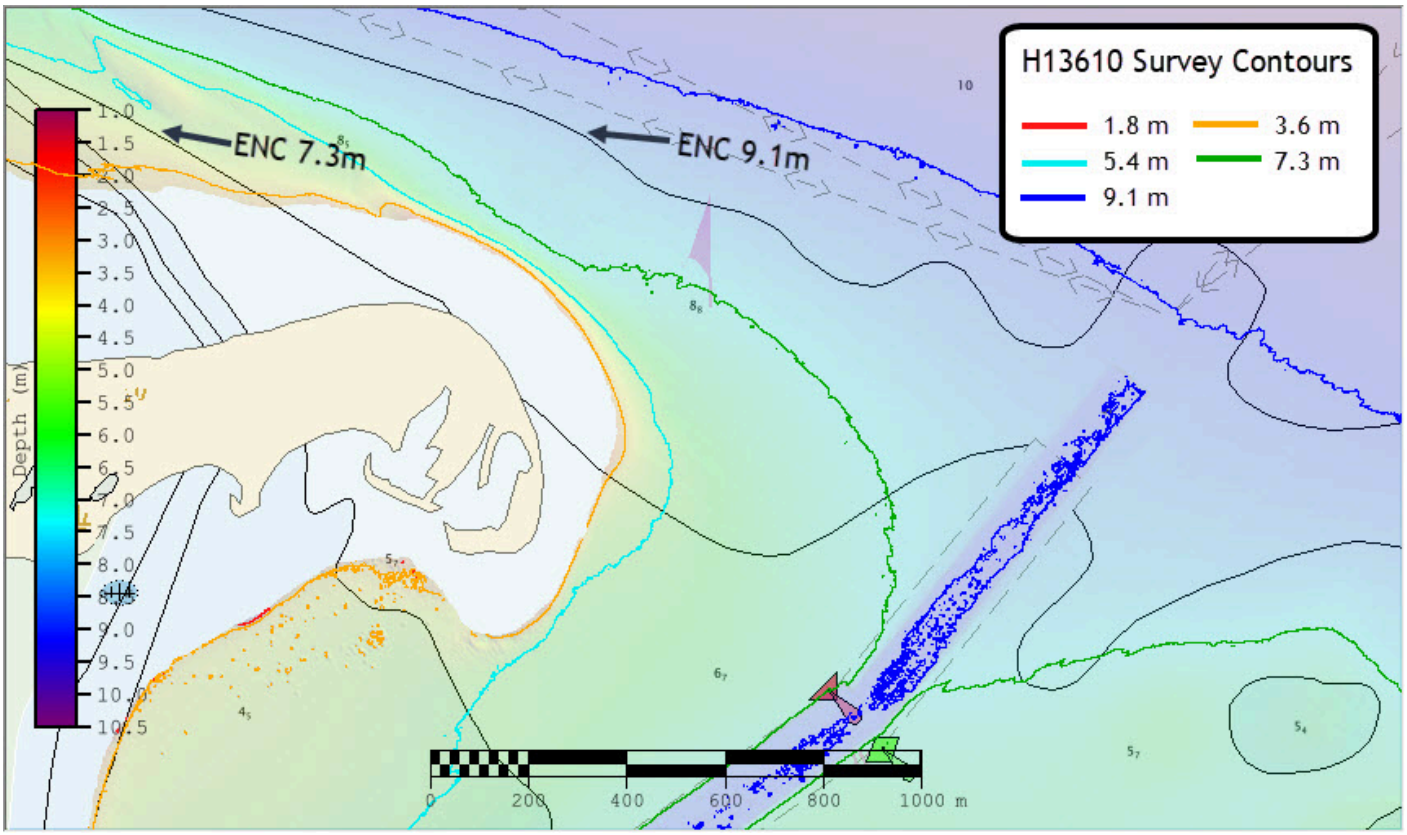

Figure 17: Shoal east of Gull Point, Presque isle, PA overlaid with contours derived from H13610.

D.1.3 Charted Features

Limited shoreline verification was conducted in accordance with applicable sections of NOAA 2022 HSSD and FPM using the Project Reference File (PRF) and Composite Source File (CSF) provided with the Project Instructions. In the field, all assigned features that were safe to approach were addressed as required with S-57 attribution and recorded in the H13610 FFF to best represent the features at survey scale. This file also includes new features found in the field as well as recommendations to update, retain or delete assigned features.

D.1.4 Uncharted Features

No uncharted features exist for this survey.

D.1.5 Channels

There is one designated Channel within survey H13610 leading to Presque Isle Bay. Throughout the channel derived survey depths and charted soundings showed general agreement. A more detailed comparison of derived survey depths and charted depths within these channels is made in the images below.

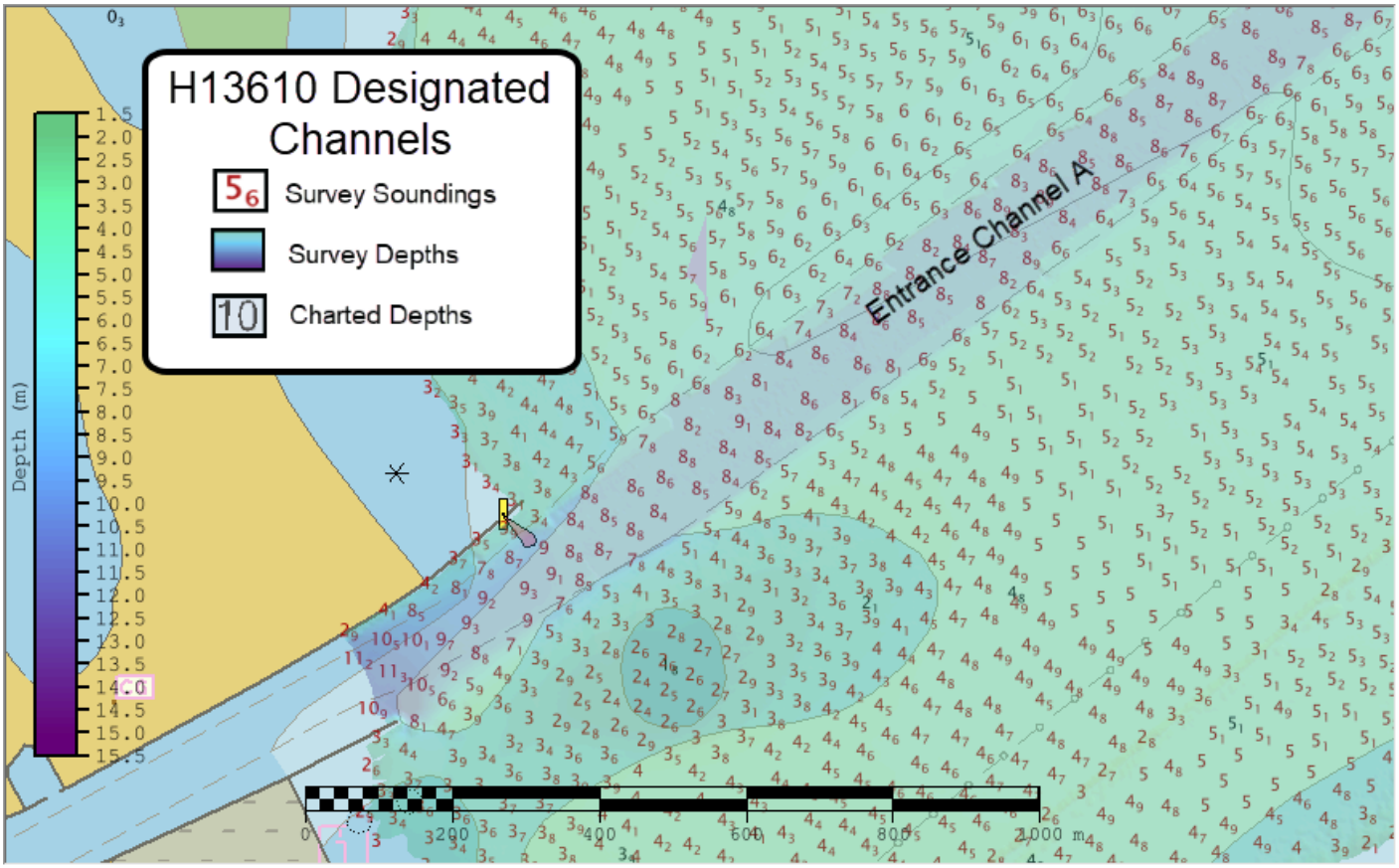

Figure 18: Comparison of derived survey soundings and charted depths in southwest portion of entrance Channel A.

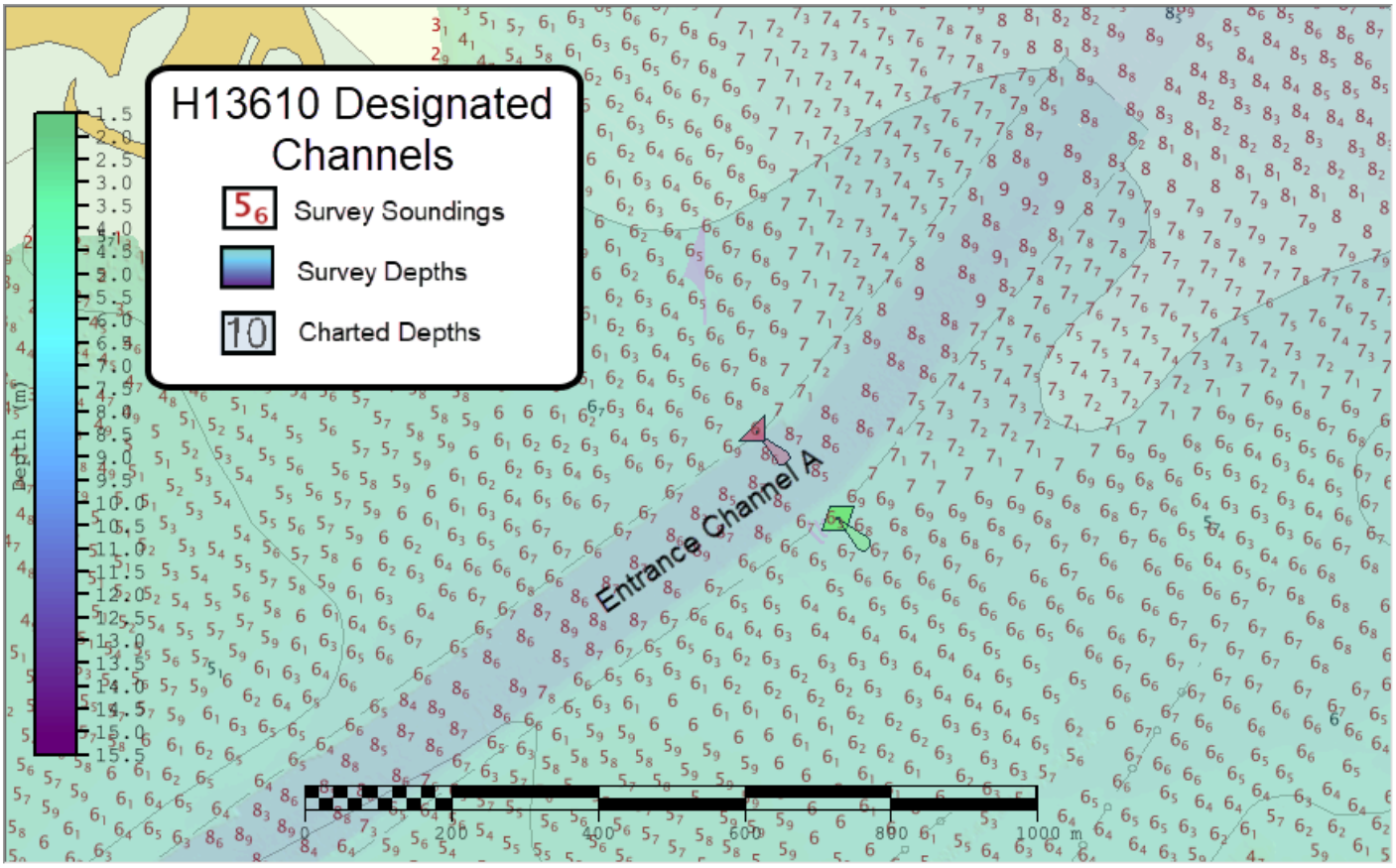

Figure 19: Comparison of derived survey soundings and charted depths in northeast portion of entrance Channel A.

D.2 Additional Results

D.2.1 Aids to Navigation

Twenty-four charted AtoNs were assigned, investigated and confirmed to be on station. Two fog signals were not addressed during survey operations. No AtoN reports were filed with the U.S Coast Guard.

D.2.2 Maritime Boundary Points

No Maritime Boundary Points were assigned for this survey.

D.2.3 Bottom Samples

Nine bottom samples were assigned within the H13610 sheet limits, however during acquisition one sample did not yield a return. The results of the remaining nine bottom samples acquired are included in the H13610

Final Feature File submitted with this report. See image below for an example of a typical bottom sample for this survey.

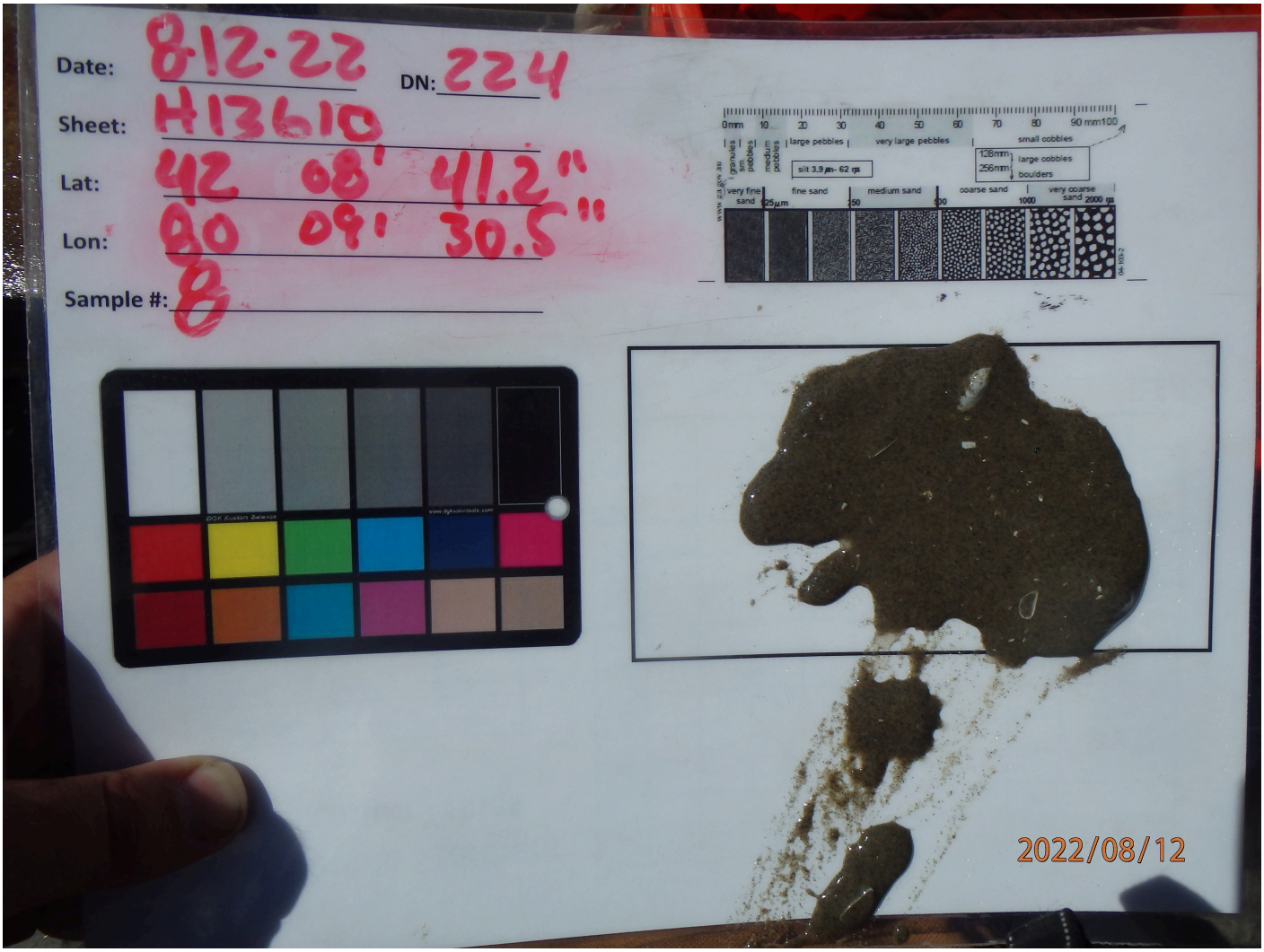

Figure 20: Example of typical H13610 bottom sample.

D.2.4 Overhead Features

No overhead features exist for this survey.

D.2.5 Submarine Features

Eight pipelines were assigned within H13610. Reference the Final Feature File included with the submission of this project for further information.

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 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 ENC scales 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

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

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

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