NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT AK0310

PORT FIDALGO PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project AK0310 provides coastal zone mapping data of Port Fidalgo located in Prince William Sound, Alaska. The project extends from Knowles Bay south of Port Fidalgo to Boulder Bay, covering all of Port Fidalgo. The digital cartographic feature file may be used in support of the NOAA Nautical Charting Program (NCP) and coastal zone management activities.

Project Design

This project was designed per a request from the NOAA Hydrographic Surveys Division (HSD) for cartographic data in support of HSD operations. Based on an analysis of project requirements and results of a source data search, it was determined that CMP procedures for multiple source projects would apply for this project. Available source data deemed adequate for successful completion of this project included sources acquired in April, June and July of 1998.

Field Operations

Routine CMP field operations did not apply for this project based on the origin of the project source data.

Aerotriangulation

The aerotriangulation task was accomplished by a member of the Applications Branch of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in June of 2004. The image files were imported into SOCET SET, version 5.0 using the DataThruWay, version 5.0 software. The importing process also converted the stored and compressed files to a recognized native SOCET SET format (NITF 2.0) and included supporting data extension files consisting of previously measured sensor model parameters. Aerotriangulation procedures were completed on a Digital Photogrammetric Workstation using the Multi-Sensor Triangulation (MST) Tool of SOCET SET. The interactive point measurement tool of MST was used to collect several tie points and it was determined from running the simultaneous solve adjustment program that the average predicted horizontal circular error for all well defined points in this project area is 6 meters at the 95% confidence level.

Compilation

Digital feature data compilation for this project was accomplished by a member of the Applications Branch of the RSD in November of 2004. The Feature Extraction Tool of SOCET SET was used during the digital cartographic feature data compilation phase of project

completion. Feature attributes were established from the C-COAST specification file which provided the definition and attribution scheme for the suite of cartographic features pertinent to the CMP. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 9 meters at the 95% confidence level. Tidal information was obtained from the NOS tide station at Cordova, Alaska which has a tidal range between MLLW and MHW of 3.6 meters. The source imagery was acquired when the stage of tide above MLLW was 2.9 meters during April, 1.2 meters during June and 3.1 meters during July of 1998.

Final Review

A final review was conducted interactively by a member of the Applications Branch of RSD in April of 2005, and independently upon initial completion of feature extraction. The process included a review of the aerotriangulation results, a review of the identification and attribution of cartographic features based on image analysis and criteria defined in C-COAST, and a review of client specific support products such as the Chart Evaluation File (CEF) generated for NCP application. The entire suite of project products was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements. The last step in the quality control process was the evaluation of the DCFF contents focusing on the integrity of topology once the DCFF was converted into shapefile format.

NOAA nautical chart 16708, Prince William Sound, Port Fidalgo and Valdez Arm, 1:79,291 scale, October 6th of 2001, 25th edition was used for the chart comparison and for the Chart Evaluation File.

Project Products

The following specifies the location and identification of the products generated during the completion of this project:

RSD Applications Branch Archive

- Textual (hard) copy of the Project Completion Report (PCR)
- Page size graphic plot of GC10560 file contents, attached to PCR

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

- Project Data Base
- Digital copy of DCFF GC10560 in ESRI shapefile format
- Digital copy of CEF in ESRI shapefile format
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe Acrobat PDF format

NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- DCFF for GC10560
- Metadata file for GC10560
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe Acrobat PDF format

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