NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT AK0705

Sukkwan Narrows, Alaska

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project AK0705 provides coastal zone mapping data of the Sukkwan Narrows area, which includes the South Pass between Goat Island and Sukkwan Island. The mapping data also includes the Sukkwan Strait located between Sukkwan Island and Prince of Wales Island. The Geographic Cell (GC) 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) of the Office of Coast Survey, NOAA, 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 May 1997 and May 2006.

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 initiated by a member of the Applications Branch (AB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in December 2006. The image files were imported into SOCET SET, Version 5.2 using the DataThruWay, Version 5.2 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 within MST was used to collect several tie points and a simultaneous solve adjustment was then performed, forecasting an average predicted horizontal circular error for all well defined points in this project area of 10 meters at the 95% confidence level. Positional data for this project is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

Compilation

Digital feature data compilation for this project was accomplished by AB personnel in January 2007. The Feature Extraction tool of SOCET SET was used during the digital cartographic feature data compilation phase of project completion. Feature attribution was assigned in compliance with the Coastal Cartographic Object Attribute Source Table (C-COAST), which provides the definition and attribution scheme for the full range of cartographic features pertinent to the CMP. Selected cartographic features were further modified with additional descriptive information to refine general classification.

Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 15 meters at the 95% confidence level. Tidal information was obtained from the NOS reference tide station at Sitka, Alaska, and time and height offsets were applied to tidal substations in the project area (South Pass and Saltery Point). The mean tide range at these substations is 3.2 meters. The tide level at times the source imagery was acquired varied between 0.5 and 1.2 meters above MLLW.

Imagery Date	Tidal Range	Tide Stage (MLLW)
May 1997	3.2 meters	0.5 meters
May 2006	3.2 meters	1.1 – 1.2 meters

Quality Control / Final Review

Quality control tasks were conducted during all phases of project completion by a senior member of AB. The final QC review was completed in February 2007. The review process included analysis of aerotriangulation results and assessment of the identification and attribution of digital feature data within the GC according to image analysis and criteria defined in C-COAST. The quality control process concluded with an inspection of topological connectivity within the DCFF using ArcGIS 9.1 software. All project data was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements.

Comparisons of the largest scale NOAA nautical charts with source imagery and compiled project data resulted in creation of the Chart Evaluation File (CEF). The following nautical chart was used in the comparison process:

17407, Northern Part of Tlevak Strait, 1:40,000, 15nd Ed. Nov 2003 17431, North End of Cordova Bay & Hetta Inlet, 1:40,000, 11th Ed. Mar 2004

End Products and Deliverables

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

RSD Applications Branch Archive

- Hardcopy of the Project Completion Report (PCR)
- Page-size graphic plot of GC10648 file contents, attached to PCR

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

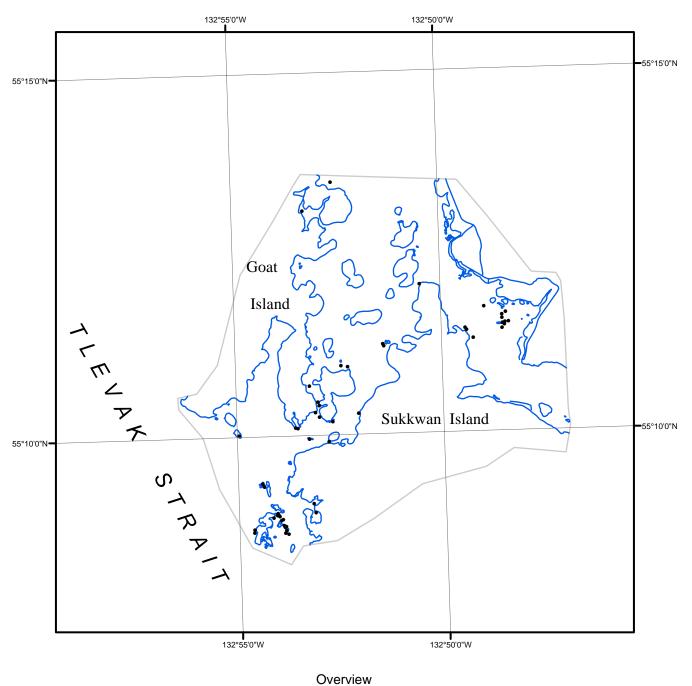
- Project database
- GC10648 in shapefile format
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format
- CEF in shapefile format

NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC10648 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC10648
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format

End of Report

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