

NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT AK2315A-CM-T

Prince William Sound, Unakwik Inlet, Alaska

Introduction

NOAA Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project AK2315A-CM-T provides accurate digital shoreline data for Unakwik Inlet in Prince William Sound, Alaska. This is a subproject of a larger acquisition project, AK2315-CM-T, which further extends from Unakwik Inlet to Granite Point. The Geographic Cell (GC) may be used in support of the NOAA Nautical Charting Program (NCP) as well as geographic information systems (GIS) for coastal zone management applications.

Project Design

Project AK2315A-CM-T was designed in response to a request from the Hydrographic Survey Division (HSD) of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. 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 two stereo pairs of WorldView commercial satellite imagery acquired in June 2020 and November 2021.

Field Operations

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

Aerotriangulation

Routine softcopy aerotriangulation (AT) methods were applied to provide model parameters and orientation elements required for digital compilation. This work was performed by personnel of the Applications Branch (AB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in September of 2023 utilizing BAE's SOCET GXP (ver. 4.5.1) software on a Windows-based photogrammetric workstation. The Multi-Sensor Triangulation (MST) module of SOCET GXP was used for point measurements and image adjustment. Within MST, the interactive point measurement tool was used to collect tie points and a simultaneous solve adjustment was then performed, computing a predicted horizontal circular error of 4.8 meters at the 95% confidence level. Positional data for this project is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83). An Aerotriangulation Report was completed and is on file with other project data within the RSD Electronic Data Library.

Stereo models were examined in SOCET GXP to ensure the horizontal and vertical integrity of the MST adjustment, and to verify the suitability of the data for use in the compilation phase. NGS geodetic control points were used to assess horizontal positions within the imagery. All stereo models were found to have acceptable levels of parallax for mapping purposes.

Compilation

Data compilation for this project was initiated by AB personnel in January 2024. Digital mapping was performed using stereo extraction capabilities within Esri's ArcGIS Pro software (ver. 3.2). 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 features were further modified with additional descriptive information to refine general classification.

Spatial data accuracies for Project AK2315A-CM-T were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 7.8 meters at the 95% confidence level. This predicted accuracy of compiled well-defined points is conservatively estimated by adding 3 meters to the circular error calculated from the AT statistics. The table below provides information on the imagery used to complete this project:

Image Source	Source File IDs (Image Pairs)	Acquisition Date/Time	GSD	Tide Level*
WorldView-2	20JUN27205644-P1BS-507603049030 / 20JUN27205800-P1BS-507603049030	2020-06-27 / 20:56 GMT 2020-06-27 / 20:58 GMT	0.59 m 0.52 m	0.0 m
WorldView-2	21NOV21212850-P1BS-507603049050 / 21NOV21213018-P1BS-507603049050	2021-11-21 / 21:28 GMT 2021-11-21 / 21:30 GMT	0.51 m 0.56 m	3.7 m

* Tide levels are given in meters above MLLW and were calculated using the Pydro software tool with a TCARI grid referenced to verified water level observations at the time of photography from various NOS gauges in the vicinity of the project. The elevation of the MHW tidal datum is approximately 3.4 meters above MLLW.

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 2024. The review process included analysis of AT 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 GC using ArcGIS (ver. 10.8.2) 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 Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) were used in the comparison process:

- US4AK4TN, 1st Ed., Nov. 2023
- US4AK4TO, 1st Ed., Feb. 2023
- US4AK4UN, 1st Ed., Nov. 2023
- US4AK4UO, 2nd Ed., Mar. 2023

End Products and Deliverables

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

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

- Project database
- Aerotriangulation Report
- Project Completion Report (PCR)
- GC11946 in shapefile format
- CEF in shapefile format

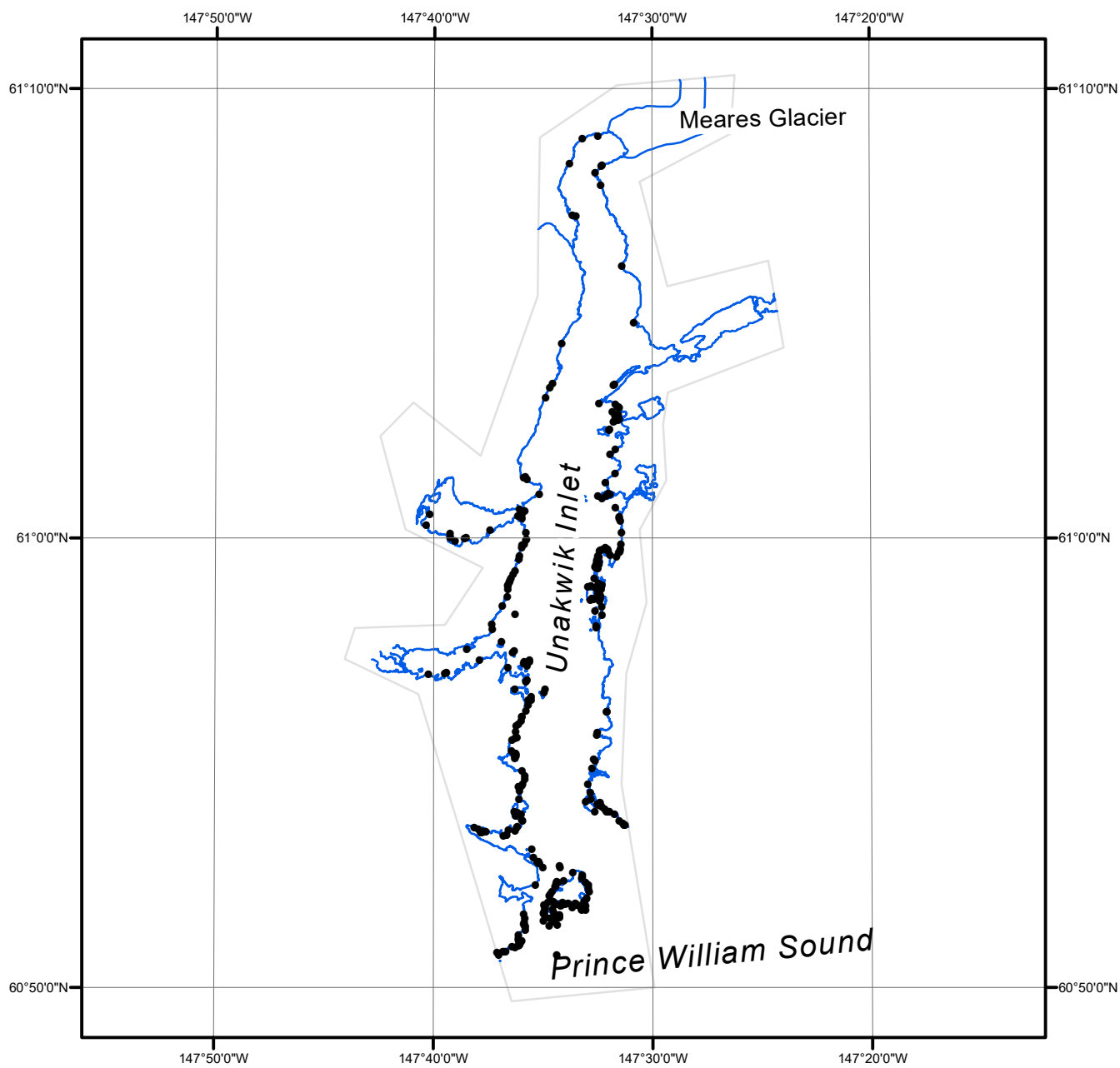
NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC11946 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC11946
- PCR in Adobe PDF format

End of Report

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Overview



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