

NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT FL1502-CS-N

Port of Pensacola, Florida

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project FL1502-CS-N provides highly accurate digital shoreline data for key areas of change within the port of Pensacola, Florida. The Geographic Cell (GC) may be used in support of the NOAA Nautical Charting Program (NCP) as well as geographic information systems (GIS) for a variety of coastal zone management applications.

Project Design

The design of Project FL1502-CS-N was accomplished by the Requirements Branch (RB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in response to the need for timely updates to the NOAA chart suite within key U.S. ports. Project requirements were formulated as a result of analysis conducted within the Coast and Shoreline Change Analysis Program (CSCAP), in which NOAA nautical chart products are compared to contemporary high resolution imagery in order to ascertain the need for more current shoreline data. A Chart Evaluation File (CEF) was forwarded to the Applications Branch (AB) of RSD once the change analysis was complete. Refer to the RB change analysis memorandum of April 8, 2015 for details of the chart comparison process.

Field Operations

The field operations consisted of the collection of static and kinematic Global Positioning System (GPS) data and Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) data and the acquisition of aerial imagery. Digital images utilized for this project were acquired with the NOAA King Air aircraft on February 5, 2015 using an Applanix Digital Sensor System (DSS) 539 aerial camera at a nominal altitude of 10,500 feet, resulting in an approximate ground sample distance (GSD) of 0.37 meters. The collection of these photographs was not strictly tide coordinated.

GPS Data Reduction

The GPS/IMU data were processed by RSD personnel to yield precise camera positions in order to provide a control network necessary for aerotriangulation. The base station's geodetic position was derived using the NGS Online Processing User Service (OPUS), which computed fixed baseline solutions from nearby CORS stations. The kinematic GPS data was processed using Applanix POSPac MMS 7.1 software on March 13, 2015. For further information refer to the Airborne Positioning and Orientation Report (APOR) on file with other project data within the RSD Electronic Data Library.

Aerotriangulation

Routine softcopy aerotriangulation methods were applied to establish a network of precise camera positions and other control for mapping, and to provide model parameters and orientation elements required for digital compilation. This work was performed by RSD personnel in

January 2016 utilizing SOCET GXP (ver. 4.1) software on a Digital Photogrammetric Workstation (DPW), which is a configuration of computer hardware, modular software components, and other associated peripheral devices. The images were measured and adjusted as a single block using the Triangulation module of SOCET GXP. Upon successful completion of this process, The SOCET GXP triangulation report provided the standard deviations for each aerotriangulated ground point, which were used to compute a predicted horizontal circular error of 0.4 meters based on a 95% confidence level. An Aerotriangulation Report was written and is on file with other project data within the RSD Electronic Data Library. Positional data is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).

Compilation

The data compilation phase of this project was accomplished by a member of AB in February 2016. Digital feature data was compiled from the aerotriangulated imagery using the ToolBox module of SOCET GXP. 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 FL1502-CS-N were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 0.8 meters at the 95% confidence level. This predicted accuracy of compiled well-defined points is derived by doubling the circular error calculated from the aerotriangulation statistics.

The following table provides information on the images used in the project completion:

Date	Time (UTC)	Roll #	Flight Line / Photo #s	Tide Level*
5-FEB-2015	19:53 – 20:00	15NC12	53-001 / 1551 - 1597	0.1 m
5-FEB-2015	20:00 – 20:11	15NC12	53-002 / 1598 - 1635	0.1 m
5-FEB-2015	20:17 – 20:22	15NC12	53-003 / 1636 - 1670	0.1 m
5-FEB-2015	21:20 – 21:23	15NC12	53-004 / 1827 - 1838	0.1 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 MHW in the project area varies between 0.37 – 0.40 meter above MLLW.

Quality Control / Final Review

The final review of the project was completed by a senior member of RSD in February 2016, and included analysis of the 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 GC using Esri's ArcGIS desktop GIS software (v10.2.2). All project data was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements.

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

- Airborne Positioning and Orientation Report (APOR)
- CSCAP evaluation memorandum
- CEF in shapefile format
- Project database
- GC11185 in shapefile format
- Project Completion Report (PCR)

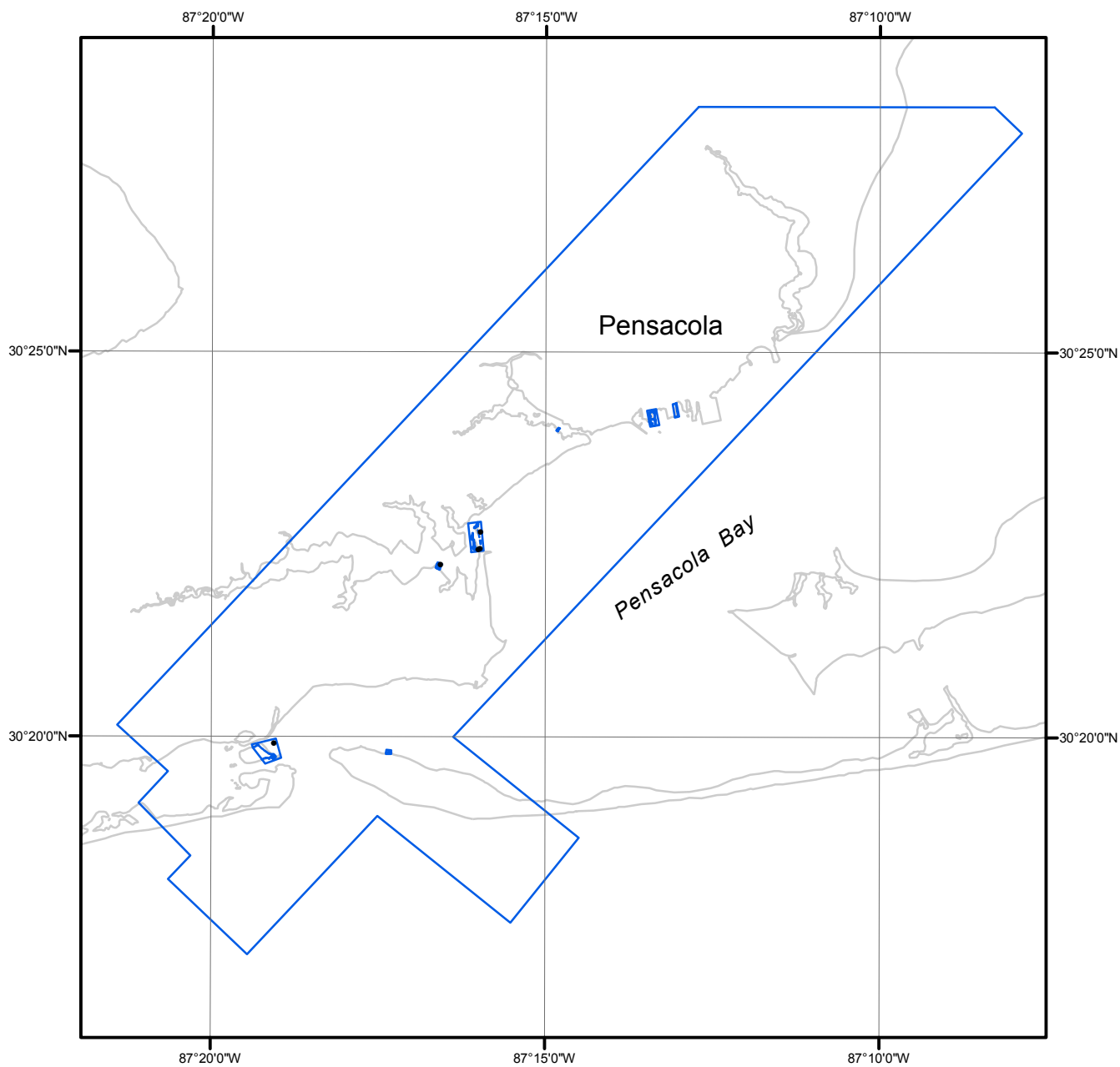
NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC11185 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC11185
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format

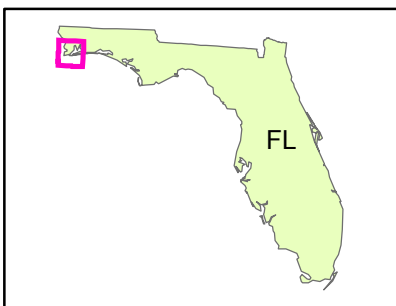
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