NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM
PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT MI0708

Port Drummond, De Tour Passage, Michigan

Introduction

NOAA Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project MI0708 provides a highly accurate database of new digital shoreline data for De Tour Passage, including Port Drummond, Michigan.

Successful completion of this project resulted in a densification of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), a set of controlled metric-quality aerial photographs, and digital feature data of the coastal zone which complements the Nautical Charting Program (NCP) as well as geographic information systems (GIS) for a variety of coastal zone management applications.

The project database consists of information measured and extracted from aerial photographs and metadata related to photogrammetric compilation. Base mapping was conducted in a digital environment using stereo softcopy photogrammetry and associated cartographic practices.

Project Design

The design of Project MI0708 was accomplished by the Requirements Branch (RB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in response to the need for timely updates to the NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) series. Project requirements were originally 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. Given the small spatial extent of the project, the large scale chart coverage over a significant portion of the project area, as well as numerous errors in attribution within the ENC coverage, personnel of the Applications Branch (AB) of RSD elected to provide full compilation of the entire project area.

Field Operations

The field operations consisted of the collection of static and kinematic GPS data and the acquisition of aerial photographs. The photographic mission operations were conducted on May 17, 2007, with the NOAA Cessna Citation II (N52RF) aircraft. Two strips of natural color photographs were acquired through use of a Wild RC-30 camera with the NOS “A” lens cone at the nominal scale of 1:30,000.

Airborne kinematic GPS data was collected to determine precise camera positions in order to establish a control network necessary for aerotriangulation. GPS data collection operations were conducted in accordance with the GPS Controlled Photogrammetry Field Operations Manual.

GPS Data Reduction

GPS and IMU data was collected and processed by RSD personnel to provide precise positions and orientations of camera centers for application as photogrammetric control in the aerotriangulation phase of project completion. The static GPS base station data was processed in May 2007 using the NGS Online Processing User Service (OPUS). The airborne kinematic data was processed using Applanix POSGPS (ver. 4.31) software in May 2007. Refer to the Airborne Positioning and Orientation Report (APOR) for further information on GPS data processing.

Aerotriangulation

Routine softcopy aerotriangulation methods were applied to establish the 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 initiated by RSD personnel in October 2008 utilizing a Digital Photogrammetric Workstation (DPW), which is a configuration of computer hardware, modular software components and other associated peripheral devices. The two strips of color photographs were measured and adjusted as one combined block using BAE Systems' SOCET SET (version 5.4.1) photogrammetric software in conjunction with the MST aerotriangulation software module contained within the program. Upon successful completion of the aerotriangulation process, the MST software provided the RMS of the standard deviations of the residuals for each aerotriangulated ground point which were used to compute a predicted horizontal circular error of 0.9 meters for all of the photography based on a 95% confidence level. An Aerotriangulation Report was written and is on file with other project data within the RSD Project Archive.

The project database consists of project parameters and options, camera calibration data, interior orientation parameters, ground control parameters, adjusted exterior orientation parameters, and positional listing of all measured points. Positional data is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

Compilation

The data compilation phase of this project was initiated by RSD in October 2008. Digital mapping was performed using a DPW in conjunction with the SOCET SET Feature Extraction software module. Feature identification and attribution within the Geographic Cell (GC) were based on image analysis of 1:30,000 scale photographs and information extracted from the appropriate NOAA nautical charts, US Coast Guard Light List and other ancillary sources. 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 MI0708 were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. For all of the photographs cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 1.8 meters at the 95% confidence level. The predicted accuracy of compiled, well defined points is derived by doubling the circular error derived from aerotriangulation statistics.

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

Date	Time (UTC)	Roll Number	Photo Numbers	Scale (nominal)	Lake Level*
05-17-07	20:05-20:07	07ACN06	0680-0684	1:30,000	176.0
05-17-07	20:12-20:13	07ACN06	0685-0689	1:30,000	176.0

*****NOTE: Lake levels are given in meters above IGLD 1985 and are based on actual observations recorded by the NOS gauge at De Tour Village, Michigan at the time of photography.

Quality Control / Final Review

Quality control tasks were conducted during all phases of project completion by a senior member of AB. A final quality control review was completed in December 2008, including 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 GC using ArcGIS 9.2 software. All project data was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements.

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

14882, St. Marys River, 1:40,000 scale, 35th edition

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 Airborne Positioning and Orientation Report(APOR)
- Hardcopy of the Aerotriangulation Report
- Hardcopy of the Project Completion Report (PCR)
- Page-size graphic plot of GC10709 file contents, attached to PCR

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

- Project database
- GC10709 in shapefile format
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format

- CEF in shapefile format

NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC10709 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC10709
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format

End of Report

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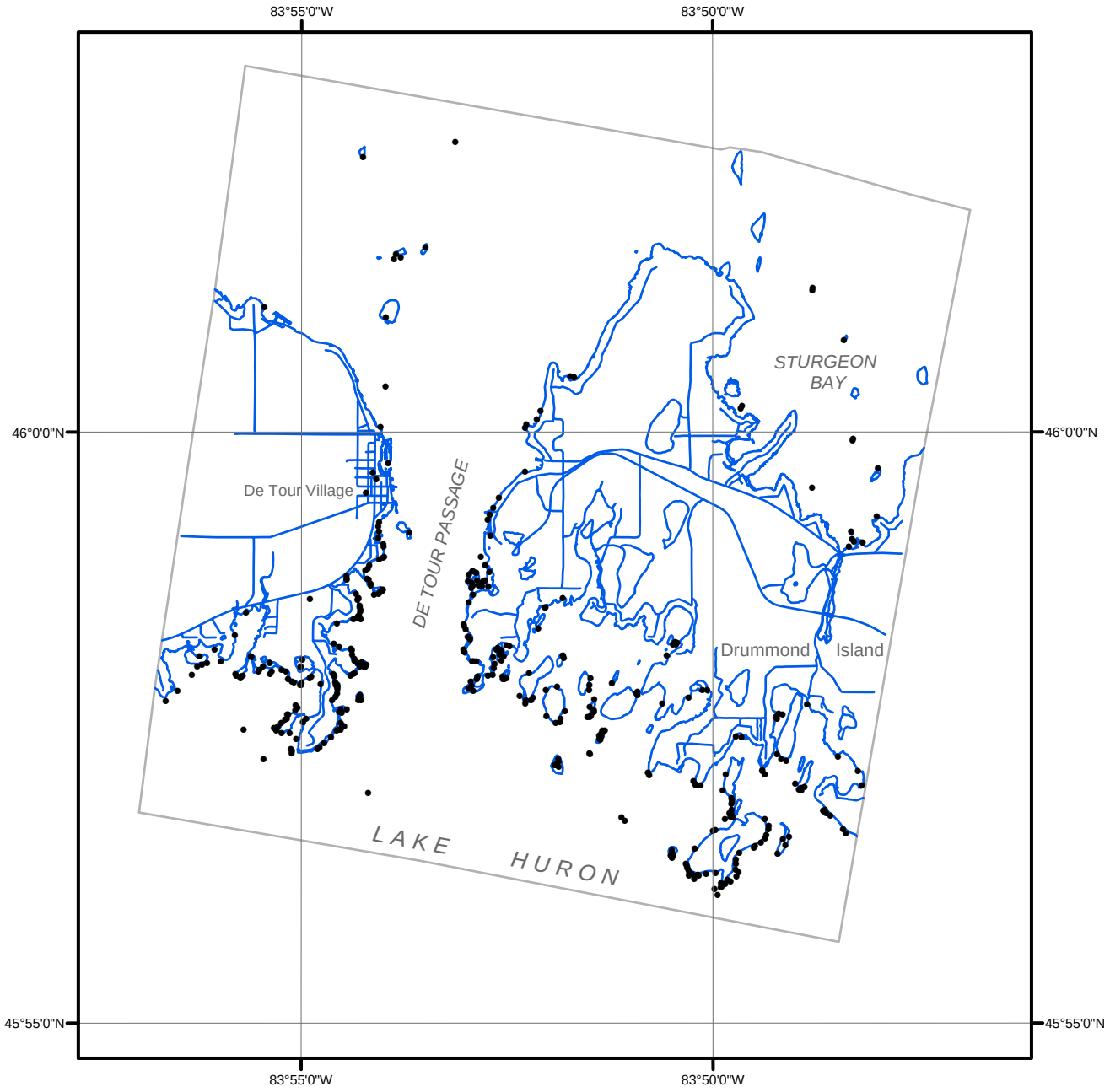

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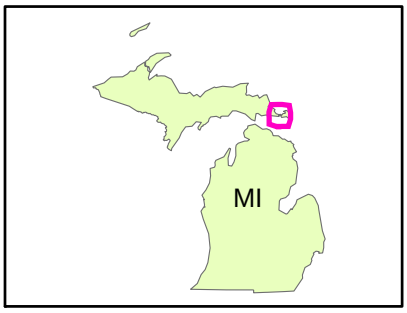

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