Interagency Working Group On Ocean And Coastal Mapping

# IOCM and the National Coastal Mapping Strategy (NCMS)

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## What Does the Future Hold?







### Coastal Mapping Data Planning for Long-Term RESILIENCE

#### Promoting Resilience to Coastal Hazards and Climate Change



#### **Building a Weather-Ready Nation**



#### Supporting Community Livability



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	Establishments 671				
Indicators	Employment 9,714				
	Wages \$214.3 Million				
	GDP \$408.3 Million				

#### Ensuring Safe, Efficient, and Environmentally Sound Navigation





## **Opportunities**

Maximizing Benefits of OCM Data

Oceans, coasts = economy, safety...

Navigation, transportation, security
Climate change and hazard resiliency
Ecosystem-based management
Energy siting and resource extraction

... Overlapping data requirements



### The IWG-OCM

WHO: NOAA USGS USACE NAVO BOEM ■NSF NGA USCG ■EPA FEMA NASA



and other appropriate Federal agencies involved in ocean and coastal mapping. Sits under the Subcommittee
 on Ocean Science and
 Technology (SOST) of the
 National Science and
 Technology Council
 Committee on Environment,
 Natural Resources and
 Sustainability (CENRS)

- Co-chaired by NOAA, USGS, and USACE
- Charged with facilitating "the coordination of ocean and coastal mapping activities and avoid[ing] duplicating mapping activities..."

### Why a National Coastal Mapping Strategy

- Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3504; Sec. 12205 of P.L. 111-11): need a "coordinated and comprehensive federal ocean and coastal mapping plan," which includes a focus on "cost-effective, cooperative mapping efforts."
  - Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping Action: "develop an annually updated National Ocean and Coastal Mapping Plan..."

### More Why

### National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan –

- Advance our mapping and charting capabilities and products to support a range of economic activities.
- Develop and share decision-support tools to identify coastal land protection and restoration priorities.

IWG-OCM Actions: "Develop an interagency plan for topographic (primarily LiDAR or equivalent accuracy) and shallow bathymetric mapping to ensure comprehensive and accurate elevation information for coastlines.

Develop an annually updated National Ocean and Coastal Mapping Plan... that defines priority mapping needs and gaps, and implement the plan through interagency collaboration in planning, budgeting, and execution.

## National Coastal Mapping Strategy 1.0 Coastal Lidar Elevation for a 3D Nation

### • GOAL:

- To survey/map the Nation's coasts/nearshore areas on a 5-8 year cycle for multipurpose use
  Repeat
- Requires:
  - Coordination
  - Broad Range of Partners
  - A Plan





## National Coastal Mapping Strategy 1.0 Coastal Lidar Elevation for a 3D Nation

- Focus initially on Coastal Lidar
- Version 2.0:
  - Offshore/OCS
  - Acoustic
  - Aerial photography, HSS



USGS analysis of 2012 NEEA Study ROI of lidar data, based on multiple-use requirements /uses

### **3D Elevation Program (3DEP)**

- Larry Sugarbaker, USGS
- Systematically collect nationwide lidar coverage (AK ifsar) over 8 yrs for more than \$690 million in new benefits annually
- Accurate elevations
- Broad Area Announcements
- Coordinating with IWG-OCM



## National Coastal Mapping Strategy 1.0 Coastal Lidar Elevation for a 3D Nation

Builds on existing partnerships

 JALBTCX
 3DEP



 Leverages new initiatives

 3D Nation: A modern, accurate elevation foundation from our highest mountains to our deepest oceans.

 High priority data need



## National Coastal Mapping Strategy 1.0 Coastal Lidar Elevation for a 3D Nation

#### Five Components:

- Aspirational eight-year plan to map U.S. coastal areas routinely
- Annual Coastal Mapping Summit for coordination
- Common standards;
- Whole life cycle approach to data;
- R&D on new tools/techniques for data collection and use.



### **Component 1: Aspirational Strategy**

- How IWG-OCM agencies and partners *could* achieve comprehensive coastal lidar elevation mapping
- Assumes commitment to 3D Nation in addition to primary missions/mandates
- Sufficient resources
- Coordinated acquisition strategy among federal/state/academia/private sector

### **Component 1: Aspirational Strategy**

		IWG-OCM National Coasta	l Map	ping St	trategy	y 1.0				
Proposed Lidar Elevation Data Acquisition Schedule										
Region	Sub-	Best Month for Lidar	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8
	region	Collection								
Alaska	South-	Feb – Mar					IS	IS	IS	
	east									
	Gulf of AK	Jul – Aug			IS	IS	IS			
	Bering	Jul – Oct	IS	IS						RS
	Sea									
	North	Aug – Sep	IS	IS						RS
	Slope									
Gulf of Mexico	All	May - Jul, Oct, Dec	IS		RS		RS		RS	
South East		May – Aug		IS		RS		RS		RS
North East		Jan-Mar			IS				RS	
Great Lakes		Apr – Sep				IS	IS			
Hawaii		Jan – Dec (All Months)					IS	IS		
West Coast		Sep, Nov							IS	IS
U.S. Territories		Jul – May	IS			IS			IS	

Component 2: Annual Coastal Mapping Summit Coordination of coastal mapping plans and activities

- Convened annually to address the geospatial lifecycle of mapping data, from planning and collection through data archive and access.
- Mapping plans and requirements shared via simple, web-based geospatial tool.
- Areas of overlap will be identified at the Summit and evaluated for coordination opportunities.
- Post-Summit follow-ups on coordination specifics.

# **Mapping Coordination**

- 2013 IWG-OCM agencies coordinated on Sandy topobathy lidar data collects
- Cape May example -- USGS and NOAA discussed overlaps, modified plans for best outcome

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## **Seasketch and Mapping Coordination**

- Great visualization tool for understanding requirements, plans
- Eg. NOAA/USGS/USACE and partners worked to maximize Sandy topobathy lidar data collects
- USACE worked with USGS and WA stakeholders to discuss overlap requirements, modify plans for best outcome



# National Mapping Coordination

IWG-OCM and 3DEP agencies have agreed to use Seasketch tool to share info on acquisition plans
Additional tools available for use



### Component 3: Common Standards

### What lidar Quality Levels are:

- A means of consistently comparing specifications across agencies and coordinating acquisition to meet cross-agency needs
- A primary component of a specification
- Specified in terms of vertical uncertainty ("accuracy"), point density, and equivalent nominal point spacing
- What lidar Quality Levels are not:
  - A complete specification, in and of themselves
    - Reason: full agency specs for coastal lidar typically include a number of additional components, such as QA/QC requirements, formats for deliverables, ancillary data requirements, etc.

### **Component 3: Common Standards**

Bathy Lidar Quality Level	Source	Vertical RMSE, (m)	Nominal Pulse Spacing (m)	Point Density (pt/m²)	Corresponding 3DEP/topo-lidar QL
QL1 <sub>B</sub>	Bathy or Topo- Bathy Lidar	0.095 + 0.00275D	0.7	2.04	QL2 (note: D=0 for land)
QL2 <sub>B</sub>	Bathy or Topo- Bathy Lidar	0.095 + 0.00275D	2.0	0.25	No exact match
QL3 <sub>B</sub>	Bathy or Topo- Bathy Lidar	0.185 + 0.00275D	2.0	0.25	RMSE equivalent to QL3
014	Bathy or Topo- Bathy Lidar	0 185 + 0 00275D	5.0	0.04	RMSE equivalent to QL3; Point density equivalent
QL5 <sub>B</sub>	Bathy or Topo- Bathy Lidar	0.463 + 0.00275D	5.0	0.04	Point density equivalent to QL4 and QL5

#### Component 4: Common data management procedures



#### Component 5: Consensus on targeted research and development

Topographic /bathymetric lidar and other coastal mapping technologies are rapidly evolving

Federal coastal mapping R&D programs critical

Smart to leverage one another's capabilities and stretch limited research dollars

#### Mutual interest areas include:

- New sensor technologies (to improve quality and timeliness of data collection)
- Algorithms (to process raw data and create usable data and products)
- New uses of the data (e.g., coastal management and science questions)

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Bringing us a step closer to becoming a 3D NATION

- Will build on 1.0 to incorporate bathymetry, other data/technologies
- Will seek to emulate successes like the CA Seafloor Mapping Project:
  - Initially a comprehensive coastal/marine geologic and habitat base map series for CA State waters
  - Ended up much more

#### • Many partners, including:

- State of CA •
- NOAA
- USGS
- FugroUSACE
- Academia



















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# **Questions?**

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# Back-up

# Long Island Sound

### LIS Study requested NOAA assistance

- Led mapping prioritization workshop
- Providing expertise
- Common data acquisition guidelines
- Standards facilitate data re-use
- Map products:
  - Benthic habitats and ecological processes
  - Physical and geochemical sedimentary environments
- Efficiency gains and cost savings





"Map Once, Use Many Times"

### Oscar Dyson - Multipurpose Surveying NOAA AFSC acoustic/trawl pollock stock assessment





#### Untrawlable Habitat









### Dangers to Navigation



#### **Critical Tools:**

- Fisheries Echo Sounder (EK 60)
- Multibeam (ME-70)
- Augmenting w/trained personnel

# **Arctic Mapping**

### Working with USCG on Trackline Surveys

- Healy, Buoy Tenders as mapping Vessels of Opportunity
- Technical support and expertise
- Hands-on direction and training
- Ship Trackline Guidance
- Abbreviated Survey Reporting documents
- Future planning for expanding USCG capabilities in Arctic surveying efforts





"Map Once, Use Many Times"