



NROC Council Meeting
Portsmouth, NH
March 14, 2014

Meeting Materials

This was the Winter NROC meeting, during which Council members and partners provided updates; an update on the Sandy Comprehensive Study was given, along with a presentation on associated modeling efforts; the potential for a regional sand management working group was discussed; as well as an overview and results of the ROP Benefits project.

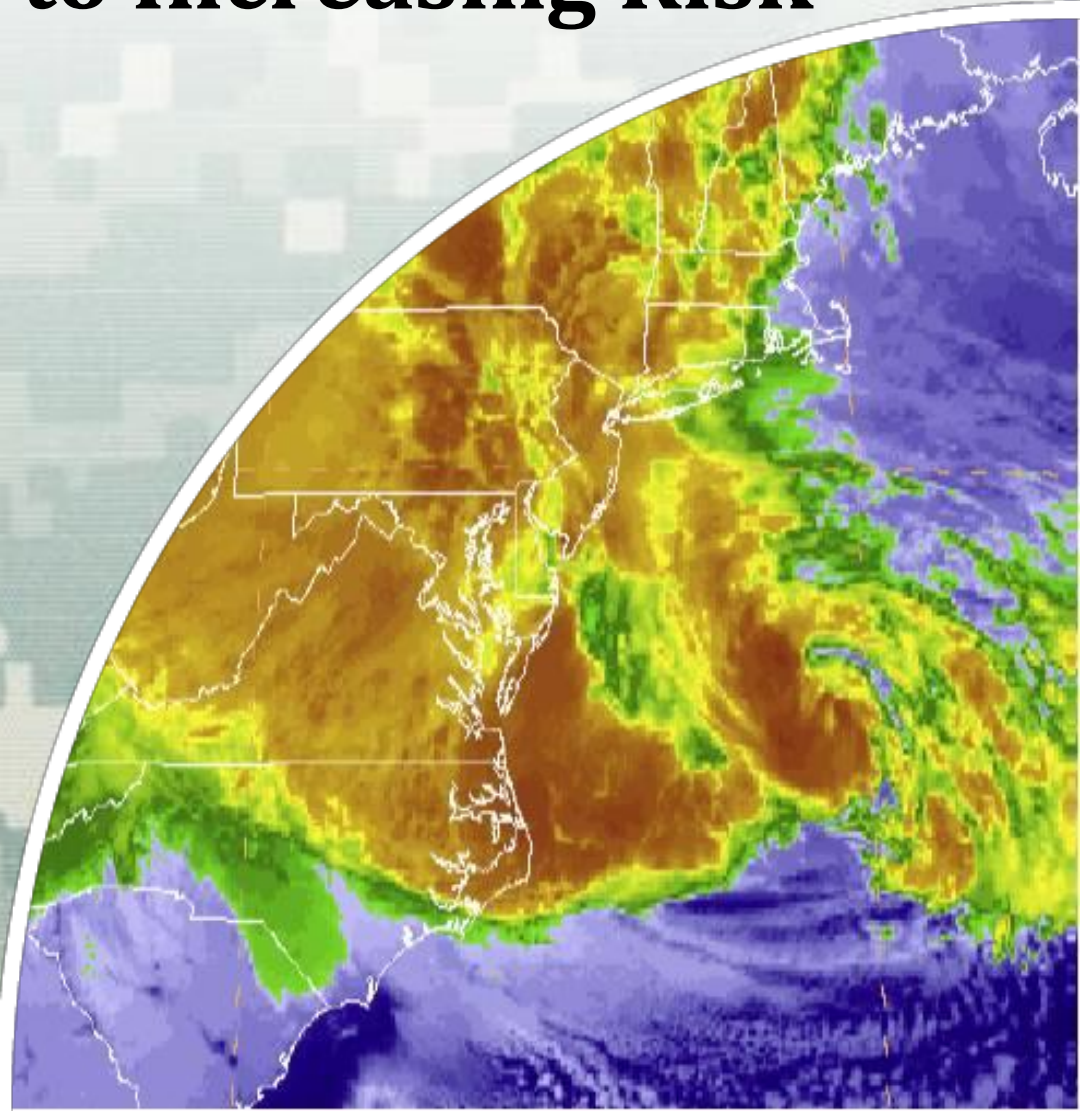
Attached are the following materials and presentations from the meeting:

- North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study: Resilient Adaptation to Increasing Risk (*Lynn Bocamazo, USACE*)
- North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study: Overview of Numerical Coastal Storm Modeling (*Lynn Bocamazo, USACE*)
- Marine Minerals Program: Restoring and Protecting Our Nation's Coasts through Stewardship of OCS Resources (*Renee Orr, BOEM*)
- Value of Regional Ocean Partnerships (*Andy Lipski, SeaPlan and Arleen ODonnell, ERG*)

North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study: Resilient Adaption to Increasing Risk

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Coastal Storm Risk Management
Planning Center of Expertise

13 February 2014



Outline

- Background and Sandy's Impact
- North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS) Study Area and Future Scenarios
- NACCS Framework
 - Flooding Exposure
 - Planning Reaches
 - Risk Reduction Measures and Nature-Based Features
- Collaborative Efforts
- Preliminary Findings, Outcomes and Opportunities
- Schedule
- Way Ahead



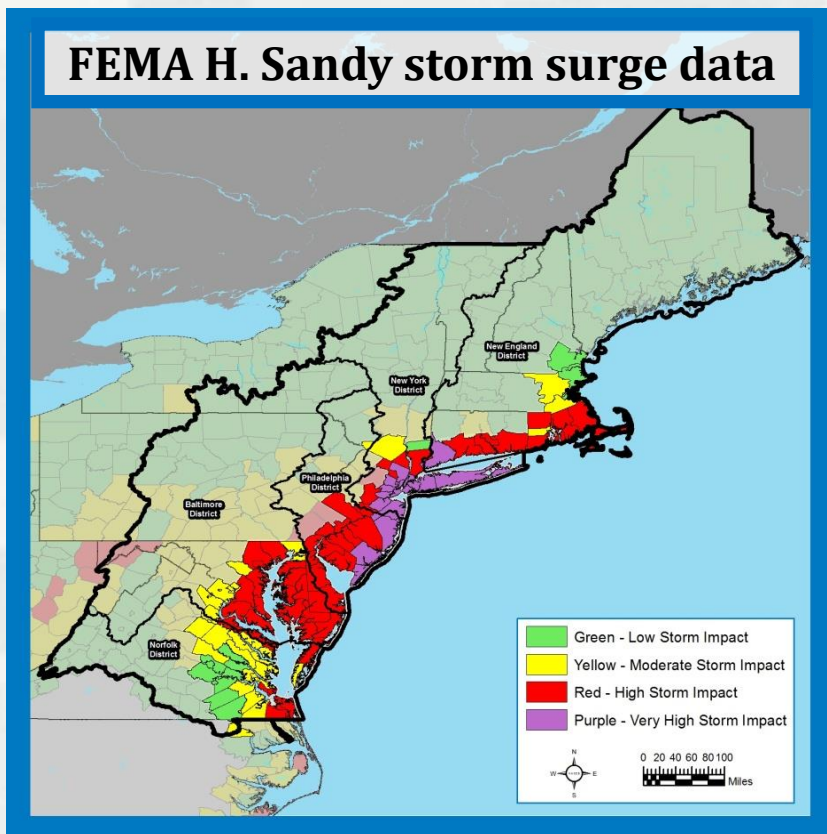
Background

“That using up to \$20,000,000* of the funds provided herein, the Secretary shall conduct a **comprehensive study** to address the flood risks of **vulnerable coastal populations** in areas that were affected by Hurricane Sandy within the boundaries of the North Atlantic Division of the Corps...” (*\$19M after sequestration)

- Complete by Jan 2015

Goals

- Provide a **Risk Reduction Framework**, consistent with USACE-NOAA Rebuilding Principles
- Support **Resilient Coastal Communities** and robust, sustainable coastal landscape systems, considering future sea level rise and climate change scenarios, to reduce risk to vulnerable population, property, ecosystems, and infrastructure



Background

- Hurricane Sandy impacted the Atlantic coastline in October 2012
- Affected entire east coast from Florida to Maine; and west to Great Lakes
- Greatest areas of impact NJ, NY, CT
- Public Law 113-2, enacted 29 January 2013



Sandy's Impact

■ Human

- **286 lives lost** (159 in the US)
- 500,000 people affected by **mandatory evacuations**
- 20,000 people required **temporary shelter**
- Extensive **community dislocations** – continuing today in some areas

■ Economic

- **\$65B in damages** in the U.S.
- **26 states affected** (10 states and D.C are in the study area)
- **650,000 houses** damaged or destroyed



Sandy's Impact

■ Infrastructure

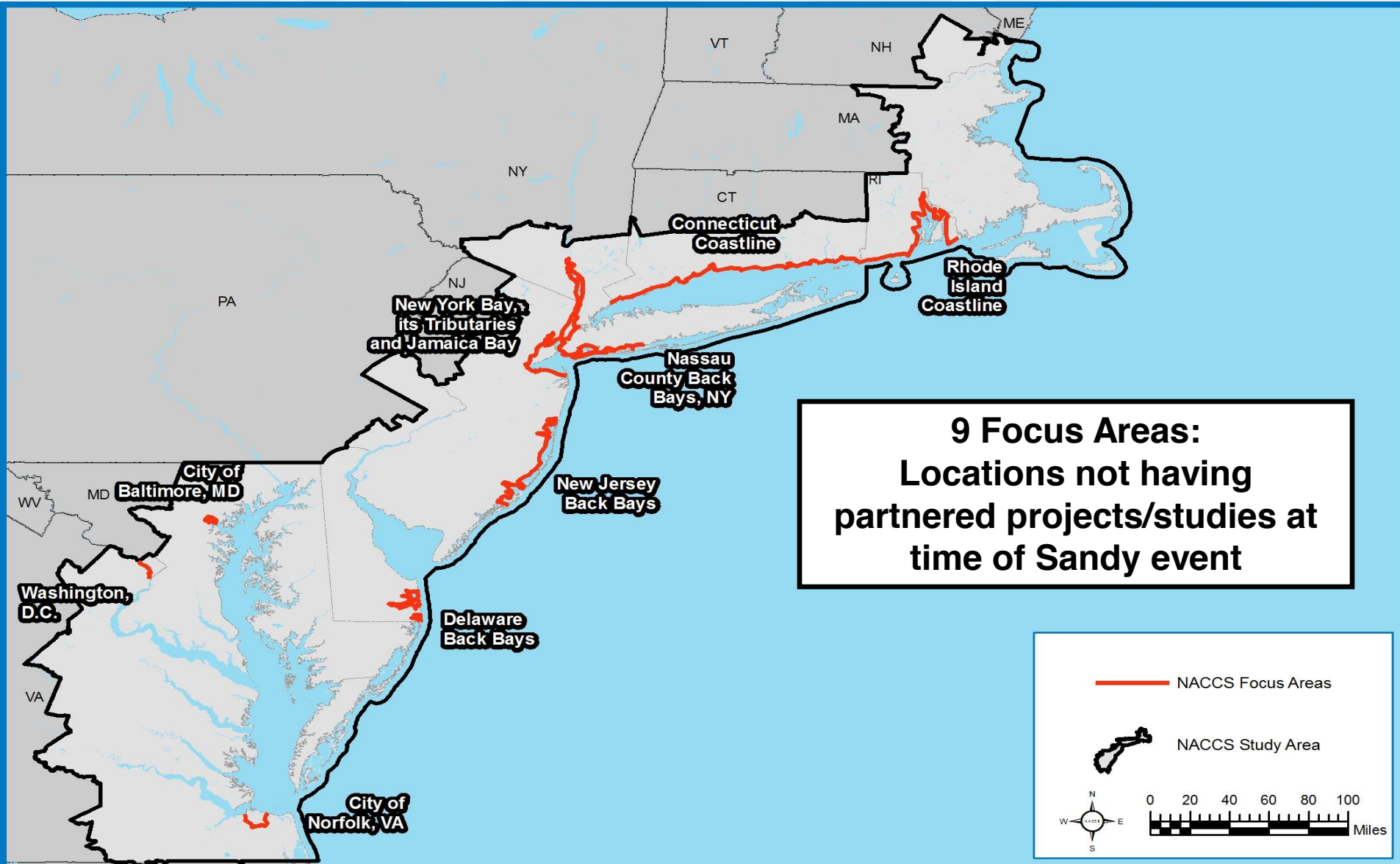
- **Telecommunications** significantly disrupted (25% of cell towers in study area were out of service at one period of time)
- **Mass transit** shut down (3 weeks for many NYC subway lines)
- **Bridges, tunnels** damaged
- **Fuel** shortages (2 refineries shut down, 4 operations reduced)
- 8.5M people lost **power** (some for several months)
- **Barrier islands (natural coastal features) breached** in 4 locations

■ Existing Coastal Projects

- **Beaches/Dunes**
 - ❑ Significant volumes of **sand lost** (~ 3 million cubic yards in NYC alone)
 - ❑ Hazards to **Navigation** from sand movement
- **Walls, Revetments and Levees**
 - ❑ **Most not significantly damaged**; some with toe scouring
 - ❑ Cliff Walk, RI revetment notable exception, extensive damage



North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study Area



NACCS Future Scenarios

■ **Climate Change and Sea Level Rise**

- **Sea level is increasing** throughout the study area
- **Increased** populations and infrastructure **exposed** to storm surge and **frequency** of flooding
- **Shorelines are changing** in response to sea level rise
- Historic **erosion** patterns will **continue and accelerate**

■ **Socioeconomic Factors**

- **Population is aging** (complicates evacuation/relocation during flooding)
- **Population is increasing in coastal zone** (greater exposure)
- **Vulnerability of operating channels and ports** critical to regional and national economy

■ **Environmental**

- **Coastal Habitats** increasingly challenged by expanding built environment
- **Climate change** and related habitat transitions with potential for altering species distribution and competition



Future Scenarios

Sea level rise* evaluated for the years 2018, 2068, 2100** and 2118

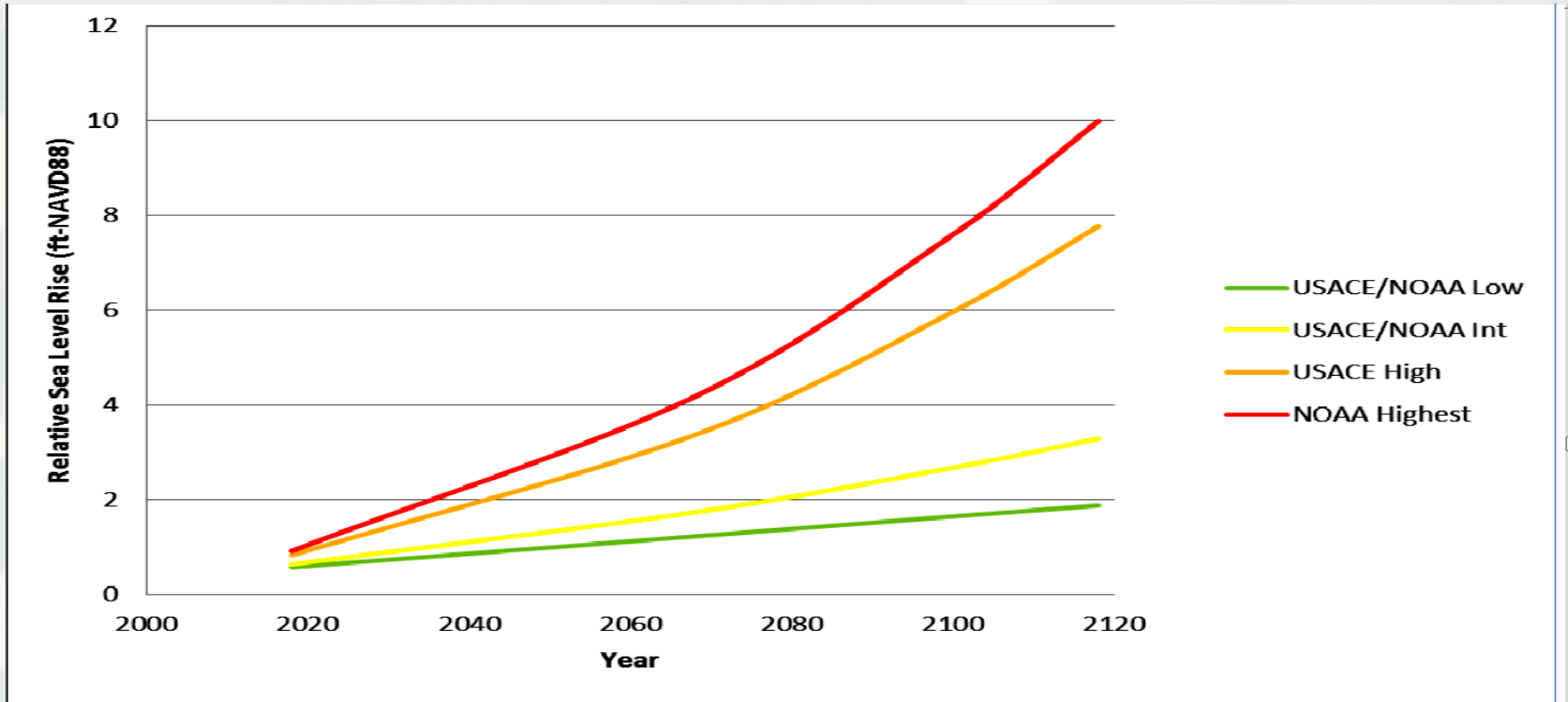


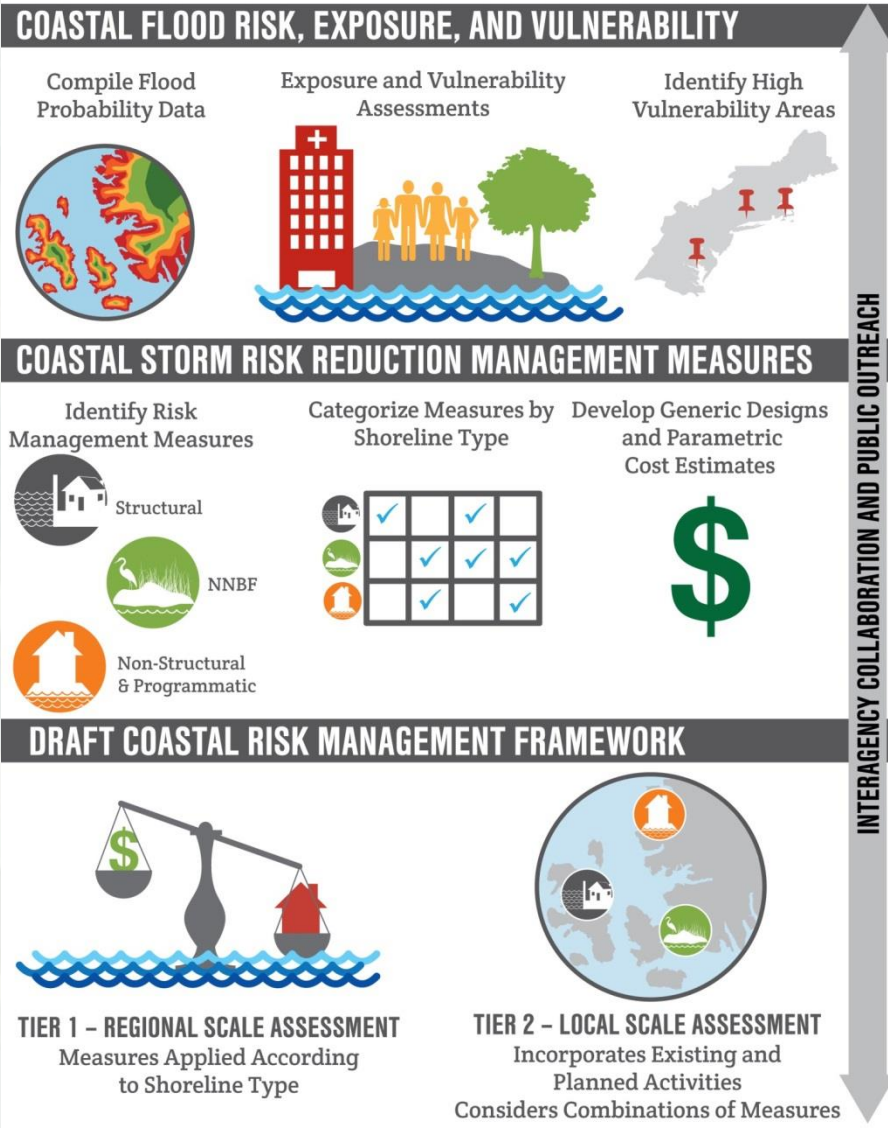
Figure V-1. Relative sea level rise for Sandy Hook, NJ for USACE and NOAA sea level change

* SLR evaluated using both USACE's Engineer Circular (EC) 1165-2-212 (low, intermediate high) and NOAA's highest SLR scenarios

** Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change scenario



NACCS Framework



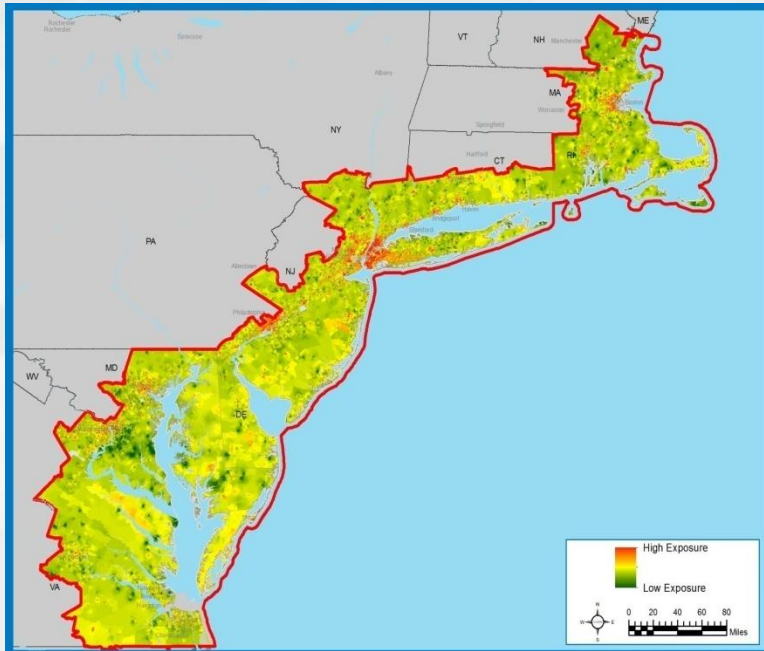
- **Who and what** is exposed to flood risk?
- **Where** is the flood risk?
- What are the **appropriate strategies** and measures to reduce flood risk and how do they align with **each other and other regional plans**?
- What is the **relative cost** of a particular strategy compared to the anticipated risk reduction?
- What **data are available** to make a **RISK INFORMED** decision?
- What **data gaps exist/can be closed** through the NACCS?



Flooding Exposure

■ Exposure Index

- Population **density and infrastructure** (number of people and infrastructure in communities subject to flooding)
- **Socio-economic groups** (populations that may have more difficulty preparing and responding to flooding)
- **Environmental** (critical habitat, wetlands and other areas that maintain resiliency of coastal systems)

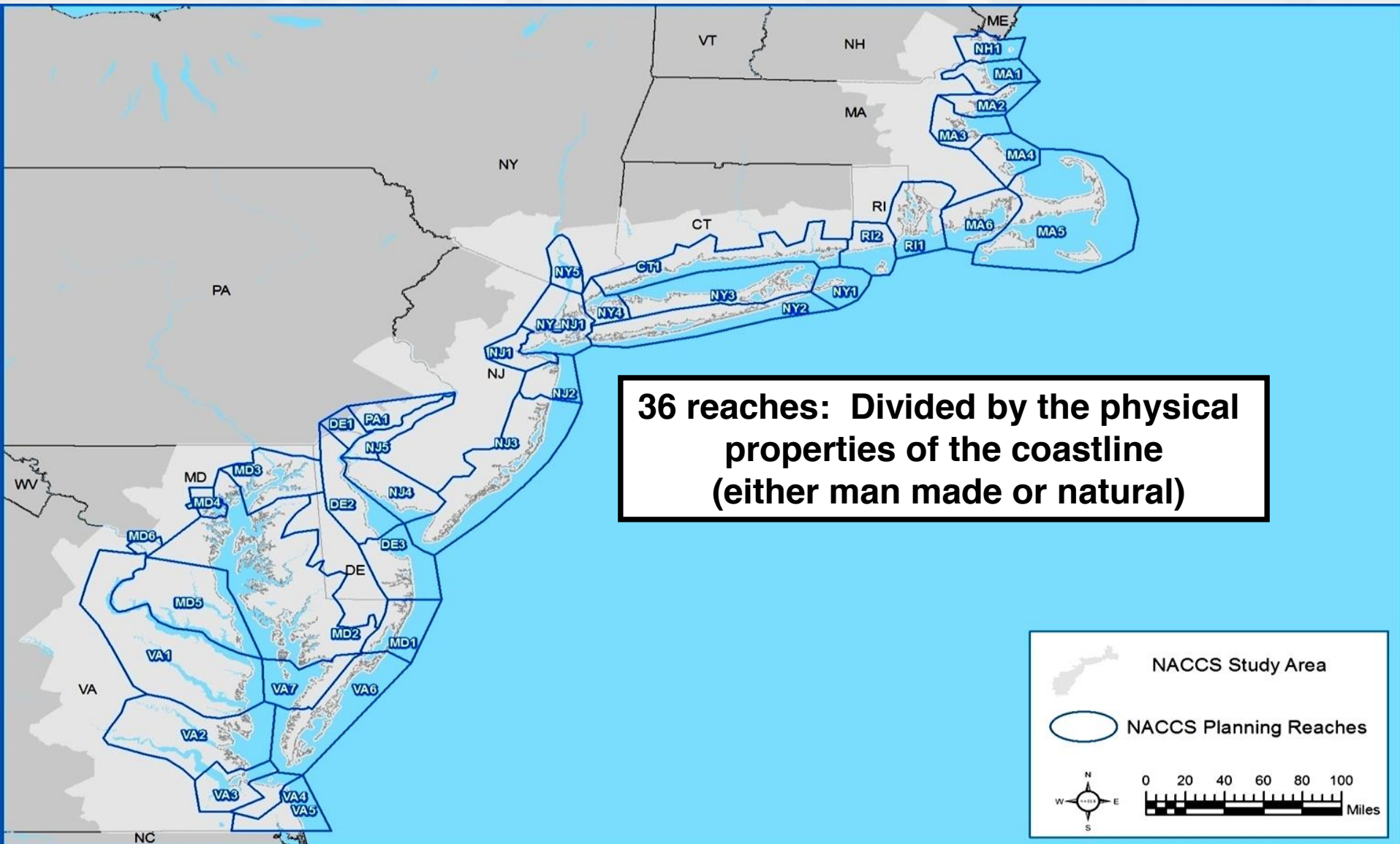


■ Mapping

- Areas of highest exposure during Sandy
- Majority were highly populated/urban core
 - ❑ Boston
 - ❑ NY/northern NJ metropolitan region
 - ❑ Connecticut shoreline
 - ❑ Monmouth and Cape May Counties
 - ❑ Upper Delaware Bay portion of NJ



Planning Reaches



Risk Reduction Measures

■ Structural

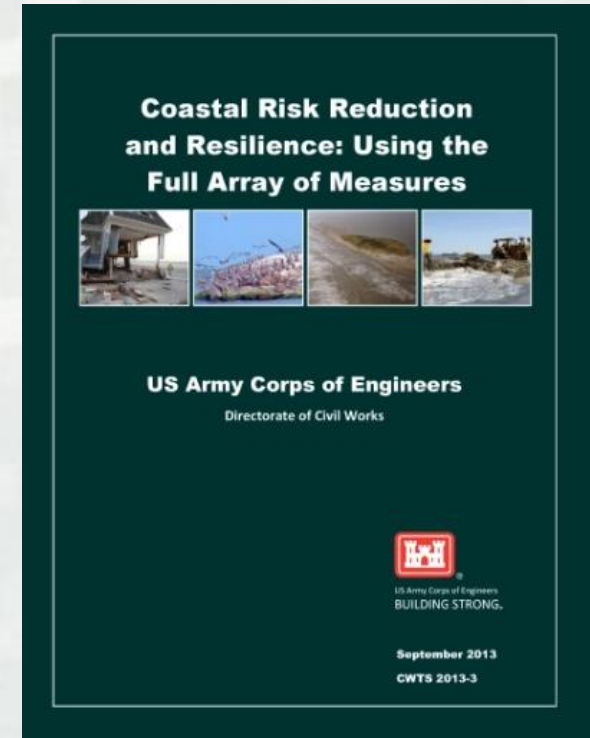
- Storm surge barriers, levees, breakwaters, groins, beach fill, dunes
- **Natural and nature-based features** (e.g. living shorelines, wetlands, oyster reefs, Sub-Aquatic Vegetation restoration)

■ Non-Structural

- Floodproofing, elevation, acquisition
- Evacuation, flood warning systems

■ Policy/Programmatic

- Floodplain management, land use planning
- State/Local Coastal Zone Policies, Flood Insurance Programs
- Natural resources/surface water management



<http://www.corpsclimate.us/ccacrrr.cfm>



Nature-Based Features

- **Natural landscapes or engineered ecosystems, and blended solutions**
- **Intrinsically dynamic, adaptive, and potentially more resilient than built systems**



Closing Data Gaps

- **Evaluate performance during Sandy**
- **Identify storm resilient features**
- **Provide tools for benefit evaluation**
- **Integrate nature-based features in coastal risk management systems**
- **Work towards building consensus on nature-based infrastructure, and its coastal storm risk management benefits**

- **State/Local Government Initiatives**
- **Inter-agency Policy Review**
- **International Technical Workshop**
- **HUD Initiative: Rebuild by Design**
- **Rockefeller Initiative: Structures of Coastal Resilience**



Collaborative Efforts

- **Interagency, State, Tribal, and Local Government Input**
 - Formal coordination letters establishing single point of contact
 - Technical working meetings
 - Agency Subject Matter Experts embedded in team and via outreach
 - Federal Register notices and public website with subscribe list and opportunity for input on resilience www.nad.usace.army.mil/compstudy
 - **News releases and media events**
 - **Participation in public events and panel discussions**
- **Interagency Webinar Collaboration Series (archived)**
 - Webinar 1 (30 July 2013) Green/Nature Based Infrastructure
 - Webinar 2 (29 August 2013) Ecosystem Goods and Services
 - Webinar 3 (12 September 2013) Numerical Modeling and Sea Level Rise
 - Webinar 4 (25 September 2013) Vulnerability Assessments
 - Webinar 5 (December 2013) Adaptive Management
 - Webinar 6 (December 2013) Policy Challenges



NACCS Preliminary Findings

- **Shared** responsibility of all levels of Government and partnerships
- Rethink approaches to **adapting to risk**
- Areas of highest (and growing) population density and economically critical urban centers are most **vulnerable**
- Resilience and sustainability must consider a **combination and blend** of measures
- Consider **stormwater and fluvial** aspects of coastal risk management
- **Interior, low-lying** areas highly susceptible to small changes in water level



NACCS Preliminary Outcomes

- **State-by-State Risk Reduction Frameworks** informing, **strengthening and catalyzing the focus on regional** resiliency, redundancy and robustness in ongoing coastal planning and project implementation
- **System-wide framework** and best practices
- **Interagency and Regional alignment**
- **Closed data gaps**
 - Broadened the pool of benefits for benefit-cost-ratio evaluations
 - Developed detailed modeling for future use, including sea level rise scenarios
 - Identified critical habitats and opportunities for using nature-based features (USFWS Planning Aid Report)
 - Developed conceptual regional sediment budget
 - Community Resiliency Survey (NOAA)
 - Collated Technical input



NACCS Preliminary Opportunities

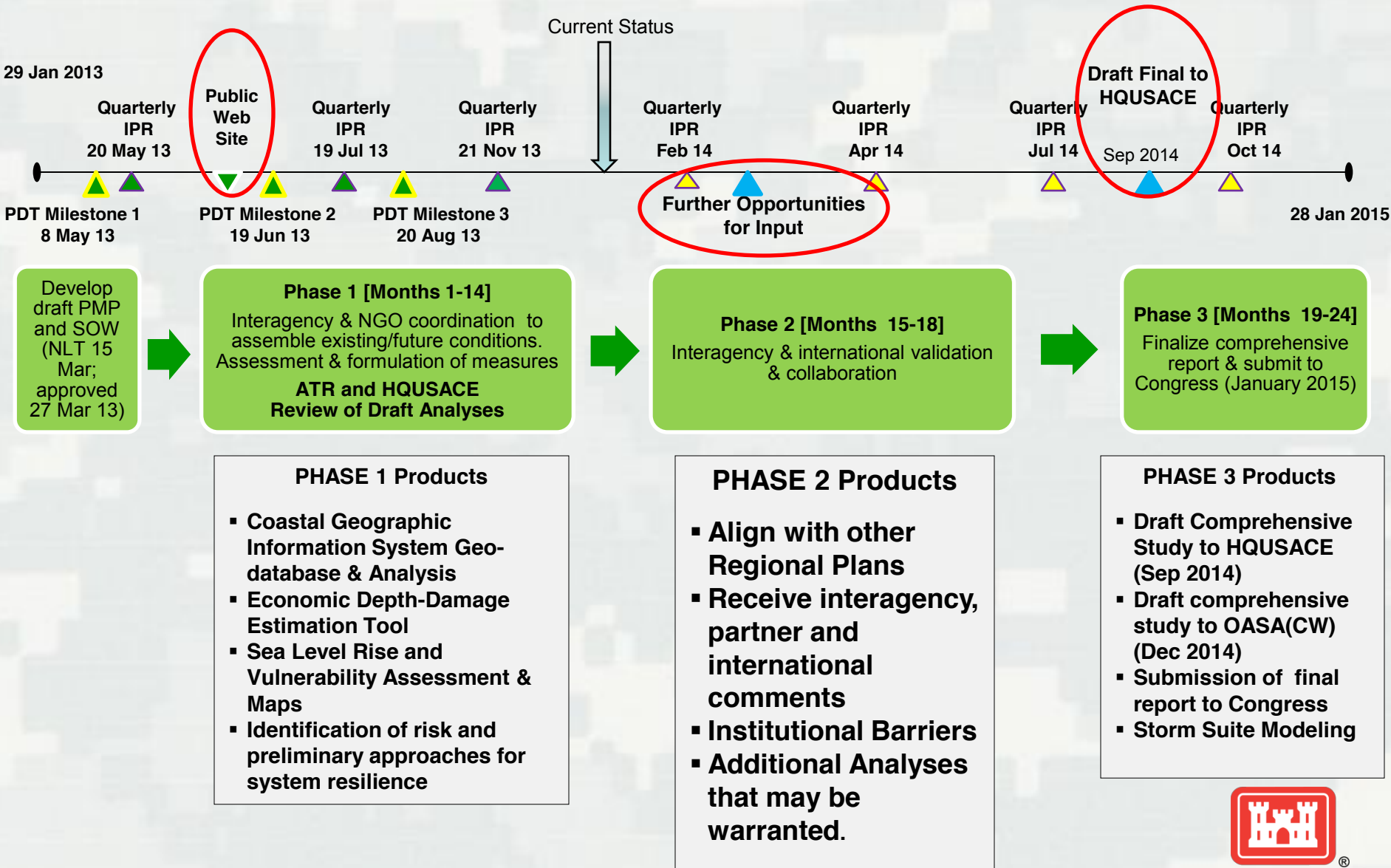
- Identify acceptable **flood risk at a community** and state scale
- **Mitigate** future risk
- **Prioritize** critical infrastructure
- **Rebuild with redundancy**
- Develop **creative incentives** to promote use of resiliency measures
- Utilize a **collaborative regional governance structure**
- Develop **Public-Private Partnerships** for coastal risk management
- Integrate **natural-based features** in coastal risk management systems
- Encourage design **flexibility and adaptive management**
- Advance efforts in the 9 focus areas:

- 1) Rhode Island Coastline
- 2) Connecticut Coastline
- 3) Nassau County Back Bays, NY
- 4) New York Bay, its Tributaries and Jamaica Bay

- 5) New Jersey Back Bays
- 6) Delaware Back Bays
- 7) City of Baltimore, MD
- 8) Washington, D.C.
- 9) City of Norfolk, VA



North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study Schedule



Way Ahead

- Significant work **completed** ... and **continuing**...
 - High population and urban areas most vulnerable
 - Primarily **structural** measures anticipated in most vulnerable areas in combination with other measures
 - Other areas of vulnerability; likely to have more opportunities for use of **nature-based features**
 - All vulnerable areas benefit from **redundancy and full use of measures portfolio in a systems approach**
 - Significant **challenges exist in policy alignment** to create implementation incentives at local and regional scale
- Significant interagency and partner **collaboration** and sharing
- Ongoing **review** of analyses
- Identification of **Institutional and Other Barriers** to Comprehensive Storm Risk Management



Policy Challenges and Institutional Barriers

Six themes presented with Policy Challenges, Successes, Opportunities for Actions

- ▶ Theme 1: Risk/Resilience Standards
- ▶ Theme 2: Risk Communication and Outreach
- ▶ Theme 3: Risk Management
- ▶ Theme 4: Science, Engineering and Technology
- ▶ Theme 5: Leadership and Institutional Coordination
- ▶ Theme 6: Economic Stressors and Resources



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<http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/CompStudy.aspx>

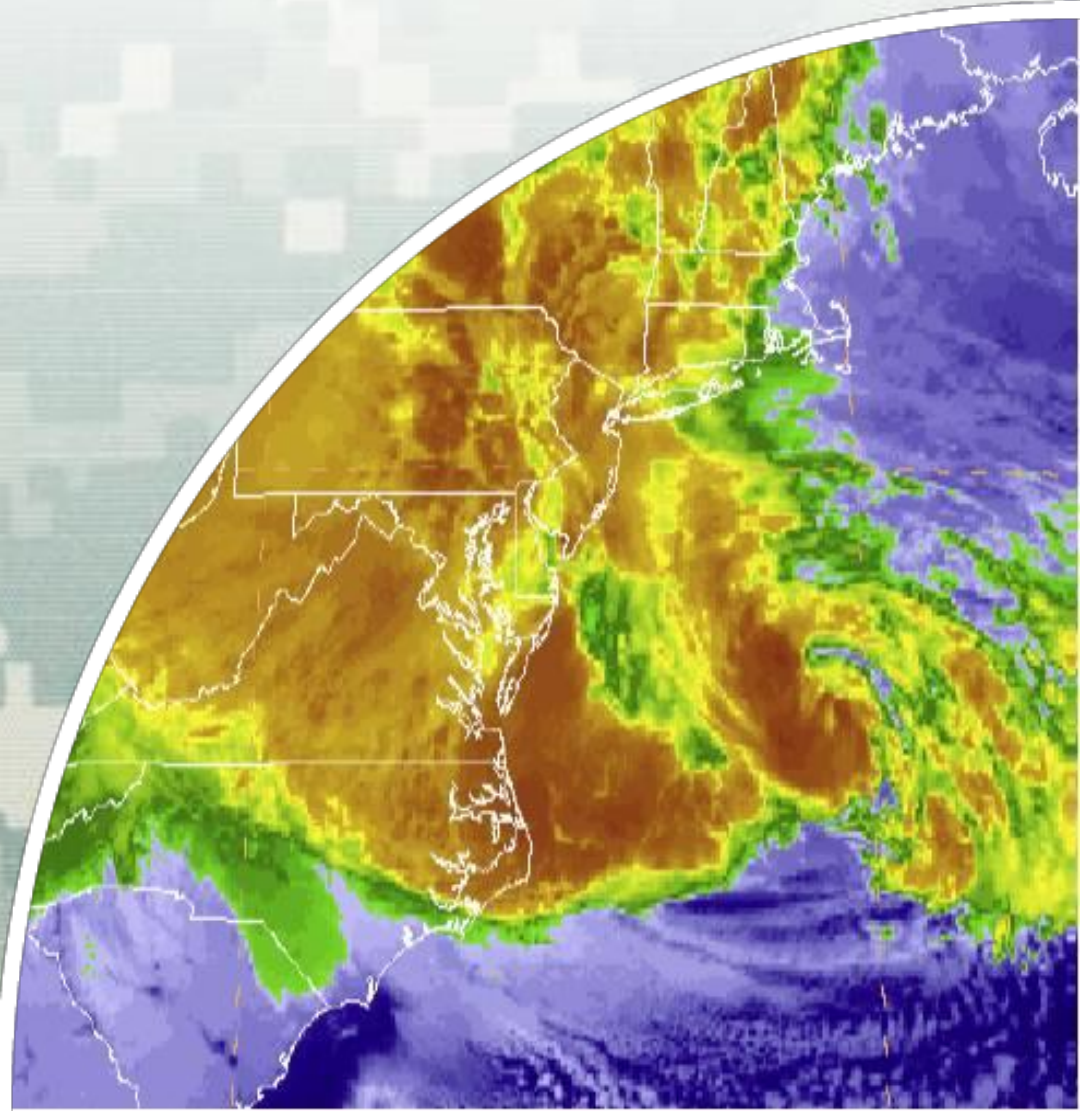


North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study

Overview of Numerical Coastal Storm Modeling

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NACCS Scope

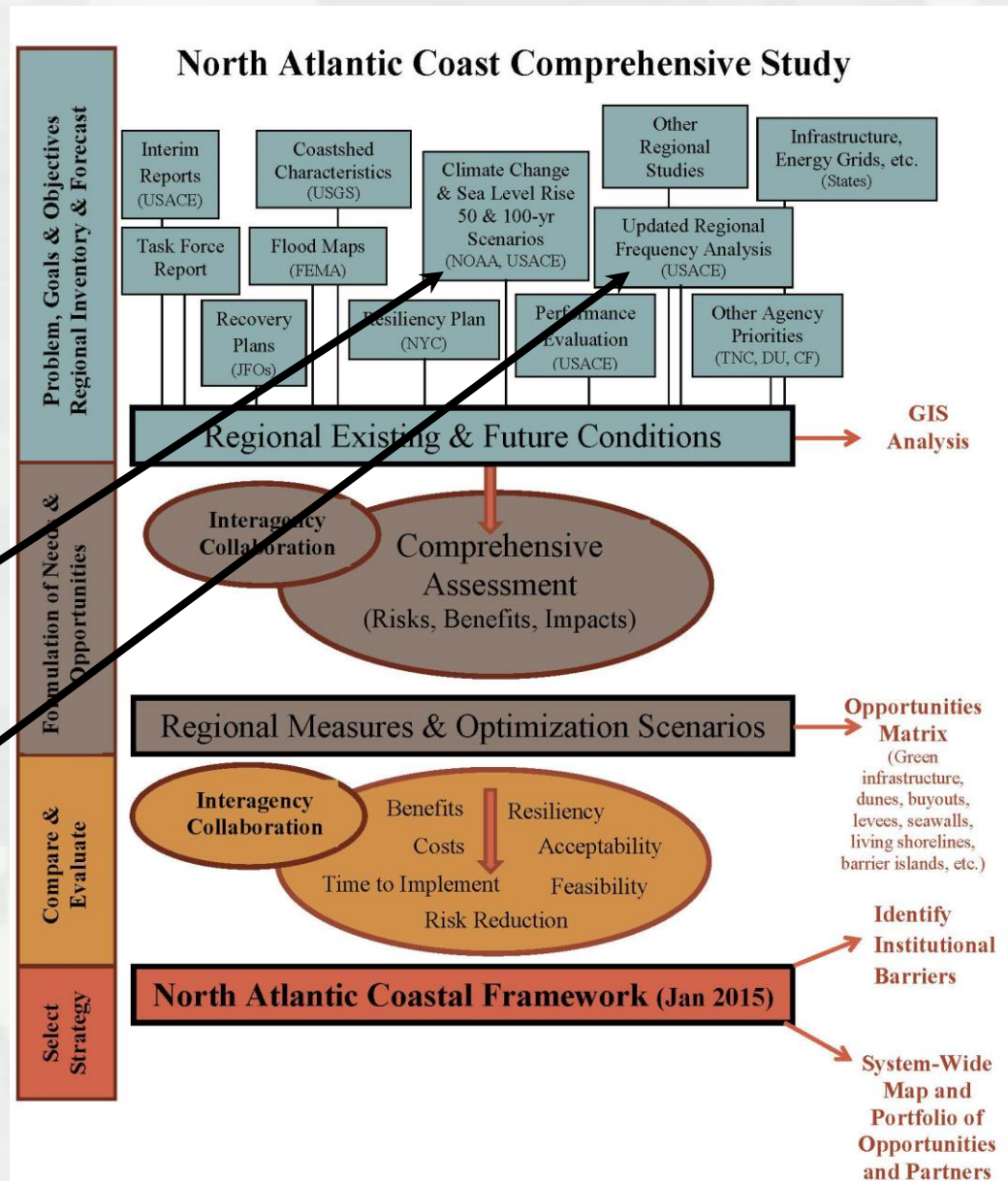
Coastal Framework

- ❑ Regional scale
- ❑ Interagency collaboration
- ❑ Opportunities by region/state
- ❑ Identify range of potential solutions and parametric costs by region/state
- ❑ Identify activities warranting additional analysis

Technical Teams

Future Mean Sea Level and Other Climate

Computing the Joint Probability of Hurricane Sandy and Historical Coastal Storm Forcing Parameters from Maine to Virginia



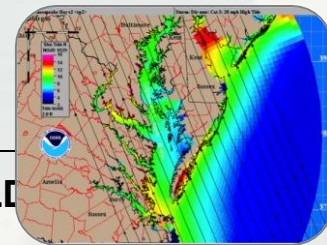
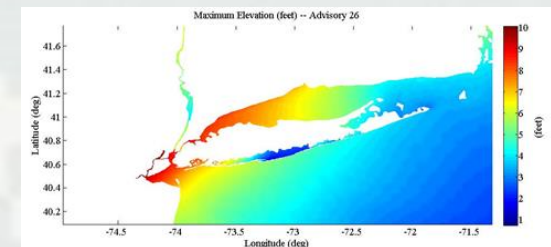
Engineering in NACCS

■ Tasks

- ❑ Summarize historical data and existing conditions
- ❑ Review and update as warranted engineering design criteria for resiliency, robustness and redundancy
- ❑ Incorporate performance evaluation results
- ❑ **Refine regional storm suites and storm surge, wave forces**
- ❑ Identify range of engineering risk reduction measures for range of regional conditions (berms, levees, floodwalls, nature-based infrastructure, etc.)
- ❑ Hydrodynamics modeling workshop

■ Tools

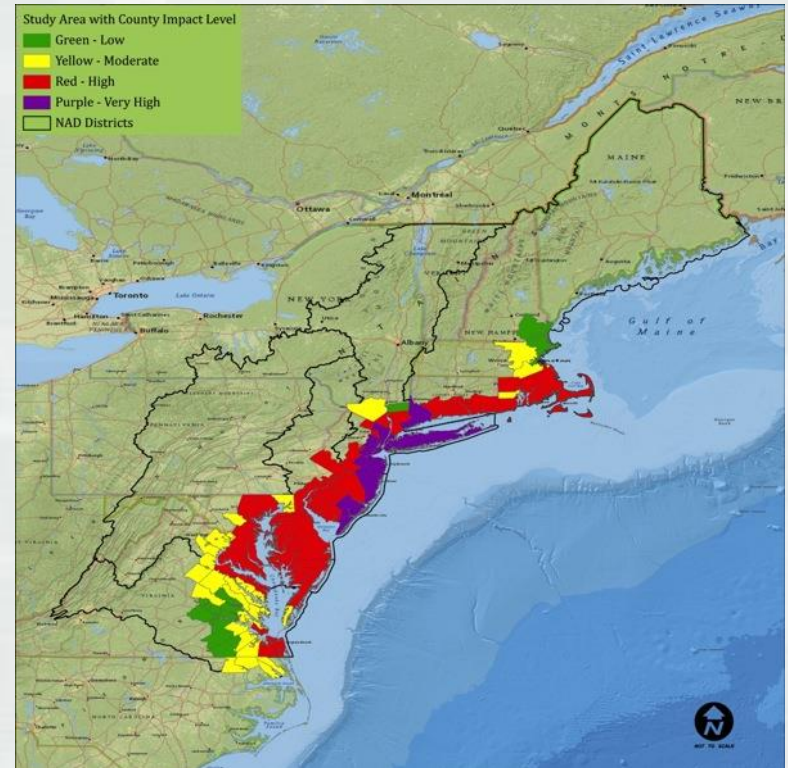
- ❑ Digital elevation model
- ❑ ADCIRC model, wave model
- ❑ FEMA Region II/III coastal storm modeling
- ❑ National Hurricane Program data/models (SLOSH, etc.)



Coastal Storm Modeling

Compute joint probability of Hurricane Sandy and plausible coastal storm forcing parameters from ME to VA

- Statistical storm population selection using Optimum Sampling Joint Probability Method (*JPM-OS*) for tropical and Empirical Simulation Technique (*EST*) for extra-tropical surge hazards
- Coastal Storm Modeling System (*CSTORM-MS*) simulation
- Data archival, analysis and visualization (*CSTORM-DB*)



NACCS Area

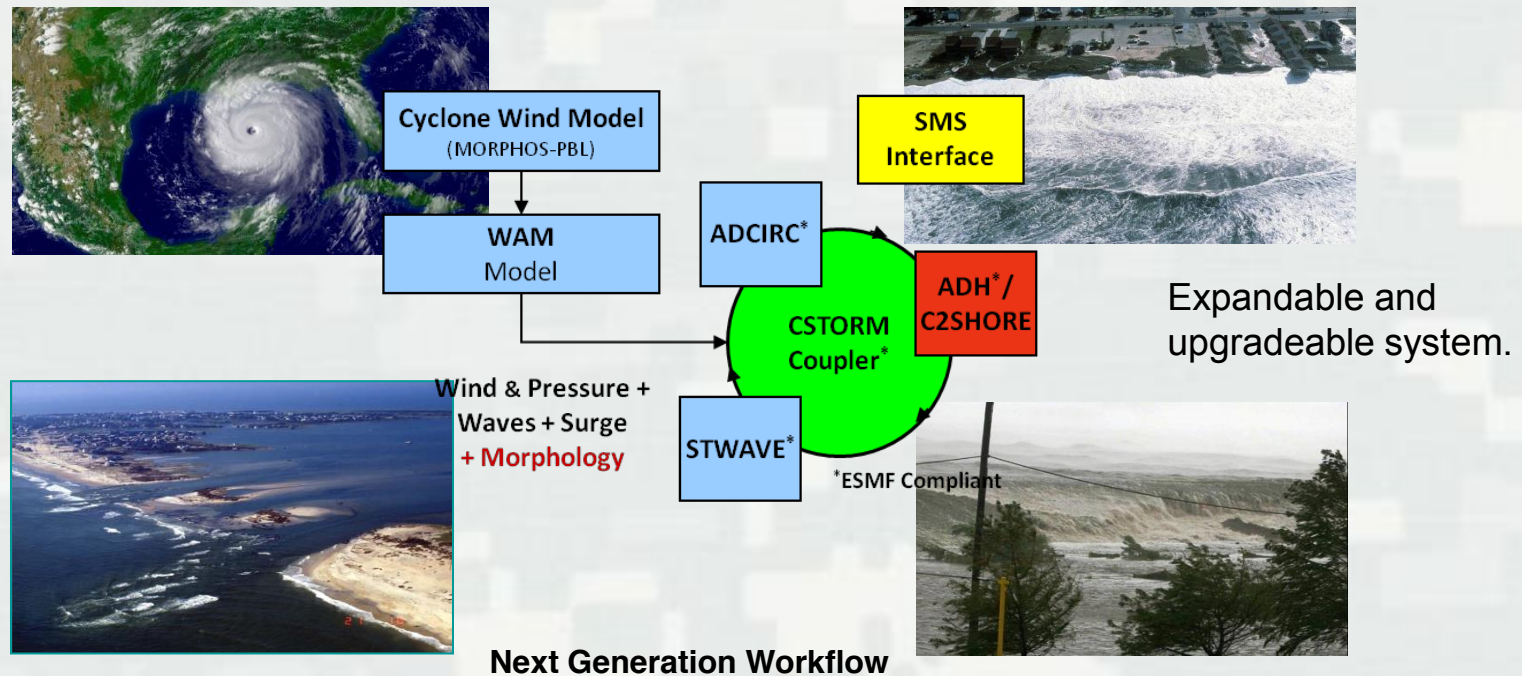


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ERDC's Coastal Storm-Modeling System (ERDC CSTORM-MS)

Application of high-resolution, highly skilled numerical models in a tightly integrated modeling system with user friendly interfaces

Not just
hurricanes and
not just in the
Gulf of Mexico.



Provides for a robust, standardized approach to establishing the risk of coastal communities to future occurrences of storm events.



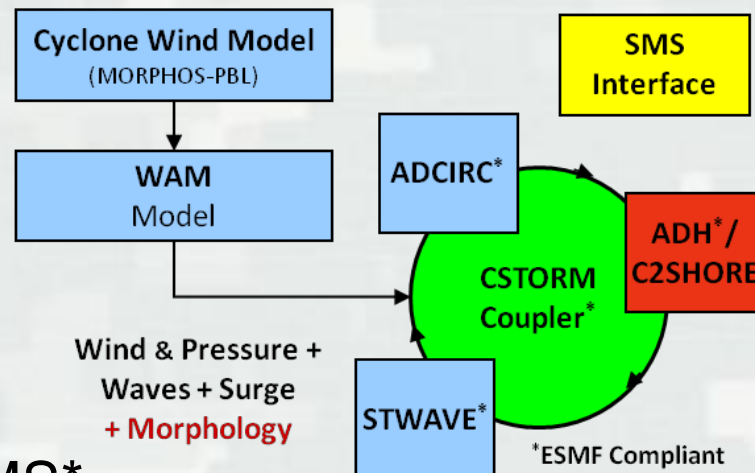
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CSTORM System Components 2013

- **Winds/Pressure:** PBL Cyclone Model
- **Waves:**
 - ▶ Regional: WAM
 - ▶ Nearshore: STWAVE*
- **Circulation/Surge:**
 - ▶ ADCIRC*
 - ▶ ADH*
- **Morphology:** SEDLIB/C2Shore
- **Coupling Framework:** CSTORM-MS*
- **Graphical User Interface:** SMS



Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF) Compliance

- Multiple federal agency support ESMF
- ESMF compliant models are readily available to be linked with each other and with other agencies' ESMF compliant models.
- Individual models stay virtually autonomous when coupling.

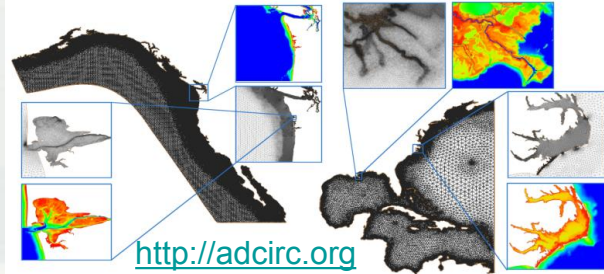


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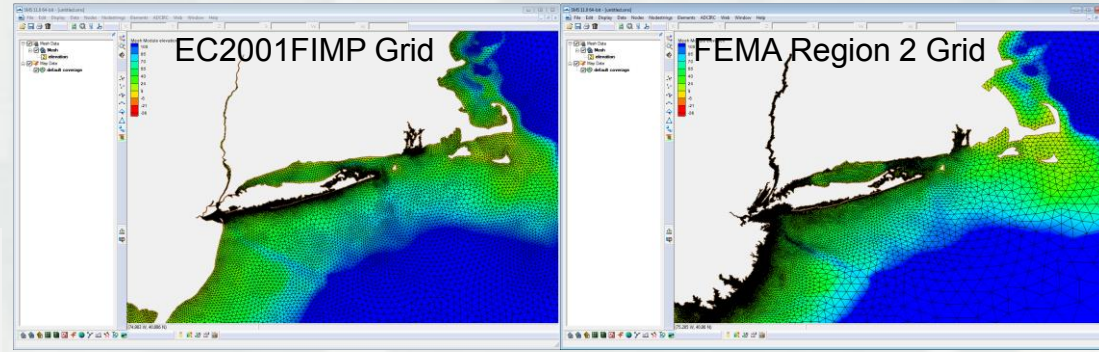
ADCIRC Coastal Circulation and Storm Surge Model



- An unstructured finite element hydrodynamics model
- 2D and 3D simulations
- Wetting/Drying algorithm allows for storm surge inundation over previously dry land
- Highly portable code
- Tides, Rivers, Winds/Pressure, and Waves
- A part of ERDC's Coastal Storm Modeling System



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Preliminary Surge Modeling for Sandy

- Used two meshes
 - EC2001FIMP Grid
 - FEMA Region 2 Grid
- Used tidal forcing
- Used an imbedded asymmetric vortex Holland wind/pressure model with inputs derived from the NHC forecast using the ASGS
- Used winds/pressure from NOAA's GFDL models

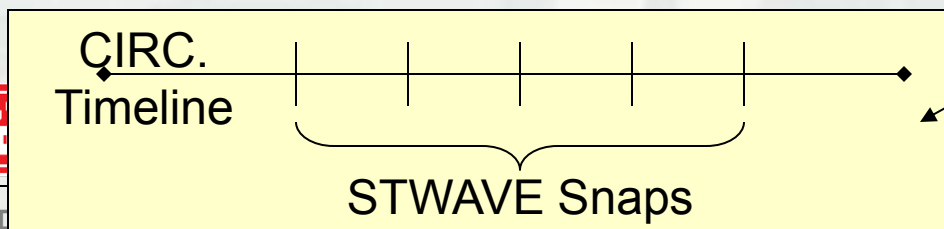
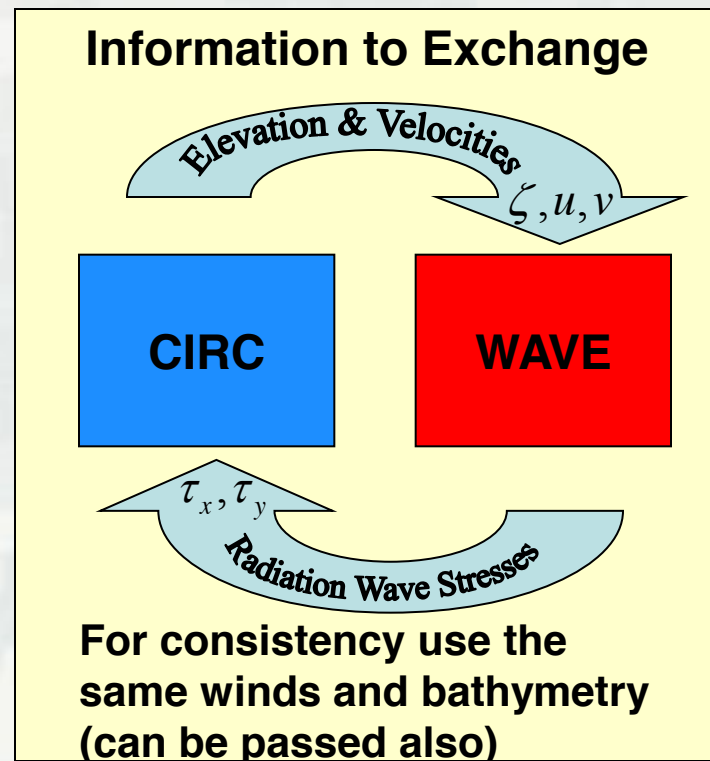
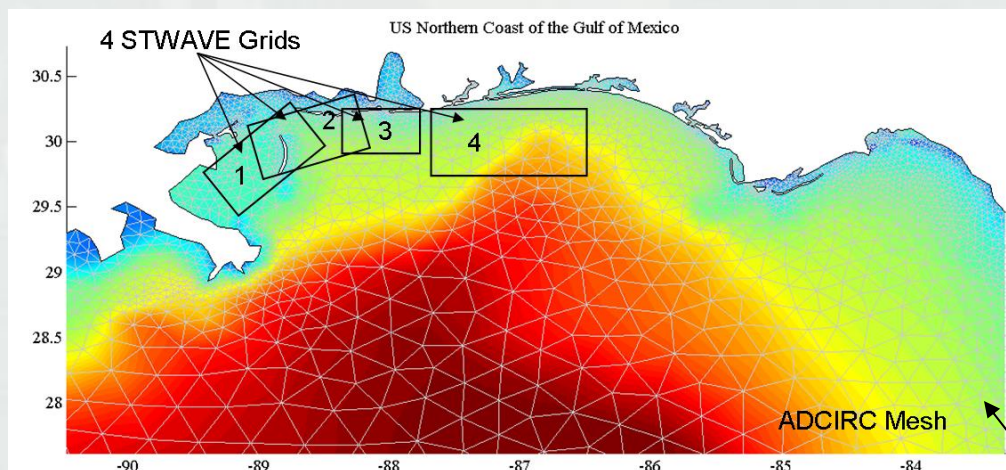


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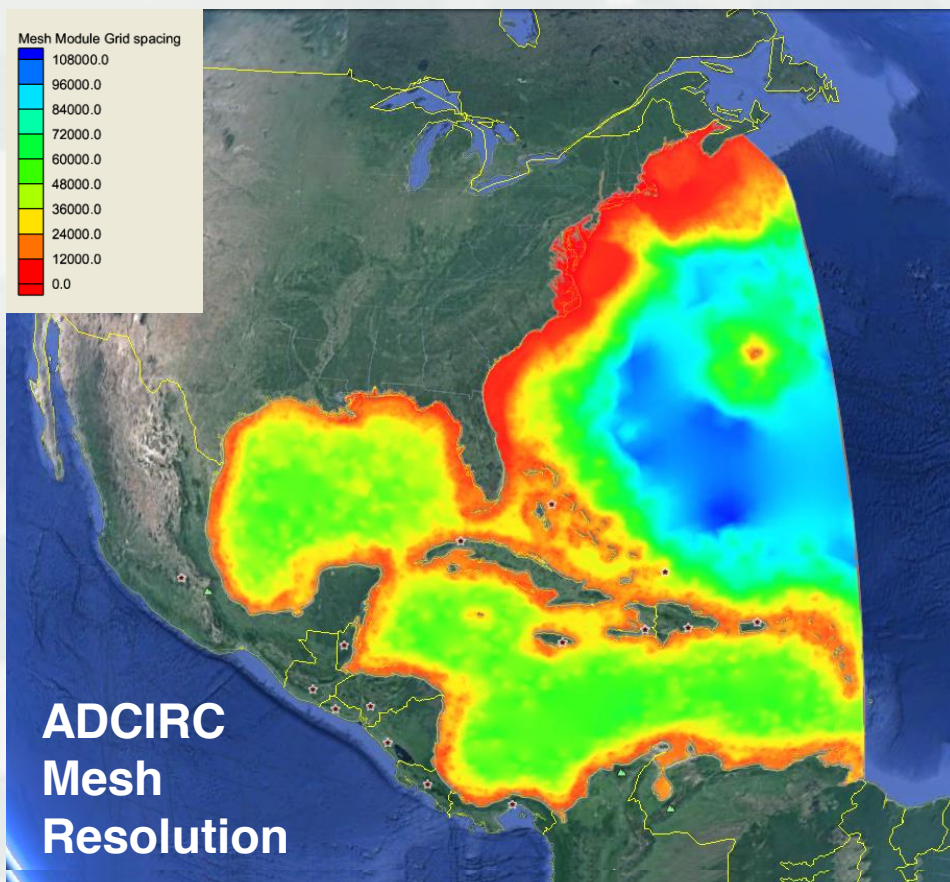
Tight Two-Way Coupling Circulation \leftrightarrow Wave

- One unstructured finite element circulation mesh
 - A single instance of ADCIRC/ADH
- One or more structured wave grids
 - Multiple instances of STWAVE
 - Half-Plane
 - Full-Plane

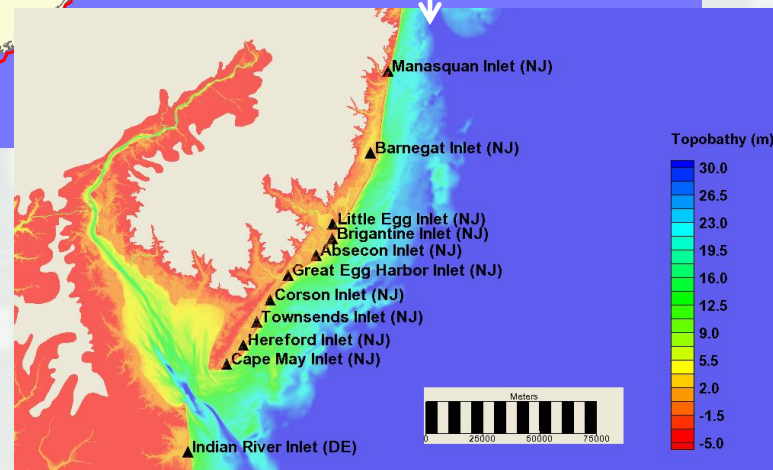


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Grids and Save Points



~ 6.2 million nodes
Resolution from 10 m to 100 km

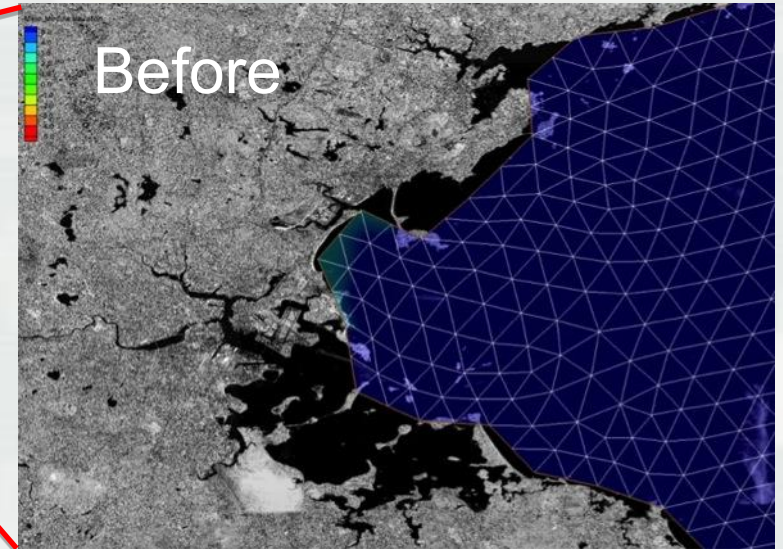
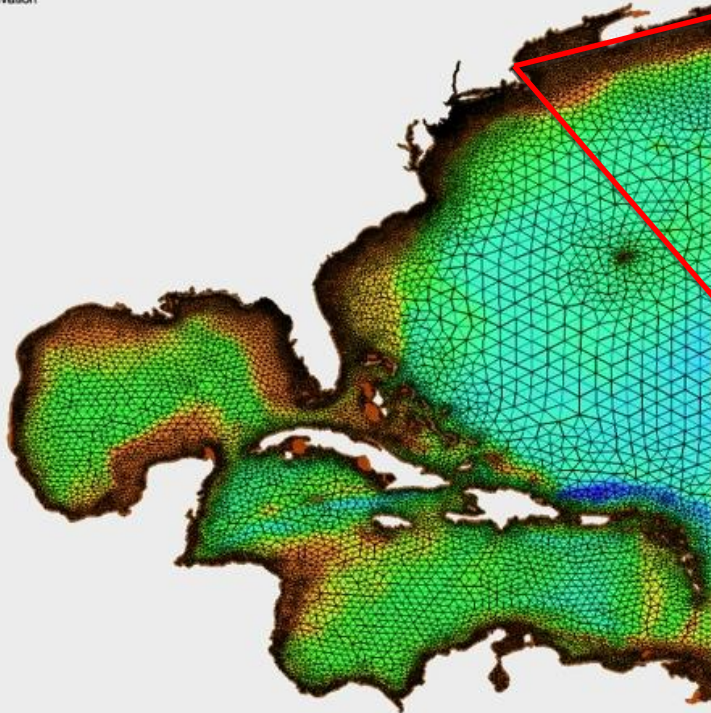
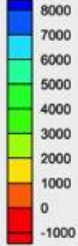


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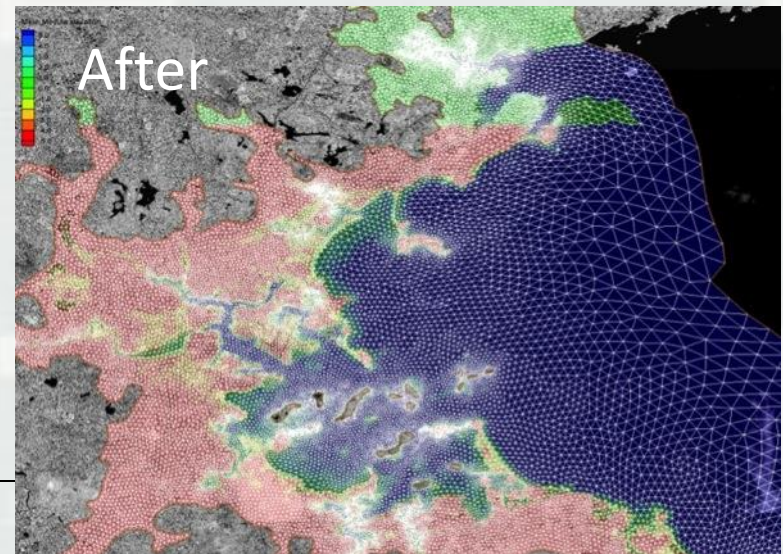
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ADCIRC Mesh Development

Mesh Module elevation

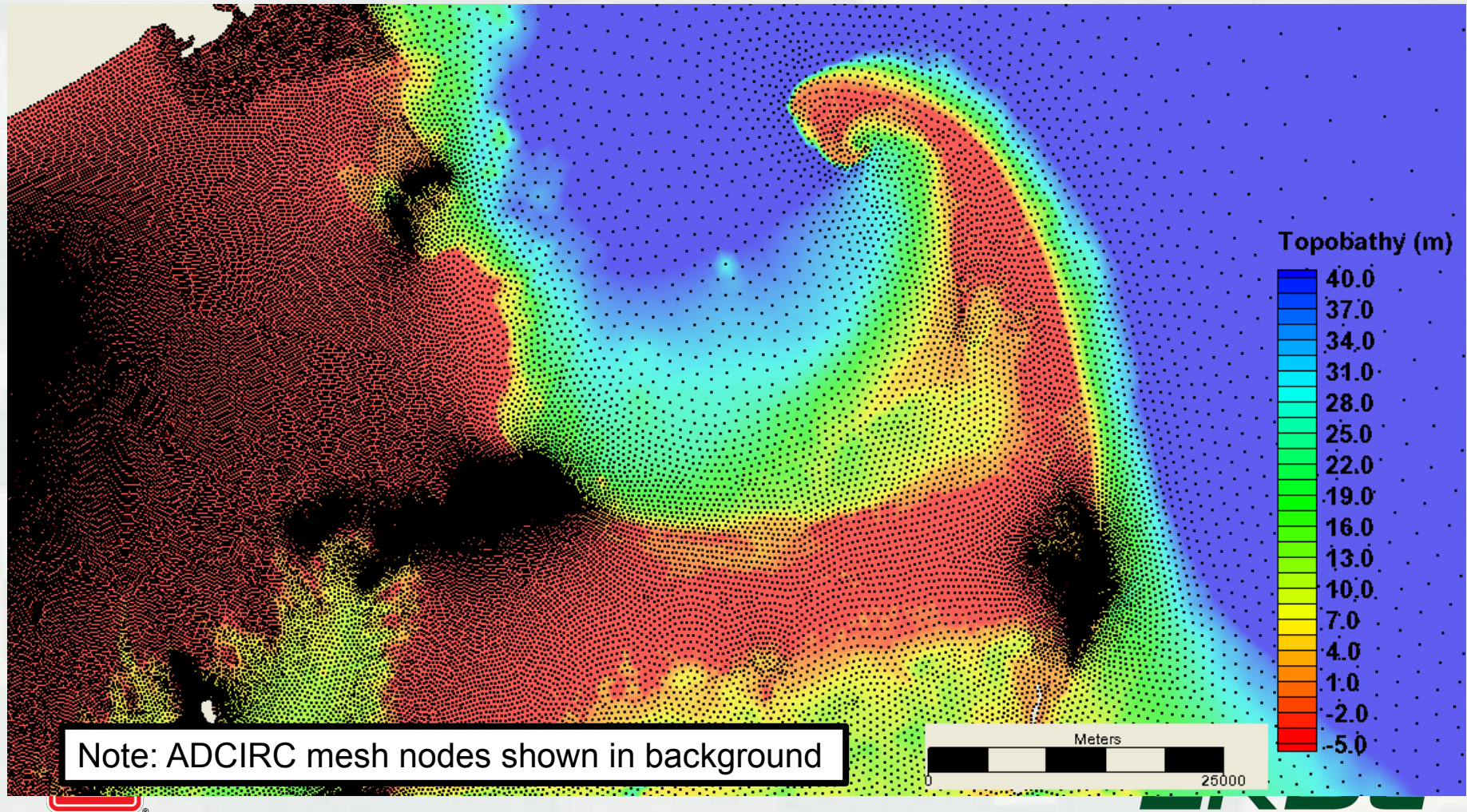


Example Location: Boston Harbor

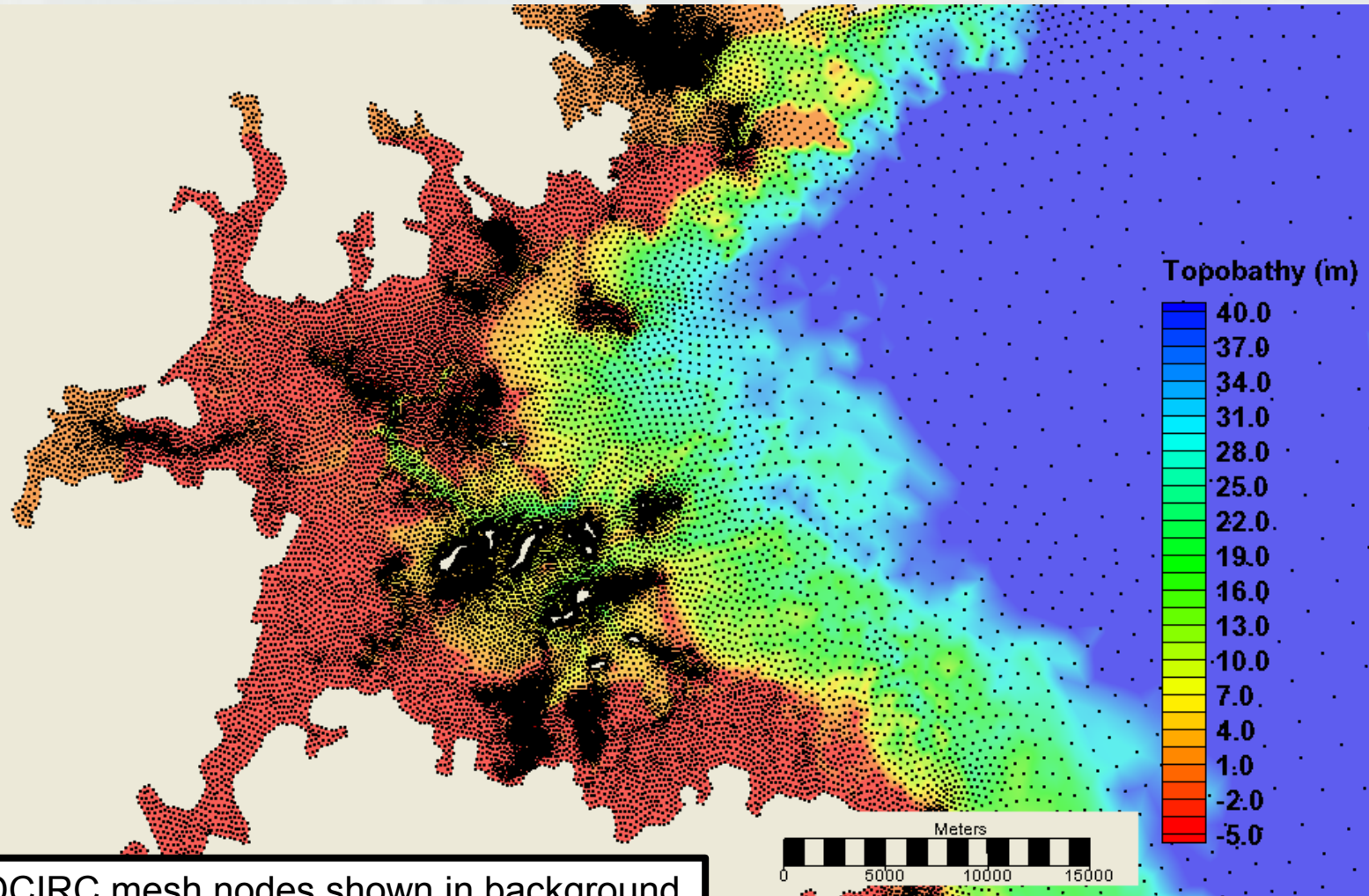


Bathymetry – NGIA DNC/NOAA ENC
Topography – USGS 10-m DEM

Cape Cod Mesh Resolution



Boston Harbor Mesh Resolution



High Frequency Collocation Points

(Formerly Known as “Save Points”)

- Global solution files will still be available; however, “save points” (ADCIRC and STWAVE model results; i.e. WSE, water and wind velocity, and wave conditions) will be saved more often.
- These time-series results can provide useful information at District project sites and/or can be applied as boundary forcing conditions for local refined numerical models.



USACE District Feedback

- ADCIRC mesh elevation and resolution for each save point location has been examined.
- ERDC provided each District with a section of the mesh and XY output locations to ensure that previously identified projects are included and adequately resolved within the mesh.
- Enhancements/updates made to the mesh, as necessary.



Status of Collocation Points

NAD District	Date ERDC-CHL Sent Files to District Personnel	Feedback Received from District?	Approximate* Number of Save Points
NAP	05 Sept 2013	Yes	750
NAE	13 Sept 2013	Yes	4050
NAO	19 Sept 2013	Yes	500
NAN	26 Sept 2013	Yes	2600
NAB	30 Sept 2013	Yes	1100

Total # High Frequency Collocation Points: 9000*

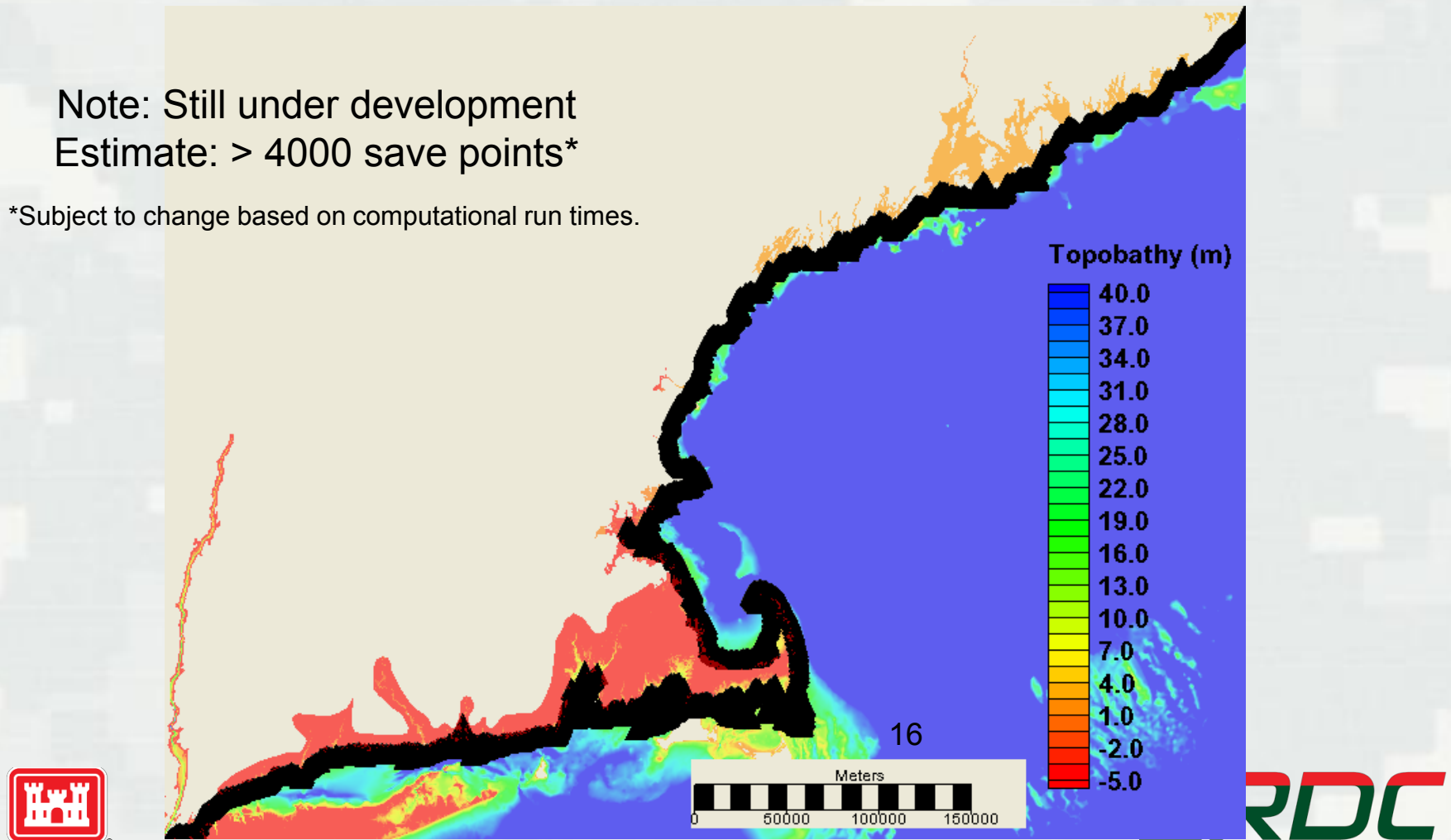
***Subject to change based on computational run-times for simulations.**



New England District (NAE) Save Points along Depth Contours

Note: Still under development
Estimate: > 4000 save points*

*Subject to change based on computational run times.

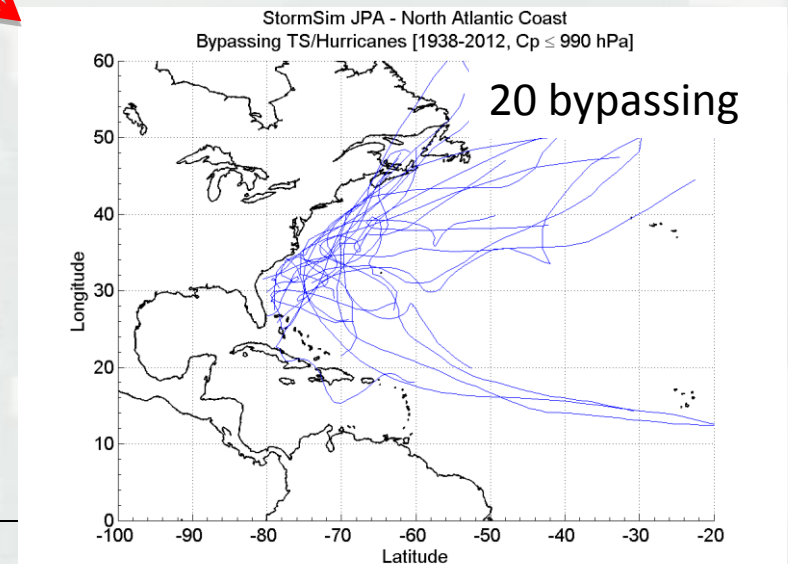
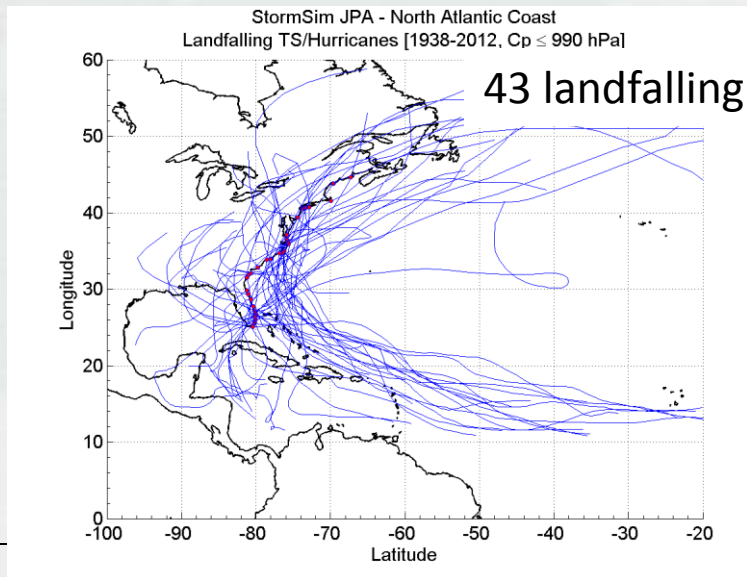
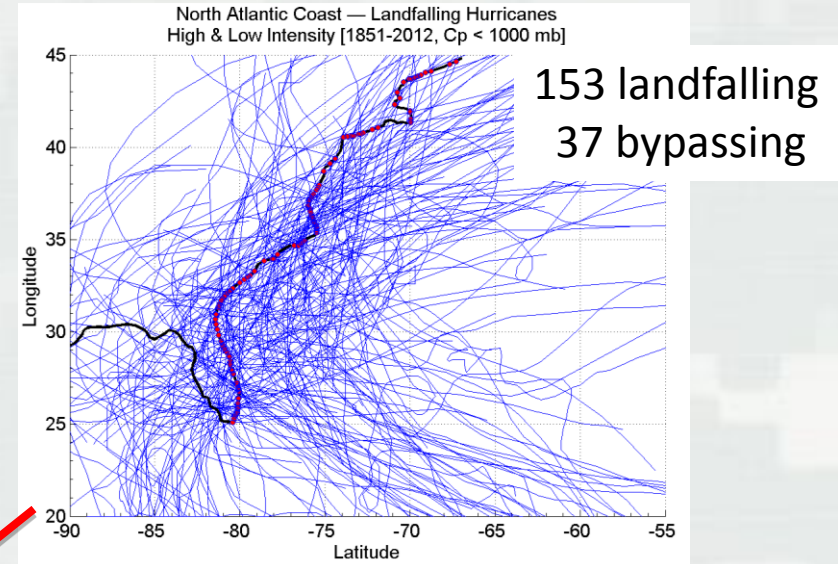
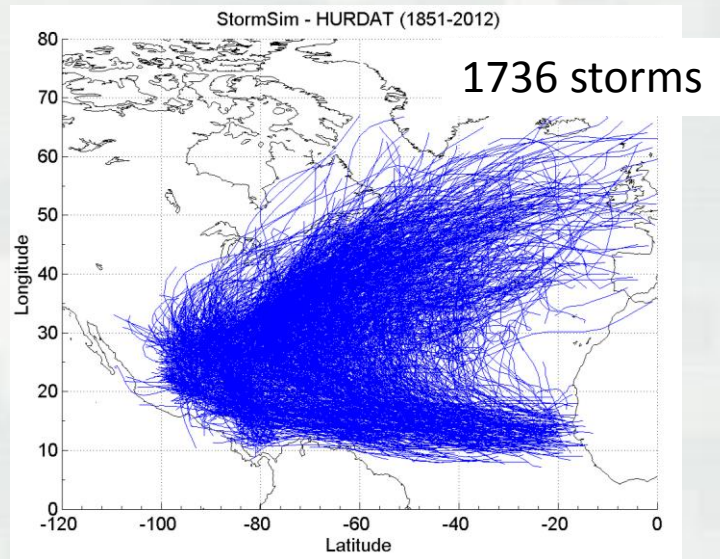


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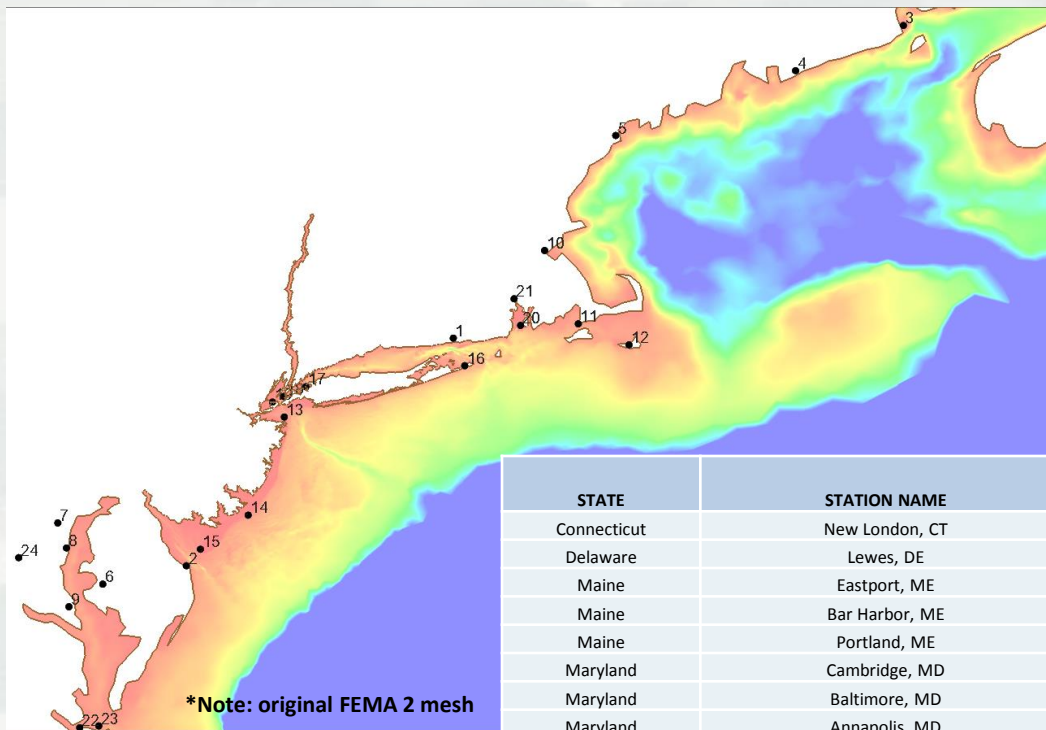
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CSTORM-DB: Tropical Storm Censoring Module



For validation, SLR analysis, and for synthetic storm development

CSTORM-DB: ET Storm Censoring Module



24 water levels gages
30-yr record length
250 storms identified



100 storms

STATE	STATION NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	START YEAR	END YEAR	LENGTH	
Connecticut	New London, CT	41° 21.6 N	72° 5.4 W	1938	2013	76	100+
Delaware	Lewes, DE	38° 46.9 N	75° 7.2 W	1957	2013	57	75+
Maine	Eastport, ME	44° 54.2 N	66° 58.9 W	1958	2013	56	50+
Maine	Bar Harbor, ME	44° 23.5 N	68° 12.3 W	1950	2013	64	
Maine	Portland, ME	43° 39.4 N	70° 14.8 W	1910	2013	104	
Maryland	Cambridge, MD	38° 34.4 N	76° 4.1 W	1979	2013	35	
Maryland	Baltimore, MD	39° 16 N	76° 34.7 W	1902	2013	112	
Maryland	Annapolis, MD	38° 59 N	76° 28.8 W	1928	2013	86	
Maryland	Solomons Island, MD	38° 19 N	76° 27.1 W	1979	2013	35	
Massachusetts	Boston, MA	42° 21.2 N	71° 3.2 W	1921	2013	93	
Massachusetts	Woods Hole, MA	41° 31.4 N	70° 40.3 W	1958	2013	56	
Massachusetts	Nantucket Island, MA	41° 17.1 N	70° 5.8 W	1965	2013	49	
New Jersey	Sandy Hook, NJ	40° 28.0 N	74° 0.5 W	1910	2013	104	
New Jersey	Atlantic City, NJ	39° 21.3 N	74° 25.1 W	1911	2013	103	
New Jersey	Cape May, NJ	38° 58.1 N	74° 57.6 W	1965	2013	49	
New York	Montauk, NY	41° 2.9 N	71° 57.6 W	1959	2013	55	
New York	Kings Point, NY	40° 48.6 N	73° 45.8 W	1957	2013	57	
New York	The Battery, NY	40° 42.0 N	74° 0.8 W	1920	2013	94	
New York	Bergen Point West Reach, NY	40° 38.2 N	74° 8.5 W	1981	2011	31	
Rhode Island	Newport, RI	41° 30.3 N	71° 19.6 W	1930	2013	84	
Rhode Island	Providence, RI	41° 48.4 N	71° 24.0 W	1979	2013	35	
Virginia	Sewells Point, VA	36° 56.8 N	76° 19.8 W	1927	2013	87	
Virginia	Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA	36° 58 N	76° 6.8 W	1975	2013	83	
Washington DC	Washington, DC	38° 52.4 N	77° 1.3 W	1931	2013	83	

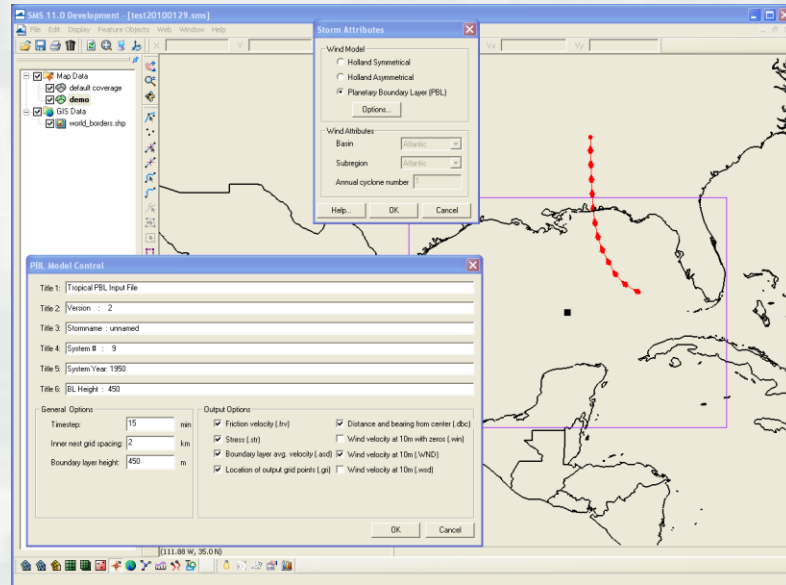


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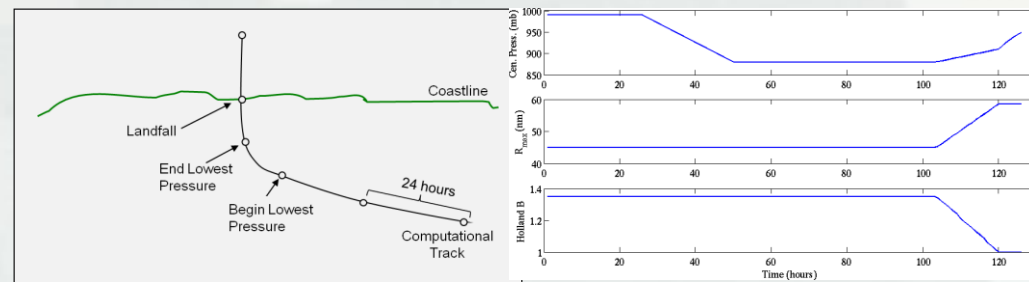


SMS GUI for Cyclone Models

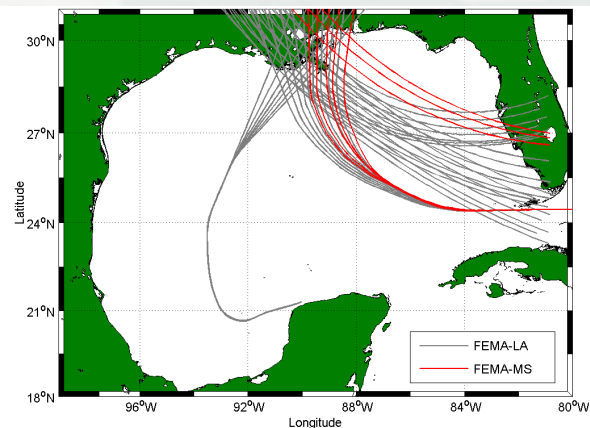
- Setup and run the MORPHOS-PBL Cyclone Wind Model*
*Updated version of TC96
- Import storms from HURDAT



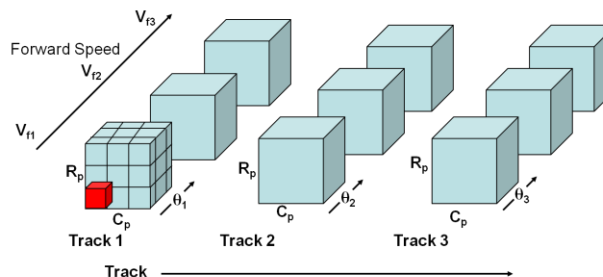
Synthetic storm profile generation routine



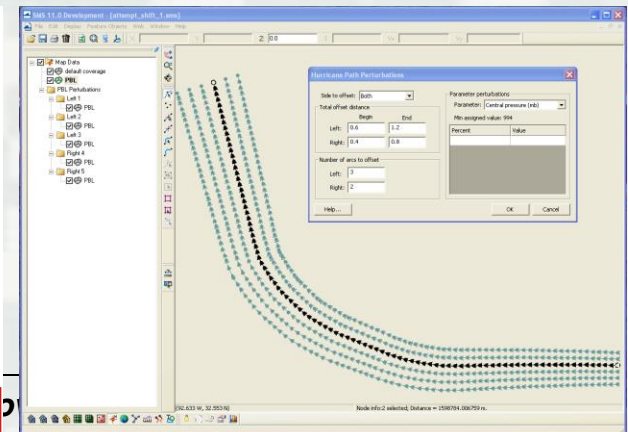
Easily create perturbations for storm track/characteristic



Storm Parameters applied in JPM-OS



For any location....
each red box (parameter set) has a joint probability density and a response (surge).

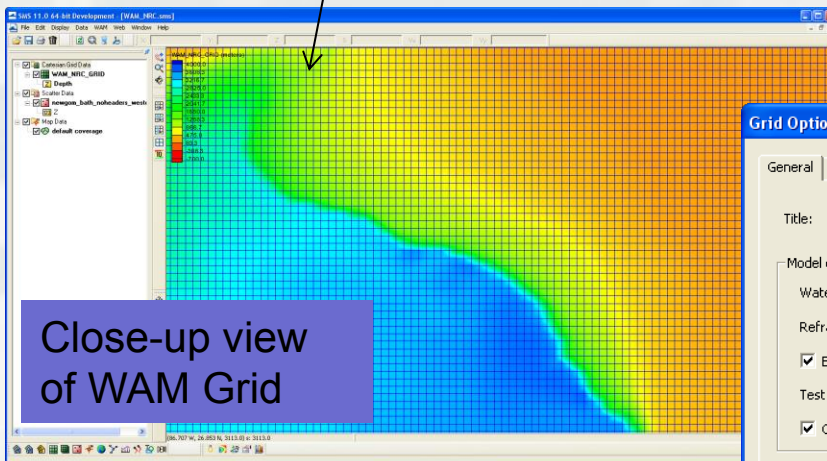
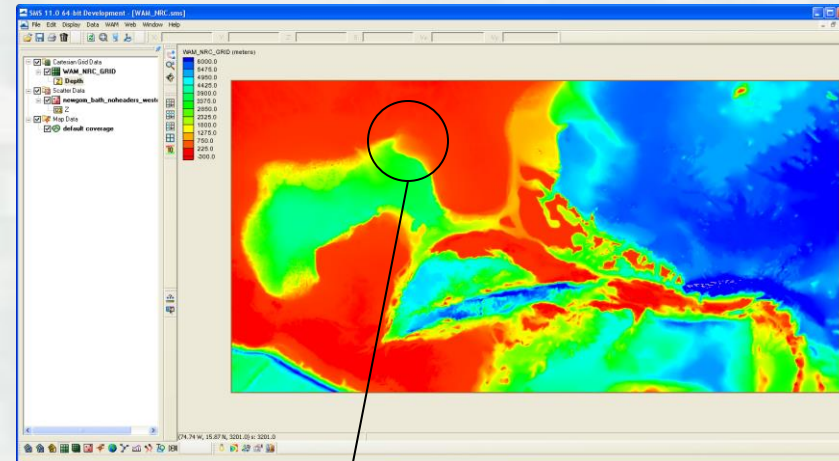


WAM

WAM is a third generation global ocean wave prediction model.

Model Assumptions

- Time dependent wave action balance equation.
- Wave growth based on sea surface roughness and wind characteristics.
- Nonlinear wave and wave interaction by Discrete Interaction Approximation (DIA).
- Free form of spectral shape.
- High dissipation rate to short waves.



Grid Options

General | Output | Spatial Inputs | **WAM Controls**

Title: WAM simulation created in SMS.

Model options

- Water depth model: Shallow
- Refraction model: Not used
- ☒ Breaking
- Test level: 0
- ☒ Create restart file

Model time steps

- Propagation: 900 seconds
- Source: 900 seconds
- Output wind: 1800 seconds

Output time steps

- Spatial Datasets: 12 hours
- Spectra: 12 hours
- Close/reopen files: 24 hours

OK Cancel

SMS GUI for WAM

- Create and visualize WAM grids and model results
- Setup input/control files
- Execute WAM



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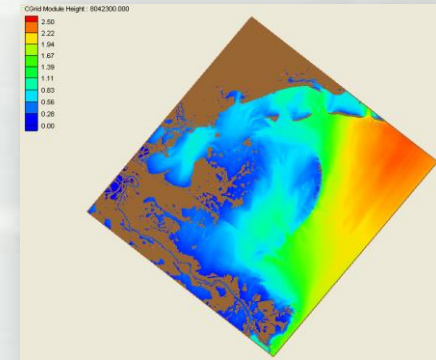
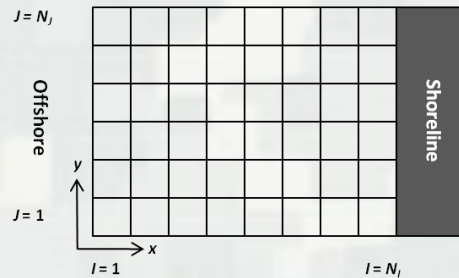
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STWAVE Version 6.0

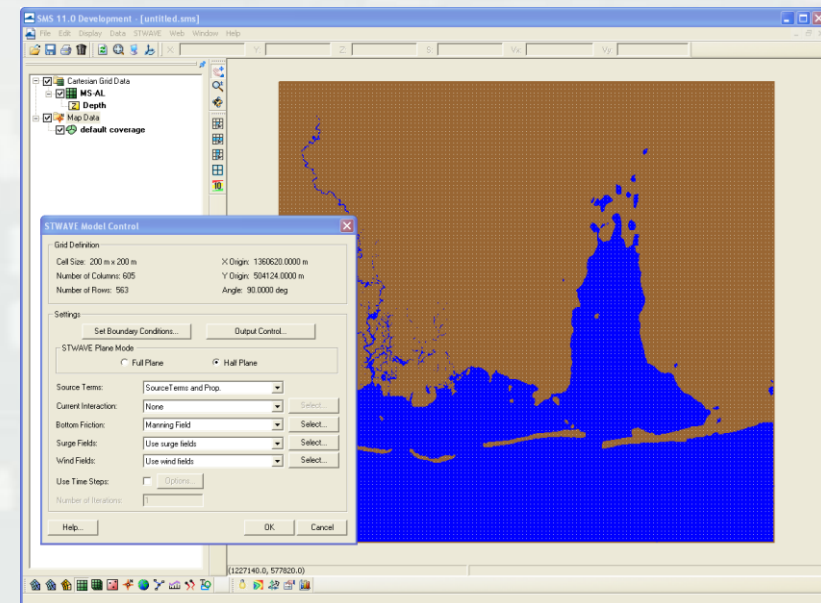
- STWAVE is a steady-state finite difference model based on the wave action balance equation.
- The model is used to compute wave transformation (refraction, shoaling, and breaking) and wind-wave generation.

Some features of the full-plane model include:

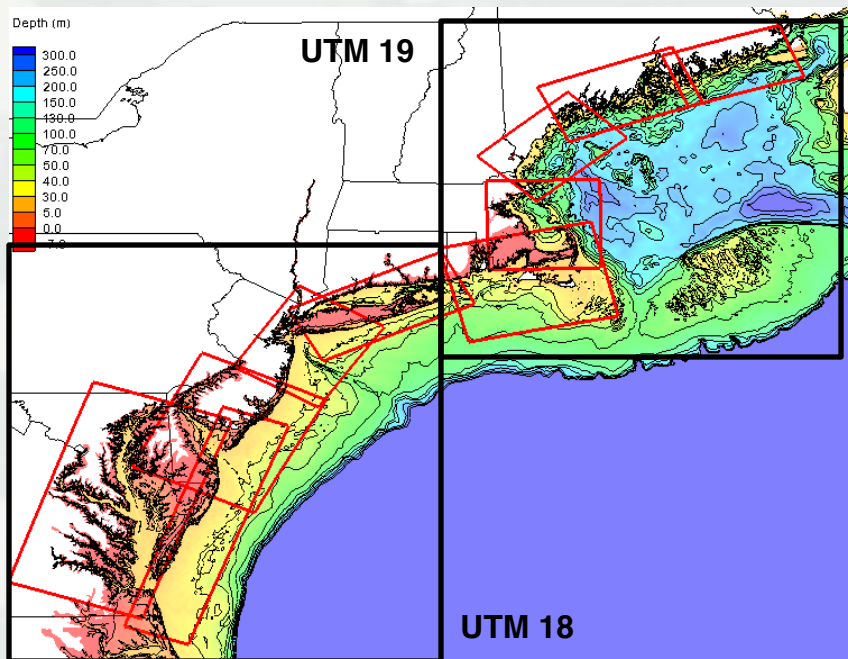
- Wave transformation and generation on the full 360-deg plane.
- Option for spatially variable winds and surge.
- Option for spatially constant or spatially variable bottom friction.
- Option for one-dimensional wave transformation on lateral boundaries.



SMS GUI for STWAVE



STWAVE Grid Overview



- 10 STWAVE grids
 - ▶ UTM Zones 18 and 19
- offshore boundaries at depths of at-least 130 ft (40 m)
- proposed resolution of 656 ft (200 m) for all grids except Chesapeake Bay (328 ft or 100 m)
- offshore wave forcing provided by WAM
- local winds interpolated from ADCIRC



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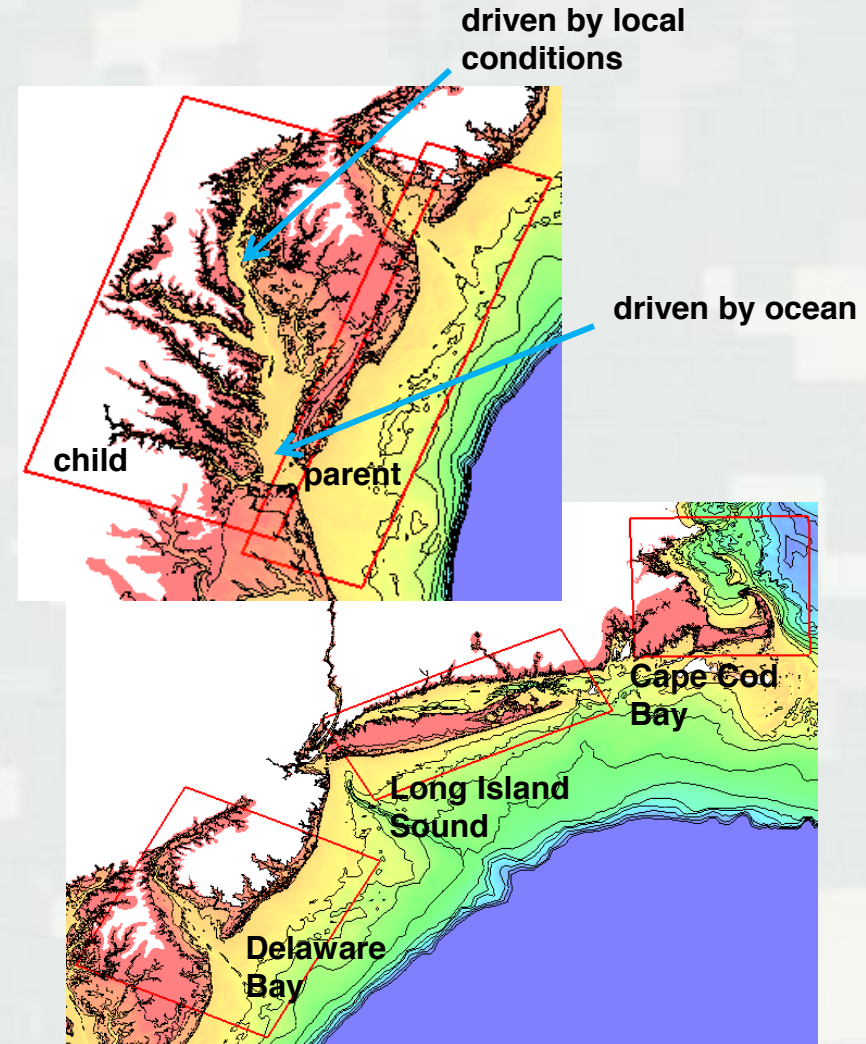
STWAVE Modes

- half-plane allows for wave energy to propagate from offshore to nearshore
 - ▶ neglects all waves traveling in the negative x-direction
 - ▶ generally appropriate for most nearshore applications
- full-plane allows for wave transformation and generation of wind-waves in all directions
 - ▶ mostly used in semi-enclosed bays and lakes
 - ▶ considerably higher memory requirements and slower execution compared to half-plane
 - ▶ iterative solution

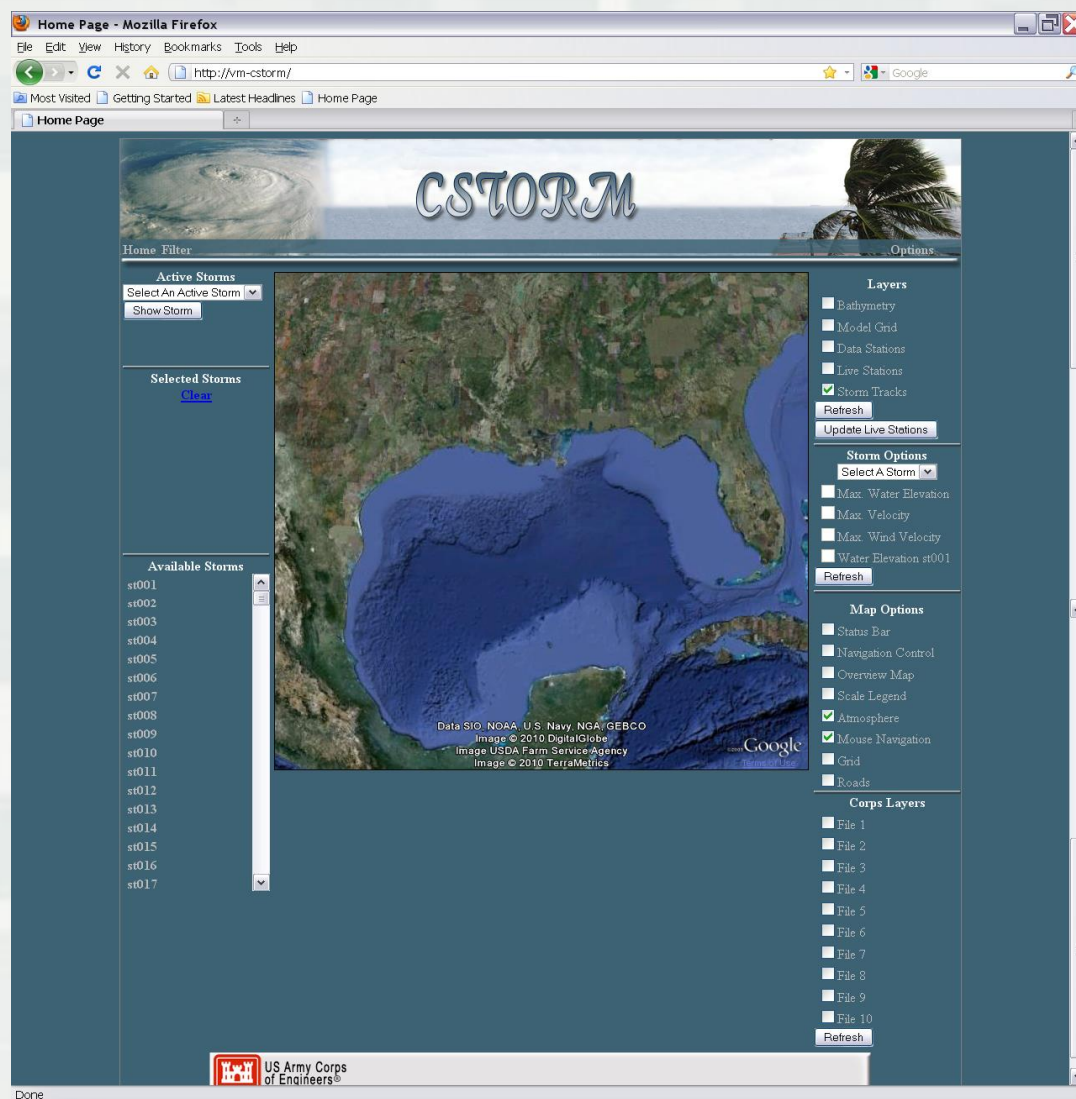


Half-plane vs Full-plane

- majority of grids in HP
- Chesapeake Bay will be a nested FP 'child' grid, with spectra provided by a HP 'parent' grid
- testing required to determine mode for some grids
 - ▶ Delaware Bay, Long Island Sound, Cape Cod Bay



Coastal Storm - Database and Data Mining Tool



Goals

- Develop long-term archive/database of measured and modeled coastal storm data
- Make data easily accessible and understandable to team members
- Integrate contextual data products and tools that support federal decision making
 - Emergency management
 - Risk management/assessment/communication
 - Project design and evaluation

<https://cstormdb.erdc.dren.mil/userlogon.aspx>

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CSTORM-DB Initial Screen

Home
Storm query tool

Add existing storm
to map

Google Earth client
map

List of selected
storms

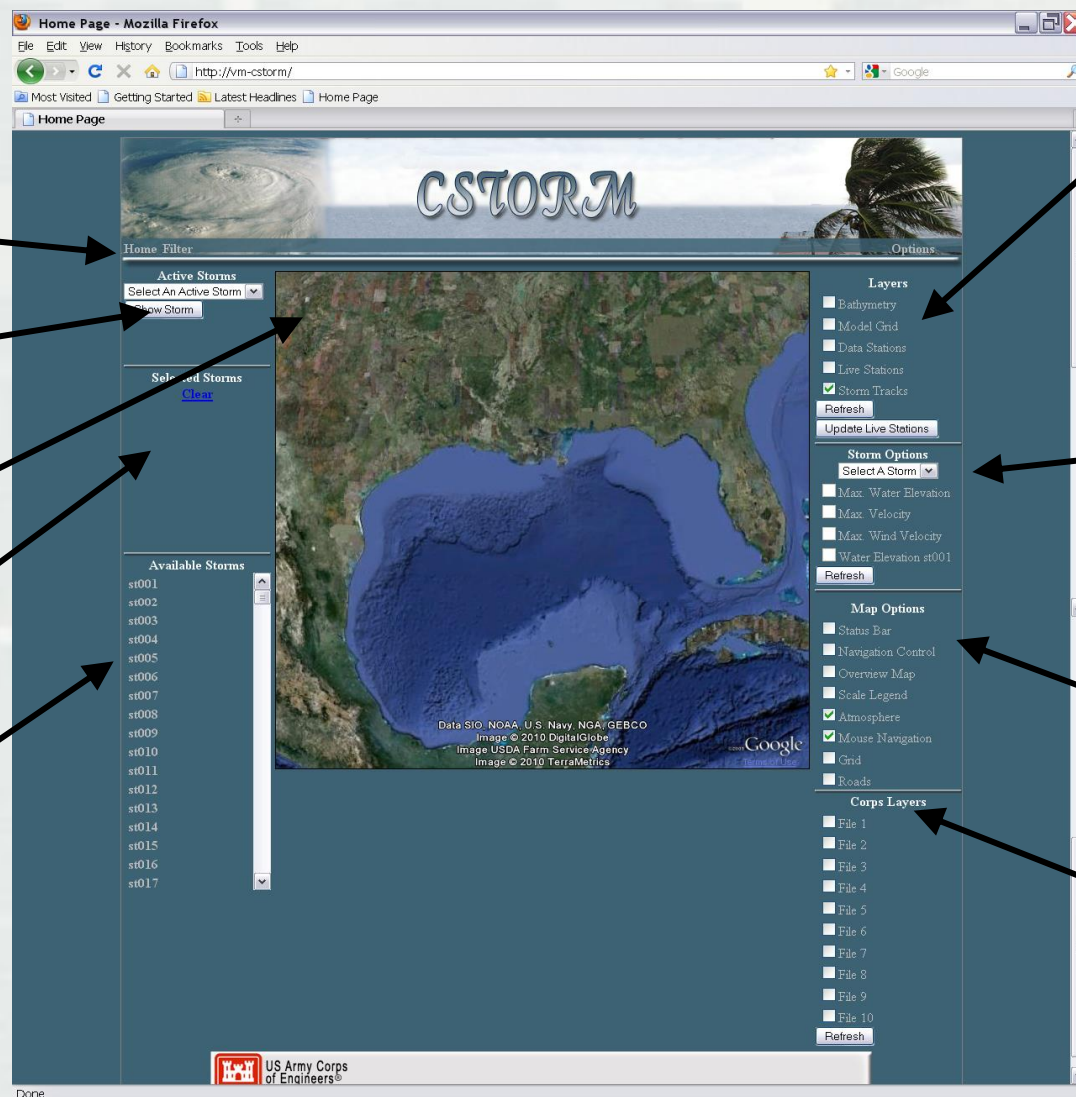
List of storms
available for that
region

Turn on and off
various layers such
as bathymetry,
model grid, model
save stations, and
live gages

For a select storm,
turn on and off
maximum contour
plots: water level,
wind speed, wave
height, animations

Turn on and off
standard Google
Earth map tools

Add any user-
defined layer to map

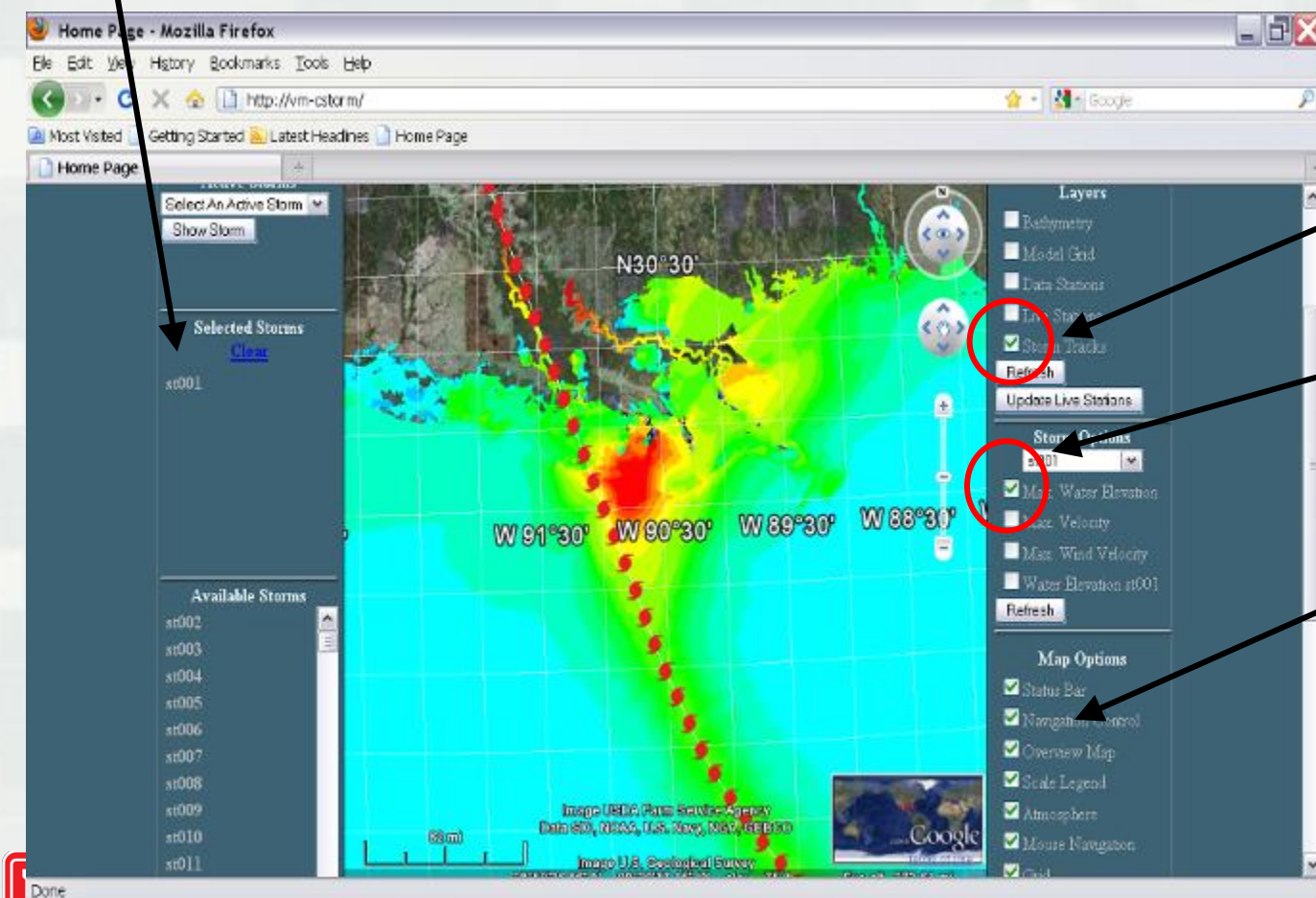


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Maximum Water Level Elevation in CSTORM-DB

Select Storm 1



Turn on track

Turn on maximum
water elevation
contour plot

Turn on standard
Google Earth map
tools

HPC Resources

For this project two separate DSRC systems will be used, ERDC's Garnet and AFRL's Spirit



Garnet's is a Cray XE6

4716 compute nodes with 32
cores/node = 150,912
processors



Spirit is an SGI Ice X

4590 compute nodes with 16
cores/node = 73,440
processors



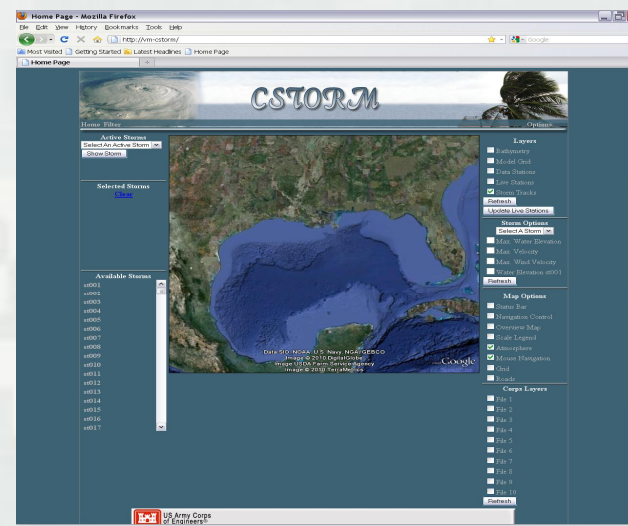
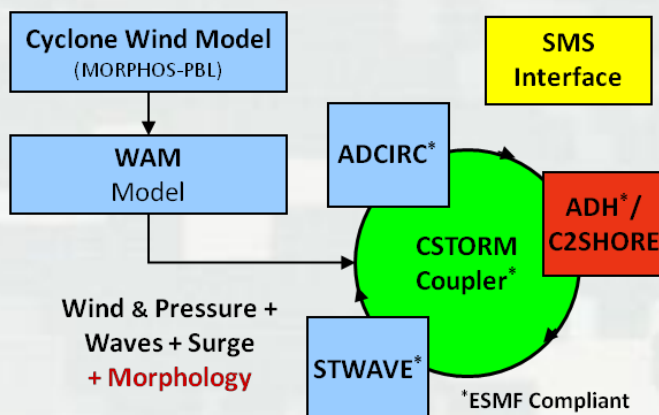
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Summary

- CSTORM-MS is an efficient, robust, extensible modeling system for quantifying the risk of coastal communities to storm events
- Its' streamlined workflow saves time and reduces both computational and personnel cost
- Model data feeds into CSTORM-DB for easy access and reuse purposes

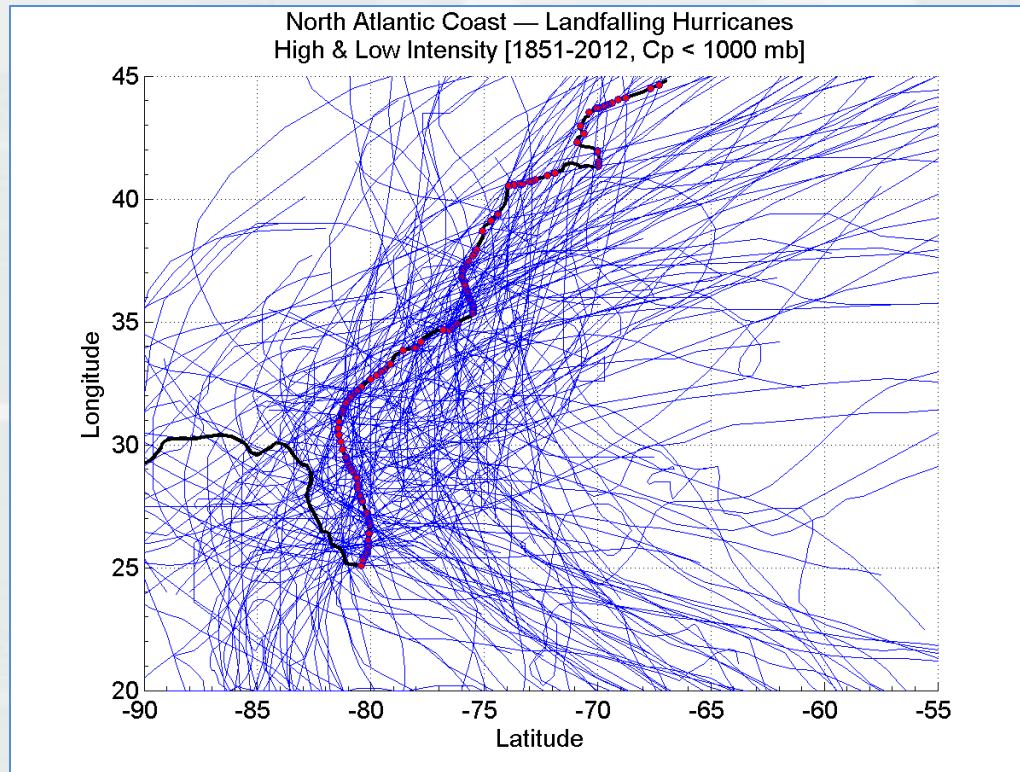


Utilization of Modeling Products: CSTORM

- Summary: An expanded suite of storm simulation and statistical analysis tools is being applied in support of the North Atlantic Comprehensive Coastal Study. Specifically, the CSTORM-MS and CSTORM-DB are being used to define the coastal storm probability space for the study area to for coastal risk assessment and project design.
- CSTORM data will develop water levels and other storm parameters for future, more detailed studies by the completion of the NACCS study (Jan 2015).
- The product of this simulation work will serve the coastal engineering and management communities of practice from VA to ME for years to come



Thank you...



Marine Minerals Program



Restoring and Protecting Our Nation's Coasts through Stewardship of OCS Resources



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Submerged Lands Act Boundary (3 nautical miles)

Northeast Ocean Data Viewer
A component of the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#)



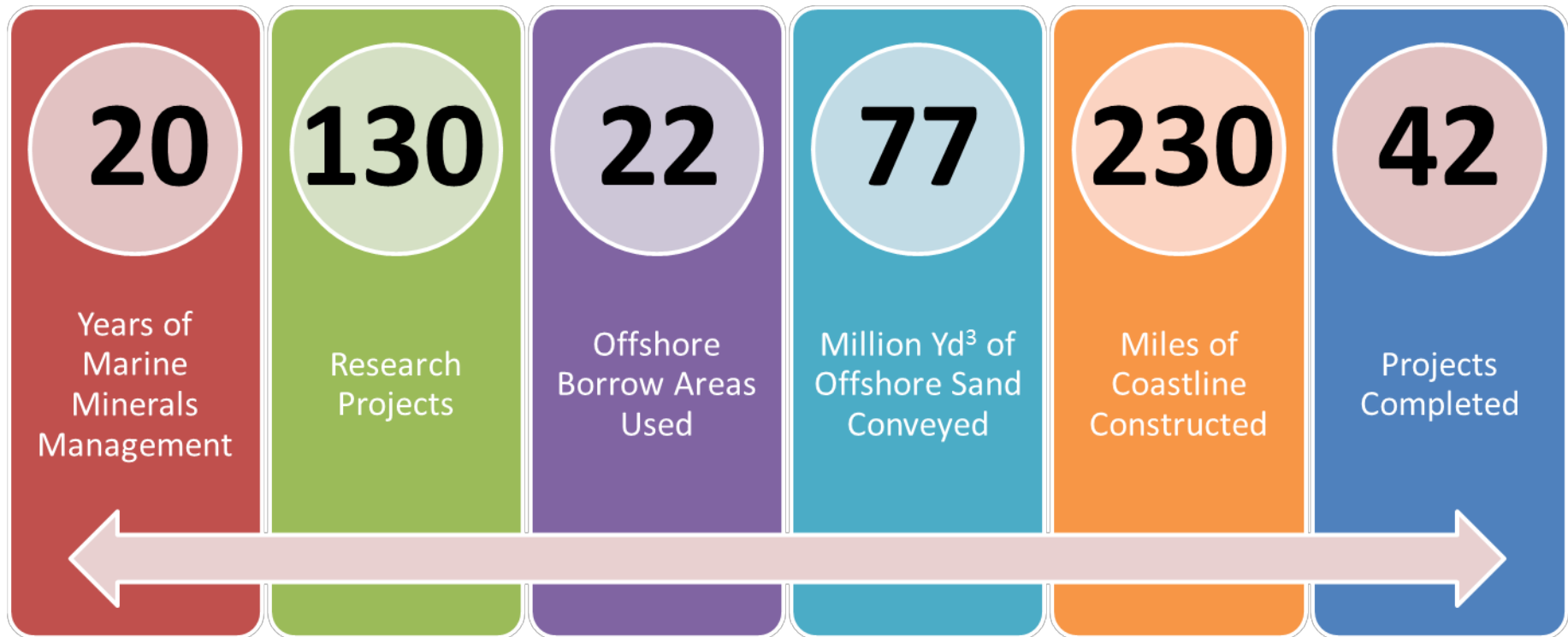
Marine Minerals Program's Purpose

Responsible for managing development of OCS marine mineral resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

- Outer Continental Lands Act (OCSLA)
- Public Law 103-426
 - Authorizes BOEM to negotiate, on a noncompetitive basis the rights to OCS sand gravel or shell resources for shore protection, beach or wetlands restoration projects, or for use in construction projects funded in whole or part or authorized by the Federal Government
 - A 1999 amendment prohibits BOEM from charging federal, state and local government agencies a fee for OCS sand



Program Statistics



Completed and Active Projects/Leases



<http://www.boem.gov/Non-Energy-Minerals/Marine-Minerals-Program.aspx>

Equipment Deployment Upland vs. Marine



Sand truck route for Collier beach project irks Lee County leaders

By ERIC STAATS

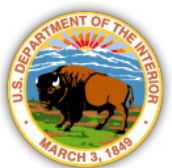
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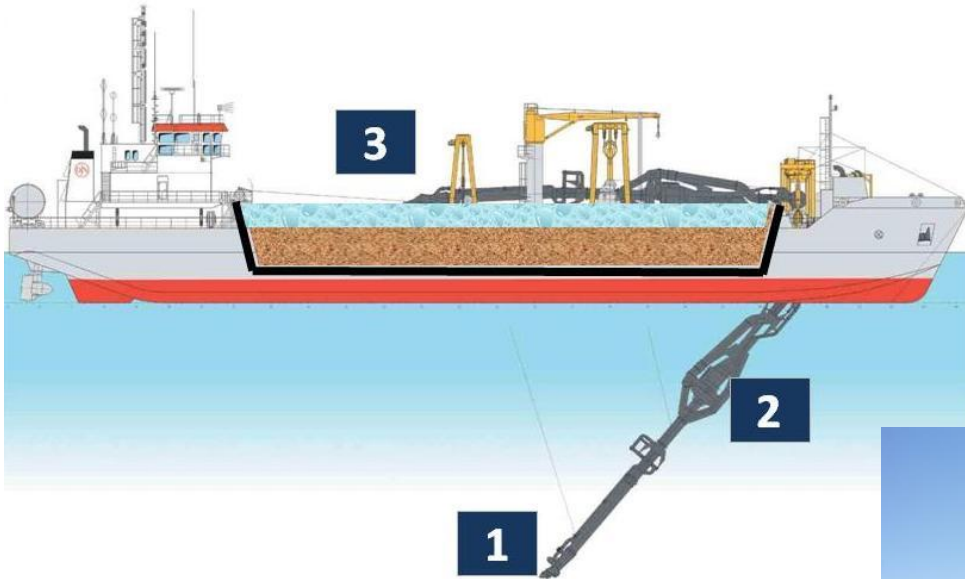
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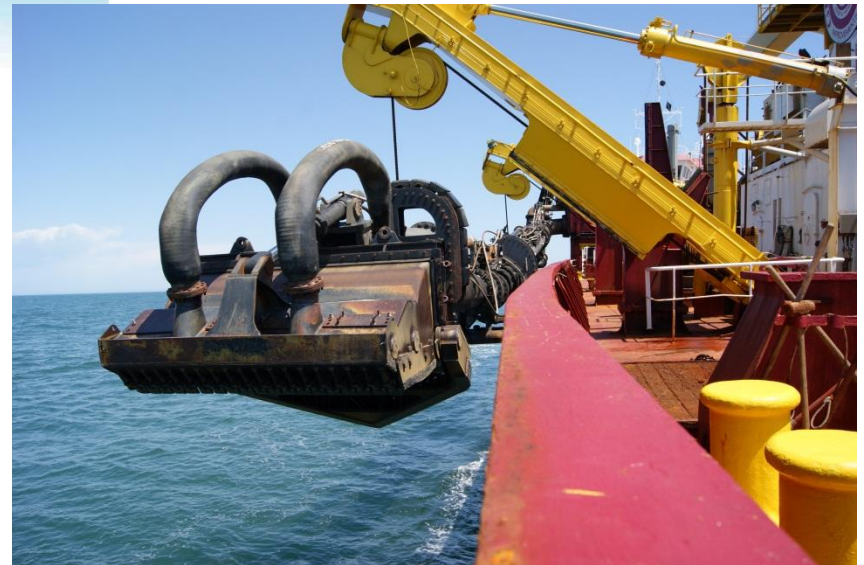
Hopper dredge used at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island, VA. Photo by Charlie Broadwater, BOEM.



Offshore Dredging and Transport to Shore



Trailer Suction Hopper Dredge

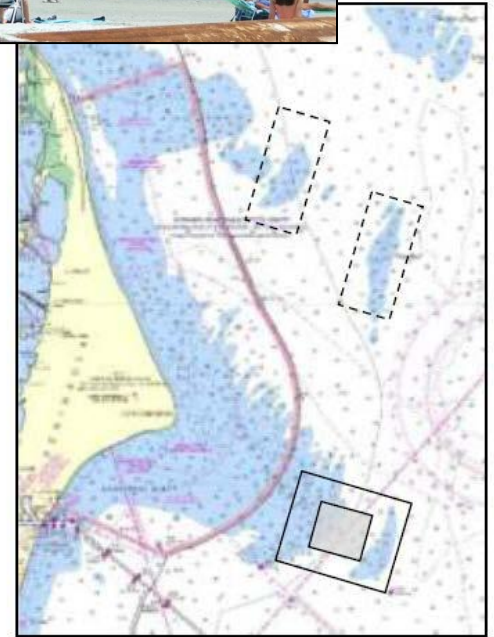


Wallops Island, VA



Agreement/Lease Stipulations

- Borrow Site Boundaries
- Dredge Positioning
- Dredge Operating Requirements
- Extraction Volume
- Notice to other Users
- Marine Pollution Control and Contingency Plan
- Discovery of Munitions of Explosive Concern (MEC) Procedures
- Bathymetric Surveys
- Protection of Archaeological Resources
- Project Completion Reporting
- Environmental Compliance Monitoring & Reporting



OCS Example Project NASA Wallops Island , VA Shoreline Stabilization Project

SLA Boundary



**OCS Shoal A
Borrow Area
(~ 17 nm from
project)**

- 800,000 yd³ of OCS Sand
- **Resources Evaluated:**
 - Coastal Processes
 - Water and Air Quality
 - Noise
 - Benthos
 - Finfish and Habitat
 - Marine Mammals
 - Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Cultural Resources

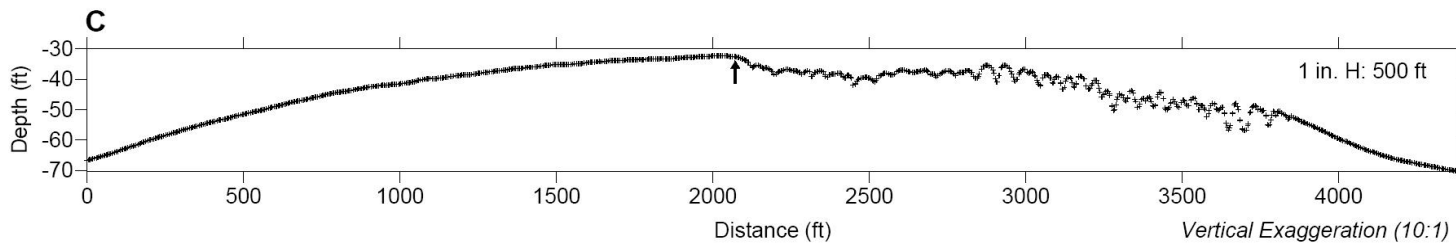
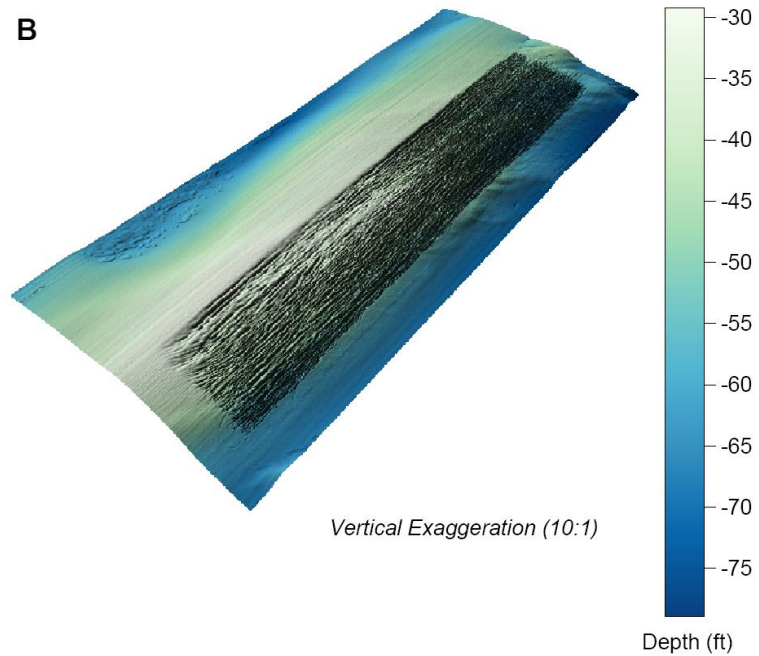
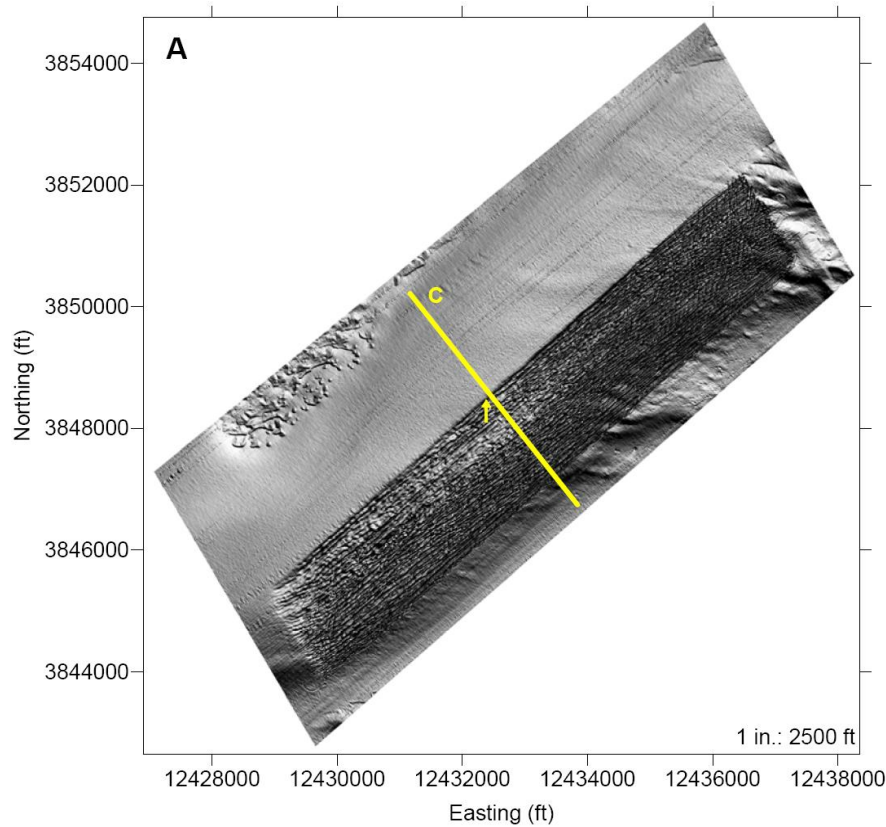


Hurricane Sandy Beach Damage on South Wallops Island, Looking South



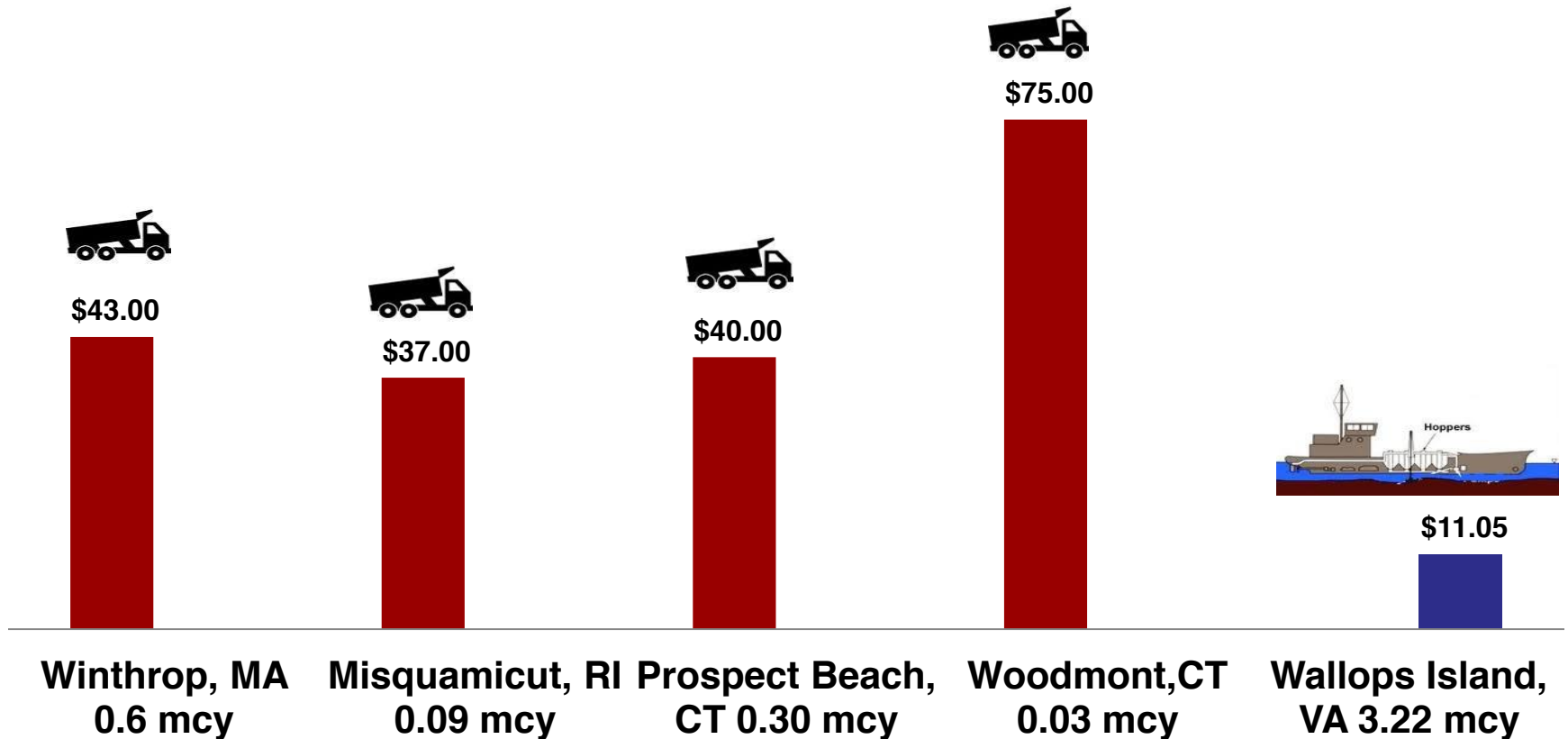
NASA Wallops Island, VA

Sand Ridge - Wallops Island (VA) Shoal A Borrow Area Post-Construction Bathymetry (Hopper Dredge)



Sand Material Costs Upland vs. Marine

Sand Material Cost (\$ per cubic yard)



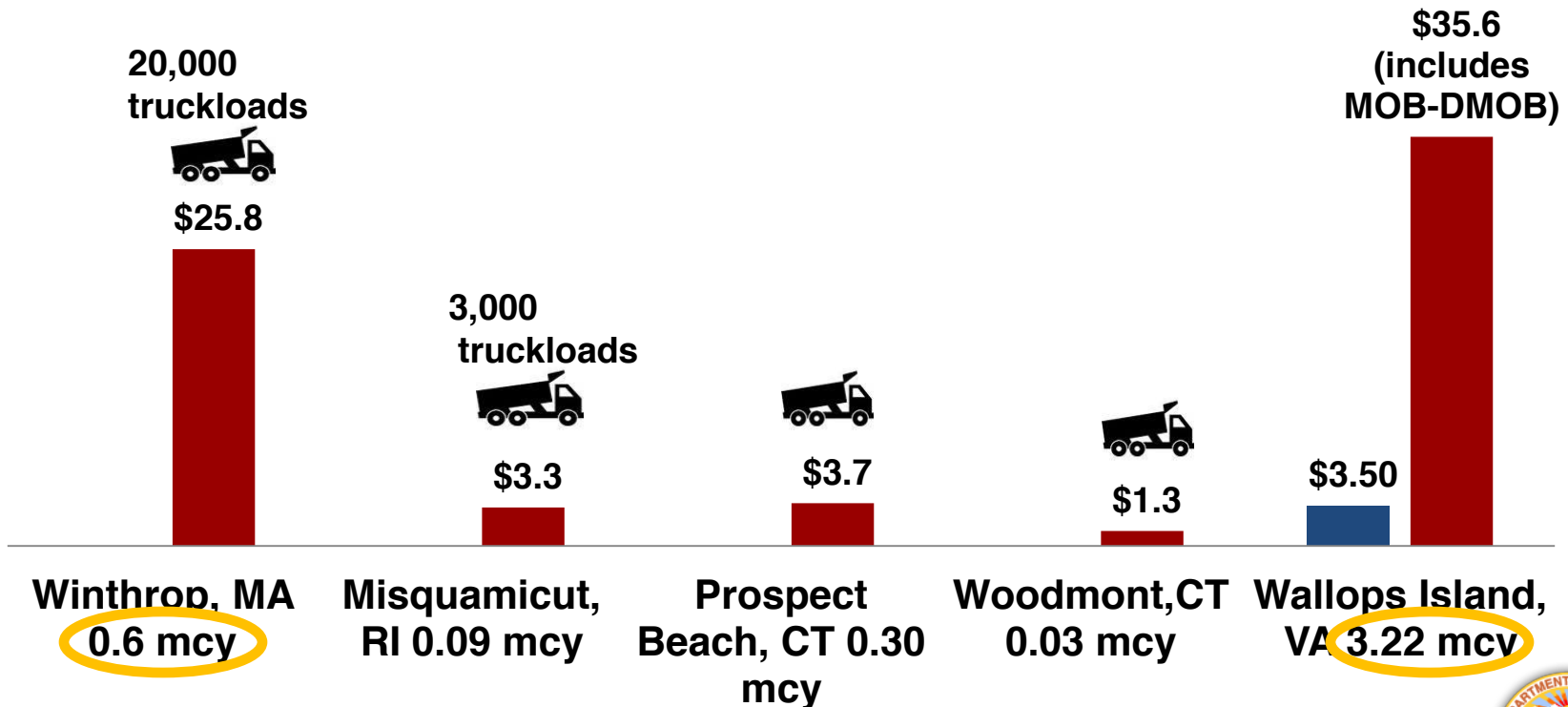
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Marine Material Project Cost = Economies of Scale

Total Sand Material Costs (millions) by Project

■ MOB-DMOB (millions) ■ Final Material Cost (millions)

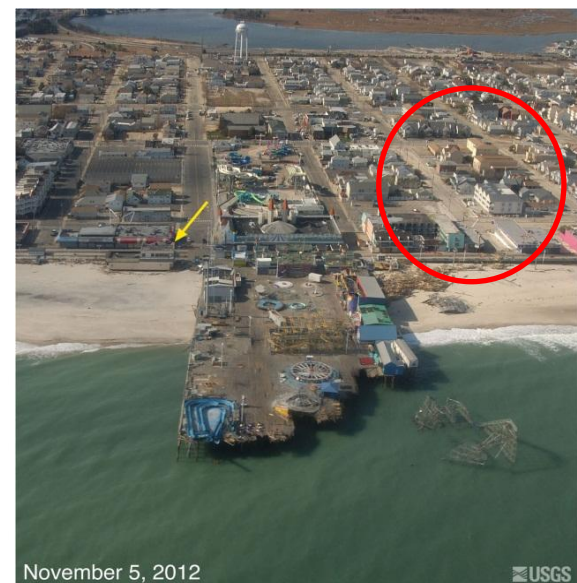
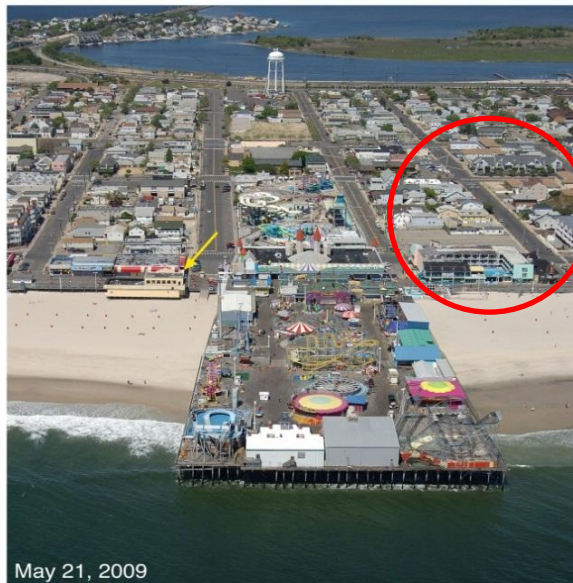


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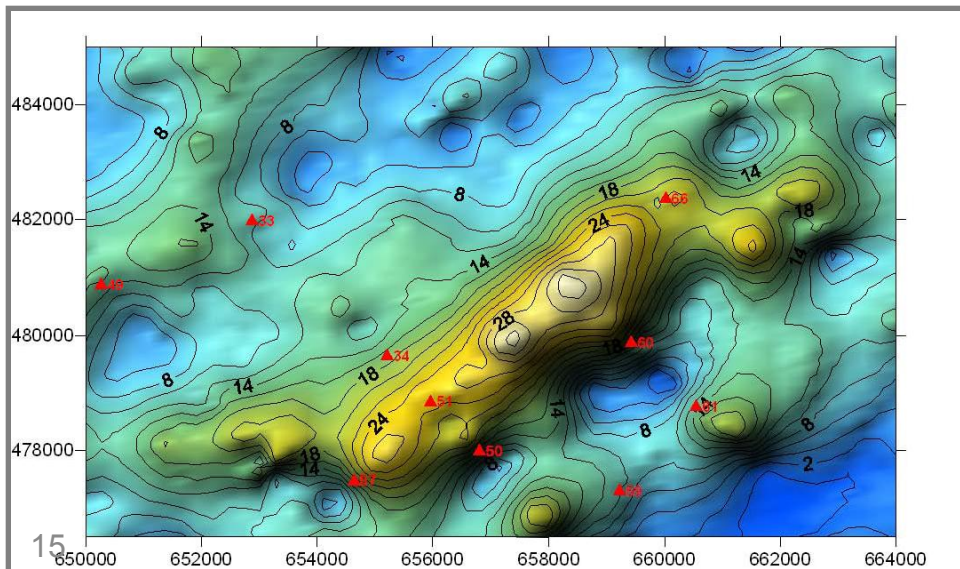
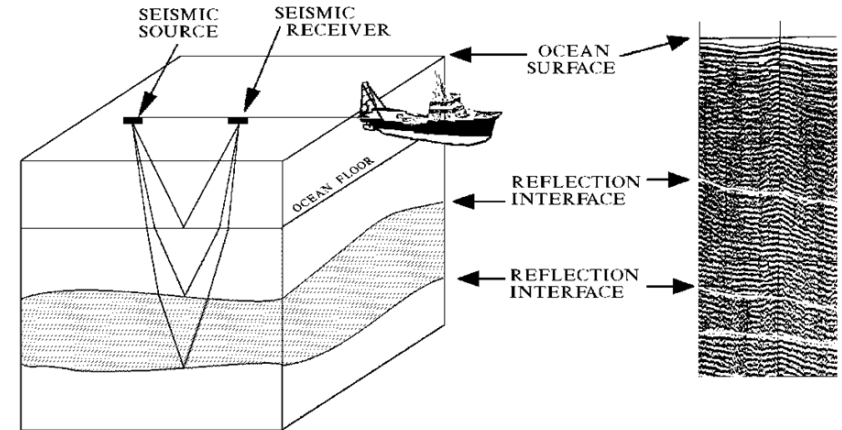
Hurricane Sandy Response

- **Identification of OCS Sand Resources**
 - Cooperative Agreements w/ States (rec'd & reviewing proposals from 13 East Coast states)
 - Upcoming Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for OCS Data Acquisition
- **Current Sandy Related Projects/Leases**
- **Environmental Studies**



Sand Resource Delineation

- **Geophysical & Geological Data Collection**
- **Location**
- **Quantity**
- **Grain Size Distribution**



USGS Sediment Types

- Bedrock
- Gravel
- Gravel-Sand
- Sand
- Clay-Silt/Sand
- Sand/Silt/Clay
- Sand-Silt/Clay
- Sand-Clay/Silt
- Clay

Pennsylvania

New York

Connecticut

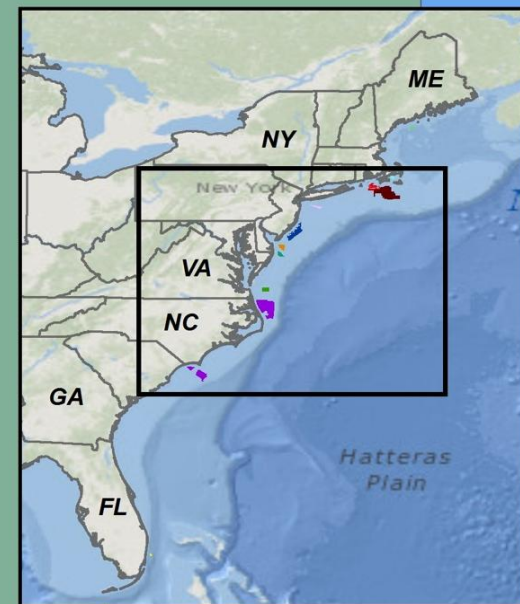
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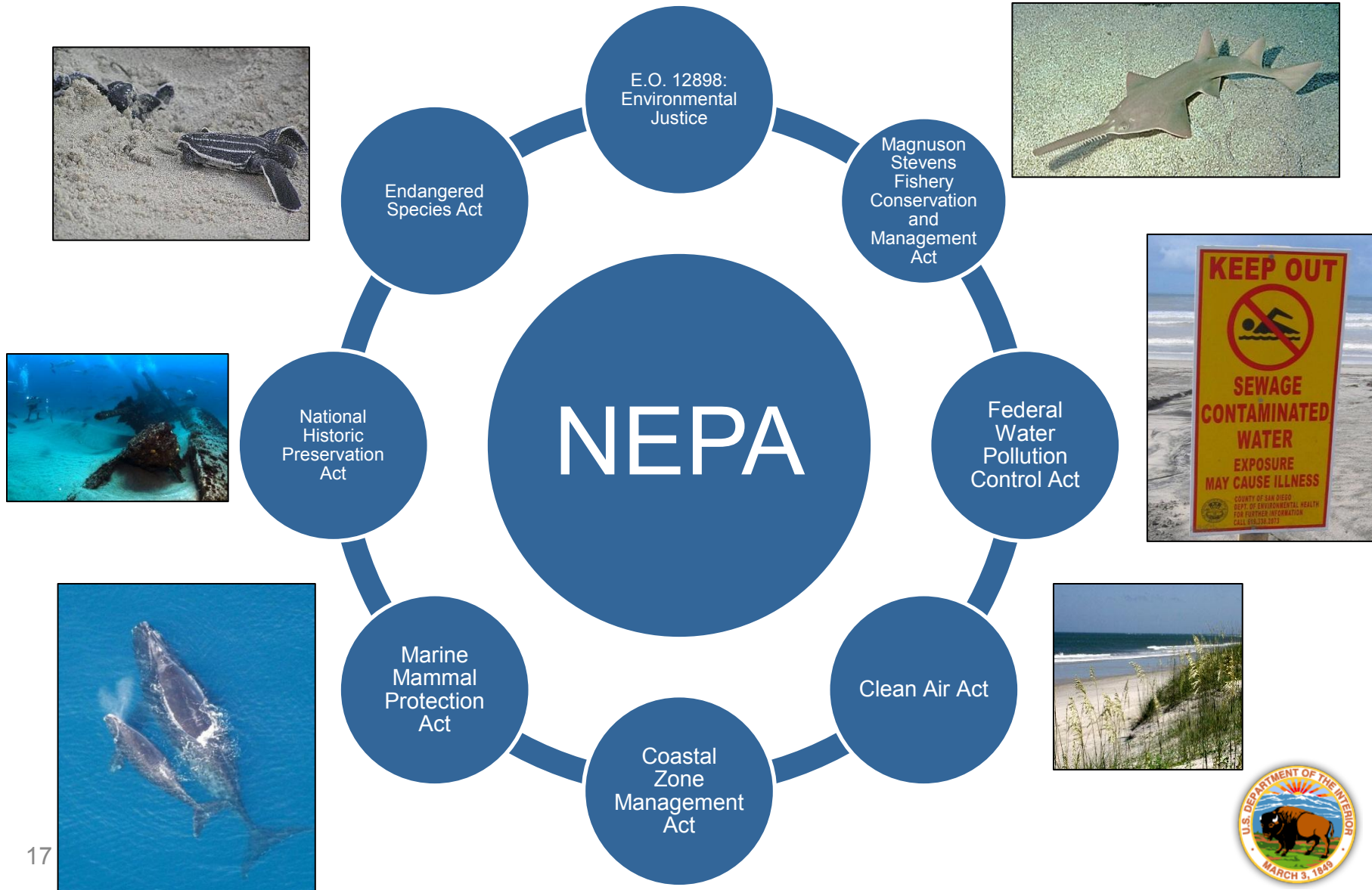
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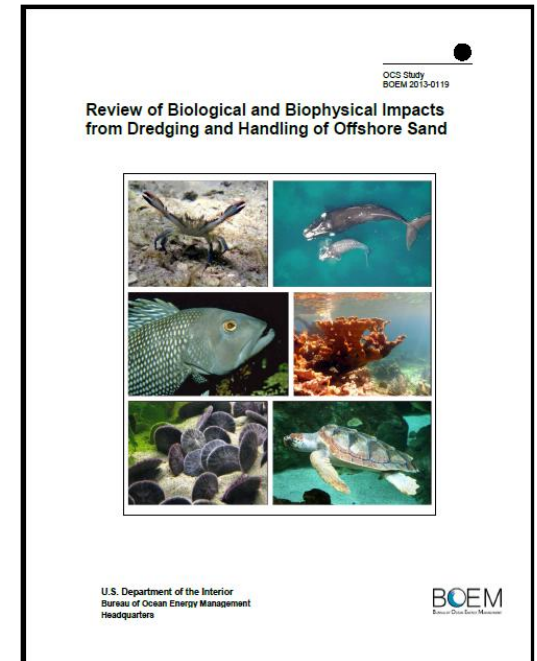
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Integrating Environmental Requirements



- \$15 million spent on MMP Studies since 1994
- More than 40 site specific and programmatic studies
- Mitigation and minimization measures derived from research findings such as improved borrow area design and management
- Identify critical data gaps to guide future research needs



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- End of presentation

Extra slides follow:



Active Project Dashboard

Marine Minerals Program: Active Project Dashboard

Marine Minerals Program: Active Project Dashboard																
Updated	Project Details						Completed MMP Milestones									Notes
	Project	Volume (cy³)	ADC¹	LD Lead	Env Lead	Date of First Contact	Type of Project	Response Ltr Sent	Kick Off Mtg Held	EA / EIS	ROD/FONSI	MOA Execution	Construction Status	Deliverables Received	File Closed Out	
	Martin County, FL	800,000	Sep-12	CRF	GW		3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun	In progress		
	Sandbridge Beach, VA	2,000,000		CRF	GW		3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun	In progress		
	Sandbridge Beach, VA	138,850		CRF	GW	May-13	Modification (not to include extension)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun	In progress		
	Little Egg Harbor, NJ			JW			3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	No	No	In progress						
	Bogue Banks (EHS), NC	1,000,000	Dec-12	JW	JC		2-Party Lease/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Completed	In progress		Almost done
	Kitty Hawk, NC			JW	JC	May-13	2-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	No	No	In progress						Follow on PDT meetings?
	Folly Beach, SC	850,000	Aug-13	JW	JC	Apr-13	3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	In progress						Follow on what their contingency plan is
	Manasquan, NJ			JW			3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	No	No	In progress						
	Patrick Air Force Base, FL	350,000		CB	JC		2-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Begun			More likely will not be dredging in the next year
	Pinellas County, FL	1,800,000		CB	GW		3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Completed	In progress		Almost done
	South Carolina Ports Authority, SC	6,000,000	Mar-13	CB	GW		Extension	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Begun			More than likely will not be dredging in the next 2 years
	Dam Neck (Navy), VA	700,000	Apr-13	CB	JC		3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Begun			Waiting for Navy to sign MOA, sent in February.
	Brevard County (North Reach), FL	1,055,000	Jul-13	JR	JC	Mar-13	3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun	In progress		DEA is one week behind schedule due to SAI non-responsiveness regarding
	Brevard County (South Reach), FL	585,000	Jul-13	JR	JC	Mar-13	3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun	In progress		
	Brevard County (Mid-Reach), FL	900,000		JR	JC		3-Party MOA/EIS/ROD	No	No	In progress	In progress					
	Collier County, FL	1,000,000		JR	JC		2-Party Lease/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In progress				
	Flagler County, FL			JR	JC			No	No	In progress						
	Longboat Key, FL	466,500		JR	JC		2-Party Lease/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Begun			Only one bid received, in negotiations to get cost down - unsure of how mo
	Long Beach Island, NJ	9,000,000		JR	JC		3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	In progress	In progress	In progress				
	Wallops Island Flight Facility, VA	1,000,000		JR	GW	Feb-13	2-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Begun			
	Brenton Island (NRDA), LA	3,000,000		GOMR												
	Cameron Parish Restoration, LA	8,600,000		GOMR			2-Party Lease/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun			
	Caminada Headland, LA (phase 1)	5,000,000		GOMR		Nov-09	2-Party Lease/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Begun			
	Caminada Headland, LA (phase 2)	6,100,000		GOMR		Aug-12	2-Party Lease/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	In progress						
	Pelican Island, LA	5,500,000		GOMR			3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Completed	In progress		
	Raccoon Island, LA	1,100,000		GOMR		Jan-08	3-Party MOA/EA/FONSI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Completed	In progress		
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Value of Regional Ocean Partnerships

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Valuation of Regional Ocean Partnerships

- **Making the Business Case for Regional Ocean Partnerships**



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Project Purpose

- Assess the economic benefits
- Examine Results of Three ROPs -- NROC, GOMA, and WCGA
- Demonstrate how ROPs provide benefit
- Inform future expenditures



Approach

- **Hundreds of activities reviewed**
- **Categorized by type of activity, date completed, role of the ROP, location, and type(s) of benefits**
- **Narrowed list to select one major effort for each ROP**



Selection Criteria

- ROP significantly contributed towards achieving objectives*
- Activity is completed or ongoing and has generated some (at least preliminary) results
- Benefits are measurable
- Represent a good cross-section of ROP work
- Available supporting info to conduct an assessment

* did not attempt cause and effect attribution



West Coast Governors Alliance - Marine Debris

- Marine debris strategy & implementation plan
- Marine debris database
- Convener and coordinator - Individual states very active



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WGCA – Marine Debris Benefits

- Over 1,600 tons of benthic marine debris
- Reduction of up to \$2.4 million in incurred cleanup costs
- Potential gain of up to \$210 million in tourism revenues



Gulf of Mexico Alliance - Beneficial Re-use of Sediment

- 70% of dredged sediment is disposed of
- Sediment is needed to stem the loss of over 70K acres of coastal wetlands each year
- Sediment has value and wetlands have value



GOMA – Benefits of Regional Sediment Management Plan

- Based on Mississippi, calculated for Gulf:
- \$600 million and \$1.2 billion annually
- Over ten years - \$12.5 billion (including ESV)



Northeast Regional Ocean Council

Northeast Ocean Data Portal

- Publicly accessible online spatial data server
- Provides access to data, interactive maps, tools, and other information needed for decision-making.



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Approximate Costs for MORIS

Funding Source	2008	2009	2010	2011	Real cost/yr	
Partner Contributions	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$228,500.00	\$228,500.00	\$797,000.00	
Producer Price Index	175.8	167.1	175.4	189.1		
Real cost (2011\$)	\$182,861.21	\$192,381.81	\$246,347.49	\$228,500.00	\$850,090.50	\$212,523/year
				Projected cost for 5 states		\$1,062,613.13

Estimated Costs to Establish, Maintain, and Create Data Products for NE Ocean Data Portal

Funding Source	2008-2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Data Portal Working Group Member Funding	87,000	\$345,000	\$323,000	\$335,000	\$410,000	\$1,500,000

** Does not include all coastal and ocean data products that have been developed and integrated into the portal as many of these products may have been funded as separate products. In addition, much data served through the portal are developed and maintained by third parties



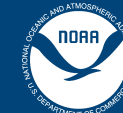
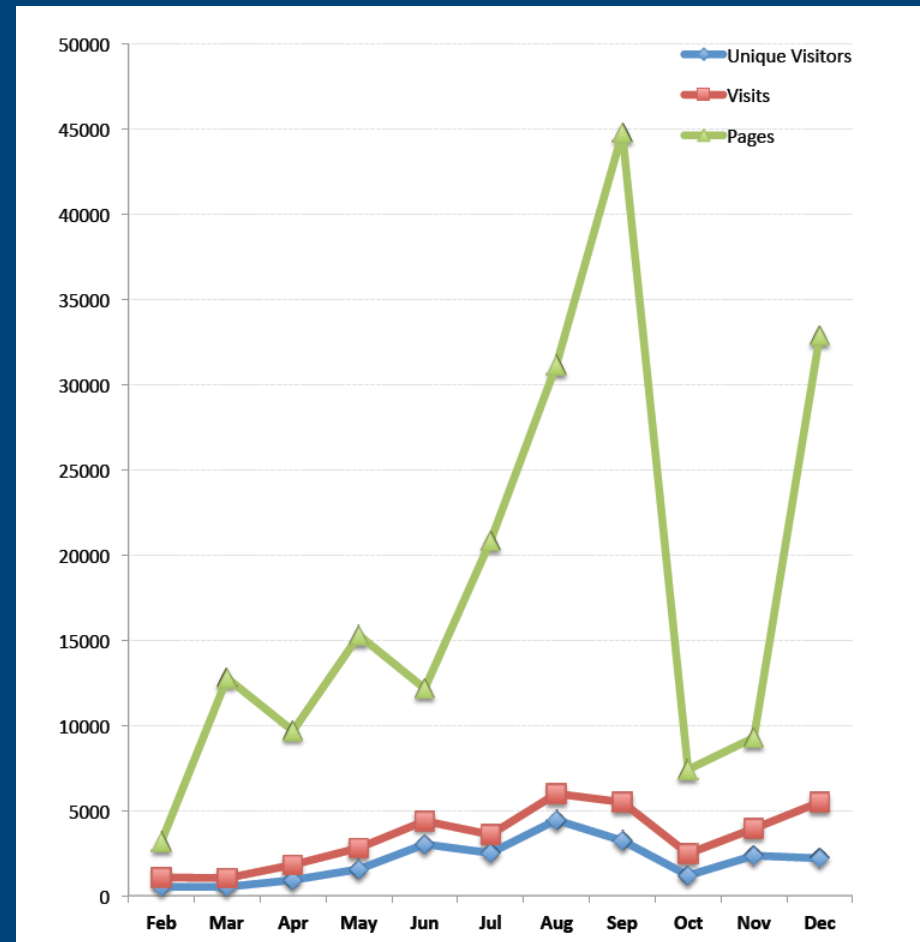
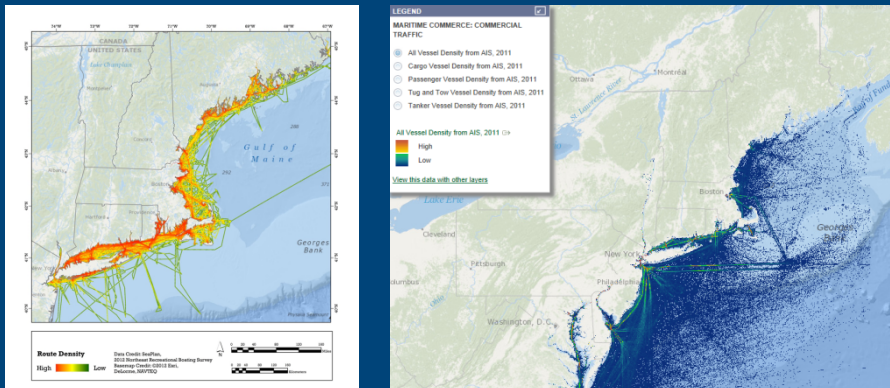
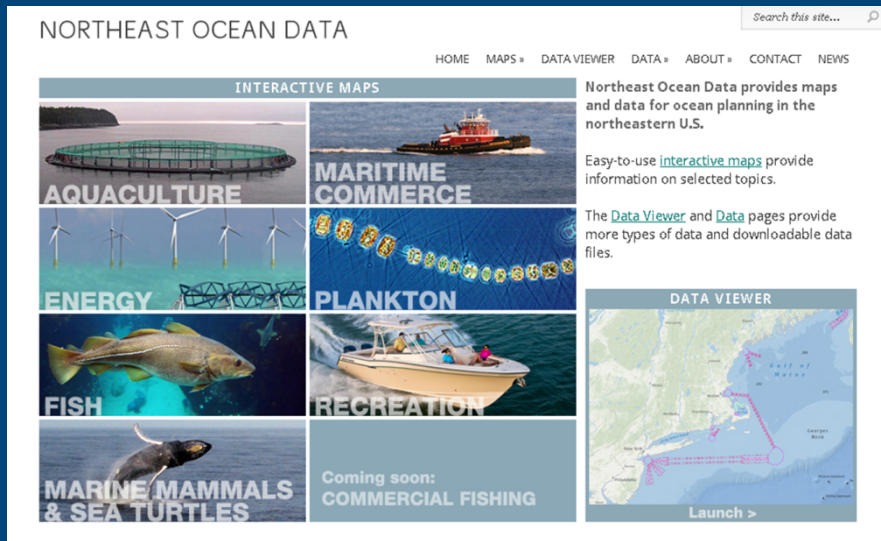
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NROC - Value

- \$3.8 million (based Massachusetts cost)
- \$13.5 million (based on ROI study showing 6 or 9 times ROI)

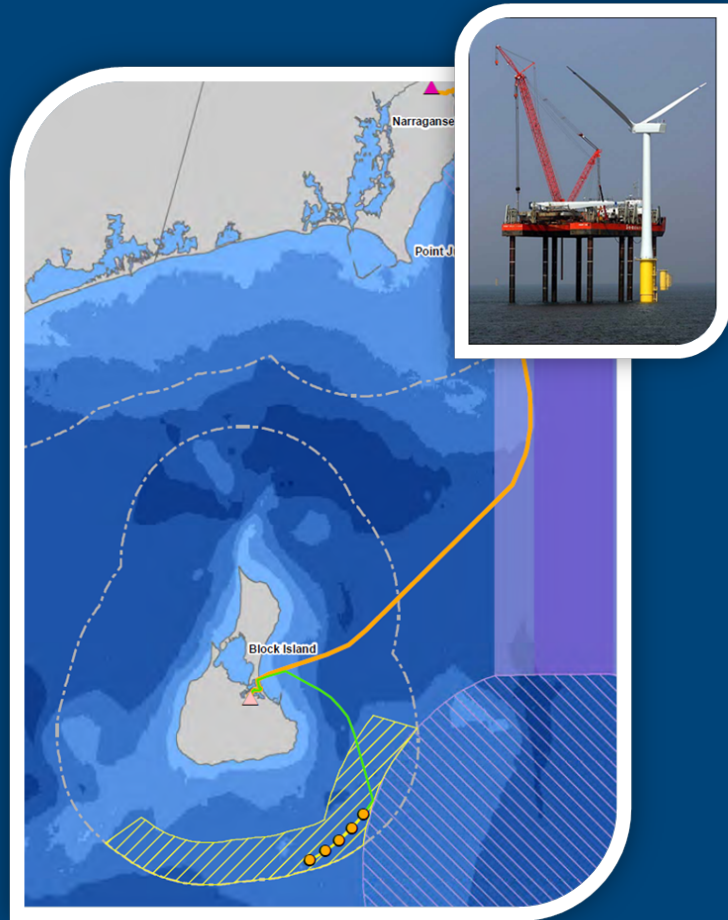
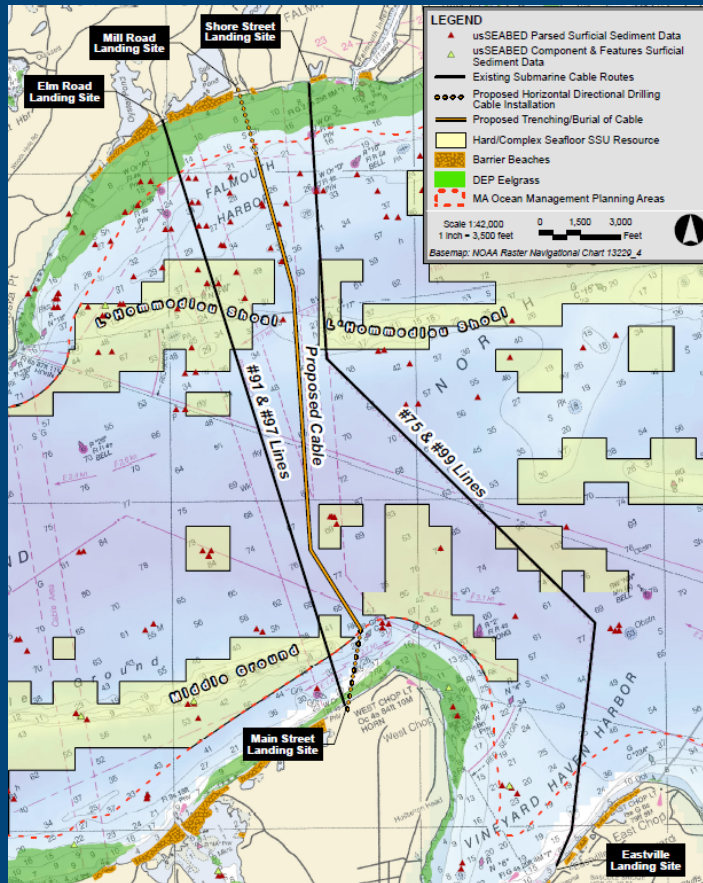


Snapshot of Data Portal Usage



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Case Examples of Integrated Data for Ocean Planning Benefitting Local Projects



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Anticipated Benefits Being Realized

Time and cost savings due to:

- Enhanced agency & organizational coordination for project review
- Better access to important data, including stakeholder info
- Agreement on data, protocols, and planning information
- Avoiding upfront data collection efforts
- Avoiding need for developing alternative plans/subsequent reviews
- *Increased Predictability & Transparency*
- *Identification of Data Gaps and Narrowing data acquisition*

Many Indirect Benefits



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Challenges

- No new data or research
- Cooperative nature of ROPs makes causal attribution next to impossible
- Difficulty in reasonable and appropriate counterfactuals



Discussion Questions

- How can NROC use or supplement this information?
- Is expressing value in \$\$\$ an abstraction?
- What activity do you think would be most important to value to make the business case for NROC?
- How can NROC plan now to collect the data needed for future economic benefits assessment?

