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Figure 1. Location map of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, southeast Alaska. To view a large version of Figure 1 in a new window, click on the image above.

## Abstract

In April 2004, more than 40 hours of georeferenced submarine digital video was collected in water depths of 15-370 m in Glacier Bay to (1) ground-truth existing geophysical data (bathymetry and acoustic reflectance), (2) examine and record geologic characteristics of the sea floor, and (3) investigate the relation between substrate types and benthic communities, and (4) construct predictive maps of seafloor geomorphology and habitat distribution. Common substrates observed include rock, boulders, cobbles, rippled sand, bioturbated mud, and extensive beds of living horse mussels and scallops. Four principal sea-floor geomorphic types are distinguished by using video observations. Their distribution in lower and central Glacier Bay is predicted using a supervised, hierarchical decision-tree statistical classification of

geophysical data.

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## Introduction

Geologic substrates of the sea floor in southeast Alaska provide benthic habitats for recreationally and commercially important species, including halibut, rockfish, shrimp, and king, Dungeness, and Tanner crabs. The study of benthic habitat structure, function, and change is particularly important in high latitudes, where fisheries and complex food webs serve as a global resource, and where signs of climate change are more conspicuous than in other parts of the world.

In Glacier Bay, historical rates of glacier retreat are among the highest documented worldwide: more than 45 km (28 miles) since 1899. Recent work with NASA Landsat7 imagery (<http://landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov>) revealed that Muir Glacier, at the head of the bay's east arm, retreated more than 7 km in the last 25 years (Hall et al. 1995). Large volumes of fine sediment associated with glacier meltwater can result in rapid proglacial sedimentation. For example, in front of Muir Glacier, the average rate of sediment accumulation between 1900 and 1979 was 37 mm/y (Koppes and Hallet, 2002). These data suggest that some sediment deposits that are meters thick can accumulate on the seafloor on decadal timescales. The effect of such substrate changes on the structure and function of benthic communities is not well understood, nor are the rates at which these processes and responses occur.

We use geophysical data, underwater video, and sedimentologic tools to understand the geologic characteristics of the seafloor and the present distribution of benthic communities in Glacier Bay. Seafloor morphologic features and sediment texture are revealed in high-resolution, multibeam bathymetry and acoustic reflectance (backscatter) data previously collected in lower Glacier Bay (Carlson et al. 2002, 2003).

Observations of seafloor video were logged real-time in the field by a team of geologists and biologists who examined areas of transition between contrasting substrate types, resolved and characterized unique seafloor features, and linked the geology and biology of benthic environments (Etherington et al. 2006; Harney et al. 2006). Common substrates observed include unsorted glacial till (boulders, cobbles, and sand), bioturbated mud, channelized mud, and rippled, coarse-grained sand. Common subtidal biota observed include benthic and demersal fish (including halibut, flounder, sole, pollock, cod, rockfish, and sculpin), several species of crabs, numerous shrimp, high-biomass beds of horse mussels and scallops, and sessile/less mobile invertebrates such as gorgonians, sea pens, echinoderms, anemones, sponges, and urchins.

Bathymetry and acoustic backscatter data were compiled with geologic and biologic video observations in an ESRI Geographic Information Systems database (ArcGIS) and used to construct maps of geologic substrate and habitat distribution in Glacier Bay. These maps are products that enable scientists, parks, and resource managers to better understand benthic habitat characteristics. This information is increasingly important in making decisions about the management of critical environments and resources, the design and utility of marine reserves, and policies on tourism and development. The integrated tools and techniques developed in Glacier Bay also serve as models to study other regions experiencing change on scales relevant to resource management and the function of benthic habitats. The purpose of this report is to make these data and imagery available for public use.

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The data were compiled in ArcInfo (versions 8.0.2 and 9.0; ESRI 1982-2004), a commercial GIS, in the UTM Zone 8 coordinate system with datum NAD83. Raster data layers are in ArcInfo GRID format or are registered TIFF images. Point, line and polygon features are in ESRI shapefile format. Shapefiles were generated in geographic coordinates with datum NAD83. Each data layer is accompanied by Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) compliant metadata and an overview map.

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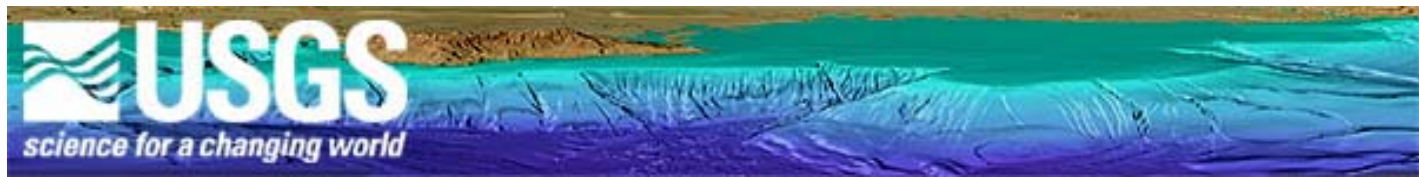
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## METHODS

### Sea Floor Video

Video imagery of the sea floor in Glacier Bay at depths of 15-370 m was obtained in April 2004 on a USGS research cruise aboard the R/V Alaskan Gyre. (The cruise report can be viewed online at <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/infobank/g/g104gb/html/g-1-04-gb.meta.html>). The principal objectives during seafloor video data collection were to: (1) record geologic and biologic characteristics of the seafloor real-time, (2) ground-truth geophysical data (bathymetry and backscatter) by resolving both common and unique features of the sea floor, and (3) examine regions of transition between different substrate types suggested in acoustic backscatter data. Video observations would eventually be used to construct maps of seafloor morphology, substrate type, and habitat distribution. Therefore transect locations were selected on the basis of the existence, quality, and complexity of geophysical data and on regions of geologic transition and/or biologic significance.

A towed [video sled](#) was used to collect sea floor data and imagery. The sled was constructed of welded aluminum with the following dimensions: length = 1.36 m (53.5"), width = 0.44 m (17.5"), height = 0.52 m (20.6"). The sled was equipped with forward- and downward-looking video cameras, lights, altimeter, pressure sensor, and pitch and roll sensors. Two down-pointing lasers spaced 20 cm apart provided scale on the seafloor. As equipped (including ballast for deep marine operations), the sled weighed ~57 kg (125 lbs) in air. The rigging consisted of a four-point bridle assembly attached to a swivel. A 14-mm (0.56") electromechanical cable with a strain-relief grip was threaded through the rigging and connected to the electronic components mounted on the sled frame. A 1000-kg (~2200 lb) winch was mounted on the deck of the vessel and used to deploy the camera sled with ~600 m (~2000') of spooled electromechanical cable.

The sled was towed behind the vessel at speeds of 0.5-1.5 knots, and the winch operator maintained its altitude above the seafloor at 1-2 m as much as possible. Video footage was recorded to digital mini-DV tape and then copied to DVD. Ship position was determined by a CSI Wireless

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differential geographic positioning system (dGPS). All instrument data were multiplexed through a sub-sea housing and transmitted by the 12-conductor cable to a topside console. Latitude, longitude, height above the seafloor, pitch, roll, water depth, ship speed, ship heading, and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) were continuously imprinted on the digital video tape while recording. These data were also automatically recorded once per second in a navigational text file.

Positional accuracy of the sled relative to the ship's dGPS position varied with water depth, current speed and direction, and environmental conditions. Cable layback was not measured directly but was estimated to be approximately equal to the water depth during most deployments. For example, along the deepest transects (370 m water depth), video observations may have positional uncertainties of ~200 m relative to the ship's location.

Visually observed sea floor characteristics (geomorphology, sediment texture, and biota) were digitally recorded in real time at 30 second intervals by a geologist and a biologist watching the towed video (after Anderson et al. in press). Observation codes were entered as "events" in G-Nav navigation software (see acknowledgments) using an "X-Keys" programmable keypad and a Dell Inspiron 8100 laptop computer. Time (GMT), dGPS position, and other ship data for were automatically recorded in the text file each time an observation event was entered. Observations at each event included:

- primary and secondary substrate type (e.g. boulder/cobble, rock/sand, mud/mud)
- substrate complexity (rugosity)
- seafloor slope
- benthic biomass (low, medium, or high)
- the presence of benthic organisms and demersal fish
- small-scale sea-floor features (e.g., ripples, tracks, and burrows).

Nearly 42 hours of underwater video were collected and logged real-time in this manner on 52 transects in the lower and central bay, in the Beardslee and Marble Islands, offshore of Tlingit Point, and in parts of the east and west arms ([view a location map of video observations](#)).

## **Processing and Analytical Methods**

Seafloor observations and geophysical data were co-registered, integrated, and analyzed using ArcGIS, ArcGrid, and ERDAS Imagine software to formulate predictions of benthic habitat distribution in the central and lower bay (Dartnell and Gardner 2004; Chavez 1984).

All grid calculations were performed using ArcGrid. (Commands and code are available on request.) Multibeam bathymetry and acoustic reflectance data grids (each composed of more than three million pixels) were first de-sampled from 5 m to 20 m pixel resolution. ArcGrid calculations were then performed on both 20-m data grids to quantify the variance of

bathymetry and backscatter values within each "kernel" (in this case, 3x3 group of pixels).

"Maximum" acoustic images were calculated for each grid by running a filter that returned the maximum value within a kernel to the center cell of that kernel. "Minimum" acoustic images were similarly calculated such that the center cell of each kernel was the minimum value observed in that kernel. The "variance" was then calculated as the difference between the maximum and minimum images. Results were binned and assigned relative index values of 1-5 using an unsupervised classification in ERDAS. The central pixel of each kernel was assigned the index value which corresponded to the level of variance observed in the surrounding 8 pixels (Table 1). These calculations and steps were performed on four raster images: bathymetric variance, backscatter variance, backscatter intensity, and seafloor slope.

Index value	Relative variance, intensity, or slope
1	very low
2	low
3	moderate
4	high
5	very high

Table 1. Index of values assigned to the central pixel of each kernel in the raster images to express the relative variability in acoustic data observed within each 3x3 group of pixels.

#### *Bathymetric variance (depth variability)*

A measure of the variance in water depth observed in the kernel. When depths were homogeneous within a kernel, the bathymetric variance of the central pixel was low (1); when depths were more variable within a kernel, the index of the central pixel was high (5). For example, high bathymetry variance values resulted for areas of seafloor having a wide range of depths over relatively small area, such as rocky outcrops. Low bathymetry variance values resulted for smooth, flat, or homogeneous areas of seafloor.

#### *Backscatter variance (textural variability)*

A measure of the variance in acoustic reflectance (backscatter) observed in the kernel. When the range of backscatter values within a kernel was low, the textural variability index of the central pixel was low (1); when the backscatter values were more variable within a kernel, the index of the central pixel was high (5). For example, high backscatter variance values resulted for areas of seafloor having a wide range of backscatter values, such as a rocky outcrop with pockets of fine sediment (mixed patches of high and low backscatter). Low backscatter variance values resulted for homogeneous areas of seafloor, such as in muddy basins.

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## Geomorphic Classification

We defined four principal geomorphic classes on the basis of our analysis of acoustic data combined with video observations (Table 2). We constructed a hierarchical decision tree using ERDAS Imagine 8.4 software. The decision-tree framework consists of hypotheses, variables, and rules that use a conditional hierarchy to parse and classify the input data (ERDAS 1999):

- hypothesis = the geomorphic class into which the pixel will be classified
- variable = input data; raster image of derived values (e.g. bathymetry variance)
- rule = a conditional statement about the variable's pixel (data) values that describes the hypothesis.

Because the variables (raster images) were co-registered, rules are established that compared and tested pixel values within and between images. Multiple rules and hypotheses could be placed in a hierarchy that best described the hypothesis.

Hypotheses were formulated that correlated general substrate type observed in video with bathymetric variance, backscatter variance, backscatter intensity, and slope. Rules were first made to correctly classify the (known) substrate type along video transect lines. These rules were then applied to acoustic data in other areas for which no video observations existed.

We tested each hypothesis by running its set of rules through the supervised decision-tree classification and comparing the geomorphic class output to known substrate type at ~30,000 data points. The final classification scheme that produced the best fit to observational data is summarized in Table 2. These hierarchical rules were eventually used to produce maps of substrate type and sediment texture in Glacier Bay. Further details on how this was accomplished in ArcGIS are provided in the following sections.

Geomorphic class	Seafloor characteristics	Bathymetric variance	Backscatter variance	Backscatter intensity	Slope
1	high complexity, high slope boulder or rock	3 - 5	2 - 5	1 - 5	2 - 5
2	high complexity, low slope boulder or rock	3 - 5	2 - 5	1 - 5	1
	fine-grained				

3	homogeneous mud	1	1 - 3	1 - 3	1
4	unsorted, unconsolidated sediment (sand- to boulder-sized), glacial till	1 - 2	1 - 5	1 - 5	1

Table 2. Characteristics of principal geomorphic classes used to define "rules" in a supervised ERDAS decision-tree classification of acoustic data in Glacier Bay.

### Bathymetric Classification

Depth is an important factor in the distribution and life history of benthic organisms. Gridded multibeam bathymetry data were sorted into three classes, converted to isobaths, and used to subdivide habitat polygons (Table 3). Bathymetric classes were selected on the basis of biological and geological observations, as well as with an understanding of oceanographic patterns in the bay (Etherington et al. 2004). Depths less than 75 m represent environments with the highest energy and a well-mixed surface layer, particularly those areas south of Sitakaday Narrows and toward the mouth of Glacier Bay. The 200 m boundary was selected on the basis of observed transitions in seafloor geology, benthic community structure, and oceanographic properties that occur bay-wide at this depth and represent a shift to conditions typical of deep-sea environments. Bathymetry values in the ArcGIS data table are in the form of negative elevations relative to sea level.

Isobath depth range
<= 75 m
75 - 200 m
>= 200 m

Table 3. Depth range of bathymetric class isobaths used to subdivide habitat polygons.

### Seafloor Slope and Complexity

Slope and complexity refer to the bathymetric characteristics of a polygon as observed in sonar data. The degree of slope (0-90°) was

calculated from the multibeam bathymetry grid. Complexity is a relative description of seafloor rugosity (roughness), where low values are characteristic of flat, homogeneous sea beds and high values are characteristic rocky, rough, and variable sea beds. Relative values of complexity were assigned to GIS polygons on the basis of video observations, original ERDAS classification, and geomorphic variability within the polygon. For polygons in which bathymetry data did not exist or were inconclusive, slope and complexity fields in the ArcGIS data table were intentionally left blank. Table 4 defines the range of values applied, which are consistent with the Greene et al. (1999) classification system.

Slope value	Degree of slope
1	$\leq 1^\circ$
2	$1^\circ$ to $30^\circ$
3	$> 30^\circ$
Complexity value	Degree of complexity
B	Low complexity
C	Moderate complexity
D	High complexity

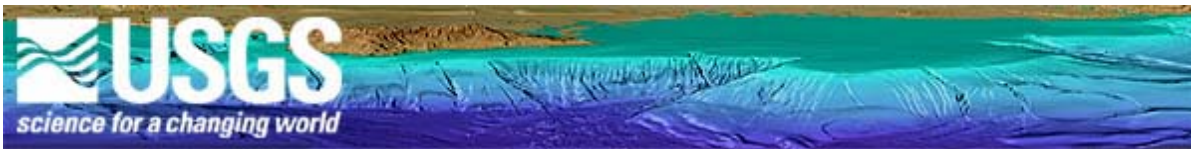
Table 4. Index of seafloor slope and complexity values. Degree of slope was calculated from multibeam bathymetry and binned into three classes (consistent with Greene et al. (1999)). Seafloor complexity was recorded in video observations and is an attribute of those point features. Seafloor complexity is also an attribute of habitat polygon features that was assigned on the basis of bathymetry, backscatter, and video ground-truthing.

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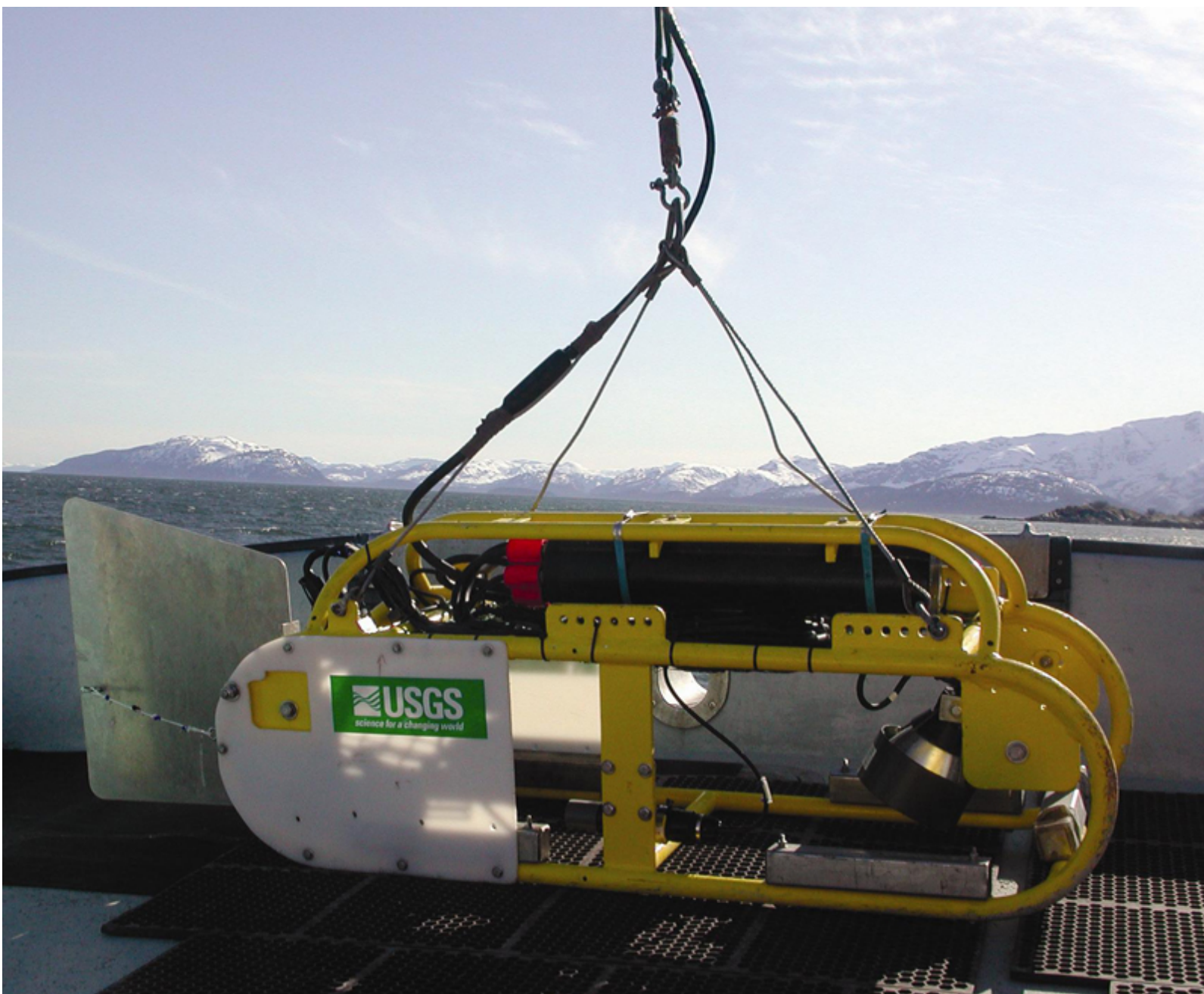
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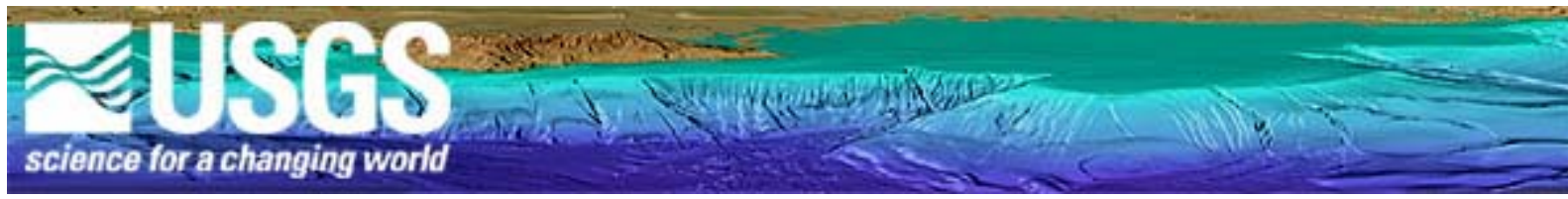
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## RESULTS

### Seafloor Features

#### *Sediment Type*

Acoustic reflectance (backscatter) of the seafloor in Glacier Bay is shown in Figure 2 with symbols denoting primary substrate type observed in seafloor video. Coarse grain sizes (e.g. sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders) dominate the seafloor of the lower bay (brighter areas). Mud is the dominant sediment type in the deeper central bay (darker areas).

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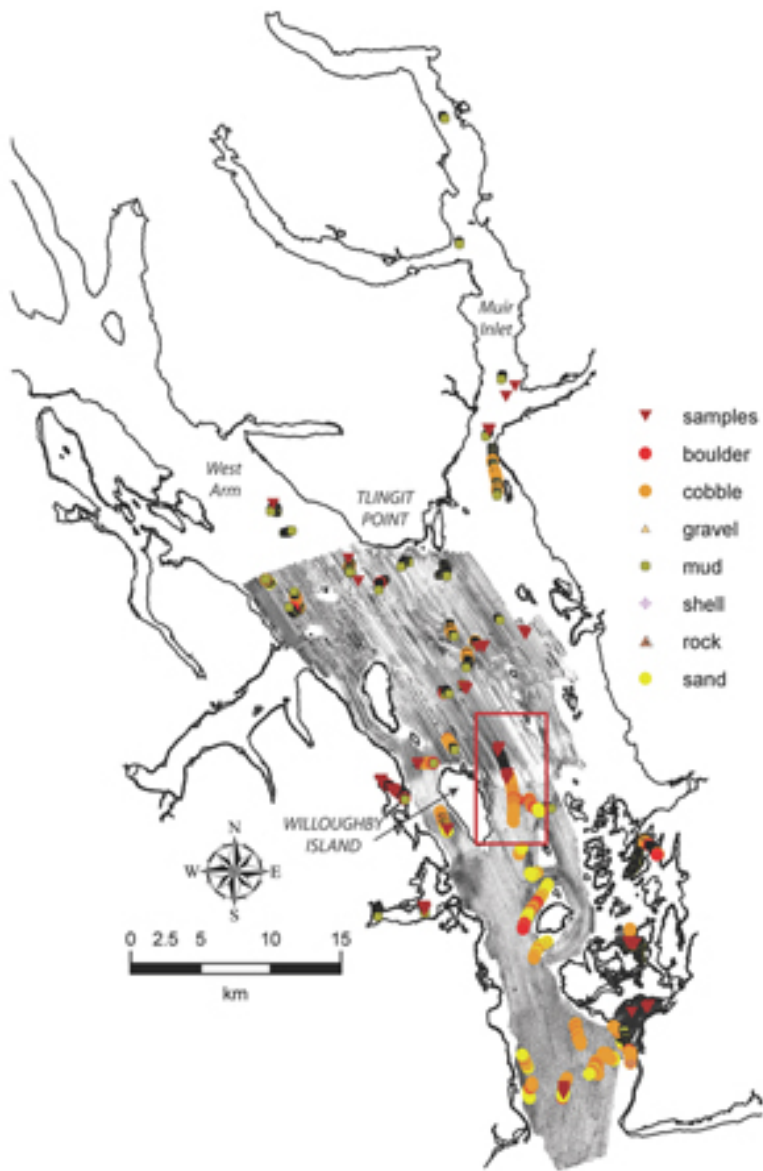


Figure 2. Multibeam acoustic reflectance in Glacier Bay , with symbols denoting primary substrate type from video observations. The boxed area corresponds to the region of transition east of Willoughby Island discussed below. To view a large version of Figure 2 in a new window, click on the image above.

Our classification of sonar data does not distinguish between boulder-dominated glacial till and rock reefs because video observations in Glacier Bay revealed no complex rock outcrops. The four-class geomorphic output from ERDAS (described in Methods) served as a basemap for delineating and characterizing polygons of benthic substrates and habitat types in ArcGIS. Polygons were assigned a "bottom induration" of either "mixed" (for glacial till and coarse-sized sediments) or "soft" (for sand-sized and finer sediments). Sediment texture details (such as "sand" and "mud") were

assigned to polygons where grain size was reasonably known or inferred from video observations. Sediment texture follows the Wentworth grain-size scale ([Table 5](#)).

### ***Meso/Macrohabitats***

Seafloor features between 1 meter and 1 kilometer in scale are defined as "Meso/Macrohabitat" types in the Greene classification system. Several interesting seafloor features were identified in acoustic data and ground-truthed using towed video, including sand waves, gullies, mud mounds, slumps, and depressions (flat basins). Codes for these features follow the Greene et al. (1999) classification system except where noted (codes we created specifically for this environment are shown in Table 6). For example, in the Greene classification system, mounds and depressions are described by the same code ("m"). Because we felt it was important to distinguish bathymetric highs and lows, we employed Greene's "m" class for mounds (high features) and created a unique "v" class for large depressions and flat-floored basins. We created a unique "x" class for polygons in nearshore settings within ~200 m of the high-tide shoreline. These nearshore polygons were also assigned an underscored descriptor to specify the bathymetric class ("x\_x" for polygons shallower than 75 m water depth; "x\_y" for those in 75-200 m water depth). This distinguishes shallow, more energetic nearshore settings (such as those around the Marble Islands) from shoreline margins that are steeper and deeper (such as those surrounding Tlingit Point).

Meso/Macrohabitat	Code	Description
gully	g	deep, muddy channels, often bounded by with steep walls of channelized mud
mud slump	s	mud deposit at the base of a sloping surface, appearing talus-like in bathymetry.

mound	m	bathymetric "highs" (large-scale features that are shallower than the surrounding seafloor)
depression (flat basin)	v	bathymetric "lows" (large-scale features that are deeper than the surrounding seafloor)
nearshore	x_x	polygons within 200 m of the high-tide shoreline, having water depths $\leq 75$ m
nearshore	x_y	polygons within 200 m of the high-tide shoreline, having water depths $> 75$ m
biomodal sediment	b	mixture of two distinct grain-size classes
interface	i	distinct contact between different substrate or sediment types

Table 6. Codes created in this study to characterize meso-scale and macro-scale seafloor features.

### ***Substrate Map***

The distribution of bathymetric classes, sediment type, and meso-scale and macro-scale seafloor features in Glacier Bay is illustrated in Figure 3. In general, mixed, unsorted glacial till (boulder-sized to sand-sized sediment), dominates the lower bay. The seafloor in deeper waters of the central bay is comprised of homogeneous, bioturbated mud.

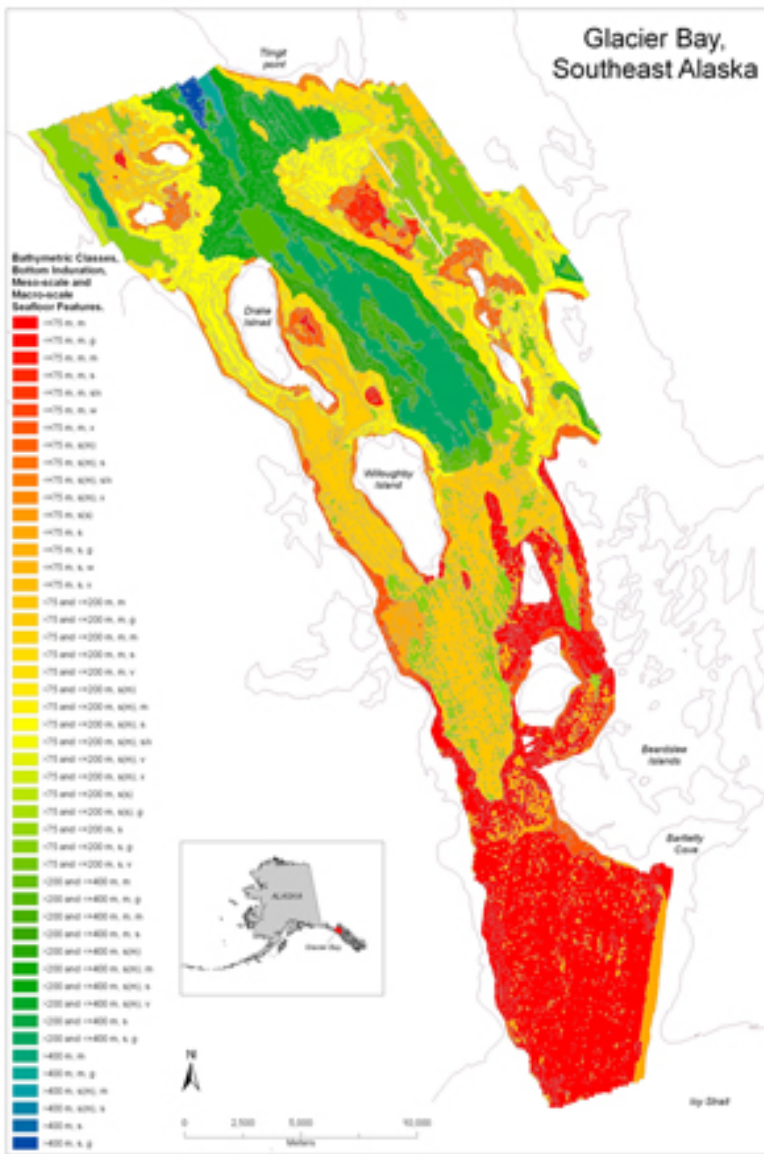


Figure 3. Map of bathymetric classes, bottom induration, and meso-scale and macro-scale seafloor features in Glacier Bay. To view a large version of Figure 3 in a new window, click on the image above.

### ***Regions of Transition***

Transitional areas exist between geomorphic end-members, as shown in the acoustic data and video transect just east of Willoughby Island (Figures 2 and 4). Acoustic reflectance of the seafloor is low in the deeper, northern part of the transect, appearing dark in sonar imagery (200 m water depth). Video confirms the seafloor is low in relief and comprised of soft, muddy, bioturbated sediment (image A). Southward along the transect, acoustic reflectance increases (brightens) as seafloor sediment coarsens to cobbles and

boulders (images B-C; 50-90 m water depth). These complex substrates provide habitat for gorgonians, mollusks, and other benthic organisms (images D-E).

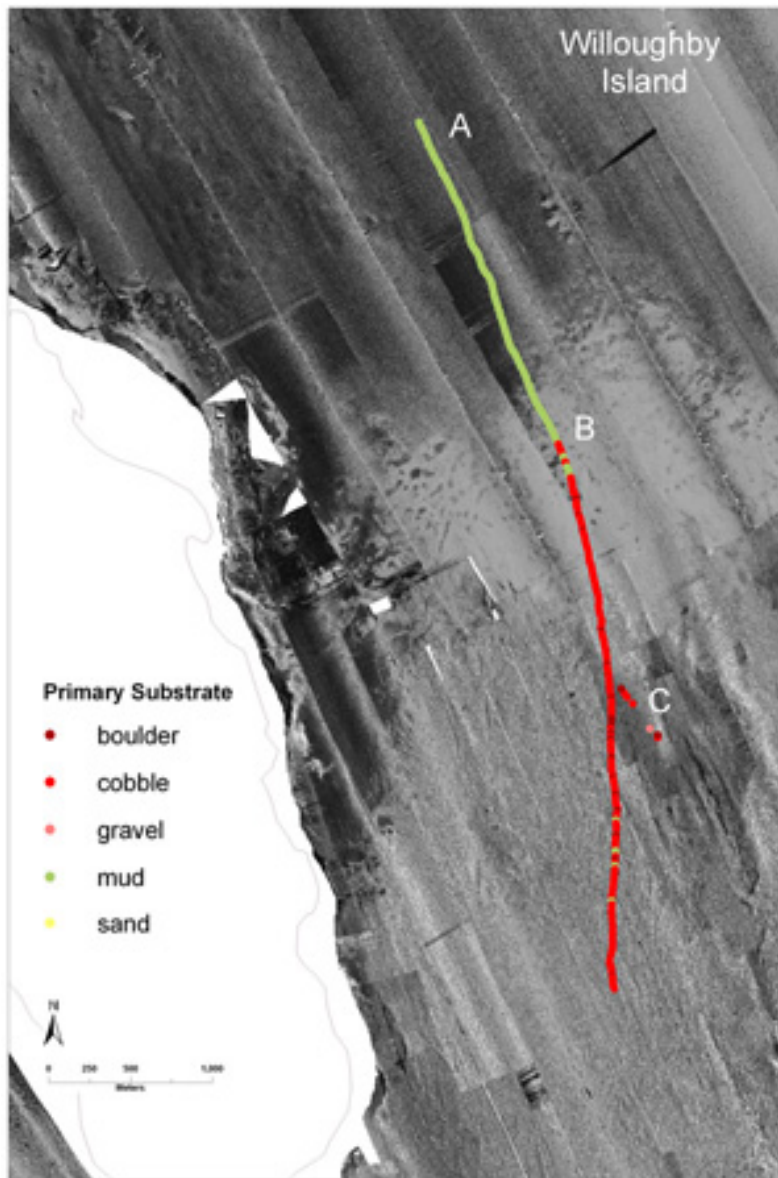


Figure 4. Acoustic backscatter data and video observations illustrate a region of transition in seafloor properties east of Willoughby Island, from soft, muddy sediment in the north (top) to coarse-grained boulders and cobbles in the south. To view a large version of Figure 4 in a separate window, click on the image above. Letters A, B, C, indicate the location of images A-C below. The field of view of these images captured from video is approximately 1-2 meters.







Image C. Cobbles and boulders observed in seafloor video at location C in Figure 4. To view a large version of Image C in a new window, click on the image above.



Image D. Living scallops on sand-cobble substrate observed in seafloor video collected south-east of Willoughby Island (location not shown). To view a large version of Image D in a new window, click on the image above.

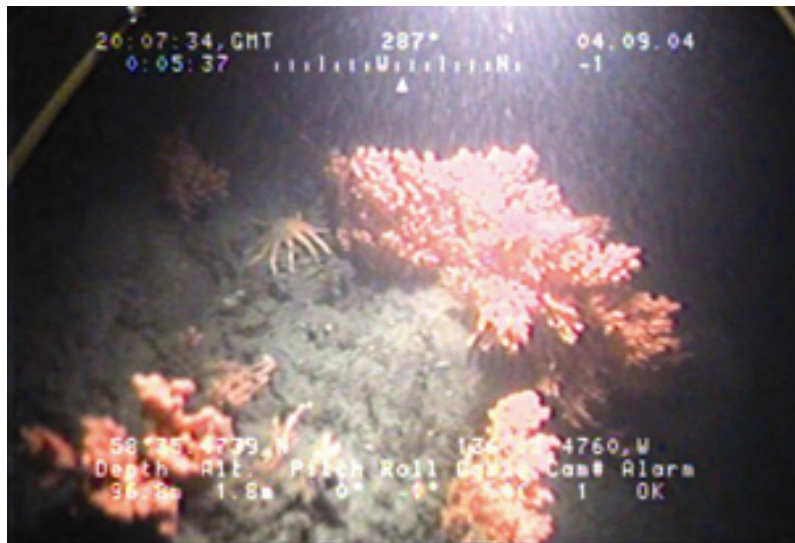


Image E. Gorgonians on complex boulder-cobble substrate observed in seafloor video collected south-east of Willoughby Island (location not shown). To view a large version of Image E in a new window, click on the image above.

### ***Sand Waves***

In the lower central bay (~50 m water depth), a series of obliquely-oriented features revealed in multibeam bathymetry data were observed in video ground-truthing to be steep sand waves 1-2 m in height (Figure 5). The interface between coarse cobbles and sand ripples is abrupt (image F). Pebbles, cobbles, and shells are abundant in the troughs between ripples (image G).

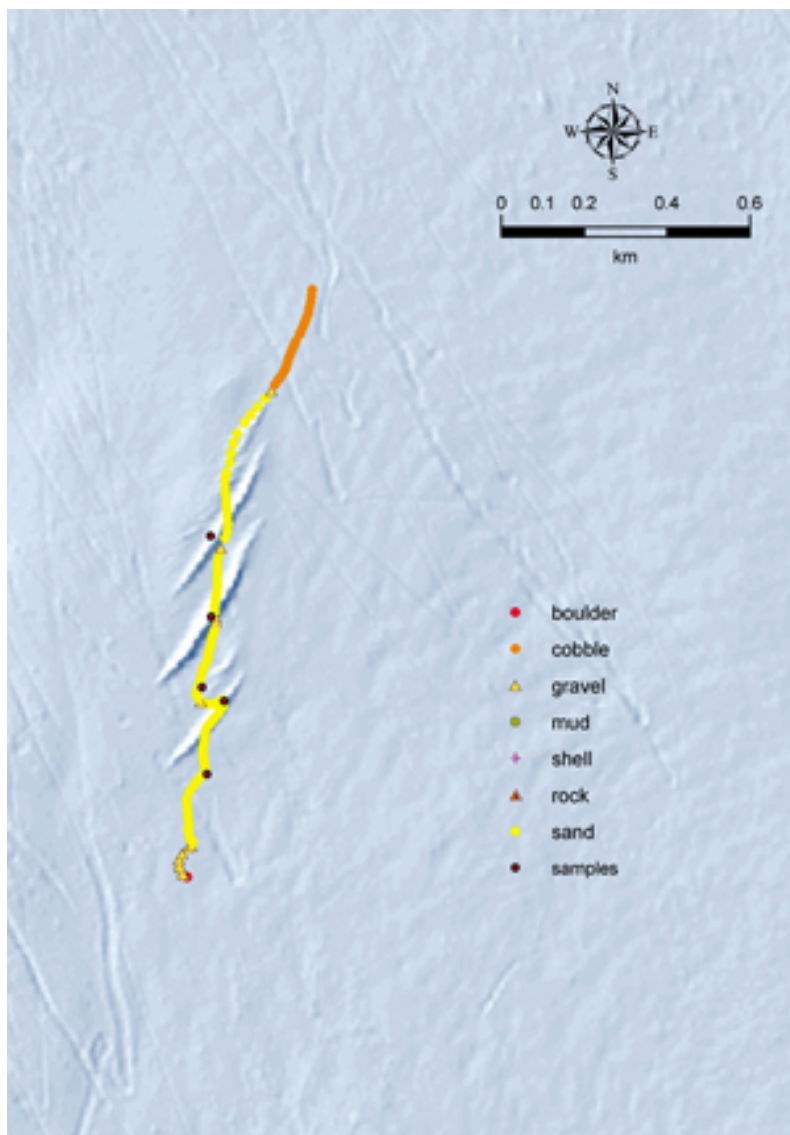


Figure 5. Obliquely-oriented features in multibeam bathymetry of lower Glacier Bay. Video observations reveal these features are sand waves 1-2 m in height. Linear features also observable in the figure are gouges in sediment caused by iceberg movement (Carlson et al. 2005). To view a large version of Figure 5 in a separate window, click on the image above.

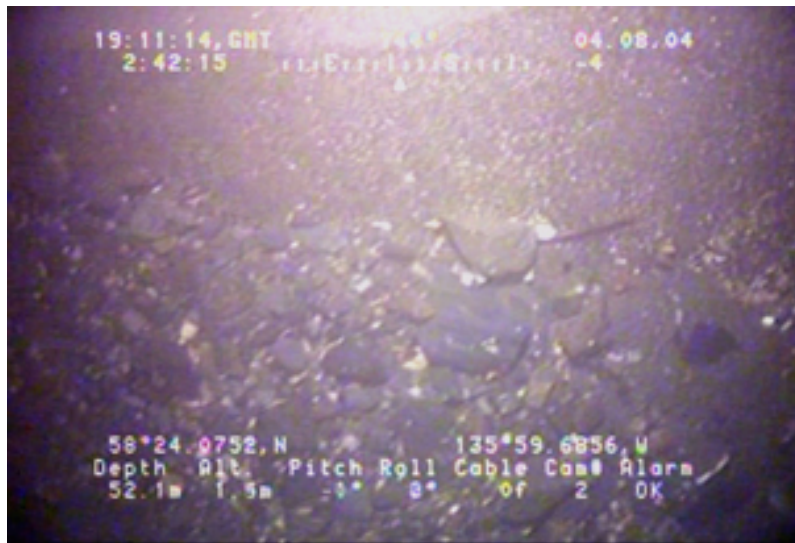


Image F. Abrupt transition between coarse cobbles and sand waves of the lower bay shown in Figure 5. To view a large version of Image F in a new window, click on the image above.

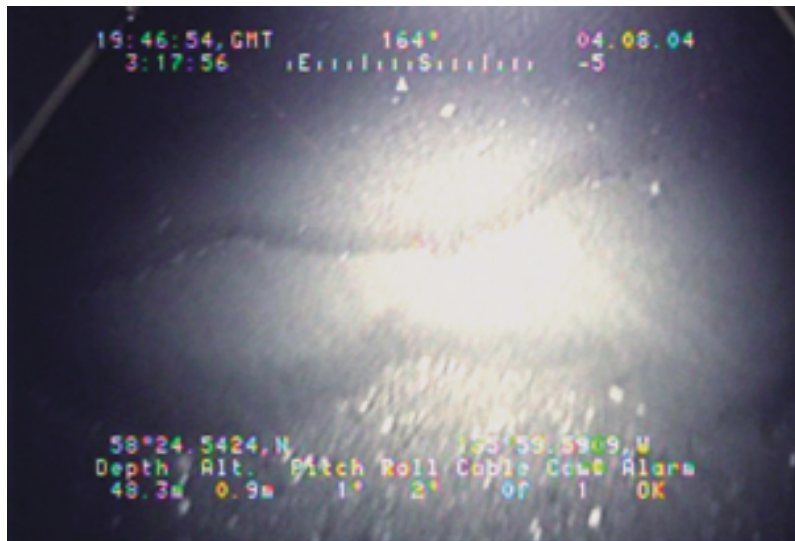


Image G. Pebbles, cobbles, and shells are abundant in the troughs between sand waves of the lower bay shown in Figure 5. To view a large version of Image G in a new window, click on the image above.

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## Habitat Classification

### *Habitat Classification Map*

Geomorphic features, sediment types, and bathymetric classes are delineated as polygons in this habitat map, owing

to their unique characteristics of sediment texture, physical morphology, and energetic setting, all of which are important to benthic organisms. Suspension-feeding organisms such as mussels, scallops, sponges, and corals were found on mixed substrates in areas of high current, particularly in the lower central Bay. Soft sediment benthic environments were host to halibut, flounder, Tanner crabs, shrimp, other small crustaceans, and infaunal worms. [Figure 6](#) illustrates the distribution of benthic habitat types in Glacier Bay. Table 7 provides a translation of the benthic habitat codes used in this study. Details of the classification methodology can be found in Greene et al. (1999).

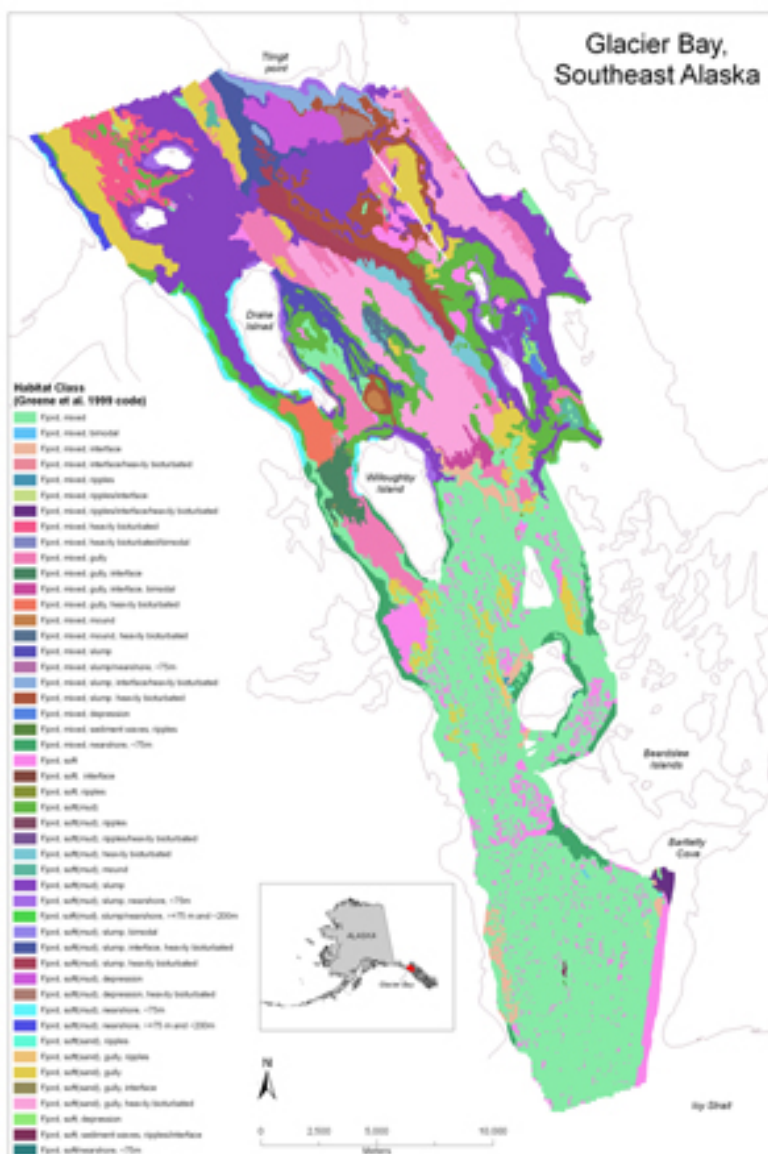


Figure 6. Benthic habitats in Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska. Classification follows Greene et al. (1999). To view a large version of Figure 6 in a new window, click on the image above.

**Habitat Classification Table**

Code	Habitat description	Area (m2)	Area (%)
Im	Fjord mixed	135,787,405	31
Im_b	Fjord mixed bimodal	48,000	0.01
Im_i	Fjord mixed interface	4,815,053	1
Im_i_t	Fjord mixed interface heavily bioturbated	195939.0409	0.05
Im_r	Fjord mixed ripples	8,1834	0.02
Im_r_i	Fjord mixed ripples interface	120,000	0.03
Im_r_i_t	Fjord mixed ripples interface heavily bioturbated	845,745	0.21
Im_t	Fjord mixed heavily bioturbated	9,066,893	2
Im_t_b	Fjord mixed heavily bioturbated bimodal	44,582	0.01
Img	Fjord mixed gully	22,623,546	5.2
Img_i	Fjord mixed gully interface	3,547,276	0.81
Img_i_b	Fjord mixed interface heavily bioturbated	1,594,900	0.37
Img_t	Fjord mixed gully heavily bioturbated	3,522,000	0.81
Imm	Fjord mixed mound	497,025	0.11

Imm_t	Fjord mixed mound heavily bioturbated	1,371,600	0.31
Ims	Fjord mixed slump	5,414,590	1.24
Ims/x_x	Fjord mixed slump nearshore bathy class >-75m	563,342	0.13
Ims_i_t	Fjord mixed interface heavily bioturbated	4,236,882	0.1
Ims_t	Fjord mixed slump heavily bioturbated	17,424,569	4
Imv	Fjord mixed depression	833,925	0.2
Imw_r	Fjord mixed ripples	15,600	0.01
Imx_x	Fjord mixed nearshore bathy class >-75m	9,593,602	2.1
Is	Fjord soft	25,927,354	5.941
Is_i	Fjord soft interface	3,200	0.00071
Is_r	Fjord soft ripples	17,200	0.004
Isg	Fjord soft (sand) gully	25,587,410	5.87
Isg_i	Fjord soft (sand) gully interface	144,400	0.03
Isg_t	Fjord soft (sand) gully heavily bioturbated	32,482,503	7.45
Isv	Fjord soft depression	614,265	0.14
Isw_r_i	Fjord soft ripples interface	86,399	0.012

Isx_x	Fjord soft nearshore bathy class > -75m	91,100	0.02
Is(m)	Fjord soft (mud)	26,688,575	6.12
Is(m) _r	Fjord soft (mud) ripples	17,272	0.003
Is(m) _r_t	Fjord soft (mud) ripples heavily bioturbated	25,317	0.01
Is(m) _t	Fjord soft (mud) heavily bioturbated	3,587,580	0.82
Is(m) s/x_x	Fjord soft (mud) nearshore bathy class > -75m	5,199	0.001
Is(m)m	Fjord soft (mud) mound	1,961,018	0.45
Is(m)s	Fjord soft (mud) slump	65,448,806	15
Is(m)s/x_x	Fjord soft (mud) slump nearshore bathy class > -75m	476,735	1.1
Is(m)s/x_y	Fjord soft (mud) slump nearshore bathy class <= -75m and > -200m	1,723,051	0.4
Is(m)s_b	Fjord soft (mud) slump bimodal	27,329	0.01
Is(m)s_i_t	Fjord soft (mud) slump interface heavily bioturbated	5,410,350	1.24



Is(m)s_t	Fjord soft (mud) slump heavily bioturbated	6,277,790	1.44
Is(m)v	Fjord soft (mud) depression	5,888,071	1.35
Is(m)v_t	Fjord soft (mud) depression heavily bioturbated	1,397,369	0.32
Is(m)x_x	Fjord soft (mud) slump interface nearshore bathy class >-75m	3,650,170	0.84
Is(m)x_y	Fjord soft (mud) nearshore bathy class <= -75m and >-200m	1,744,902	0.40
Is(s)_r	Fjord soft (sand) ripples	119,152	0.02
Is(s)g_r	Fjord soft (sand) gully ripples	266,359	0.06

Table 7. Definition of benthic habitat codes in Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska. Classification follows Greene et al. (1999).

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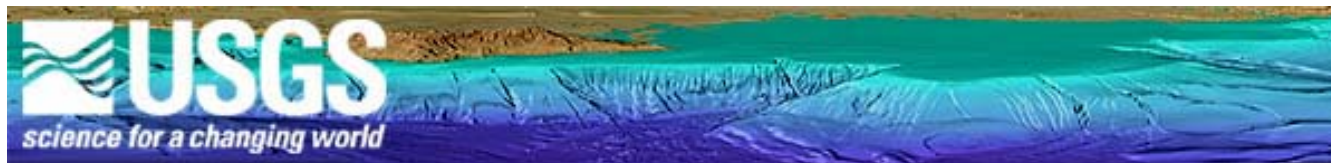


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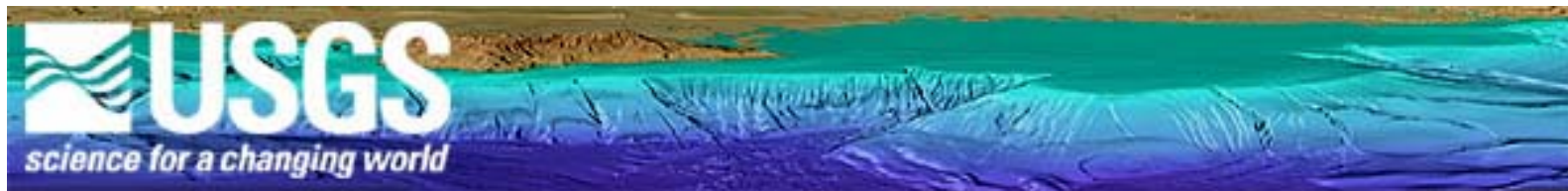
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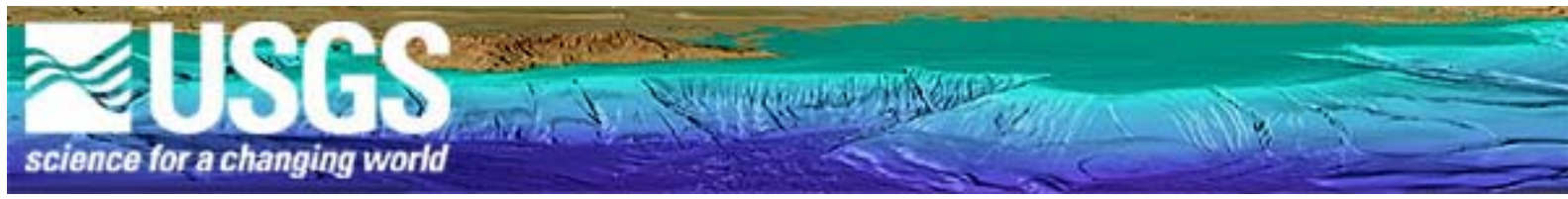




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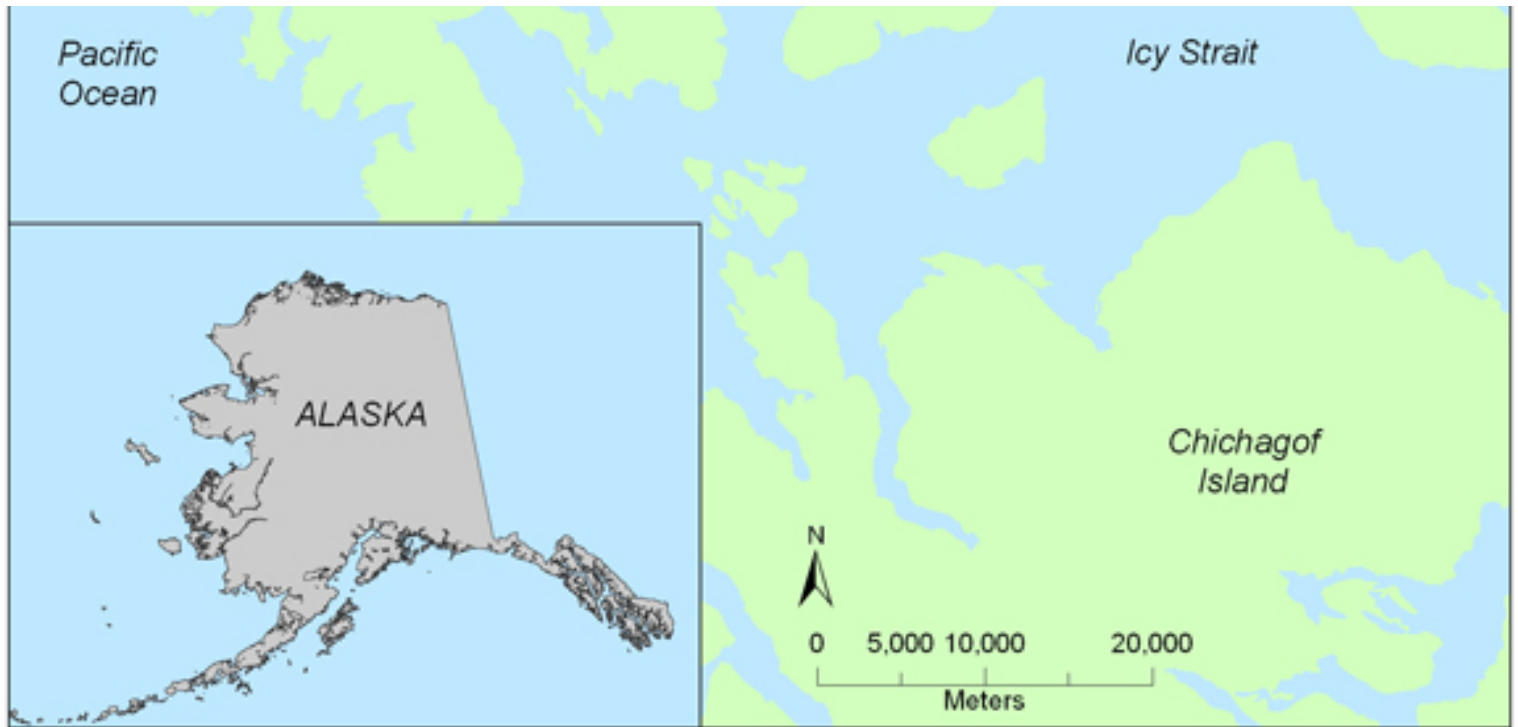
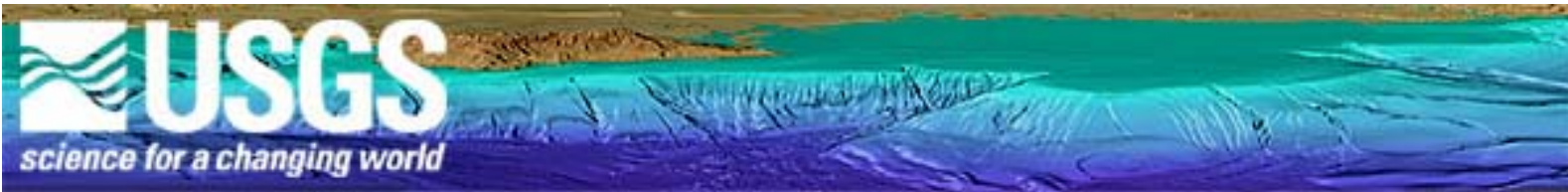


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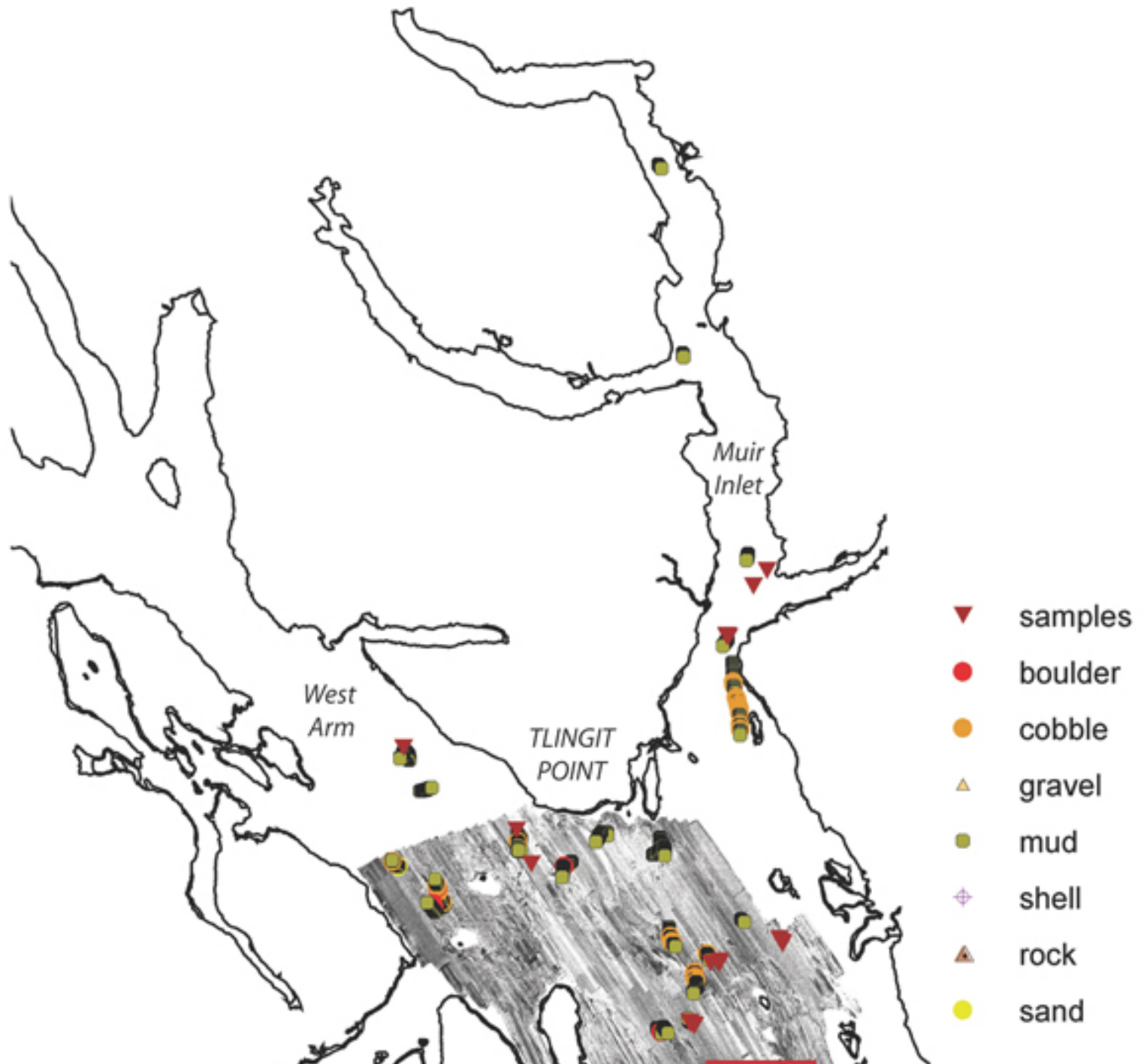
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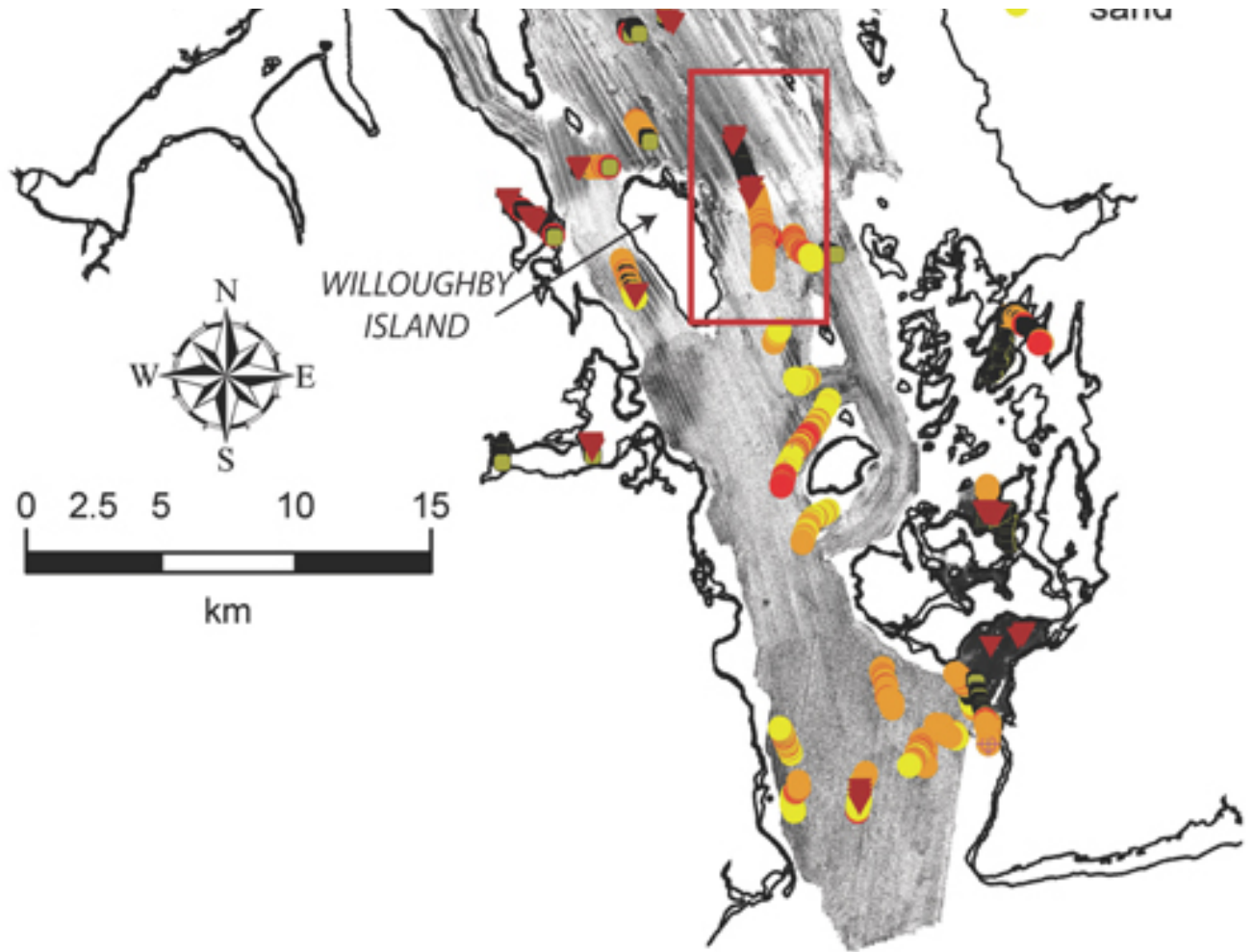
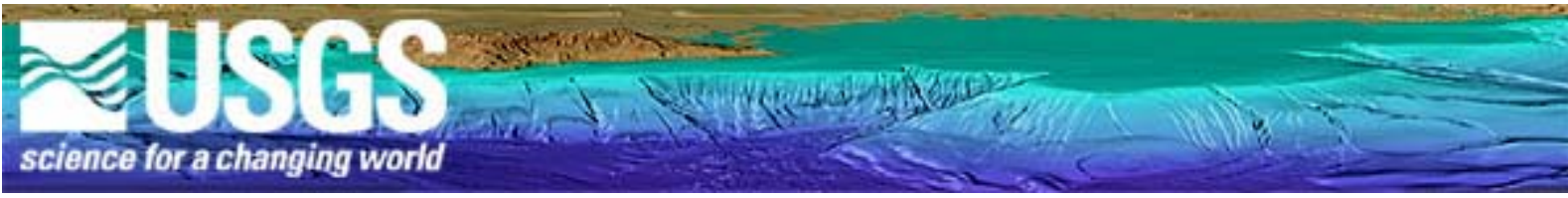


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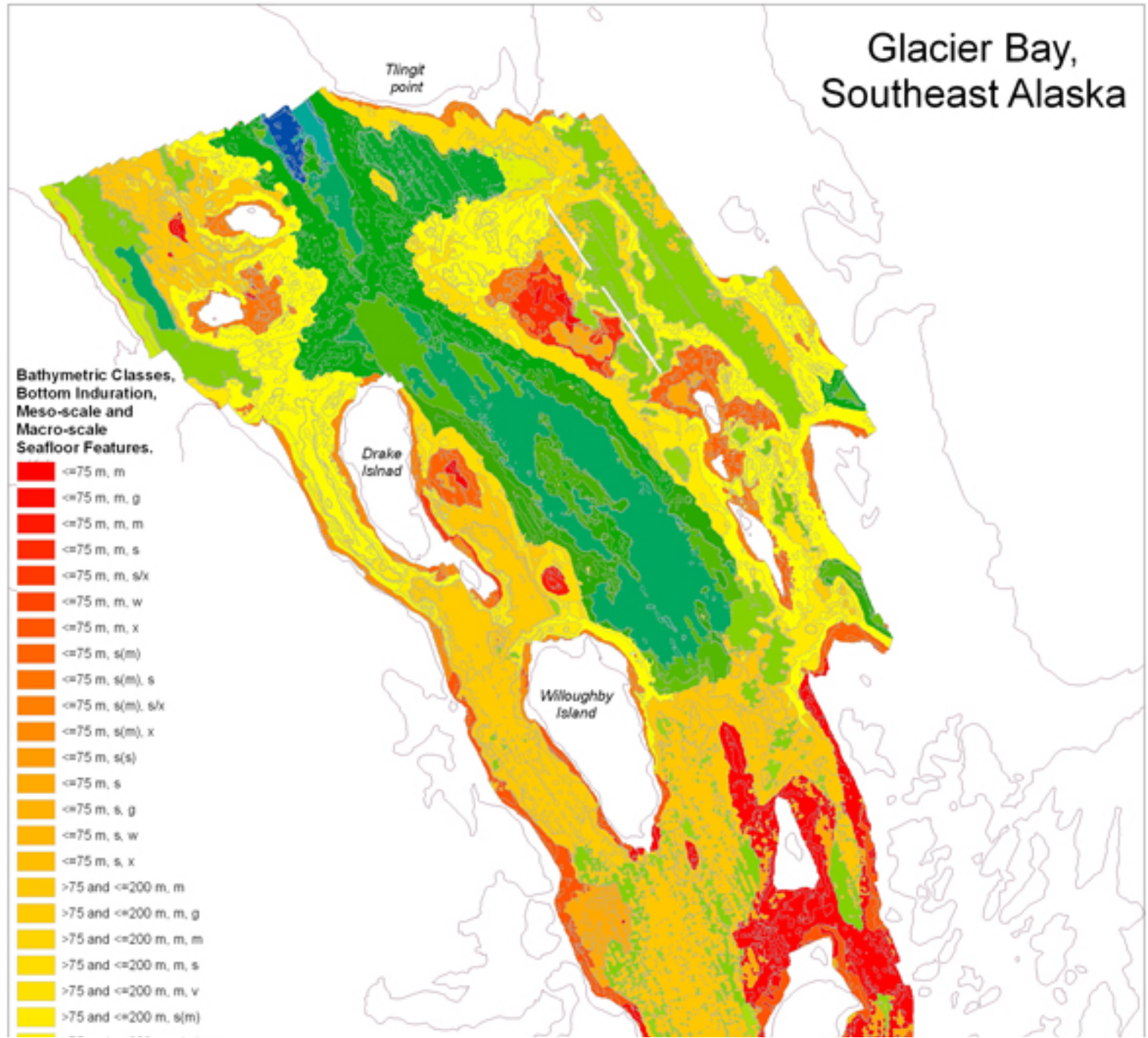
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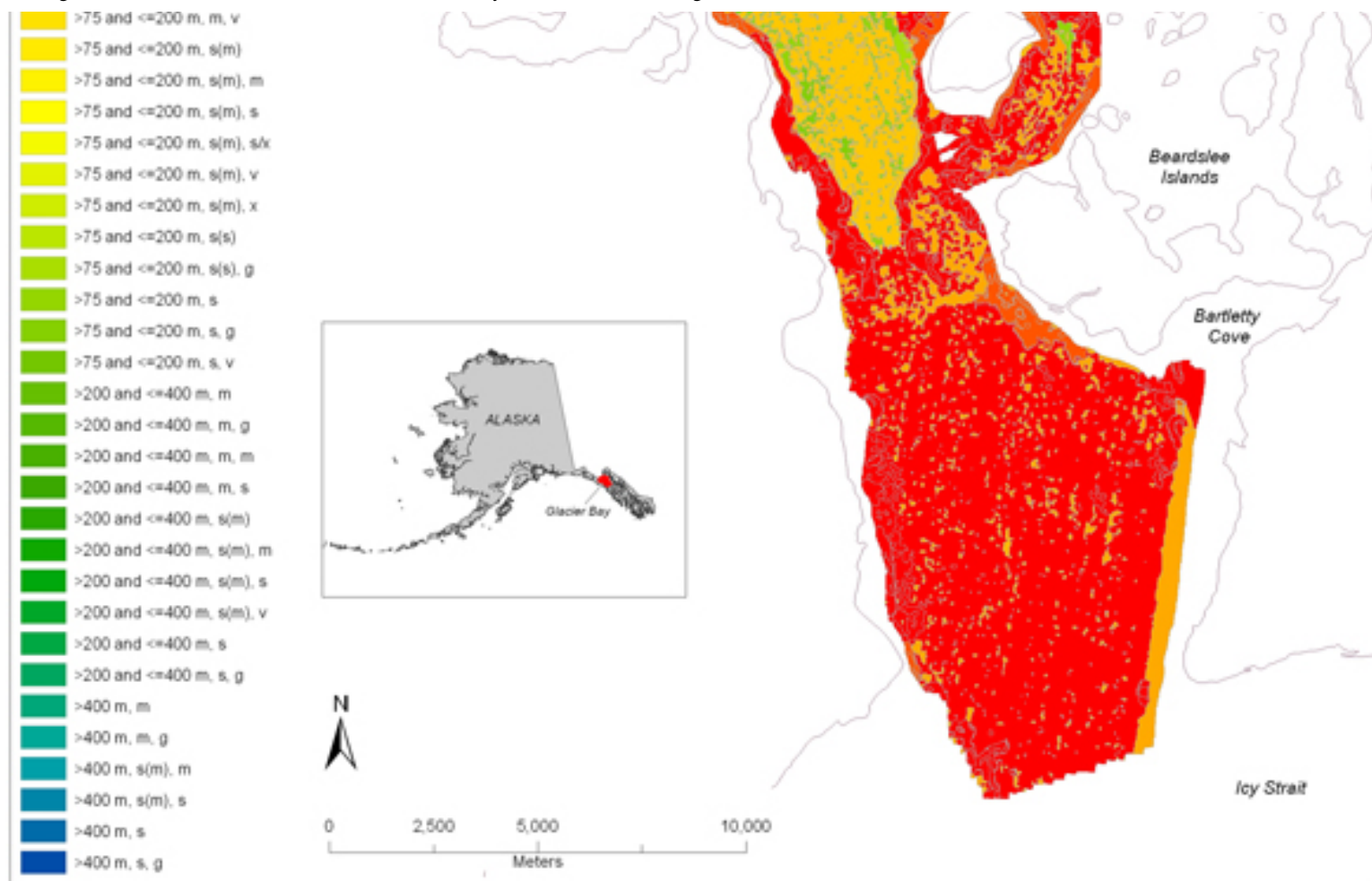
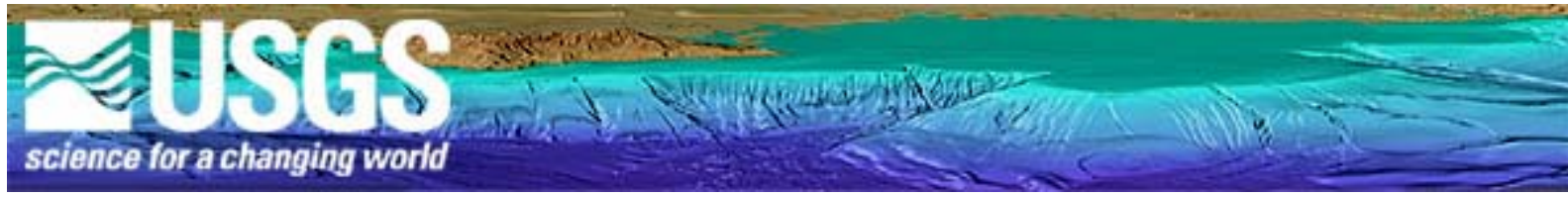


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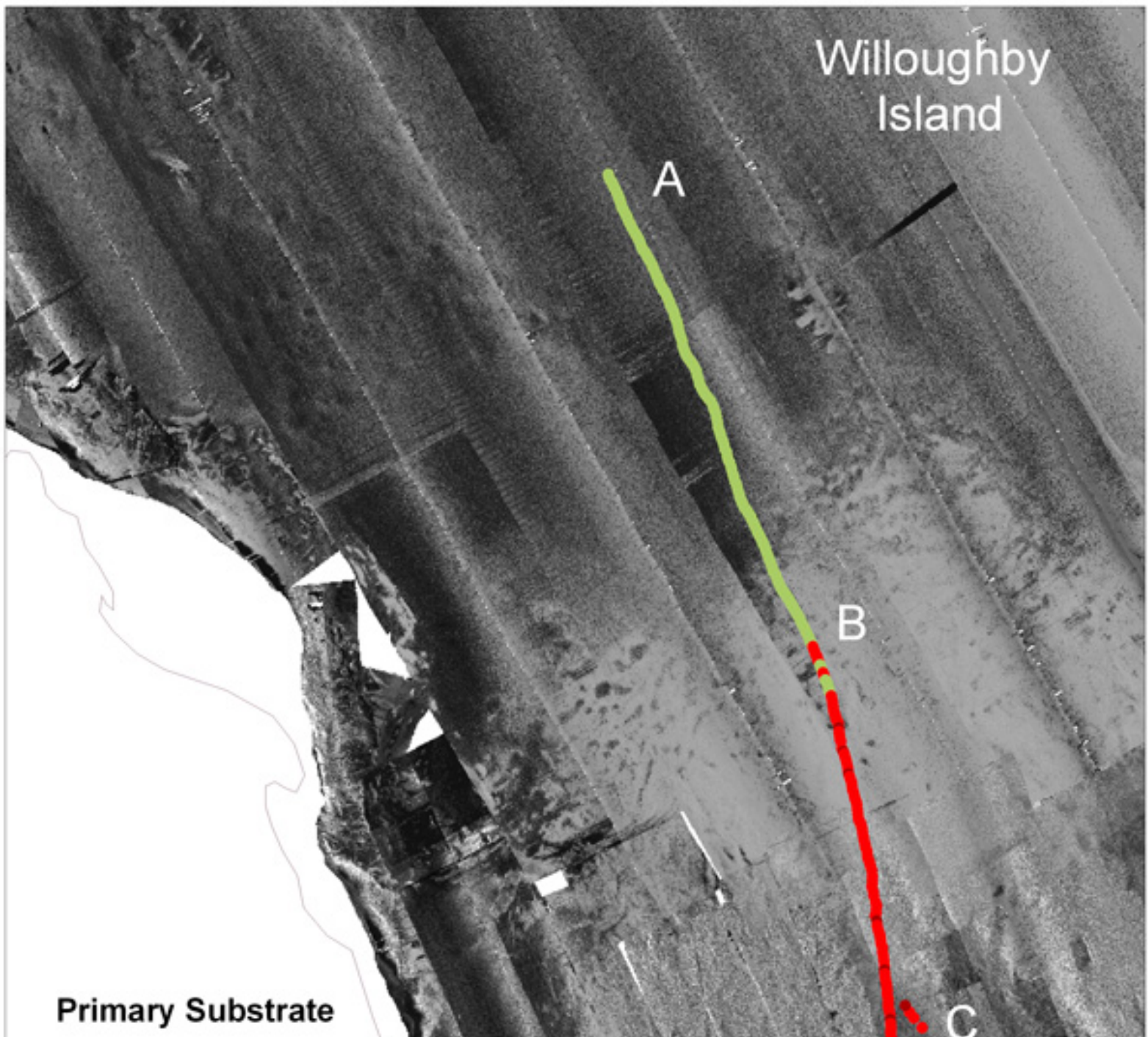


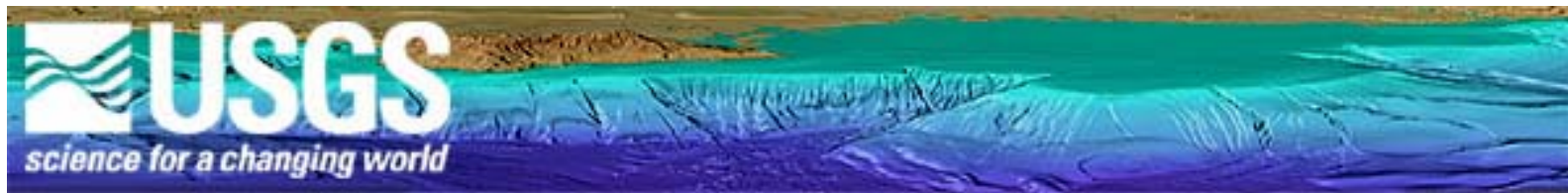




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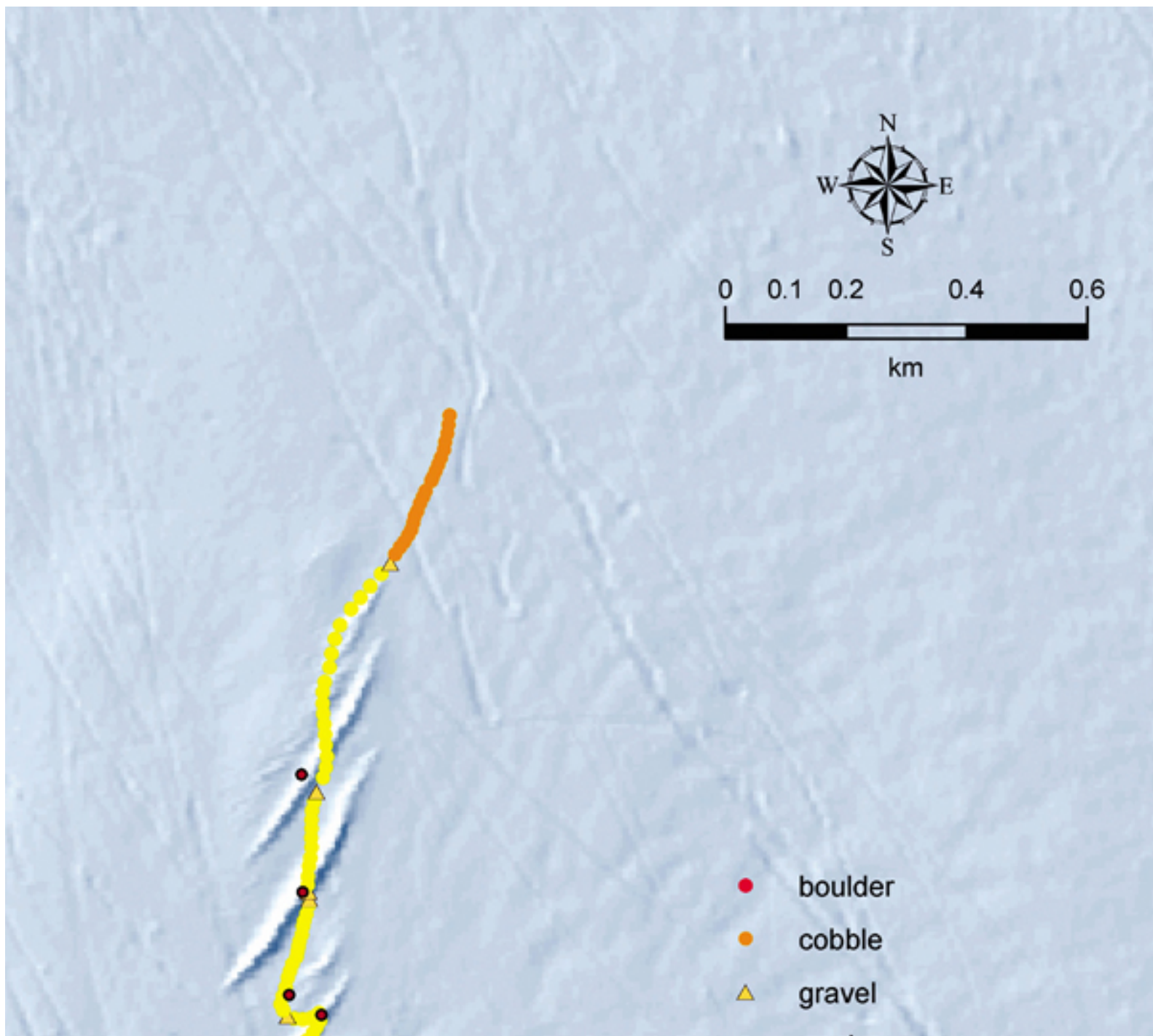
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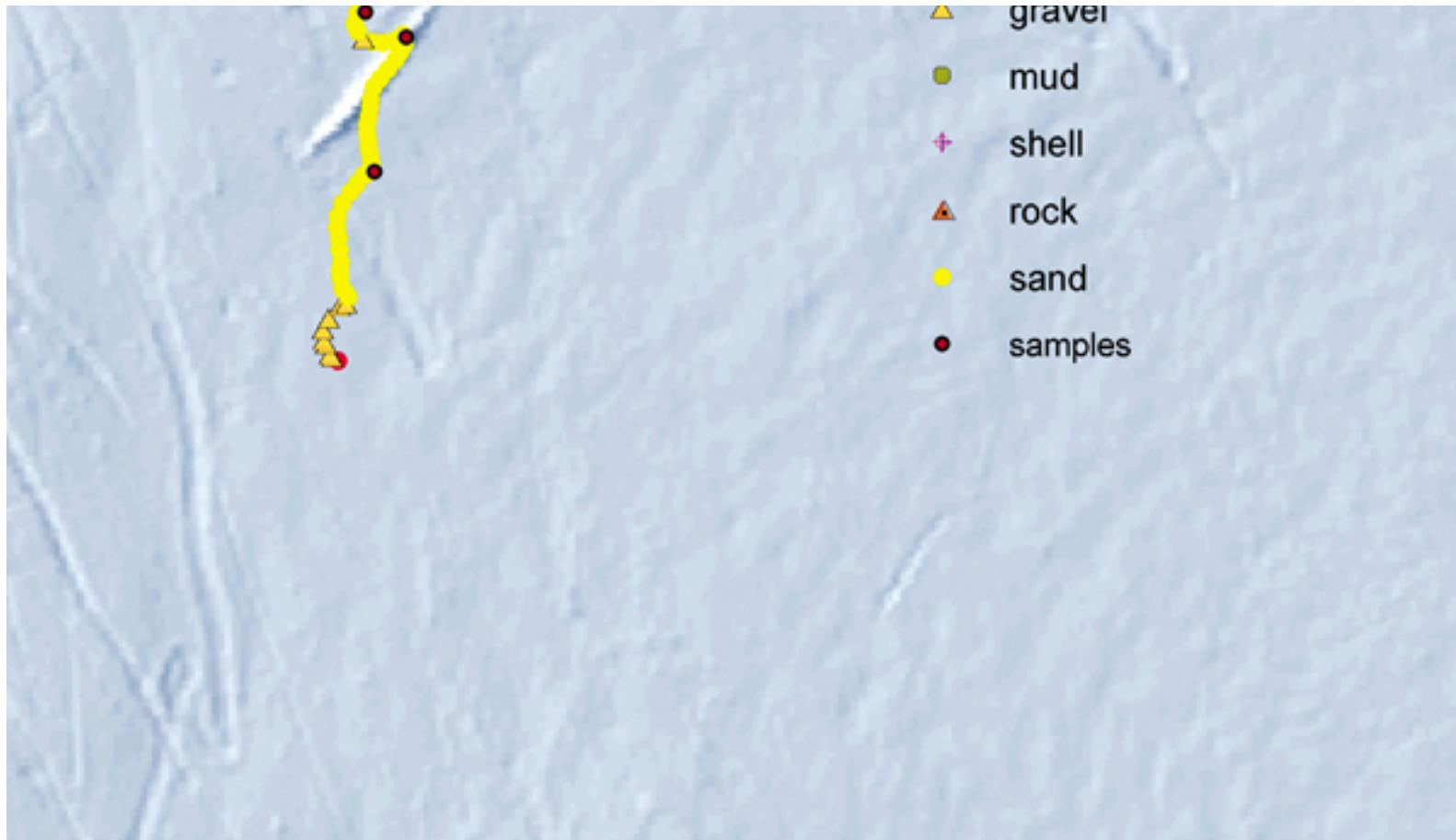
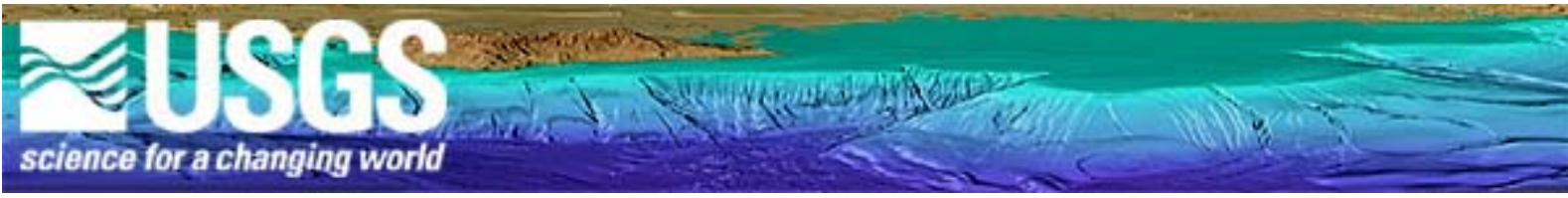


Figure 5. Obliquely-oriented features in multibeam bathymetry of lower Glacier Bay. Video observations reveal these features are sand waves 1-2 m in height. To view a large version of Figure 5 in a separate window, click on the image above.

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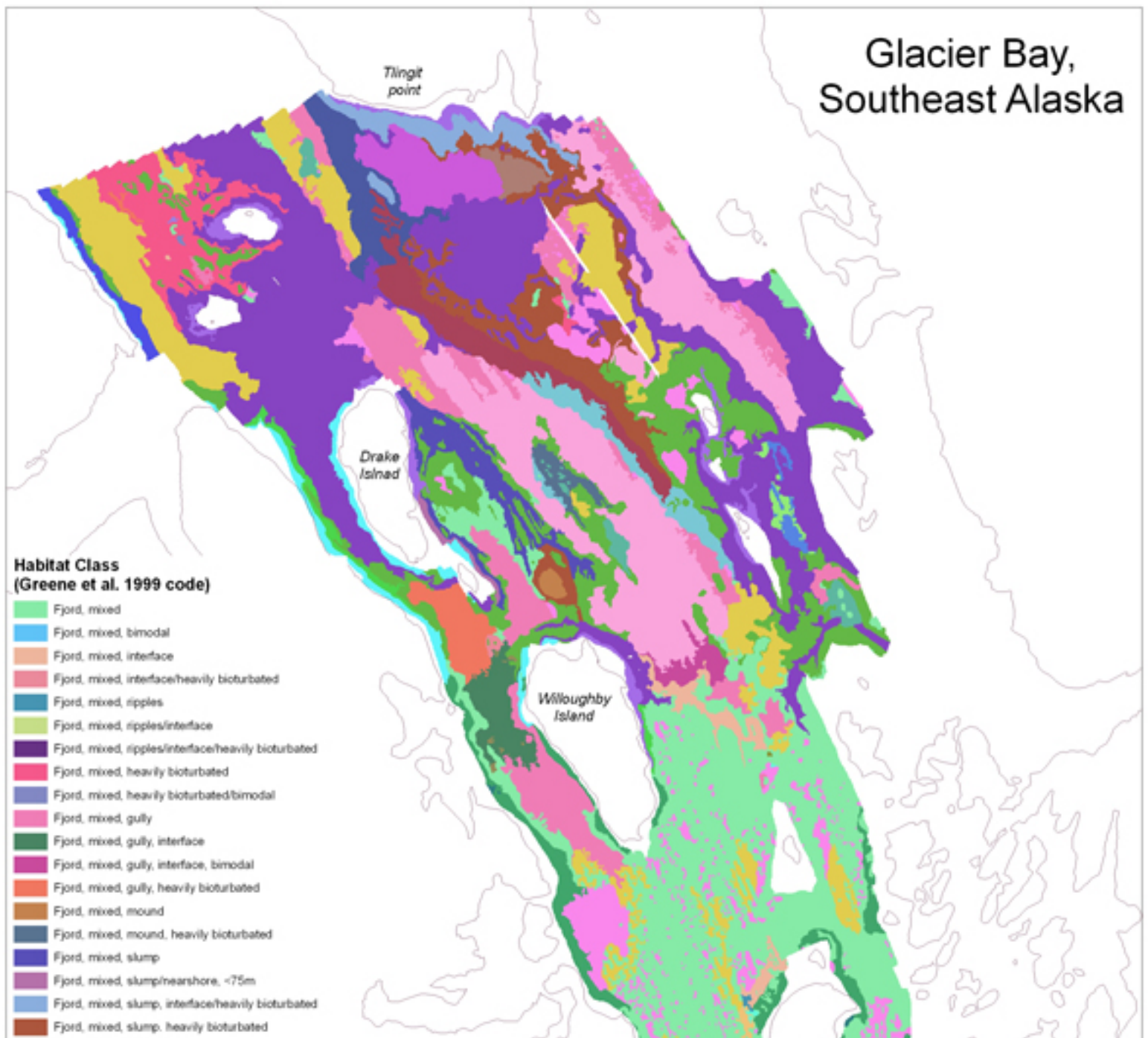
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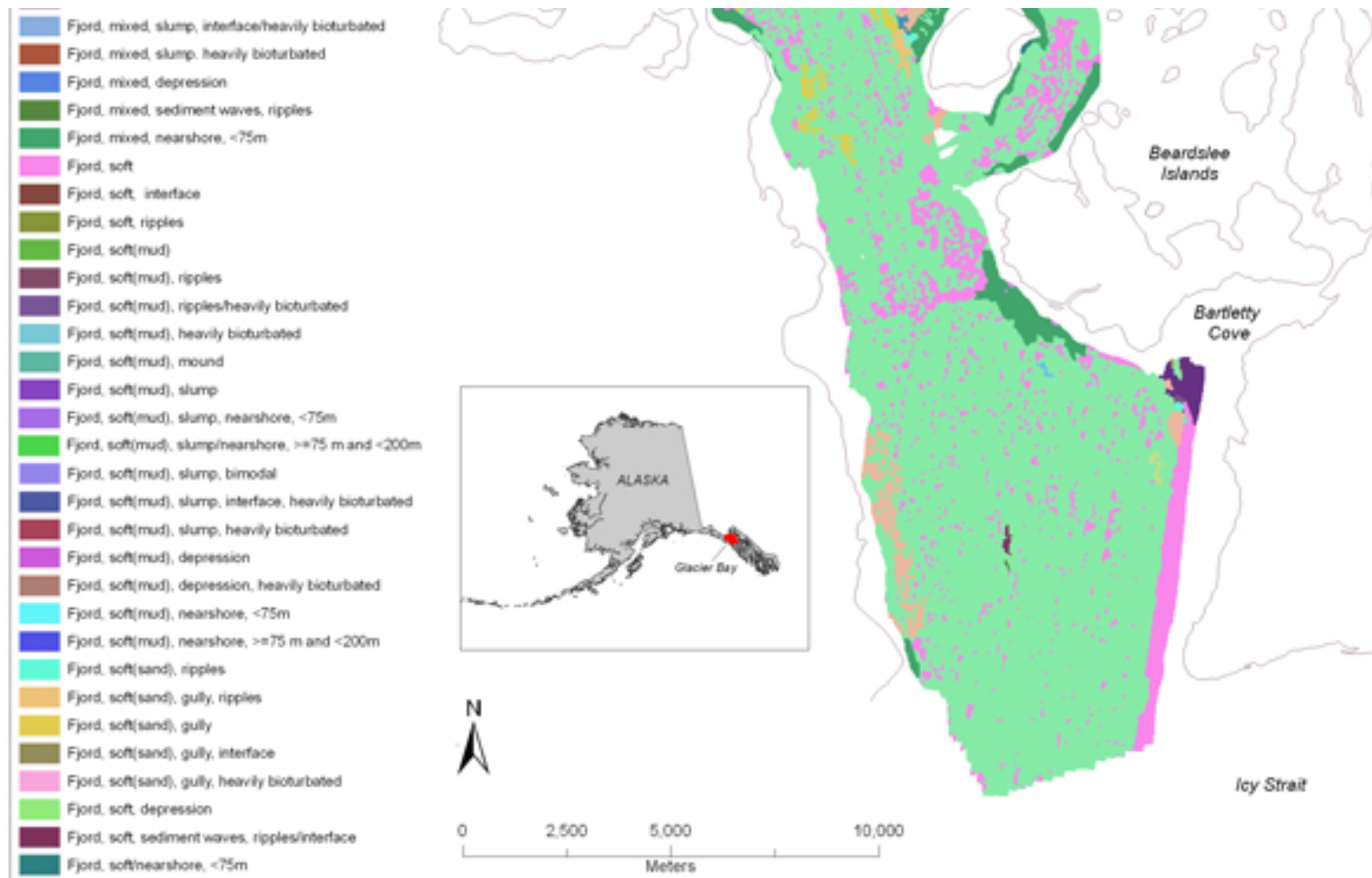
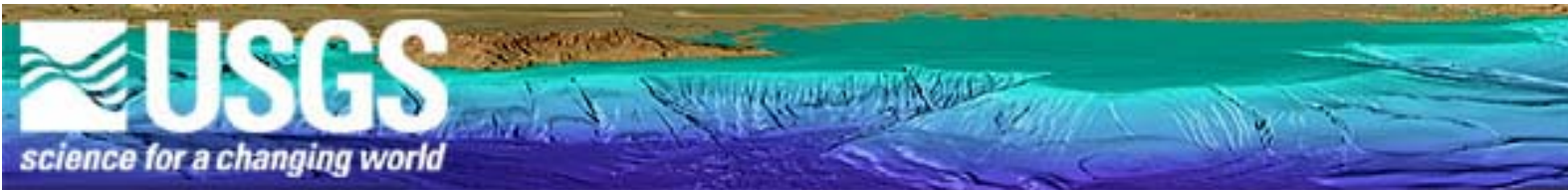


Figure 6. Benthic habitats in Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska. Classification follows Greene et al. (1999).

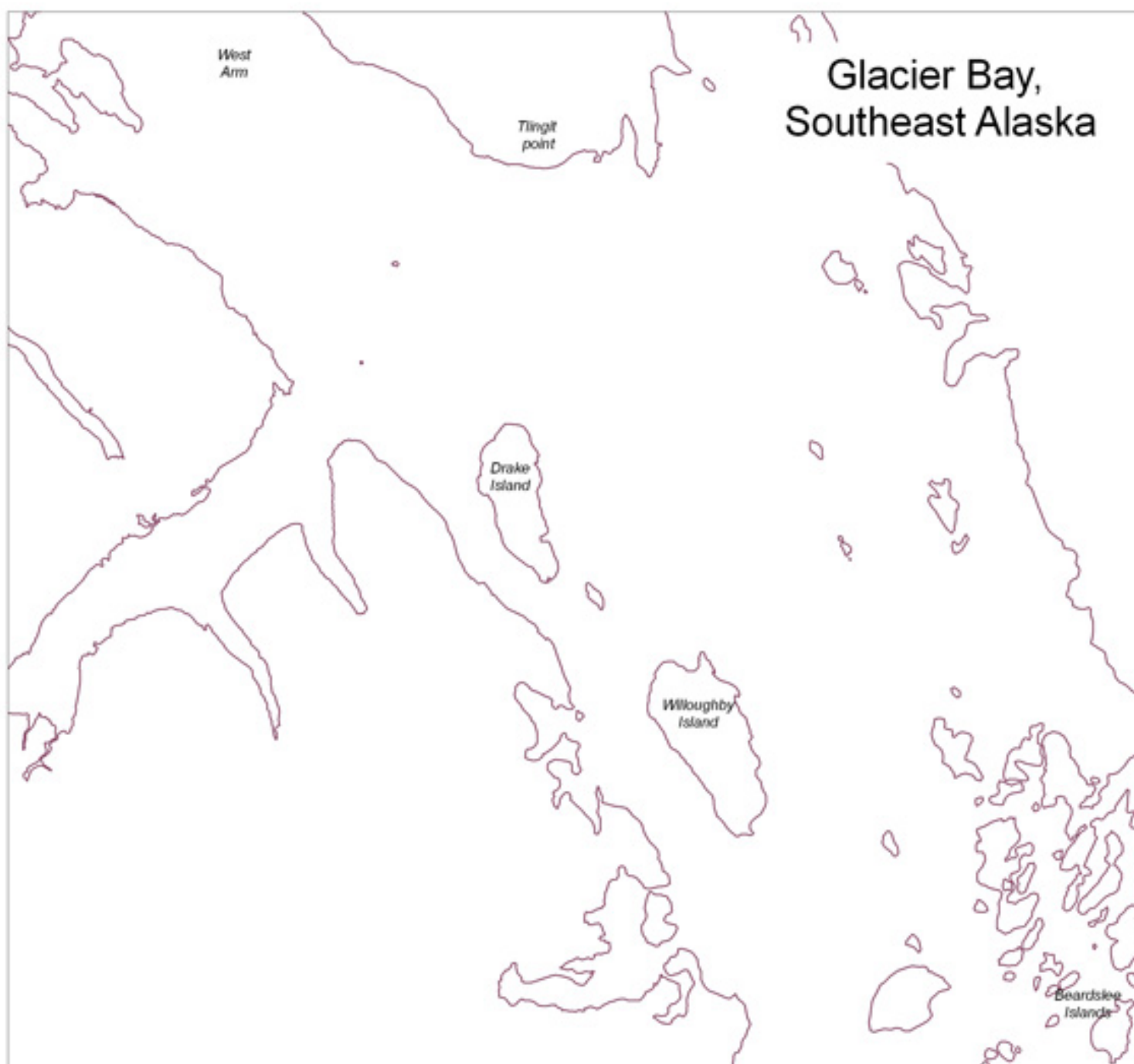
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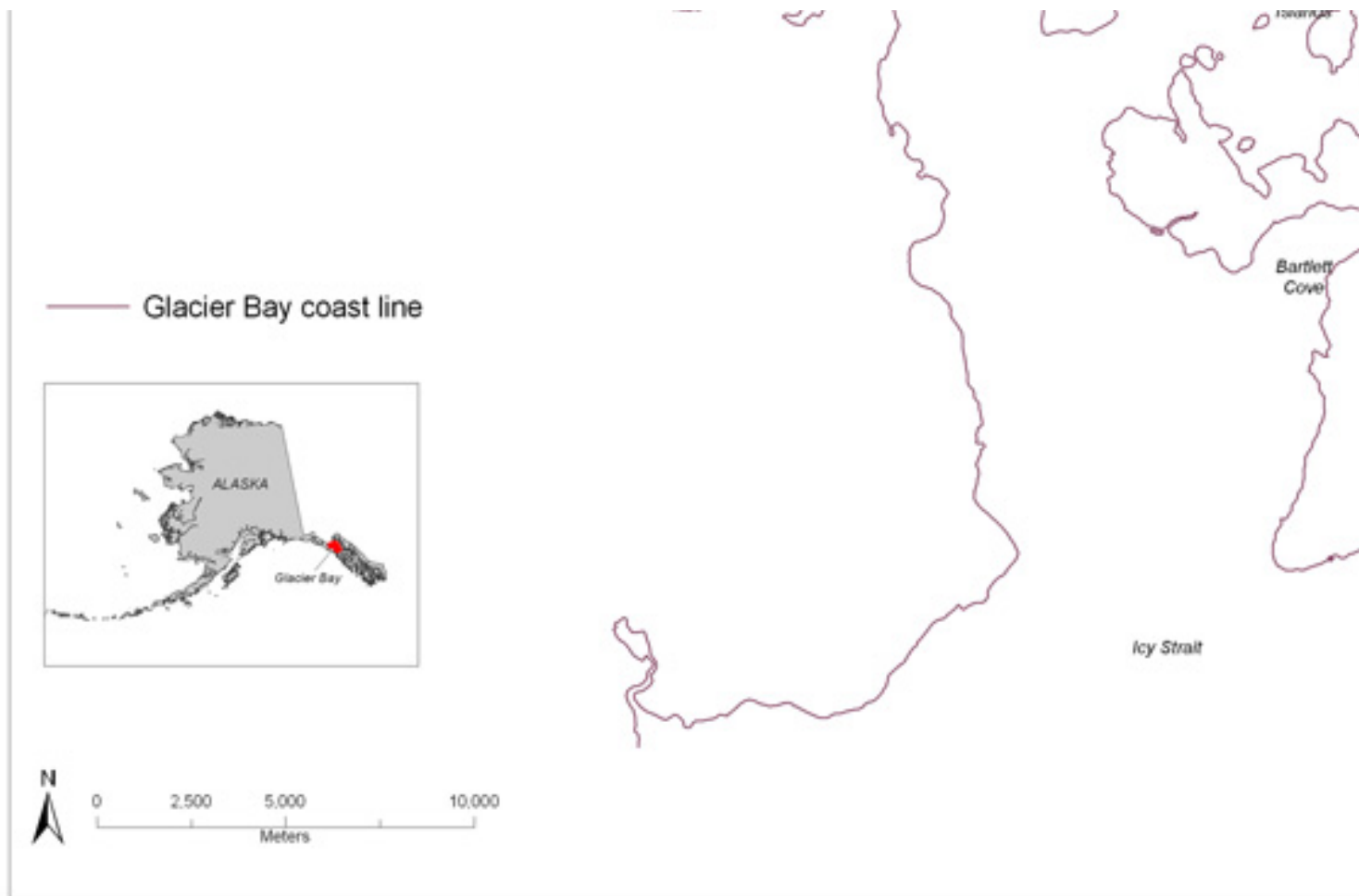
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Map showing coast line of Glacier Bay including inset of the State of Alaska.

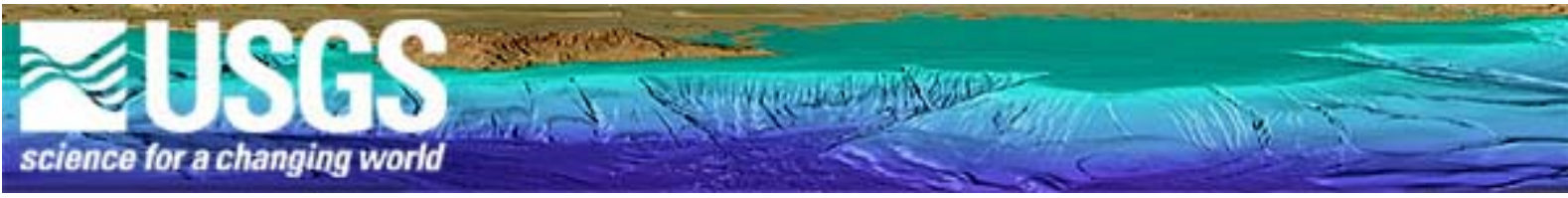
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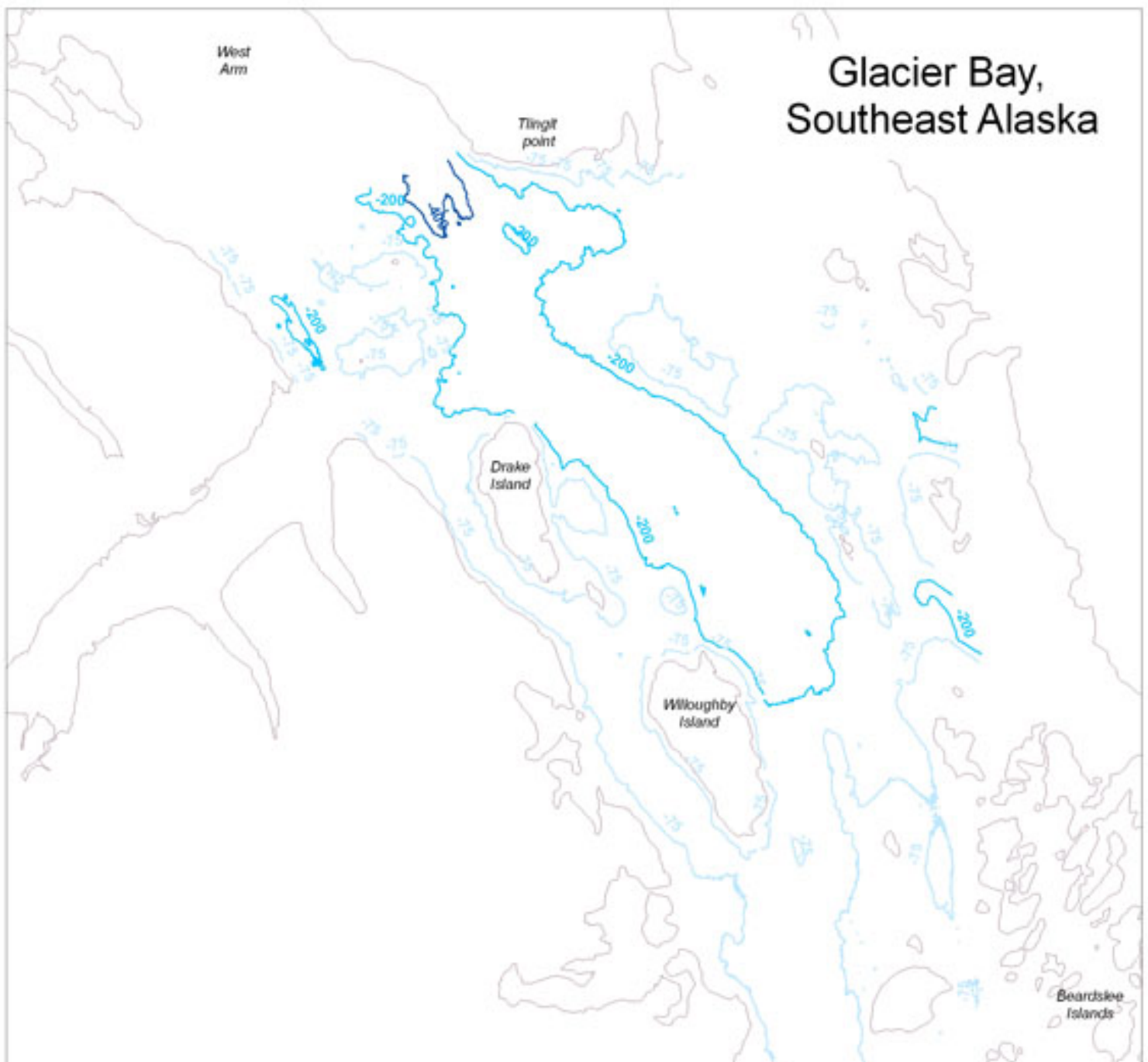
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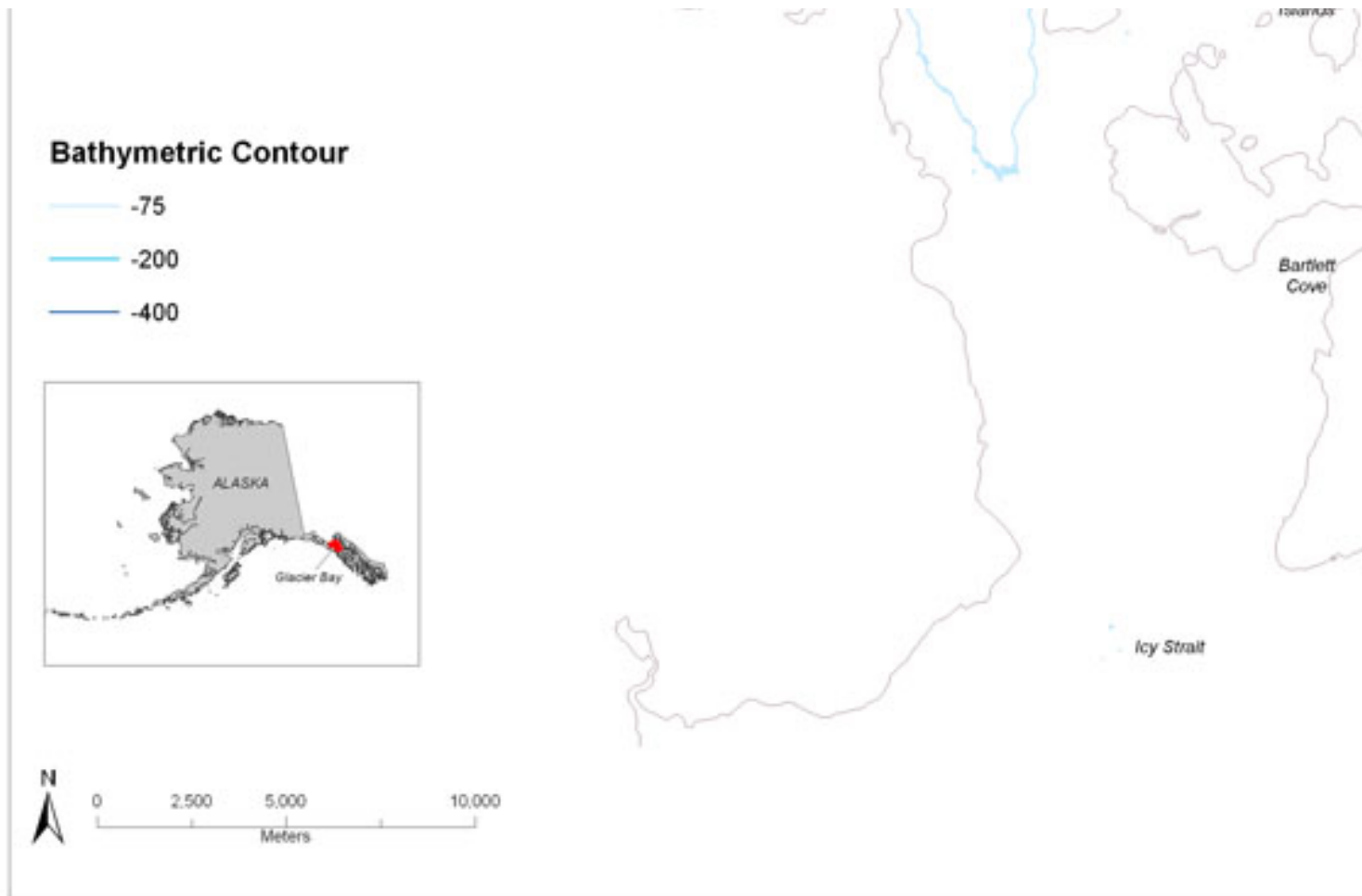


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Map showing bathymetric contours at 75m, 200m, and 400m in Glacier Bay including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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# Glacier Bay Habitat polygons Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005)

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## What does this data set describe?

*Title:*

Glacier Bay Habitat polygons Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005)

*Abstract:*

This file is a subset of the original data collected during May 29 - June 6, 2001, by contract with Thales Geosolutions (<http://www.thales-geopacific.com/>) aboard the R/V Davidson as part of a cooperative survey conducted by the U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey (Biological Resources and Coastal and Marine Geology). The instrument was a Reson 8111 multibeam echosounder (<http://reson.com/sb8111.htm>).

*Supplemental\_Information:*

Additional information about the field activities from which this data set was derived are available online at

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### 1. How should this data set be cited?

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Glacier Bay Habitat polygons Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005):.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/catalog.html/gbhab.tgz>

This is part of the following larger work.

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Geologic Characteristics of Benthic Habitats, Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska, Volume I Edition: 1.0: Open-File Report USGS OFR 2006-1081, U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology Program, Western Coastal and Marine Geology, Santa Cruz, CA.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/index.html>

**2. What geographic area does the data set cover?**

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -136.398760

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*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.756052

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.353225

**3. What does it look like?**

[http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/bathy\\_contours\\_75m\\_200m\\_400m.html](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/bathy_contours_75m_200m_400m.html) (JPEG)

JPEG image bathymetry contours at 75m, 200m, and 400m in Glacier Bay, Alaska.

**4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?**

*Calendar\_Date:* 2005

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

**5. What is the general form of this data set?**

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

**6. How does the data set represent geographic features?**

**a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?**

This is a Vector data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):

- String (595)

**b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?**

The map projection used is NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N.

Projection parameters:

*Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_from\_Pole:* -135

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Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair  
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Ordinates (y-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000064  
Planar coordinates are specified in meters

The horizontal datum used is North American Datum of 1983.  
The ellipsoid used is Geodetic ReferenceSystem 80.  
The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378137.  
The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.2572222.

## 7. How does the data set describe geographic features?

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

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### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:* none

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## Who produced the data set?

1. **Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)
  - Guy R. Cochrane
  - Jodi Harney
  - Pete Dartnell
  - Nadine Golden
  - Hank Chezar

## 2. Who also contributed to the data set?

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### 3. To whom should users address questions about the data?

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## Why was the data set created?

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

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## How was the data set created?

1. From what previous works were the data drawn?
2. How were the data generated, processed, and modified?

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 1 of 4)

Download from NOAA Coastline Extractor, <http://rimmer.ngdc.noaa.gov/coast/>.

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 2 of 4)

Nadine Golden edited and reduced number of features to study area boundaries.

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 3 of 4)  
Converted from datum NAD27 to NAD83

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 4 of 4)  
First draft of metadata created by Nadine Golden using USGS metadata tool "MP".

### 3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?

United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005,  
USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/>

This is part of the following larger work.

United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005,  
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Online Links:

- <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/InfoBank>

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## How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?

### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

derived in ArcGIS 9.1 from a georeferenced bathymetry grid.

### 2. How accurate are the geographic locations?

### 3. How accurate are the heights or depths?

### 4. Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?

complete

## 5. How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?

No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

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## How can someone get a copy of the data set?

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*Access\_Constraints:* None

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### 1. Who distributes the data set? (Distributor 1 of 1)

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### 2. What's the catalog number I need to order this data set?

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Last Reviewed: 2005

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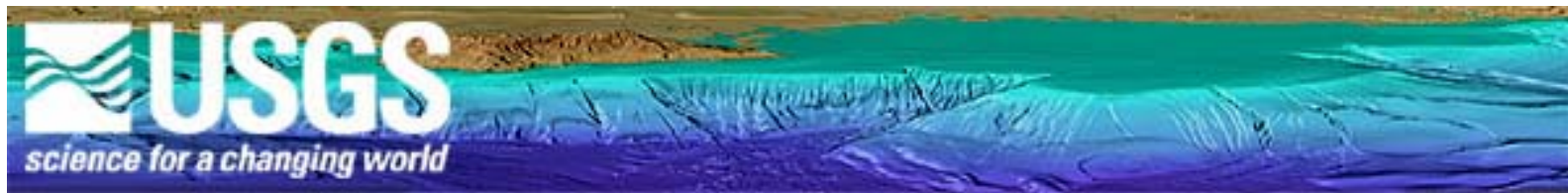
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Metadata standard:

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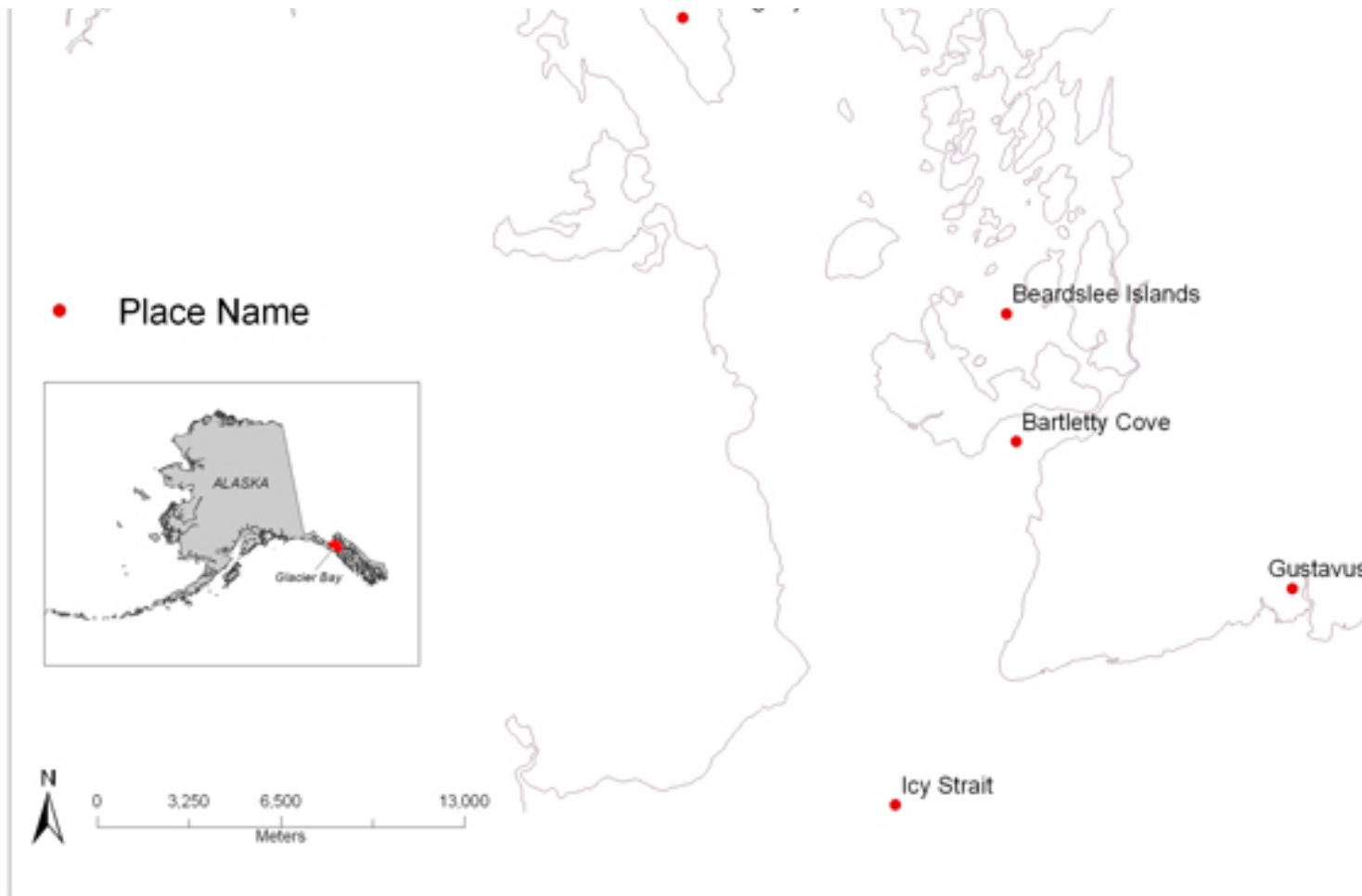
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Map showing location of 10 reference place names in Glacier Bay area including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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# Glacier Bay Place Names Edition: (Version 1.0, 2005)

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## What does this data set describe?

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*Abstract:*

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Online Links:

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This is part of the following larger work.

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Geologic characteristics of benthic habitats, Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska Edition: 1.0: Open-File Report USGS OFR 2006-1081X, U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology Program, Western Coastal and Marine Geology, Santa Cruz, CA.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/index.html>

**2. What geographic area does the data set cover?**

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -136.497887

*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -135.742928

*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.944617

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.333702

**3. What does it look like?**

[http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/place\\_names.html](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/place_names.html) (JPEG)

JPEG image of place names for Glacier Bay, Alaska.

**4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?**

*Calendar\_Date:* 2005

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

**5. What is the general form of this data set?**

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

**6. How does the data set represent geographic features?**

**a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?**

This is a Vector data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):

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**b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?**

The map projection used is NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N.

Projection parameters:

*Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_from\_Pole:* -135

*Standard\_Parallel:* 0.999600

*False\_Easting:* 500000.000

*False\_Northing:* 0.000

Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair

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Ordinates (y-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000128  
Planar coordinates are specified in meters

The horizontal datum used is North American Datum of 1983.  
The ellipsoid used is Geodetic ReferenceSystem 80.  
The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378137.  
The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.2572222.

## 7. How does the data set describe geographic features?

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

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### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:* none

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## Who produced the data set?

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- Guy R. Cochrane
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- Pete Dartnell
- Nadine Golden
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### **How was the data set created?**

#### **1. From what previous works were the data drawn?**

#### **2. How were the data generated, processed, and modified?**

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 1 of 3)

Nadine Golden created point features and added place name attribute.

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 2 of 3)

Created at projection datum NAD83

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 3 of 3)

First draft of metadata created by Nadine Golden using USGS metadata tool "MP".

#### **3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?**

United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005,



## USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata.

### Online Links:

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United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005, USGS CMG InfoBank.

### Online Links:

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## How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?

### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

Data was created to match NOAA data with sufficient precision 1 m changes along the ground.

### 2. How accurate are the geographic locations?

### 3. How accurate are the heights or depths?

### 4. Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?

complete

### 5. How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?

No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

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**Who wrote the metadata?**

Dates:

Last modified: 2005

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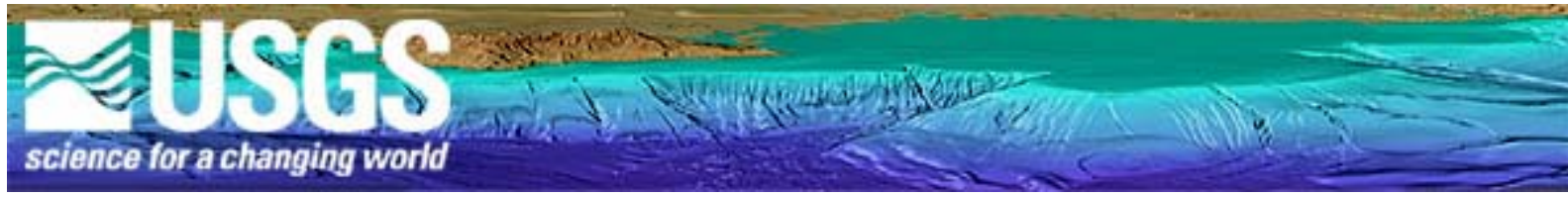
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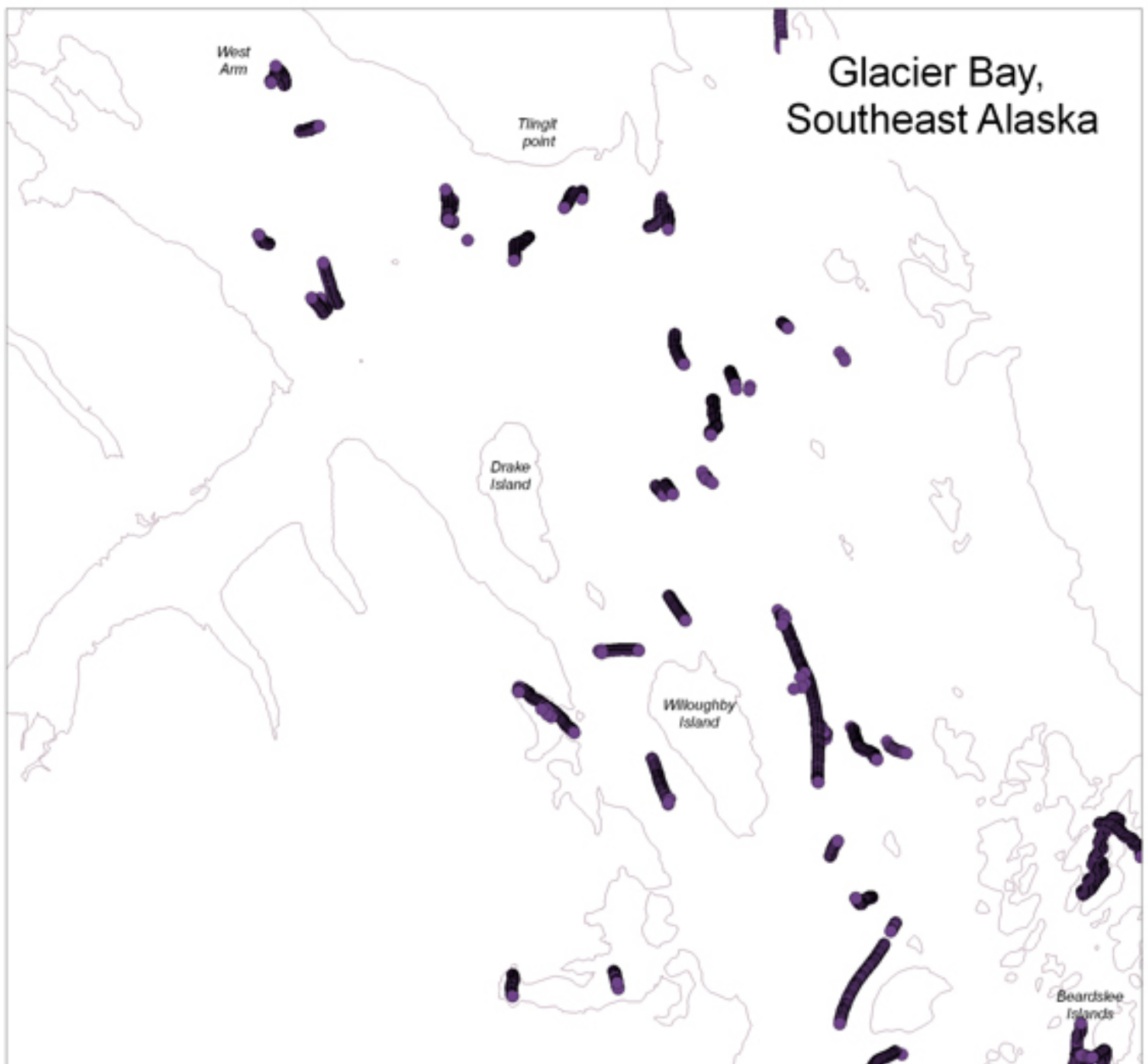
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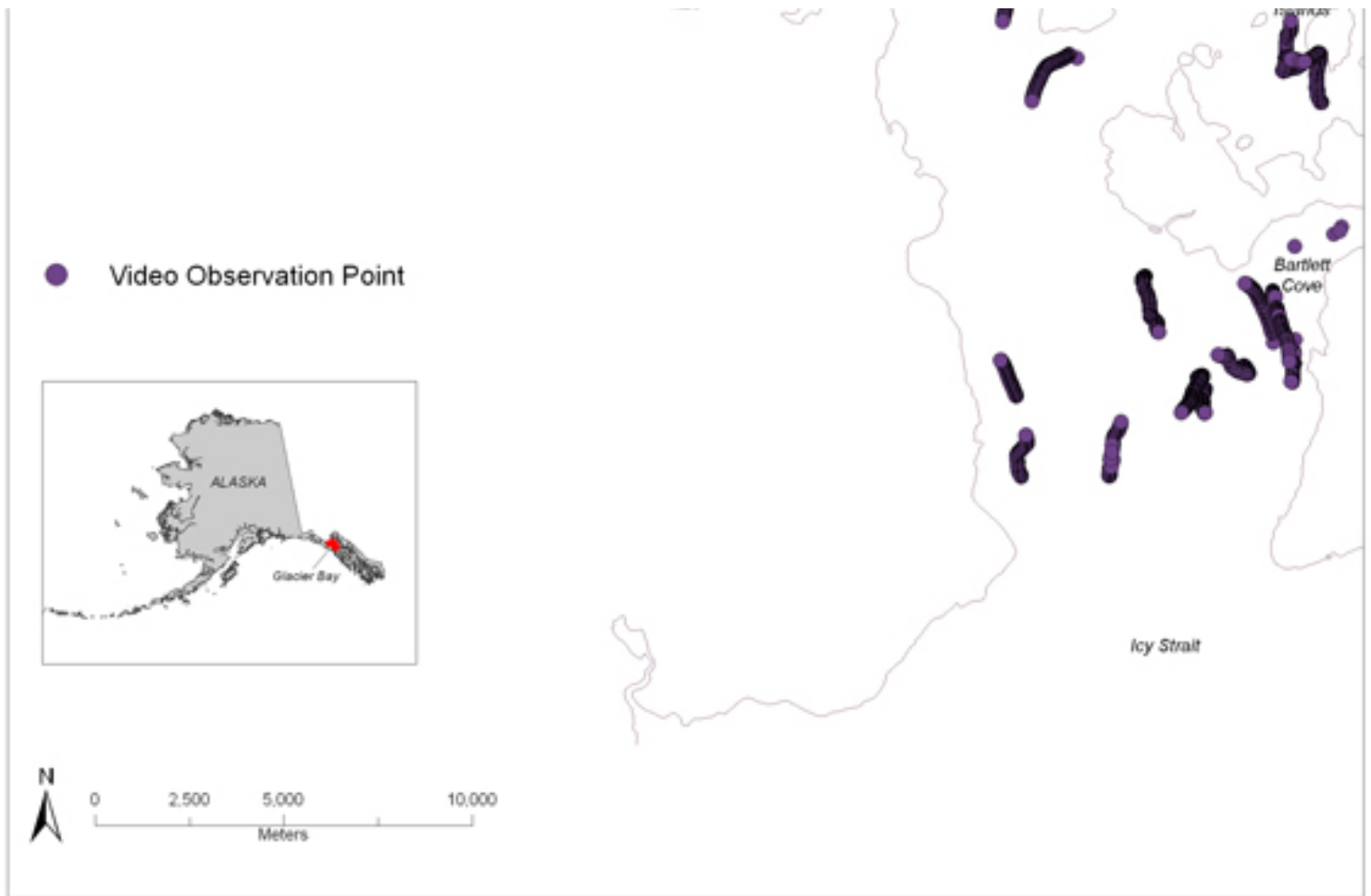
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# Geologic characteristics of benthic habitats in Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska





Map showing video observations locations in central Glacier Bay including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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**2. What geographic area does the data set cover?**

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**3. What does it look like?**

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*Beginning\_Date:* 1998

*Ending\_Date:* 2004

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

**5. What is the general form of this data set?**

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

**6. How does the data set represent geographic features?**

**a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?**

This is a Vector data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):

- Entity point (5747)

**b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?**

The map projection used is NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N.

Projection parameters:

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*Standard\_Parallel:* 0.999600

*False\_Easting:* 500000.000

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Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair

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Planar coordinates are specified in meters



The horizontal datum used is North American Datum of 1983.  
The ellipsoid used is Geodetic Reference System 80.  
The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378137.  
The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.2572222.

## 7. How does the data set describe geographic features?

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

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## Who produced the data set?

1. **Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)

- Guy R. Cochrane
- Jodi Harney
- Pete Dartnell
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## 2. Who also contributed to the data set?

A compilation of scuba and roV dive observations of benthic habitat. Divers include Russ Vetter, Cynthia Taylor, and other NOAA employed divers. ROV operated by John Butler, John Wagner, and other NOAA technicians. Some of the dives made on USGS field activity S-1-01-SC

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## Why was the data set created?

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

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## How was the data set created?

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**How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?**

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Visual observations of variable unknown accuracy

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Highly variable on the order of 10 meters.

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Observations made without uniform protocol.

**5. How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?**

Point features present.

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**How can someone get a copy of the data set?**

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*Access\_Constraints:* None

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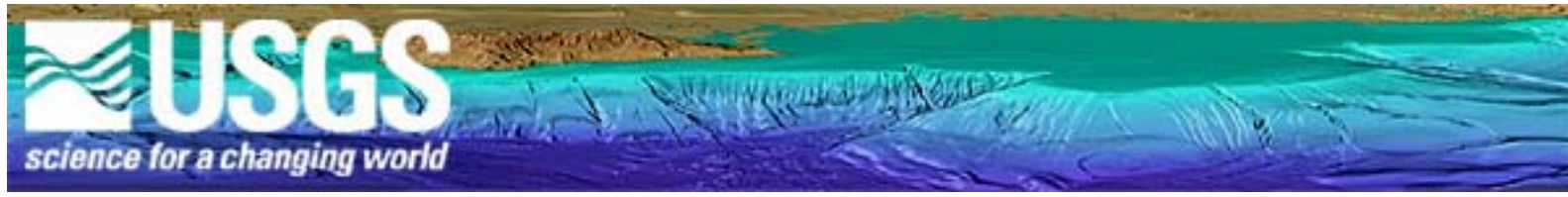
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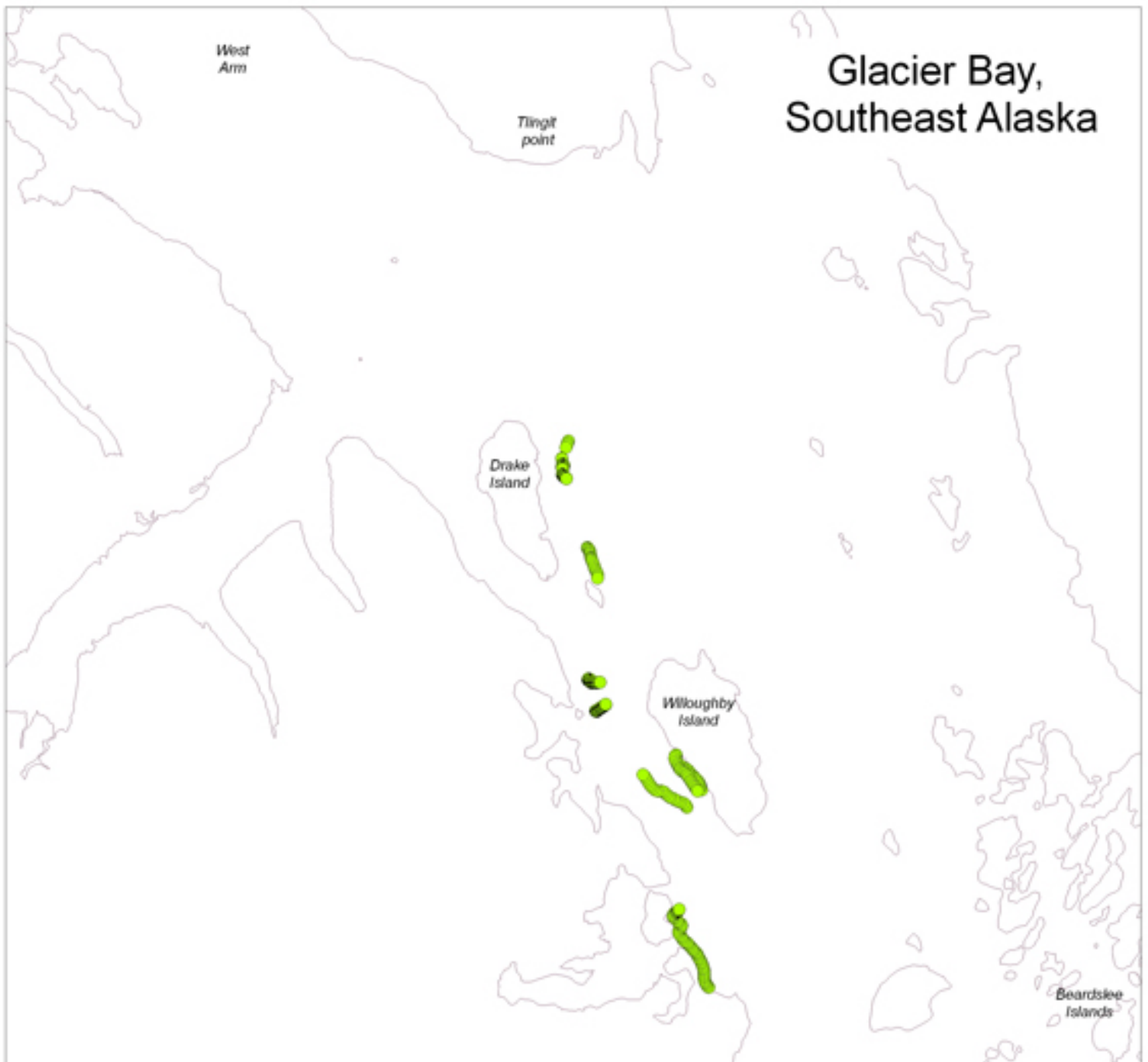
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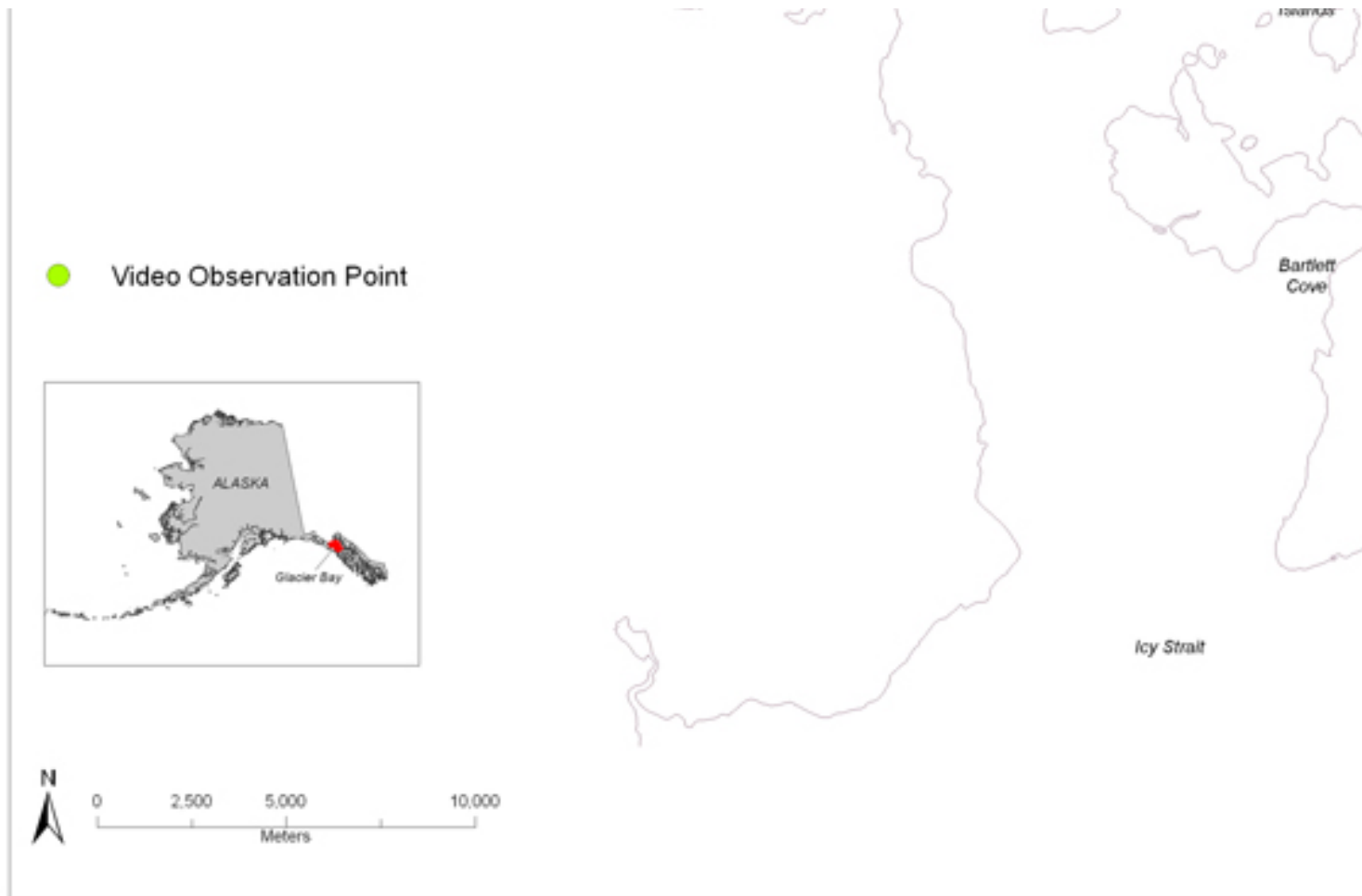
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Map showing Willoughby region video observations of Glacier Bay including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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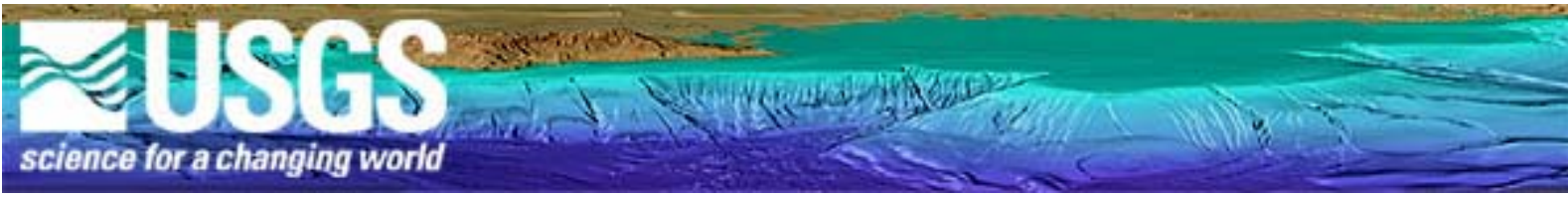
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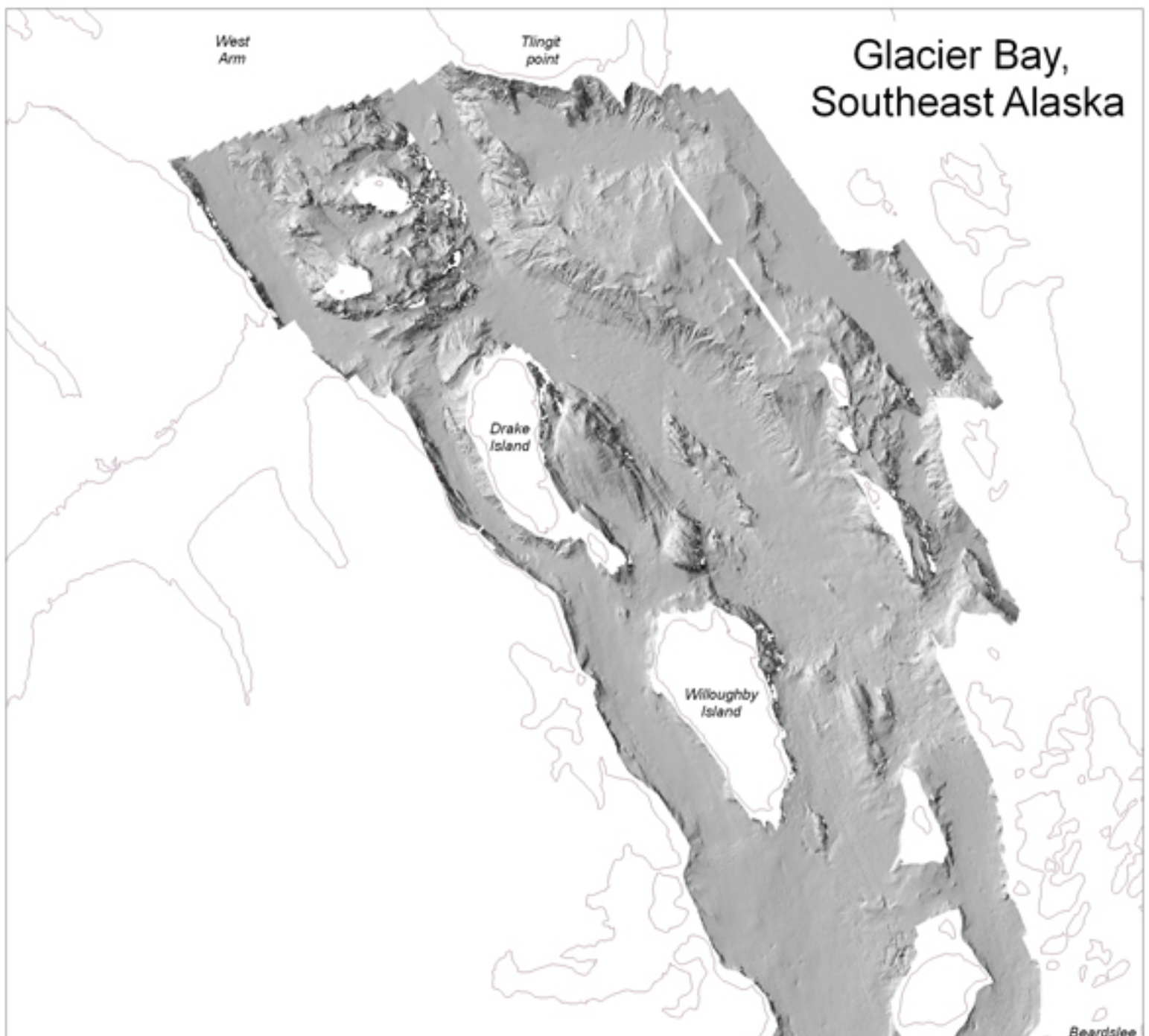
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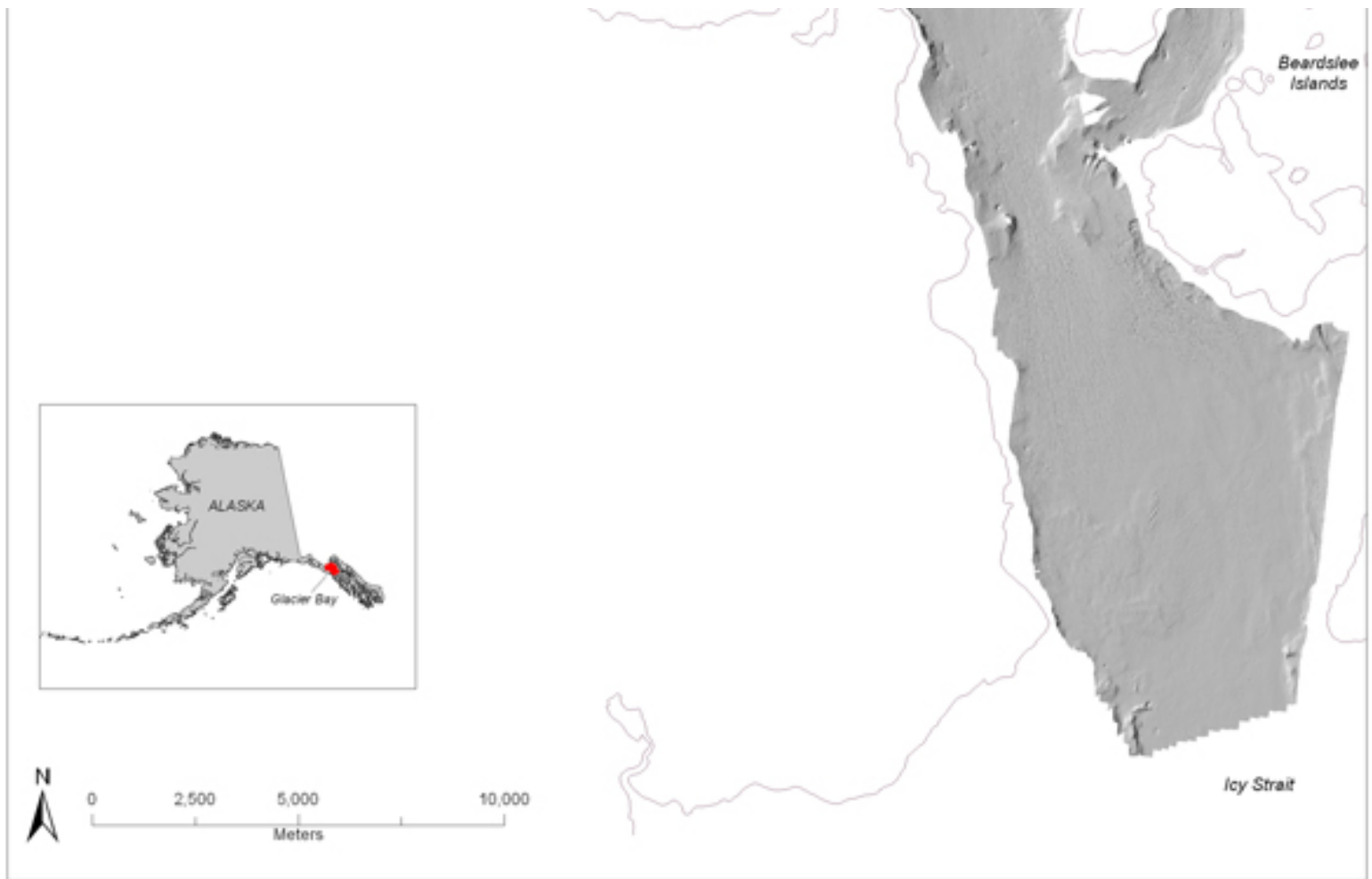




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Multibeam hill shaded image of Glacier Bay including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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## Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.

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## What does this data set describe?

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*Abstract:*

This data set consists of 5-m gridded bathymetric data for Glacier Bay, Alaska, in xyz form. The data were interpolated across "nodata" gaps that were no more than 30 meters wide.

Data were collected during May 29 - June 6, 2001, by contract with Thales Geosolutions (<http://www.thales-geopacific.com/>) aboard the R/V Davidson as part of a cooperative survey conducted by the U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey (Biological Resources and Coastal and Marine Geology). The instrument was a Reson 8111 multibeam echosounder (<http://reson.com/sb8111.htm>). The raw data were reduced by Thales.

*Supplemental\_Information:*

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Specifications for the Reson SeaBat 8111 Multibeam Echosounder (<http://www.reson.com/sb8111.htm>)

Operating frequency: 100 kHz  
Number of beams: 101  
Beamwidth across track: 1.5 degrees  
Beamwidth along track: 1.5 degrees  
Center-to-center beam separation: 1.5 degrees  
Pulse length: Variable, operator selectable  
Depth range: 3 - 1000 meters  
Transducer depth rating: 100 meters  
Max. update rate: 35 swaths per second  
Max. vessel Speed: 20 knots  
Stabilization: Pitch stabilization within +/- 10 degrees  
Projector beam control: External pitch sensor

Hydrophone size (Dia./arc/length): 640mm, 220 degrees, 200mm

Processor Dimensions (HWD): 177 x 483 x 434 mm

Tranceiver Dimensions (HWD): 267 x 450 x 427 mm

Weight: (with 15m cable):

Hydrophone Dry: 42 kg Wet: 36 kg

Projector Dry: 30 kg Wet: 23 kg

Transceiver weight: 13.6 kg

Processor weight: 20 kg

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### 1. How should this data set be cited?

Stevenson, A.J., and Wong, Florence L. , 2002, Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.: USGS Open-File Report 02-391, U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, California.

Online Links:

- o [URL:http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/02-391](http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/02-391)

### 2. What geographic area does the data set cover?

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -136.40276708

*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -135.91167668

*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.75728909

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.35942274

### 3. What does it look like?

glacier.gif (GIF)

index map of Glacier Bay multibeam bathymetry data

### 4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?

*Calendar\_Date:* 2002

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

**5. What is the general form of this data set?**

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form*: map

**6. How does the data set represent geographic features?**

**a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?**

This is a Raster data set. It contains the following raster data types:

- Dimensions 255 x 11339, type Pixel

**b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?**

**7. How does the data set describe geographic features?**

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**Who produced the data set?**

**1. Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)

- A.J. Stevenson
- Florence L. Wong

**2. Who also contributed to the data set?**

**3. To whom should users address questions about the data?**

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## Why was the data set created?

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

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## How was the data set created?

1. **From what previous works were the data drawn?**
2. **How were the data generated, processed, and modified?**

Date: 2001 (process 1 of 5)

Raw data processed by contractor Thales Geosolutions and provided as 10-m and 5-m xyz values in UTM 8 coordinate system.

Date: 2001 (process 2 of 5)

F.L. Wong converted xyz to ArcInfo grids. Data were processed in 50,000-point blocks. Each block of points was used to GENERATE a point coverage.

The point coverage for each block was merged with adjoining blocks, the grid IDW function was applied with default options, and the resulting grid clipped to the boundary of the block. All the interpolated grids were merged into a continuous grid GLACIER05MIG that was corrected by a mask that omitted data in holes that exceed 30 meters in width.

The masking grid was constructed as follows: a unit grid (data cells = 1, all others = nodata) was copied from a 5-m uninterpolated grid. The unit grid was converted to a polygon coverage from which polygons with areas of less than 1000 square meters were removed in bulk. The remaining interior polygons were inspected in Arcedit and removed if the width were about 30 meters or less. This polygon coverage was converted back to a grid to be applied as a mask to the merged grids described in the previous paragraph.

Date: 2002 (process 3 of 5)

UTM grid was converted to a point coverage by Arc tool GRIDPOINT. Point coverage was projected to decimal degrees, and longitude, latitude, and depth values extracted.

Date: 18-Oct-2001 (process 4 of 5)

First draft of metadata created by curator using FGDCMETA.AML ver. 1.35 08/02/2000 on ArcInfo data set /arcdata/bathymetry/glacier05mg

Date: 05-Nov-2005 (process 5 of 5)

-----Nadine Golden edited starting here----- Used Spatial Analyst Tool Surface Analyst, Hillshade to convert to hillshade view.

### 3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?

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## How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?

### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

Not applicable.

### 2. How accurate are the geographic locations?

Navigation was multiple DGPS [differential global positioning systems] coupled up with 2 very precise DR [dead-reckoning] 3-axis accelerometers, all integrated in WinFrog (proprietary software from Thales Geosolutions <<http://www.thales-geopacific.com/offshore/index.html>>). The best functional test we did was crossties, which suggested that average navigational errors were on the order of 1 meter, with (rare) maximum errors being about 3 meters. (A.J. Stevenson, written communication, October 2001)

### 3. How accurate are the heights or depths?

### 4. Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?

Data values are missing in and around shallow or emergent features (islands) and where adjoining trackline coverage was not overlapping.

### 5. How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?

Not applicable for raster data.

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## How can someone get a copy of the data set?



## **Are there legal restrictions on access or use of the data?**

*Access\_Constraints:* None.

*Use\_Constraints:* Data not to be used for navigational purposes.

### **1. Who distributes the data set? (Distributor 1 of 1)**

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### **2. What's the catalog number I need to order this data set?**

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### **4. How can I download or order the data?**

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## **Who wrote the metadata?**

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Last modified: 10-Dec-2002

Last Reviewed: 2002

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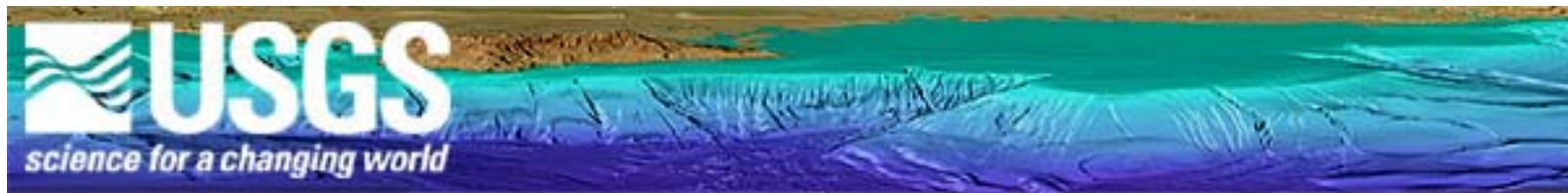
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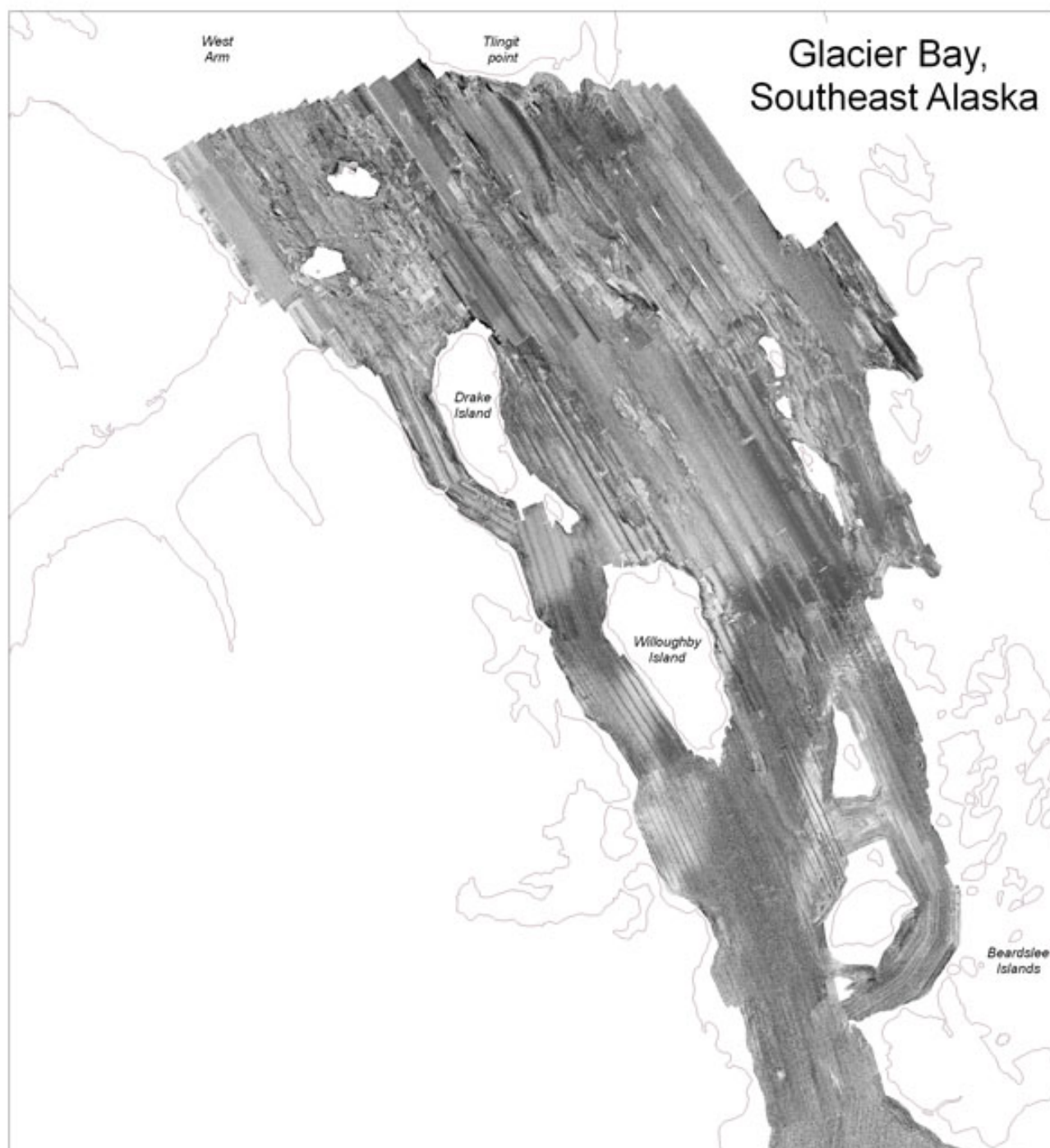
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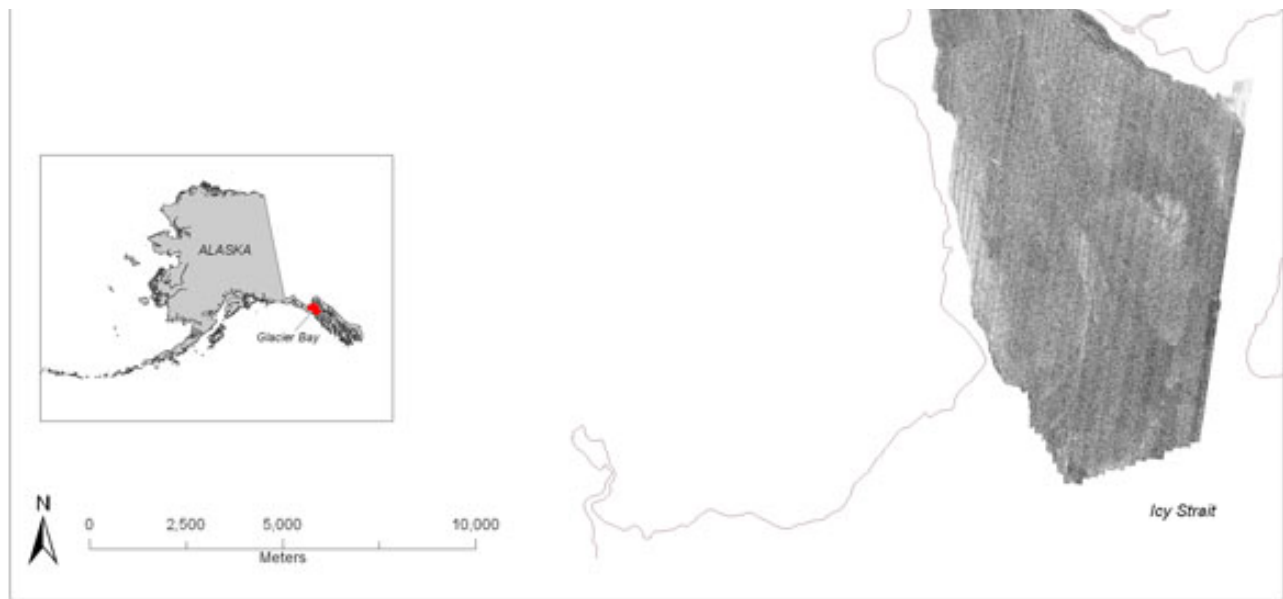
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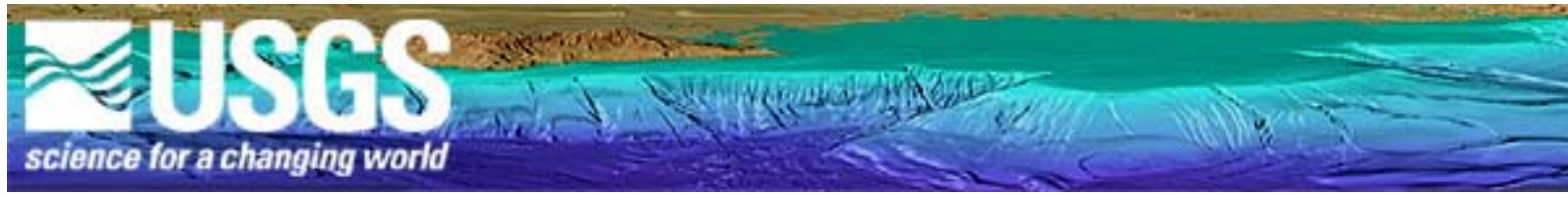


Backscatter data image of Glacier Bay including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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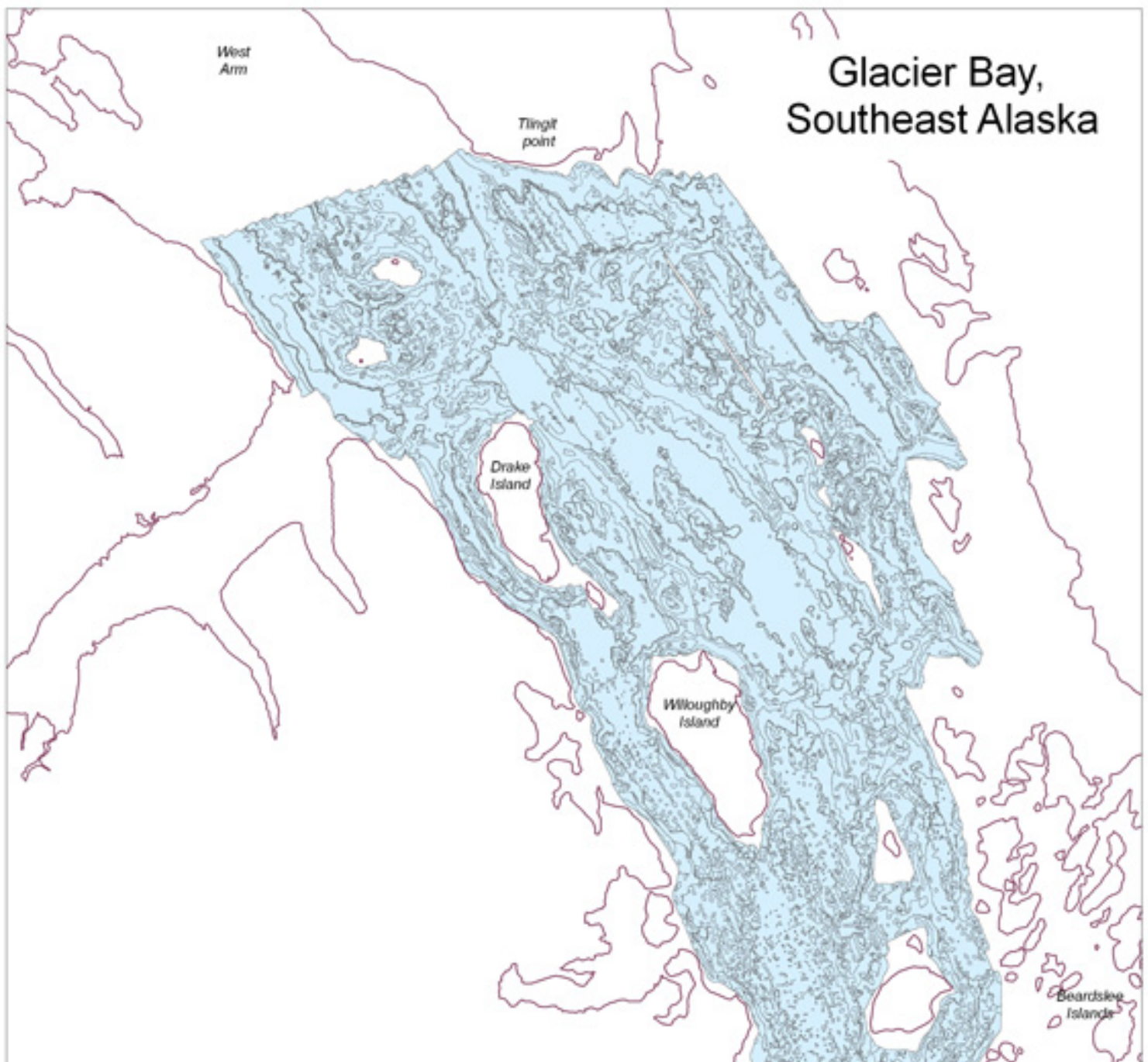
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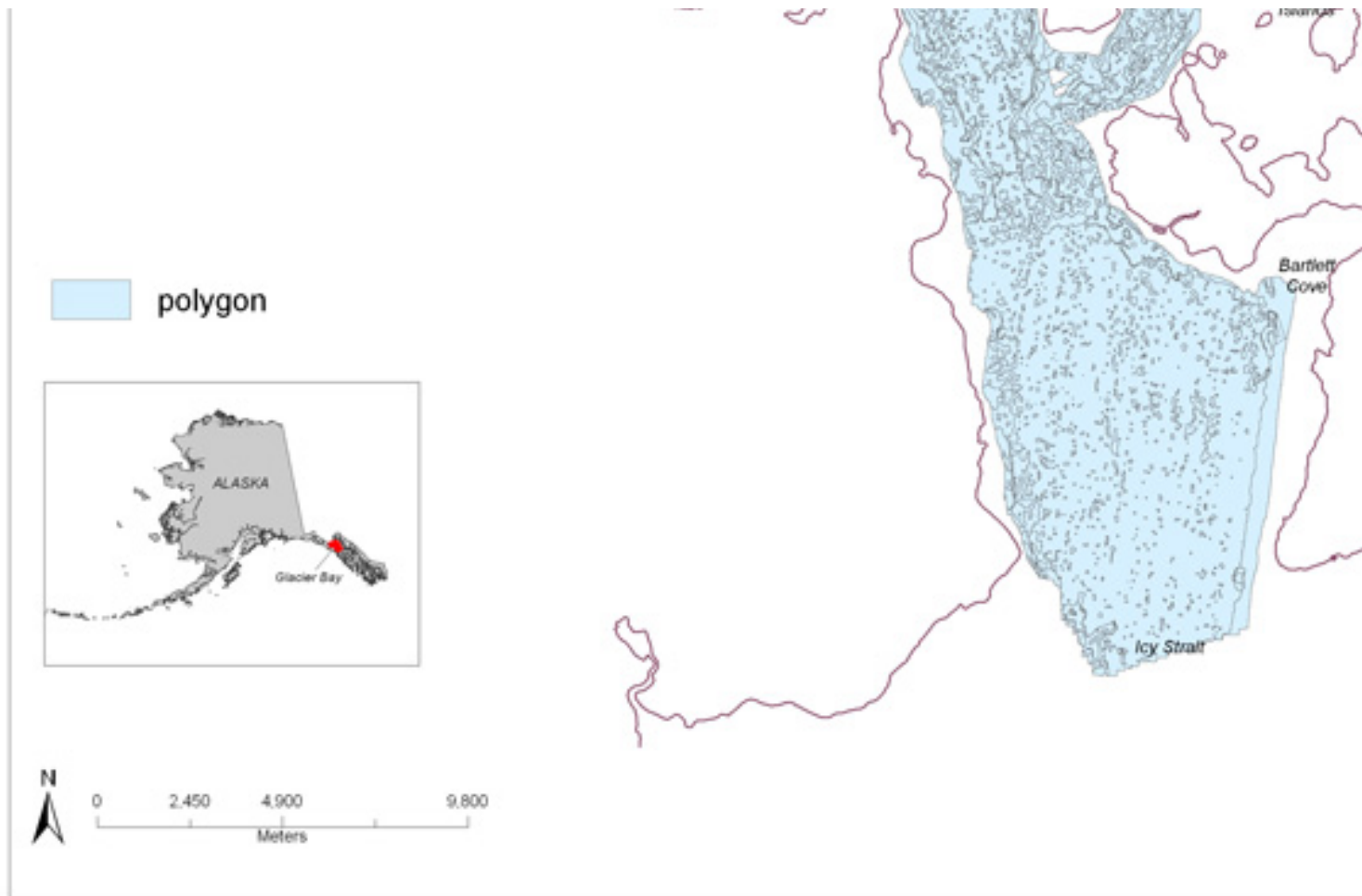
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Map showing Glacier Bay habitat polygons including an inset of the State of Alaska.

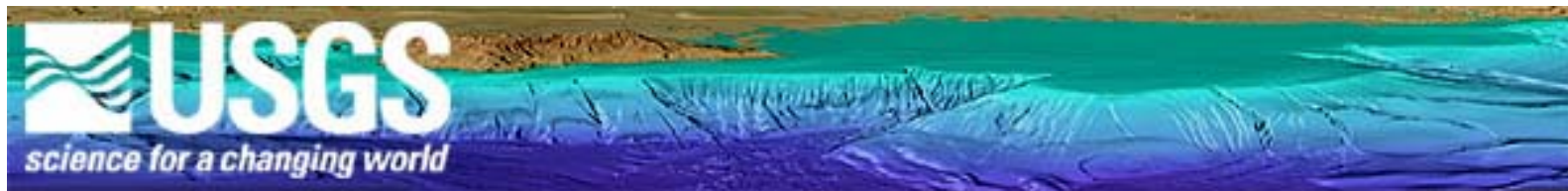
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## REVISION HISTORY

This is version 1. There have been no revisions.

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Originator: Jodi Harney

Originator: Pete Dartnell

Originator: Nadine Golden

Originator: Hank Chezar

Publication\_Date: 2005

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Currentness\_Reference: Ground Condition

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Progress: Complete

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: As Needed

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Logical\_Consistency\_Report: No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

Completeness\_Report: complete

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Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: map

### Online\_Linkage:

[http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/catalog.html/glacierbay\\_coastline.tgz](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/catalog.html/glacierbay_coastline.tgz)

### Larger\_Work\_Citation:

#### Citation\_Information:

Originator: Guy R. Cochrane

Originator: Jodi Harney

Originator: Pete Dartnell

Originator: Nadine Golden

Originator: Hank Chezar

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: Geologic Characteristics of Benthic Habitats, Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska, Volume I

Edition: 1.0

#### Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Open-File Report

Issue\_Identification: USGS OFR 2006-1081

#### Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Western Coastal and Marine

Geology, Santa Cruz, CA

Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine

Geology Program

### Online\_Linkage:

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/index.html>

## Description:

### Abstract:

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**Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**

Time\_Period\_Information:

Single\_Date/Time:

Calendar\_Date: 2005

Currentness\_Reference: Ground Condition

**Status:**

Progress: Complete

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: As Needed

**Spatial\_Domain:**

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -137.150910

East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -135.625164

North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 59.097298

South\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 58.322444

**Keywords:**

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None

Theme\_Keyword: habitat

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Theme\_Keyword: seafloor

Theme\_Keyword: geology

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: ISO 19115 Topic Category

Theme\_Keyword: biota

Theme\_Keyword: geoscientificinformation  
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Theme\_Keyword: oceans

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None  
Place\_Keyword: Alaska  
Place\_Keyword: Glacier Bay

Access\_Constraints: None

Use\_Constraints: Not suitable for navigation

Point\_of\_Contact:

Contact\_Information:

Contact\_Person\_Primary:  
Contact\_Person: Guy R. Cochrane  
Contact\_Organization:  
United States Geological Survey (USGS)  
Coastal and Marine Geology Program (CMGP)

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Address\_Type: mailing and physical address  
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Data\_Set\_Credit:

This file is a subset of the original data extracted from NOAA Coastline Extractor, <http://rimmer.ngdc.noaa.gov/coast/>.

Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:

SunOS, 5.8, sun4u UNIX  
ArcInfo version 9.1

Cross\_Reference:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG)  
Publication\_Date: 2005  
Title: USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata

Online\_Linkage: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/>

Larger\_Work\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG)

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: USGS CMG InfoBank

Online\_Linkage: <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/InfoBank>

Browse\_Graphic:

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name: [http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/glacierbay\\_coastline.html](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/glacierbay_coastline.html)

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description: JPEG image of coast line for Glacier Bay, Alaska.

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type: JPEG

Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report: NOAA data was stored with sufficient precision to resolve 1 m changes along the ground.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report: No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

Completeness\_Report: complete

Lineage:

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description: Download from NOAA Coastline Extractor,<http://rimmer.ngdc.noaa.gov/coast/>.

Process\_Date: 20051122

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description: Nadine Golden edited and reduced number of features to study area boundaries.

Process\_Date: 20051122

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Process\_Description: Converted from datum NAD27 to NAD83

Process\_Date: 20051122

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Process\_Description:

First draft of metadata created by Nadine Golden using USGS metadata tool "MP".

Process\_Date: 20051122

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Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Vector

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Information:

SDTS\_Terms\_Description:

SDTS\_Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Type: String

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Count: 796

## Spatial\_Reference\_Information:

### Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:

Planar:

Map\_Projection:

Map\_Projection\_Name: NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N

Polar\_Stereographic:

Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_From\_Pole: -135

Standard\_Parallel: 0.999600

False\_Easting: 500000.000

False\_Northing: 0.000

Planar\_Coordinate\_Information:

Planar\_Coordinate\_Encoding\_Method: coordinate pair

Coordinate\_Representation:

Abscissa\_Resolution: 0.000128

Ordinate\_Resolution: 0.000128

Planar\_Distance\_Units: meters

Geodetic\_Model:

Horizontal\_Datum\_Name: North American Datum of 1983

Ellipsoid\_Name: Geodetic ReferenceSystem 80

Semi-major\_Axis: 6378137

Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio: 298.2572222

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### Overview\_Description:

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:

FID

Alias: FID

Data type: OID

Width: 4

Precision: 0

Scale: 0

Definition:

Internal feature number.

Definition Source:

ESRI

Shape

Alias: Shape

Data type: Geometry

Width: 0

Precision: 0

Scale: 0

Definition:

Feature geometry.

Definition Source:

ESRI

FID\_largen

Alias: FID\_largen

Data type: Number

Width: 9

AREA

Alias: AREA

Data type: Number

Width: 15

Number of decimals: 3

PERIMETER

Alias: PERIMETER

Data type: Number

Width: 15

Number of decimals: 3

NOAA\_GL\_

Alias: NOAA\_GL\_

Data type: Number

Width: 11

NOAA\_GL\_ID

Alias: NOAA\_GL\_ID

Data type: Number

Width: 11

ACRES

Alias: ACRES

Data type: Number

Width: 19

Number of decimals: 5

PERIM\_MILE

Alias: PERIM\_MILE

Data type: Number

Width: 19



Number of decimals: 5

TIDEWATER

Alias: TIDEWATER

Data type: Number

Width: 11

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation: none

#### Distribution\_Information:

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United States Geological Survey (USGS)

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Contact\_Person: Guy R. Cochrane

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Metadata\_Reference\_Information:

Metadata\_Date: 2005

Metadata\_Review\_Date: 2005

Metadata\_Contact:

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Contact\_Organization\_Primary:

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United States Geological Survey (USGS)

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Contact\_Person: Guy R. Cochrane

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Metadata\_Standard\_Name: FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata ("CSDGM version 2")

Metadata\_Standard\_Version: FGDC-STD-001-1998

Metadata\_Access\_Constraints: none

Metadata\_Use\_Constraints: none

# Glacier Bay Habitat polygons Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005)

Metadata also available as

## Frequently-anticipated questions:

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## What does this data set describe?

*Title:*

Glacier Bay Habitat polygons Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005)

*Abstract:*

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### 1. How should this data set be cited?

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Glacier Bay Habitat polygons Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005):.

Online Links:

- [http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/basemaps/glacierbay\\_coastline.tgz](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/basemaps/glacierbay_coastline.tgz)

This is part of the following larger work.

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Geologic Characteristics of Benthic Habitats, Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska, Volume I Edition: 1.0: Open-File Report USGS OFR 2006-1081, U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology Program, Western Coastal and Marine Geology, Santa Cruz, CA.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/index.html>

## 2. What geographic area does the data set cover?

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -137.150910

*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -135.625164

*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 59.097298

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.322444

## 3. What does it look like?

[http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/glacierbay\\_coastline.html](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/glacierbay_coastline.html) (JPEG)

JPEG image of coast line for Glacier Bay, Alaska.

## 4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?

*Calendar\_Date:* 2005

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

## 5. What is the general form of this data set?

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

## 6. How does the data set represent geographic features?

### a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?

This is a Vector data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):

- String (796)

### b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?

The map projection used is NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N.

Projection parameters:

*Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_from\_Pole:* -135

*Standard\_Parallel:* 0.999600

*False\_Easting:* 500000.000

*False\_Northing:* 0.000

Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair

Abcissae (x-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000128

Ordinates (y-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000128  
Planar coordinates are specified in meters

The horizontal datum used is North American Datum of 1983.  
The ellipsoid used is Geodetic ReferenceSystem 80.  
The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378137.  
The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.2572222.

## 7. How does the data set describe geographic features?

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

FID Alias: FID Data type: OID Width: 4 Precision: 0 Scale: 0 Definition: Internal feature number. Definition Source: ESRI

Shape Alias: Shape Data type: Geometry Width: 0 Precision: 0 Scale: 0 Definition: Feature geometry. Definition Source: ESRI

FID\_largen Alias: FID\_largen Data type: Number Width: 9

AREA Alias: AREA Data type: Number Width: 15 Number of decimals: 3

PERIMETER Alias: PERIMETER Data type: Number Width: 15 Number of decimals: 3

NOAA\_GL\_ Alias: NOAA\_GL\_ Data type: Number Width: 11

NOAA\_GL\_ID Alias: NOAA\_GL\_ID Data type: Number Width: 11

ACRES Alias: ACRES Data type: Number Width: 19 Number of decimals: 5

PERIM\_MILE Alias: PERIM\_MILE Data type: Number Width: 19 Number of decimals: 5

TIDEWATER Alias: TIDEWATER Data type: Number Width: 11

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:* none

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## Who produced the data set?

**1. Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)

- Guy R. Cochrane
- Jodi Harney
- Pete Dartnell
- Nadine Golden
- Hank Chezar

**2. Who also contributed to the data set?**

This file is a subset of the original data extracted from NOAA Coastline Extractor, <http://rimmer.ngdc.noaa.gov/coast/>.

**3. To whom should users address questions about the data?**

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## Why was the data set created?

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

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## How was the data set created?

**1. From what previous works were the data drawn?**

## 2. How were the data generated, processed, and modified?

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 1 of 4)

Download from NOAA Coastline Extractor, <http://rimmer.ngdc.noaa.gov/coast/>.

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 2 of 4)

Nadine Golden edited and reduced number of features to study area boundaries.

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 3 of 4)

Converted from datum NAD27 to NAD83

Date: 22-Nov-2005 (process 4 of 4)

First draft of metadata created by Nadine Golden using USGS metadata tool "MP".

## 3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?

United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005, USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/>

This is part of the following larger work.

United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005, USGS CMG InfoBank.

Online Links:

- <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/InfoBank>

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## How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?

### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

NOAA data was stored with sufficient precision to resolve 1 m changes along the ground.



2. **How accurate are the geographic locations?**
3. **How accurate are the heights or depths?**
4. **Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?**

complete

5. **How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?**

No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

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## **How can someone get a copy of the data set?**

### **Are there legal restrictions on access or use of the data?**

*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:* Not suitable for navigation

1. **Who distributes the data set?** (Distributor 1 of 1)

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c/o Guy R. Cochrane  
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### Who wrote the metadata?

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Last modified: 2005

Last Reviewed: 2005

#### Metadata author:

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#### Metadata standard:

FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata ("CSDGM version 2") (FGDC-STD-001-1998)

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Generated by [mp](#) version 2.8.6 on Tue Nov 29 11:58:38 2005

Revised July 31, 2006 (mfd)

## Identification\_Information:

### Citation:

#### Citation\_Information:

Originator: Guy R. Cochrane

Originator: Jodi Harney

Originator: Pete Dartnell

Originator: Nadine Golden

Originator: Hank Chezar

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: Glacier Bay Place Names Edition: (Version 1.0, 2005)

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: map

#### Online\_Linkage:

[http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/catalog.html/place\\_names.tgz](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/catalog.html/place_names.tgz)

### Larger\_Work\_Citation:

#### Citation\_Information:

Originator: Guy R. Cochrane

Originator: Jodi Harney

Originator: Pete Dartnell

Originator: Nadine Golden

Originator: Hank Chezar

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: Geologic characteristics of benthic habitats, Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska Edition: 1.0

#### Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Open-File Report

Issue\_Identification: USGS OFR 2006-1081

#### Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Western Coastal and Marine

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Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine

Geology Program

#### Online\_Linkage:

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/index.html>

## Description:

### Abstract:

This file is a small set of points associated to place names for Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska. This file was created for the sole purpose of enhancing the display of the Glacier Bay polygon and coastline data..

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**Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**

Time\_Period\_Information:

Single\_Date/Time:

Calendar\_Date: 2005

Currentness\_Reference: Ground Condition

**Status:**

Progress: Complete

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: As Needed

**Spatial\_Domain:**

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -136.497887

East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -135.742928

North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 58.944617

South\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 58.333702

**Keywords:**

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None

Theme\_Keyword: habitat

Theme\_Keyword: fisheries

Theme\_Keyword: seafloor

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Theme:

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Theme\_Keyword: biota

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Theme\_Keyword: imageryBaseMapsEarthCover  
Theme\_Keyword: oceans

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None  
Place\_Keyword: Alaska  
Place\_Keyword: Glacier Bay

Access\_Constraints: None

Use\_Constraints: Not suitable for navigation

Point\_of\_Contact:

Contact\_Information:

Contact\_Person\_Primary:  
Contact\_Person: Guy R. Cochrane  
Contact\_Organization:  
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Coastal and Marine Geology Program (CMGP)

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Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:

ArcInfo version 9.1

Cross\_Reference:

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Originator: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG)  
Publication\_Date: 2005  
Title: USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata

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Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: USGS CMG InfoBank

Online\_Linkage: <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/InfoBank>

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Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name: [http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/place\\_names.html](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/place_names.html)

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description: JPEG image of place names for Glacier Bay, Alaska.

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type: JPEG

Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report: Data was created to match NOAA data with sufficient precision 1 m changes along the ground.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report: No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

Completeness\_Report: complete

Lineage:

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description: Nadine Golden created point features and added place name attribute.

Process\_Date: 20051122

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description: Created at projection datum NAD83

Process\_Date: 20051122

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

First draft of metadata created by Nadine Golden using USGS metadata tool "MP".

Process\_Date: 20051122

Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:

Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Vector

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Information:

SDTS\_Terms\_Description:

SDTS\_Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Type: point

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Count: 10

Spatial\_Reference\_Information:

Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:

Planar:

Map\_Projection:

Map\_Projection\_Name: NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N

Polar\_Stereographic:

Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_From\_Pole: -135

Standard\_Parallel: 0.999600

False\_Easting: 500000.000

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Planar\_Coordinate\_Information:

Planar\_Coordinate\_Encoding\_Method: coordinate pair

Coordinate\_Representation:

Abscissa\_Resolution: 0.000128

Ordinate\_Resolution: 0.000128

Planar\_Distance\_Units: meters

Geodetic\_Model:

Horizontal\_Datum\_Name: North American Datum of 1983

Ellipsoid\_Name: Geodetic ReferenceSystem 80

Semi-major\_Axis: 6378137

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Overview\_Description:

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Alias: FID

Data type: OID

Width: 4

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Definition:

Internal feature number.

Definition Source:

ESRI

Shape

Alias: Shape

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Publication\_Date: 2005

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Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005)

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Edition: 1.0

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Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology Program

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Data\_Set\_Credit:

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SunOS, 5.8, sun4u UNIX

ArcInfo versions 9.1

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Originator: A.J. Stevenson

Originator: Florence L. Wong

Publication\_Date: 2002

Title: Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.

Edition: Version 1.0, December 10, 2002

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: map

#### Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: USGS Open-File Report

Issue\_Identification: 02-391

#### Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Menlo Park, California

Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey

Online\_Linkage: <URL:<http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/02-391>>

## Description:

### Abstract:

This data set consists of 5-m gridded bathymetric data for Glacier Bay, Alaska, in xyz form.

The data were interpolated across "nodata" gaps that were no more than 30 meters wide.

Data were collected during May 29 - June 6, 2001, by contract with Thales Geosolutions

(<http://www.thales-geopacific.com/>) aboard the

R/V Davidson as part of a cooperative survey conducted by the

U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey (Biological Resources and Coastal and Marine Geology). The instrument was a Reson 8111 multibeam echosounder (<http://reson.com/sb8111.htm>). The raw data were reduced by Thales.

### Purpose:

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be

used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

#### Supplemental\_Information:

Additional information about the field activities from which this data set was derived are available online at <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/infobank/d/d101gb/html/d-1-01-gb.meta.html>

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Specifications for the Reson SeaBat 8111 Multibeam Echosounder (<http://www.reson.com/sb8111.htm>)

- > Operating frequency: 100 kHz
- > Number of beams: 101
- > Beamwidth across track: 1.5 degrees
- > Beamwidth along track: 1.5 degrees
- > Center-to-center beam separation: 1.5 degrees
- > Pulse length: Variable, operator selectable
- > Depth range: 3 - 1000 meters
- > Transducer depth rating: 100 meters
- > Max. update rate: 35 swaths per second
- > Max. vessel Speed: 20 knots
- > Stabilization: Pitch stabilization within +/- 10 degrees
- > Projector beam control: External pitch sensor
- > Hydrophone size (Dia./arc/length): 640mm, 220 degrees, 200mm
- > Processor Dimensions (HWD): 177 x 483 x 434 mm
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SunOS, 5.7, sun4u UNIX

ArcInfo version 8.0.2

Browse\_Graphic:

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Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:

index map of Glacier Bay

multibeam bathymetry data

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type: GIF

Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report: Not applicable.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report: Not applicable for raster data.

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Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:

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Process\_Date: 2002

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

First draft of metadata created by curator using  
FGDCMETA.AML ver. 1.35 08/02/2000 on ArcInfo data set  
/arcdata/bathymetry/glacier05mg

Process\_Date: 20011018

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

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Used Spatial Analyst Tool Surface Analyst, Hillshade to convert to hillshade view.

Process\_Date: 20051105

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Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Raster

Raster\_Object\_Information:

Raster\_Object\_Type: Pixel

Row\_Count: 255

Column\_Count: 11339

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Metadata\_Review\_Date: 2002

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Metadata\_Standard\_Version: FGDC-STD-001-1998

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Originator: A.J. Stevenson

Originator: Florence L. Wong

Publication\_Date: 2002

Title: Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.

Edition: Version 1.0, December 10, 2002

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: map

#### Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: USGS Open-File Report

Issue\_Identification: 02-391

#### Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Menlo Park, California

Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey

Online\_Linkage: <URL:<http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/02-391>>

## Description:

### Abstract:

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The data were interpolated across "nodata" gaps that were no more than 30 meters wide.

Data were collected during May 29 - June 6, 2001, by contract with Thales Geosolutions

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data were reduced by Thales.

### Purpose:

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#### Supplemental\_Information:

Additional information about the field activities from which this data set was derived are available online at <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/infobank/d/d101gb/html/d-1-01-gb.meta.html>

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Specifications for the Reson SeaBat 8111 Multibeam Echosounder (<http://www.reson.com/sb8111.htm>)

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Progress: In work

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: As Needed.

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West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -136.40276708

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North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 58.75728909

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Keywords:

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Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Point

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Information:

SDTS\_Terms\_Description:

SDTS\_Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Type: Point

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Count: 16906963

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Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:

Geographic:

Latitude\_Resolution: 0.00004910904

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Geographic\_Coordinate\_Units: Decimal Degrees

Geodetic\_Model:

Horizontal\_Datum\_Name: nad83

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Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio: 294.98

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Overview\_Description:

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depth in meters. Example of records:

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Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation: none

Distribution\_Information:

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Metadata\_Review\_Date: 2002

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## Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.

Metadata also available as

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*Abstract:*

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Stevenson, A.J., and Wong, Florence L. , 2002, Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.: USGS Open-File Report 02-391, U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, California.

Online Links:

- o [URL:http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/02-391](http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/02-391)

### 2. What geographic area does the data set cover?

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -136.40276708

*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -135.91167668

*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.75728909

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.35942274

### 3. What does it look like?

glacier.gif (GIF)

index map of Glacier Bay multibeam bathymetry data

### 4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?

*Calendar\_Date:* 2002

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

## 5. What is the general form of this data set?

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

## 6. How does the data set represent geographic features?

### a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?

This is a Point data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):

- Point (16906963)

### b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?

Horizontal positions are specified in geographic coordinates, that is, latitude and longitude. Latitudes are given to the nearest 0.00004910904. Longitudes are given to the nearest 0.00004910904. Latitude and longitude values are specified in Decimal Degrees.

The horizontal datum used is nad83.

The ellipsoid used is GRS1980.

The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378206.4.

The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/294.98.

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*Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:* none

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## Who produced the data set?

### 1. Who are the originators of the data set? (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and

editors)

- A.J. Stevenson
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## How was the data set created?

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Date: 2001 (process 1 of 4)

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Date: 2001 (process 2 of 4)



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Date: 2002 (process 3 of 4)

UTM grid was converted to a point coverage by Arc tool GRIDPOINT. Point coverage was projected to decimal degrees, and longitude, latitude, and depth values extracted.

Date: 18-Oct-2001 (process 4 of 4)

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### 3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?

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## How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?

### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

Not applicable.

### 2. How accurate are the geographic locations?

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5. **How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?**

Not applicable for raster data.

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*Access\_Constraints:* None.

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Last Reviewed: 2002

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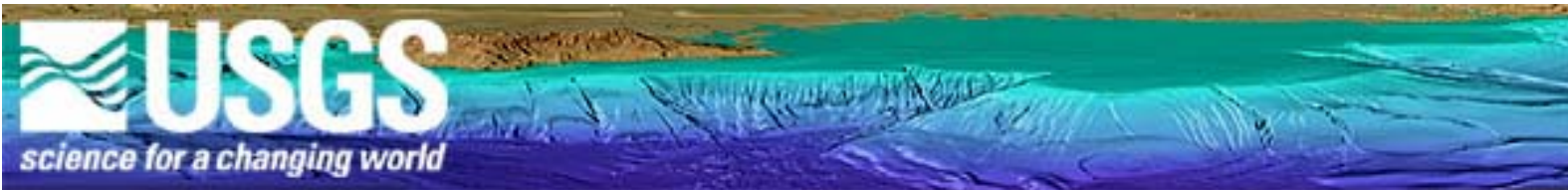
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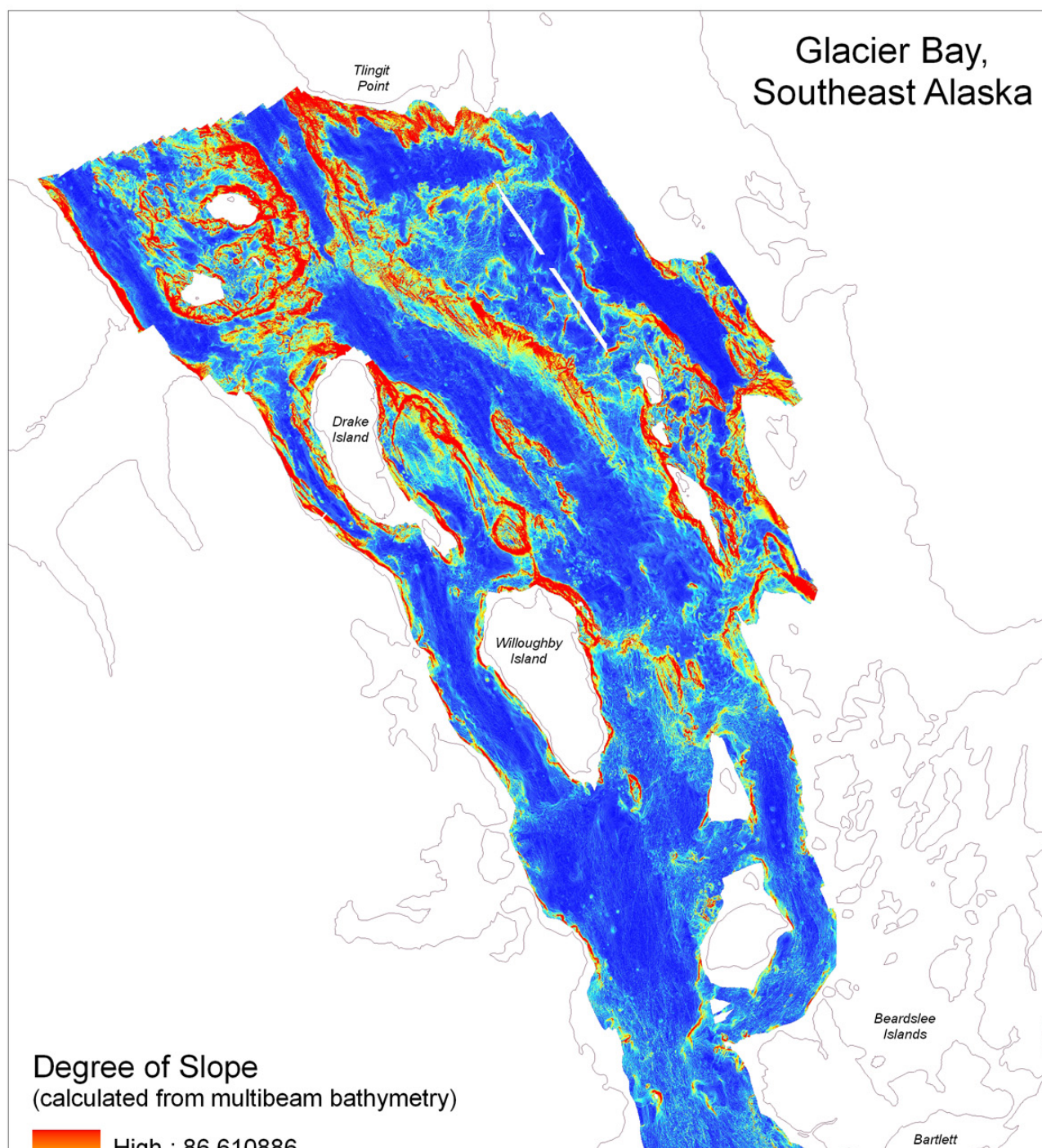
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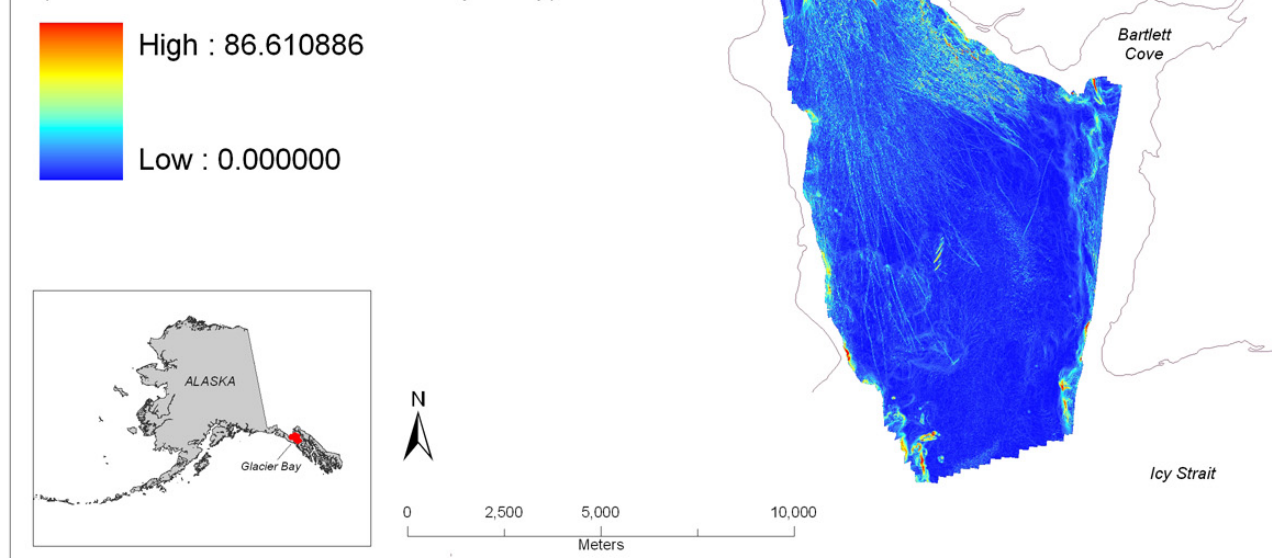


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# Geologic characteristics of benthic habitats in Glacier Bay, southeast Alaska



(calculated from multibeam bathymetry)



Slope data image of Glacier Bay including an inset of the State of Alaska.

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## Identification\_Information:

### Citation:

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Originator: A.J. Stevenson

Originator: Florence L. Wong

Publication\_Date: 2002

Title: Bathymetric xyz data for Glacier Bay at 5-meter intervals.

Edition: Version 1.0, December 10, 2002

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: map

#### Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: USGS Open-File Report

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Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey

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## Description:

### Abstract:

This data set consists of 5-m gridded bathymetric data for Glacier Bay, Alaska, in xyz form.

The data were interpolated across "nodata" gaps that were no more than 30 meters wide.

Data were collected during May 29 - June 6, 2001, by contract with Thales Geosolutions

(<http://www.thales-geopacific.com/>) aboard the

R/V Davidson as part of a cooperative survey conducted by the

U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey (Biological Resources and Coastal and Marine Geology). The instrument was a Reson 8111 multibeam echosounder (<http://reson.com/sb8111.htm>). The raw data were reduced by Thales.

### Purpose:

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be

used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

#### Supplemental\_Information:

Additional information about the field activities from which this data set was derived are available online at <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/infobank/d/d101gb/html/d-1-01-gb.meta.html>

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Specifications for the Reson SeaBat 8111 Multibeam Echosounder (<http://www.reson.com/sb8111.htm>)

- > Operating frequency: 100 kHz
- > Number of beams: 101
- > Beamwidth across track: 1.5 degrees
- > Beamwidth along track: 1.5 degrees
- > Center-to-center beam separation: 1.5 degrees
- > Pulse length: Variable, operator selectable
- > Depth range: 3 - 1000 meters
- > Transducer depth rating: 100 meters
- > Max. update rate: 35 swaths per second
- > Max. vessel Speed: 20 knots
- > Stabilization: Pitch stabilization within +/- 10 degrees
- > Projector beam control: External pitch sensor
- > Hydrophone size (Dia./arc/length): 640mm, 220 degrees, 200mm
- > Processor Dimensions (HWD): 177 x 483 x 434 mm
- > Transceiver Dimensions (HWD): 267 x 450 x 427 mm
- > Weight: (with 15m cable):
  - > Hydrophone Dry: 42 kg Wet: 36 kg
  - > Projector Dry: 30 kg Wet: 23 kg
  - > Transceiver weight: 13.6 kg
  - > Processor weight: 20 kg

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#### Time\_Period\_of\_Content:

Time\_Period\_Information:

Single\_Date/Time:

Calendar\_Date: 2002

Currentness\_Reference: Ground Condition

Status:

Progress: In work

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: As Needed.

Spatial\_Domain:

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -136.40276708

East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -135.91167668

North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 58.75728909

South\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 58.35942274

Keywords:

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None

Theme\_Keyword: bathymetry

Theme\_Keyword: multibeam

Theme\_Keyword: echosounder

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None

Place\_Keyword: Glacier Bay

Place\_Keyword: Alaska

Access\_Constraints: None.

Use\_Constraints: Data not to be used for navigational purposes.

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Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:

SunOS, 5.7, sun4u UNIX

ArcInfo version 8.0.2

Browse\_Graphic:

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name: glacier.gif

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:

index map of Glacier Bay

multibeam bathymetry data

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type: GIF

Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report: Not applicable.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report: Not applicable for raster data.

Completeness\_Report:

Data values are missing in and around shallow or emergent features (islands) and where adjoining trackline coverage was not overlapping.

Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:

Navigation was multiple DGPS [differential global positioning systems] coupled up with 2 very precise DR [dead-reckoning] 3-axis accelerometers, all integrated in WinFrog (proprietary software from Thales Geosolutions <http://www.thales-geopacific.com/offshore/index.html>).

The best functional test we did was crossties, which suggested that average navigational errors were on the order of 1 meter, with (rare) maximum errors being about 3 meters. (A.J. Stevenson, written communication, October 2001)

## Lineage:

### Process\_Step:

#### Process\_Description:

Raw data processed by contractor Thales Geosolutions and provided as 10-m and 5-m xyz values in UTM 8 coordinate system.

Process\_Date: 2001

### Process\_Step:

#### Process\_Description:

F.L. Wong converted xyz to ArcInfo grids. Data were processed in 50,000-point blocks. Each block of points was used to GENERATE a point coverage.

The point coverage for each block was merged with adjoining blocks, the grid IDW function was applied with default options, and the resulting grid clipped to the boundary of the block. All the interpolated grids were merged into a continuous grid GLACIER05MIG that was corrected by a mask that omitted data in holes that exceed 30 meters in width.

The masking grid was constructed as follows: a unit grid (data cells = 1, all others = nodata) was copied from a 5-m uninterpolated grid. The unit grid was converted to a polygon coverage from which polygons with areas of less than 1000 square meters were removed in bulk. The remaining interior polygons were inspected in Arcedit and removed if the width were about 30 meters or less. This polygon coverage was converted back to a grid to be applied as a mask to the merged grids described in the previous paragraph.

Process\_Date: 2001

### Process\_Step:

#### Process\_Description:

UTM grid was converted to a point coverage by Arc tool GRIDPOINT. Point coverage was projected to decimal degrees, and longitude, latitude, and depth values extracted.

Process\_Date: 2002

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

First draft of metadata created by curator using  
FGDCMETA.AML ver. 1.35 08/02/2000 on ArcInfo data set  
/arcdata/bathymetry/glacier05mg

Process\_Date: 20011018

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

-----Nadine Golden edited starting here-----  
Used Spatial Analyst Tool "Surface Analyst-->Slope" to convert to slope view.

Process\_Date: 20051105

Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:

Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Raster

Raster\_Object\_Information:

Raster\_Object\_Type: Pixel

Row\_Count: 255

Column\_Count: 11339

Distribution\_Information:

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Metadata\_Review\_Date: 2006

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Metadata\_Standard\_Version: FGDC-STD-001-1998

Metadata\_Access\_Constraints: none

Metadata\_Use\_Constraints: none

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#### Citation\_Information:

Originator: Guy R. Cochrane

Originator: Jodi Harney

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Originator: Nadine Golden

Originator: Hank Chezar

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: Glacier Bay Habitat polygons

Edition: (Volume I, Version 1.0, 2005)

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: map

Online\_Linkage:

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## Description:

### Abstract:

In April 2004, more than 40 hours of georeferenced submarine digital video was collected in water depths of 15-370 m in Glacier Bay to (1) ground-truth existing geophysical data (bathymetry and acoustic reflectance), (2) examine and record geologic characteristics of the sea floor, and (3) investigate

the relation between substrate types and benthic communities, and (4) construct predictive maps of seafloor geomorphology and habitat distribution. Common substrates observed include rock, boulders, cobbles, rippled sand, bioturbated mud, and extensive beds of living *Modiolus* (horse mussels) and scallops. Four principal sea-floor geomorphic types are distinguished by using video observations. Their distribution in lower and central Glacier Bay is predicted by using a supervised, hierarchical decision-tree statistical classification of geophysical data.

**Purpose:**

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

**Supplemental\_Information:**

Additional information about the field activities from which this data set was derived are available online at <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/nearshorehab/>

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**Time\_Period\_Information:**

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**Ending\_Date:** 20000718

**Currentness\_Reference:** Ground Condition

**Status:**

**Progress:** Complete

**Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:** As Needed

**Spatial\_Domain:**

**Bounding\_Coordinates:**

**West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:** -136.402813

**East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:** -135.911540

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Theme\_Keyword: seafloor

Theme\_Keyword: geology

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: ISO 19115 Topic Category

Theme\_Keyword: biota

Theme\_Keyword: geoscientificinformation

Theme\_Keyword: imageryBaseMapsEarthCover

Theme\_Keyword: oceans

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None

Place\_Keyword: Alaska

Place\_Keyword: Glacier Bay

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#### Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:

SunOS, 5.8, sun4u UNIX

ArcInfo version 9.1

#### Cross\_Reference:

##### Citation\_Information:

Originator: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG)

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata

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Originator: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG)

Publication\_Date: 2005

Title: USGS CMG InfoBank

Online\_Linkage: <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/InfoBank>

#### Browse\_Graphic:

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/fig2.html>

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description: JPEG image of habitat polygons

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type: JPEG

#### Data\_Quality\_Information:

##### Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report: Habitat polygons derived in ArcGIS 9.1 from a georeferenced sidescan sonar mosaic  
tiff.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report: No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

Completeness\_Report: % gravel, sand, silt and clay and % fine grain for 1144 samples

#### Lineage:

##### Process\_Step:



## Process\_Description:

-----Pete Dartnell started here-----

Pete Dartnell prepared ERDAS image fourclass.img

## Geomorphic Classification Methods:

The Glacier Bay multibeam data were first analyzed using a hierarchical decision-tree classification process.

The classification used four images, the original backscatter-intensity image, seafloor slope, and two derivative

raster images calculated from the original bathymetry and backscatter images; a 3x3-filtered bathymetry-variance

image and a 3x3-filtered backscatter-variance image. Variance was calculated as the variability of bathymetry or

backscatter within a kernel. An area with a large range of bathymetric relief, such as a rocky outcrop, would have a

large bathymetry variance. A smooth area would have low bathymetry variance. Backscatter was parsed in a similar

fashion; an area with high backscatter variability, such as an outcrop (high BS) with pockets of sediment (low BS)

would have a large backscatter variance, whereas a flat, uniformly sedimented seafloor would have a low backscatter

variance. The variance images were calculated by generating two intermediate images, a maximum image and a minimum

image. The maximum image was calculated by running a filter (3x3 cells) that returned the maximum value within a

kernel to the center cell. The minimum image was calculated by running a filter that returned the minimum value

within a kernel to the center cell. The variance images were created from the difference between the maximum and

minimum images. Unsupervised classifications run on the two variance images, on the original backscatter-intensity

image, and on the seafloor slope image clustered the pixels into five groups numbering one to five, with one

representing a very low variance/intensity/slope, 2 representing a low variance/intensity/slope, 3 representing a

medium variance/intensity/slope, 4 representing a high variance/intensity/slope, and 5 representing a very high

variance/intensity/slope.

The four unsupervised classified images were then analyzed using a hierarchical decision-tree classification that

is part of the ERDAS Imagine 8.4 software package (ERDAS, 1999). The classification is a rules-based approach that

uses a hierarchy of conditions to parse the input data into a set of classes. The decision-tree framework was developed from empirically determined textural rules, variables, and hypotheses. An hypothesis is an output-geomorphic class, such as fine-grained homogeneous mud, a variable is a raster image of derived values (i.e. bathymetry variance), and a rule is a conditional statement about the variable's pixel (data) values that describes the hypothesis. Because the four unsupervised classified images are co-registered with one another, rules can be established that relate pixel values within or between images that will ultimately classify a new seafloor geomorphic image. Multiple rules and hypotheses can be linked together into a hierarchy that describes the hypothesis.

Rules for the decision-tree classification process were based on seafloor video observations. Rules were developed to correctly classify the seafloor over a camera transect. The areas that were previously unknown were similarly classified based on these same rules.

#### Results:

The combination of hypotheses, rules, and variables in the hierarchical decision tree produced a map of the Glacier Bay geomorphic provinces. Areas classified as 'High complexity/high slope/boulder or cobble' correlated with very low- to very high-backscatter intensity (Table 1), low- to very high-backscatter variance, and medium- to very high-bathymetry variance. Areas of "High complexity/low slope/boulder or cobble" correlated with very low- to very high-backscatter intensity, low- to very high-backscatter variance, medium- to very high-bathymetry variance, and very low- slope.

Areas of "fine-grained homogeneous mud" correlated with medium- to very low-backscatter intensity, medium- to very low-backscatter variance, and very high- to very low-bathymetry variance. Finally, areas of "unsorted, unconsolidated sediment, sand to boulder-sized glacial till" correlated with very low- to very high-backscatter intensity, very low- to very high-backscatter variance, and low- to very low-bathymetry variance.

#### References:

ERDAS Field Guide, 1999, ERDAS Inc, Atlanta Georgia. 672p.

Process\_Date: 20051501

## Process\_Step:

### Process\_Description:

-----Nadine Golden started here-----

//trim grid

Trimmed fourclass\_grid using spatial analyst "trim by mask" tool.  
Used the extent of the multibeam data as the extent mask.

//nibble grid

1) Reclassed data values:

0 --> NoData

1 --> 3 (hard)

2 --> 4 (hard)

3 --> 2 (mixed)

4 --> 1 (soft)

//filtered grid

Used spatial analyst tool "filter" one pass on low.

Reclassified with spatial analyst "reclassify tool" to assign grid range values back to 1 through 4.

Assigned filter values grid map:

.5 - -1.5 = 1

1.5 - 2.5 = 2

2.5 - 3.3 = 3

3.3 - 4.5 = 4

//converted grid to poly

Used spatial analyst tool "raster to feature" to convert grid to polygon shapefile.

//created bathy polygon of 3 contour values: 75 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters.

Created polygon file from bathymetry grid using spatial analyst "raster to feature" tool.

Selected for contours of 75 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters.

Exported selected data to new polygon shapefile.

//merged fourclass poly and contour poly

Used spatial analyst "union" tool to merge fourclass polygon and 3 value contour polygon. Note: union intersects the polygons of the input grid\_1 (fourclass) everywhere the input gid\_2 (contour polygon) intersects.

//manual edit and clean polygons

Added bathymetry column to new, merged fourclass polygon using "Hawth's Tools--> Intersect Point Tool."

Added all Green habitat code (1999) ID and definition columns to polygons.

Used select by attribute, location, and manual tools to query and assign Green habitat code attributes.

//eliminated border polygons remaining from filter

Selected polygons with areas less or equal to 10 sq meters (note: I selected for area <=1, <=2, etc... up to <=10 and ran the eliminate tool for each selection set).

Used the "Eliminate" tool from the "Data Management Tools" --> "Generalation" --> "Eliminate."

Note: Eliminate tool merges the selected polygons with neighboring polygons with the largest area.

Process\_Date: 2005

Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:

Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method: Vector

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Information:

SDTS\_Terms\_Description:

SDTS\_Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Type: G-polygon

Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Count: 10744

Spatial\_Reference\_Information:

Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:

Planar:

Map\_Projection:

Map\_Projection\_Name: NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N

Polar\_Stereographic:

Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_From\_Pole: -135

Standard\_Parallel: 0.999600

False\_Easting: 500000.000

False\_Northing: 0.000

Planar\_Coordinate\_Information:

Planar\_Coordinate\_Encoding\_Method: coordinate pair

Coordinate\_Representation:

Abscissa\_Resolution: 0.000064

Ordinate\_Resolution: 0.000064

Planar\_Distance\_Units: meters

Geodetic\_Model:

Horizontal\_Datum\_Name: North American Datum of 1983

Ellipsoid\_Name: Geodetic ReferenceSystem 80

Semi-major\_Axis: 6378137

Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio: 298.2572222

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:

Overview\_Description:

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:

FID

Alias: Shape

Data type: Geometry

Width: 0

Precision: 0

Scale: 0

Definition:

Feature geometry.

Definition Source:

ESRI

FID

Alias: FID

Data type: Number

Width: 6

Definition:

Internal feature number.

Definition Source:

ESRI

GRIDCODE

Alias: GRIDCODE

Data type: Number

Width: 10

MEGA\_ID

Alias: MEGA\_ID

Data type: String

Width: 10

BOTTOM\_ID

Alias: BOTTOM\_ID

Data type: String

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Alias: MSO\_MCR\_ID

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MDFIR\_ID

Alias: MDFIR\_ID

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**SLOPE\_ID**

Alias: SLOPE\_ID

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Width: 19

Number of decimals: 11

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Alias: COMPLEXITY

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Benthic habitat classification attributes: megahabitat, bottom induration, meso-macrohabitat, and modifiers from Green and others, 1999.

CODE is a combination of the habitat attributes.

MEGA\_ID is I for "Inland seas, fjords."

BOTTOM\_ID is h for hard bottom, m for mixed hard and soft bottom, or s for soft sediment bottom

MSO\_MRC\_ID are macrohabitats described in Greene and others 1999.

MDFR\_ID are modifiers to describe the texture or lithology of the seafloor

and appear in the code preceded by an underscore (\_). Including; bimodal (\_b),

interface (\_i), ripples (\_r), heavily bioturbated (\_t), nearshore bathy class >-75m(\_x), and nearshore bathy class <= -75m and >-200m (\_y).

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:

Habitat attribute types are Modified after Greene, G.H., Yoklavich, M.M., Starr, R.M., O'Connell, V.M., Wakefield, W.W., Sullivan, D.E., McRea, J.E., and Cailliet, G.M., 1999. A classification scheme for deep seafloor habitats. *Oceanologica Acta*, 22, 663-678.

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## Glacier Bay Habitat polygons

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## What does this data set describe?

*Title:* Glacier Bay Habitat polygons

*Abstract:*

In April 2004, more than 40 hours of georeferenced submarine digital video was collected in water depths of 15-370 m in Glacier Bay to (1) ground-truth existing geophysical data (bathymetry and acoustic reflectance), (2) examine and record geologic characteristics of the sea floor, and (3) investigate the relation between substrate types and benthic communities, and (4) construct predictive maps of seafloor geomorphology and habitat distribution. Common substrates observed include rock, boulders, cobbles, rippled sand, bioturbated mud, and extensive beds of living *Modiolus* (horse mussels) and scallops. Four principal sea-floor geomorphic types are distinguished by using video observations. Their distribution in lower and central Glacier Bay is predicted by using a supervised, hierarchical decision-tree statistical classification of geophysical data.

*Supplemental Information:*

Additional information about the field activities from which this data set was derived are available online at <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/nearshorehab/>

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Although this Federal Geographic Data Committee-compliant metadata file is intended to document the data set in nonproprietary form, as well as in ArcInfo format, this metadata file may include some ArcInfo-specific terminology.

### 1. How should this data set be cited?

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Glacier Bay Habitat polygons:.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/catalog.html>
- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/habitat.html/gbhab.tgz>

This is part of the following larger work.

Cochrane, Guy R. , Harney, Jodi, Dartnell, Pete, Golden, Nadine, and Chezar, Hank, 2005, Geologic characteristics of benthic habitats in Glacier Bay, southeast

Alaska Edition: 1.0: Open-File Report USGS OFR 2006-1081, U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology Program, Western Coastal and Marine Geology, Santa Cruz, CA.

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- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/index.html>

## 2. What geographic area does the data set cover?

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -136.402813

*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -135.911540

*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.757356

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 58.349164

## 3. What does it look like?

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/images/fig2.html> (JPEG)

JPEG image of habitat polygons

## 4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?

*Beginning\_Date:* 01-Mar-1999

*Ending\_Date:* 18-Jul-2000

*Currentness\_Reference:* Ground Condition

## 5. What is the general form of this data set?

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

## 6. How does the data set represent geographic features?

### a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?

This is a Vector data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):

- G-polygon (10744)

### b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?

The map projection used is NAD\_1983\_UTM\_Zone\_8N.

Projection parameters:

*Straight-Vertical\_Longitude\_from\_Pole:* -135

*Standard\_Parallel:* 0.999600

*False\_Easting:* 500000.000

*False\_Northing:* 0.000

Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair

Abscissae (x-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000064

Ordinates (y-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000064

Planar coordinates are specified in meters

The horizontal datum used is North American Datum of 1983.

The ellipsoid used is Geodetic Reference System 80.

The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378137.

The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.2572222.

## 7. How does the data set describe geographic features?

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

FID Alias: Shape Data type: Geometry Width: 0 Precision: 0 Scale: 0 Definition: Feature geometry. Definition Source: ESRI

FID Alias: FID Data type: Number Width: 6 Definition: Internal feature number. Definition Source: ESRI

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SLOPE\_ID Alias: SLOPE\_ID Data type: String Width: 10

COMPLEX\_ID Alias: COMPLEX\_ID Data type: String Width: 10

Area Alias: Area Data type: String Width: 200

COMMENT Alias: COMMENT Data type: String Width: 25

bathyclass Alias: bathyclass Data type: String Width: 50

MEGA Alias: MEGA Data type: Float Width: 19 Number of decimals: 11

BOTTOM Alias: BOTTOM Data type: String

MSO\_MCR Alias: MSO\_MCR Data type: String Width: 50

MDFR Alias: MDFR Data type: String Width: 50

HAB\_TYPE Alias: HAB\_TYPE Data type: String Width: 50

SLOPE Alias: SLOPE Data type: String Width: 50

COMPLEXITY Alias: COMPLEXITY Data type: String Width: 50

Benthic habitat classification attributes: megahabitat, bottom induration, meso-macrohabitat, and modifiers from Green and others, 1999. CODE is a combination of the habitat attributes. MEGA\_ID is I for “Inland seas, fjords.” BOTTOM\_ID is h for hard bottom, m for mixed hard and soft bottom, or s for soft sediment bottom MSO\_MRC\_ID are macrohabitats described in Greene and others 1999. MDFR\_ID are modifiers to describe the texture or lithology of the seafloor and appear in the code preceded by an underscore (\_). Including; bimodal (\_b), interface (\_i), ripples (\_r), heavily bioturbated (\_t), nearshore bathy class >-75m(\_x), and nearshore bathy class <= -75m and >-200m (\_y).

*Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:*

Habitat attribute types are Modified after Greene, G.H., Yoklavich, M.M., Starr, R.M., O'Connell, V.M., Wakefield, W.W., Sullivan, D.E., McRea, J.E., and Cailliet, G.M., 1999. A classification scheme for deep seafloor habitats. *Oceanologica Acta*, 22, 663-678.

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## Who produced the data set?

1. **Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)

- Guy R. Cochrane
- Jodi Harney
- Pete Dartnell
- Nadine Golden
- Hank Chezar

## 2. Who also contributed to the data set?

The authors would like to thank Gerry Hatcher, and Paul Carlson of the USGS Western Region Coastal and Marine Geology Program (in Santa Cruz and Menlo Park, CA) for field support and GIS assistance. Kevin O'Toole, Mike Boyle, Jerry O'Brien, and others at the USGS Marine Facility contributed equipment and logistical support. Ecologists Lisa Etherington, Jennifer Mondragon, and Alex Andrews from the Alaska Science Center (Gustavus and Juneau, AK) provided invaluable biological expertise during data collection. The R/V Gyre was expertly skippered by Jim De la Breure (also of the Alaska Science Center in Gustavus). Student assistants in Janine Bird and Angela Lam (in Santa Cruz, CA) contributed to GIS and laboratory analyses.

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## Why was the data set created?

These data are intended for science researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public. The data can be used with geographic information systems (GIS) software to display geologic and oceanographic information.

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## How was the data set created?

1. **From what previous works were the data drawn?**
2. **How were the data generated, processed, and modified?**

Date: 01-Mar-2006 (process 1 of 2)

-----Pete Dartnell started here----- Pete  
Dartnell prepared ERDAS image fourclass.img

Geomorphic Classification Methods: The Glacier Bay multibeam data were first analyzed using a hierarchical decision-tree classification process. The classification used four images, the original backscatter-intensity image, seafloor slope, and two derivative raster images calculated from the original bathymetry and backscatter images; a 3x3-filtered bathymetry-variance image and a 3x3-filtered backscatter-variance image. Variance was calculated as the variability of bathymetry or backscatter within a kernel. An area with a large range of bathymetric relief, such as a rocky outcrop, would have a large bathymetry variance. A smooth area would have low bathymetry variance. Backscatter was parsed in a similar fashion; an area with high backscatter variability, such as an outcrop (high BS) with pockets of sediment (low BS) would have a large backscatter variance, whereas a flat, uniformly sedimented seafloor would have a low backscatter variance. The variance images were calculated by generating two intermediate images, a maximum image and a minimum image. The maximum image was calculated by running a filter (3x3 cells) that returned the maximum value within a kernel to the center cell. The minimum image was calculated by running a filter that returned the minimum value within a kernel to the center cell. The variance images were created from the difference between the maximum and minimum images. Unsupervised classifications run on the two variance images, on the original backscatter-intensity image, and on the seafloor slope image clustered the pixels into five groups numbering one to five, with one representing a very low variance/intensity/slope, 2 representing a low variance/intensity/slope, 3 representing a medium variance/intensity/slope, 4 representing a high variance/intensity/slope, and 5 representing a very high variance/intensity/slope.

The four unsupervised classified images were then analyzed using a hierarchical decision-tree classification that is part of the ERDAS Imagine 8.4 software package (ERDAS, 1999). The classification is a rules-based approach that uses a hierarchy of conditions to parse the input data into a set of classes. The decision-tree framework was developed from empirically determined textural rules, variables, and hypotheses. An hypothesis is an output-geomorphic class, such as fine-grained homogeneous mud, a variable is a raster image of derived values (i.e. bathymetry variance), and a rule is a conditional statement about the variable's pixel (data) values that describes the hypothesis. Because the four unsupervised classified images are co-registered with one another, rules can be established



that relate pixel values within or between images that will ultimately classify a new seafloor geomorphic image. Multiple rules and hypotheses can be linked together into a hierarchy that describes the hypothesis.

Rules for the decision-tree classification process were based on seafloor video observations. Rules were developed to correctly classify the seafloor over a camera transect. The areas that were previously unknown were similarly classified based on these same rules.

Results: The combination of hypotheses, rules, and variables in the hierarchical decision tree produced a map of the Glacier Bay geomorphic provinces. Areas classified as ‘High complexity/high slope/boulder or cobble’ correlated with very low- to very high-backscatter intensity (Table 1), low- to very high-backscatter variance, and medium- to very high-bathymetry variance. Areas of ‘High complexity/low slope/boulder or cobble’ correlated with very low- to very high-backscatter intensity, low- to very high-backscatter variance, medium- to very high-bathymetry variance, and very low- slope. Areas of ‘fine-grained homogeneous mud’ correlated with medium- to very low-backscatter intensity, medium- to very low-backscatter variance, and very high- to very low-bathymetry variance. Finally, areas of ‘unsorted, unconsolidated sediment, sand to boulder-sized glacial till’ correlated with very low- to very high-backscatter intensity, very low- to very high-backscatter variance, and low- to very low-bathymetry variance.

References: ERDAS Field Guide, 1999, ERDAS Inc, Atlanta Georgia. 672p.

Date: 2005 (process 2 of 2)

-----Nadine Golden started here----- //  
trim grid Trimmed fourclass\_grid using spatial analyst "trim by mask" tool. Used the extent of the multibeam data as the extent mask.

//nibble grid 1) Reclassed data values: 0 --> NoData 1 --> 3 (hard) 2 --> 4 (hard) 3 --> 2 (mixed) 4 --> 1 (soft)

//filtered grid Used spatial analyst tool "filter" one pass on low. Reclassified with spatial analyst "reclassify tool" to assign grid range values back to 1 through 4. Assigned filter values grid map: .5 - -1.5 = 1 1.5 - 2.5 =2 2.5 - 3.3 = 3 3.3 - 4.5 = 4

//converted grid to poly Used spatial analyst tool "raster to feature" to convert grid to polygon shapefile.

//created bathy polygon of 3 contour values: 75 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters. Created polygon file from bathymetry grid using spatial analyst "raster to feature" tool. Selected for contours of 75 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters. Exported selected data to new polygon

shapefile.

//merged fourclass poly and contour poly Used spatial analyst "union" tool to merge fourclass polygon and 3 value contour polygon. Note: union intersects the polygons of the input grid\_1 (fourclass) everywhere the input gid\_2 (contour polygon) intersects.

//manual edit and clean polygons Added bathymetry column to new, merged fourclass polygon using "Hawth's Tools--> Intersect Point Tool." Added all Green habitat code (1999) ID and definition columns to polygons. Used select by attribute, location, and manual tools to query and assign Green habitat code attributes.

//eliminated border polygons remaining from filter Selected polygons with areas less or equal to 10 sq meters (note: I selected for area <=1, <=2, etc...up to <=10 and ran the eliminate tool for each selection set). Used the "Eliminate" tool from the "Data Management Tools" --> "Generalation" --> "Eliminate." Note: Eliminate tool merges the selected polygons with neighboring polygons with the largest area.

### 3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?

United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005, USGS CMG Glacier Bay, Alaska Habitat Metadata.

Online Links:

- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2006/1081/>

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United States Geological Survey, Coastal and Marine Geology (CMG), 2005, USGS CMG InfoBank.

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### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

Habitat polygons derived in ArcGIS 9.1 from a georeferenced sidescan sonar mosaic tiff.

2. **How accurate are the geographic locations?**
3. **How accurate are the heights or depths?**
4. **Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?**

% gravel, sand, silt and clay and % fine grain for 1144 samples

5. **How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?**

No additional checks for topological consistency were performed on this data.

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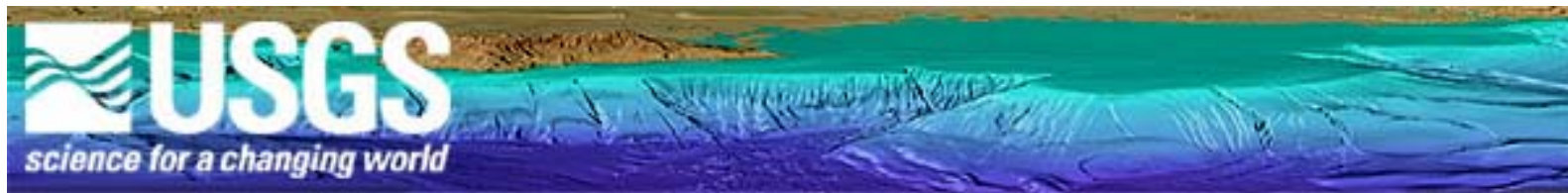
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Wentworth Class	Size (mm)	Size (phi)	Fraction of mm
very fine silt	0.0039 mm	8.0 phi	1/256
	0.0078 mm	7.0 phi	
fine silt	0.0078 mm	7.0 phi	1/128
	0.0156 mm	6.0 phi	
medium silt	0.0156 mm	6.0 phi	1/64
	0.031 mm	5.0 phi	
coarse silt	0.031 mm	5.0 phi	1/32
	0.0625 mm	4.0 phi	
very fine sand	0.0625 mm	4.0 phi	1/16
	0.125 mm	3.0 phi	
fine sand	0.125 mm	3.0 phi	1/8
	0.250 mm	2.0 phi	

medium sand	0.250 mm	2.0 phi	1/4
	0.500 mm	1.0 phi	
coarse sand	0.500 mm	1.0 phi	1/2
	1.00 mm	0.0 phi	
very coarse sand	1.00 mm	0.0 phi	1
	2.00 mm	-1.0 phi	
granule	2.00 mm	-1.0 phi	2
	4.00 mm	-2.0 phi	
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cobble	> 16 mm	~-6 phi	16
boulder	> 256 mm	-8 phi	256

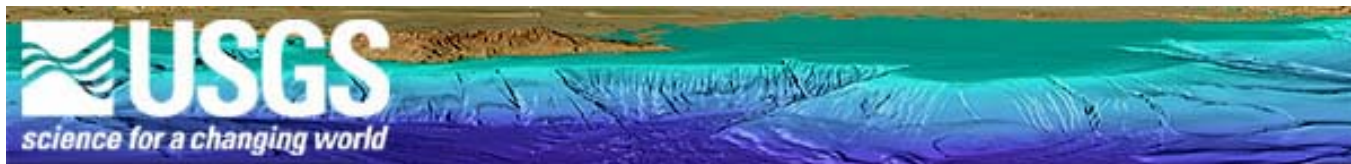
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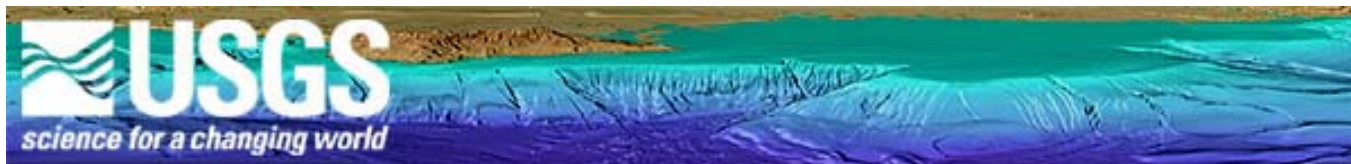
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Image A. Soft, muddy, bioturbated sediment observed in seafloor video at location A in Figure 4.

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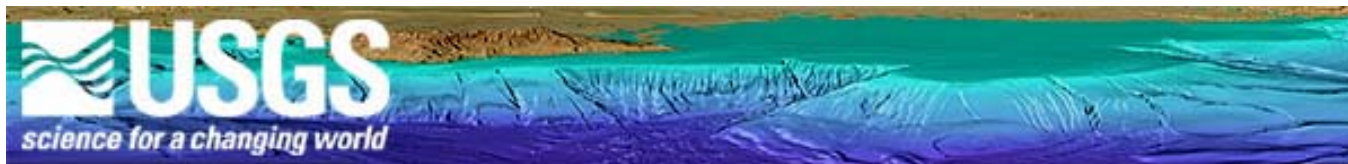


Image B. Mixed coarse sediment observed in seafloor video at location B in Figure 4.

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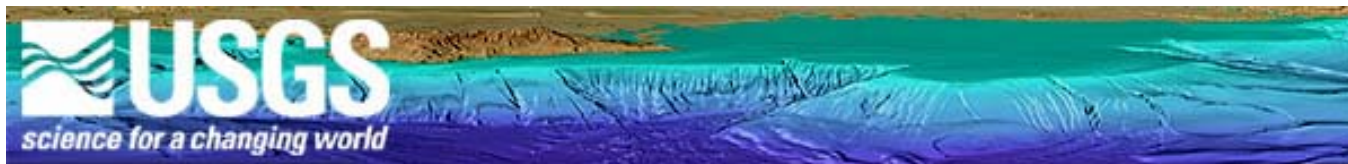
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Image C. Cobbles and boulders observed in seafloor video at location C in Figure 4.

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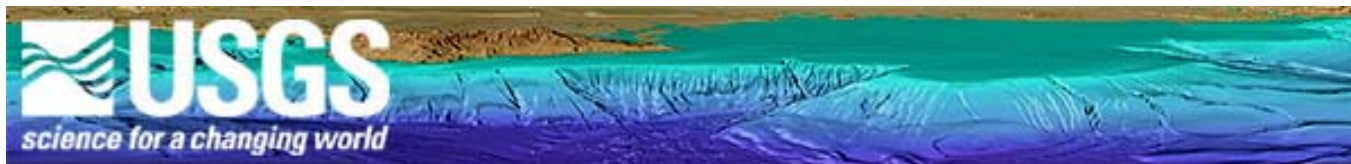


Image D. Living scallops on sand-cobble substrate observed in seafloor video collected south-east of Willoughby Island (location not shown).

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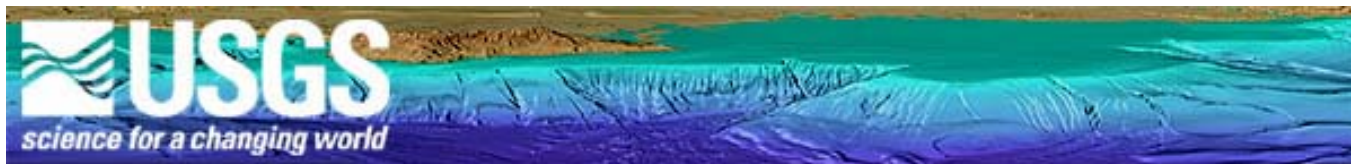
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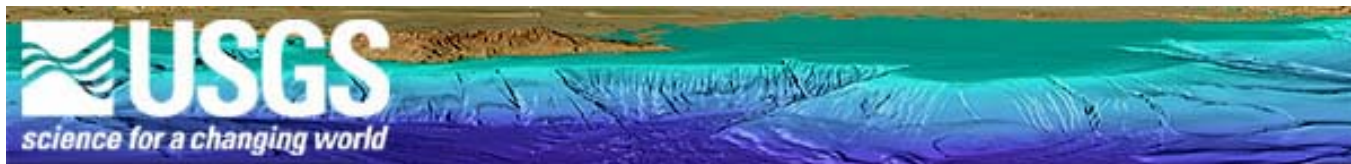
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Image F. Abrupt transition between coarse cobbles and sand waves of the lower bay shown in Figure 5.

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Image G. Pebbles, cobbles, and shells are abundant in the troughs between sand waves of the lower bay shown in Figure 5.

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