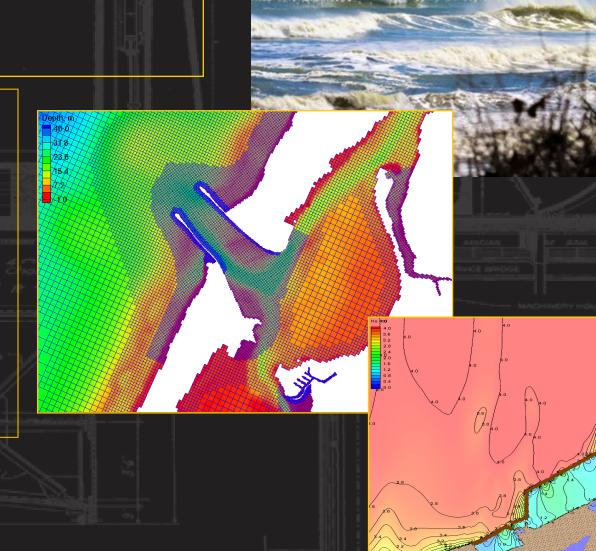
CREATING A BATHYMETRIC DATABASE & DATUM CONVERSION

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INTRODUCTION TO BATHYMETRIC DATABASES IN SMS

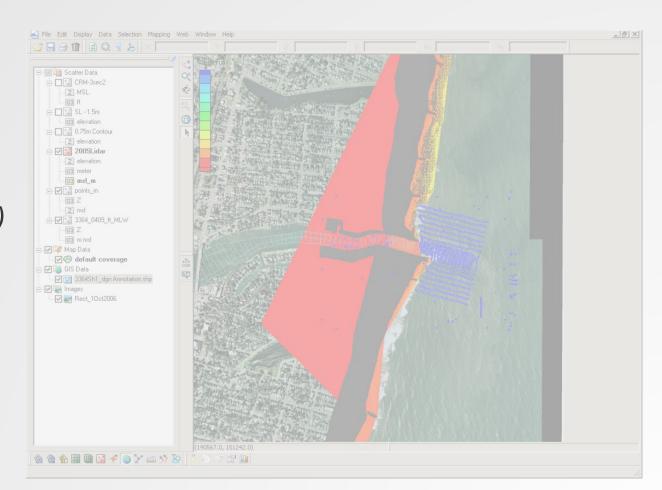


Introduction to working with bathymetric datasets

Importing Datasets (xyz, points, shapefiles, other ascii)

Datum Conversion

- SMS conversion (Corpscon; Global Mapper)

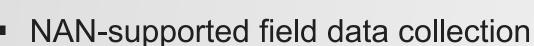




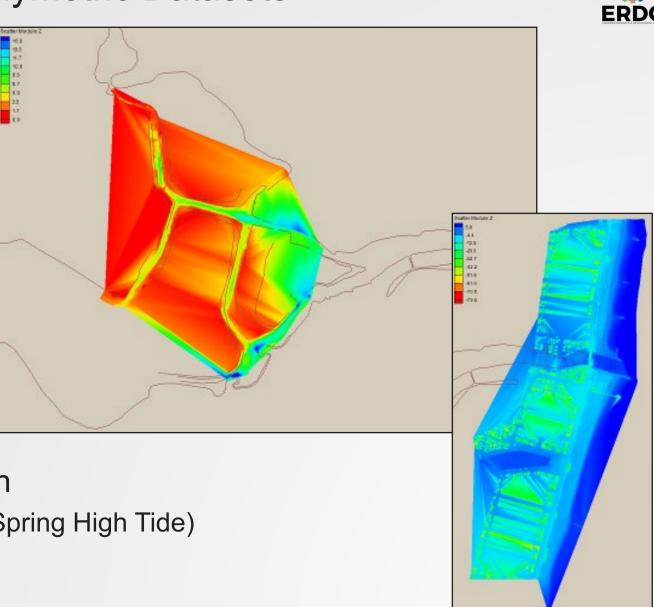
Multiple Bathymetric Datasets



- Limited bay bathymetry
- NOAA Offshore datasets
- LIDAR Shoreline and nearshore (important for structure resolution)
- Channel
 - ▶ NJ State maintains north channel and north bay channel
 - ► Federally maintained entrance and south channel (15 years)



► Included bathymetry of the backbay (Spring High Tide)



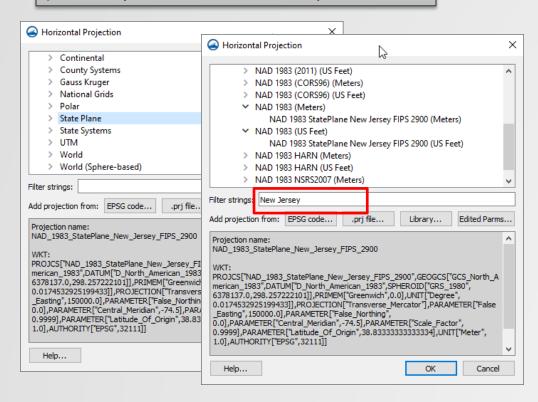


Common Spatial Reference Datum & Vertical Datum

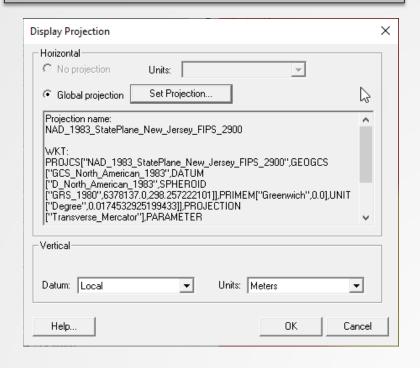
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Horizontal Projection & Datum: Pick a system in metric units that is planar (UTM; State Plane)



Vertical Projection & Datum: Must be in metric as well; Datum is not necessary (Local)



... Need to convert all bathymetric data

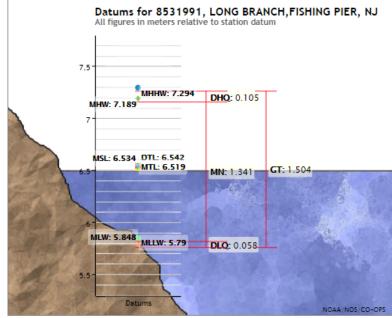


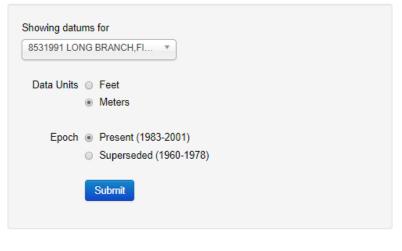
Elevations on Station Datum

Station: 8531991, LONG **T.M.:** 75

BRANCH,FISHING PIER, NJ Epoch: 1983-2001 Status: Accepted (Apr 17 2003) Datum: STND

Units: Meters			
Datum	Value	Description	
MHHW	7.294	Mean Higher-High Water	
MHW	7.189	Mean High Water	
MTL	6.519	Mean Tide Level	
MSL	6.534	Mean Sea Level	
DTL	6.542	Mean Diurnal Tide Level	
MLW	5.848	Mean Low Water	
MLLW	5.790	Mean Lower-Low Water	
NAVD88	6.609	North American Vertical Datum of 1988	
STND	0.000	Station Datum	
GT	1.504	Great Diurnal Range	
MN	1.341	Mean Range of Tide	
DHQ	0.105	Mean Diurnal High Water Inequality	
DLQ	0.058	Mean Diurnal Low Water Inequality	
HWI	12.260	Greenwich High Water Interval (in hours)	
LWI	6.040	Greenwich Low Water Interval (in hours)	
Max Tide	8.269	Highest Observed Tide	
Max Tide Date & Time	01/02/1987 09:12	Highest Observed Tide Date & Time	
Min Tide	4.389	Lowest Observed Tide	
Min Tide Date & Time	01/10/1978 21:00	Lowest Observed Tide Date & Time	
HAT		Highest Astronomical Tide	
HAT Date & Time		HAT Date and Time	
LAT		Lowest Astronomical Tide	







https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stations.html?type=Datums

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Prep for the Coastal Modeling System

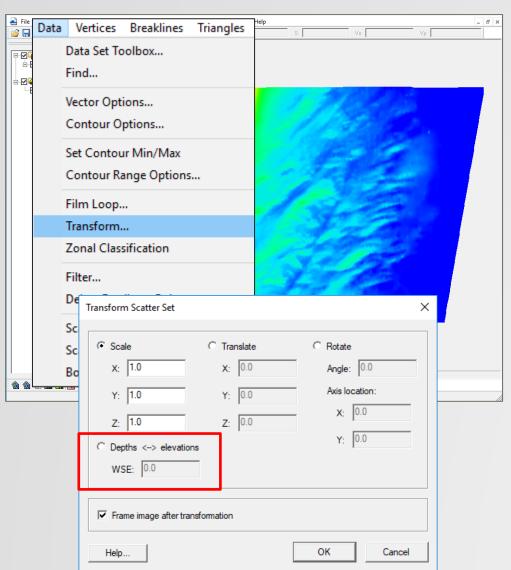


- Based on a Cartesian or Quadtree (telescoping) grid
 - Planar coordinate system
 - CMS Model computation is in metric and depths are positive from zero
 - SMS 13.1 and later works with elevations, but exports depths to CMS files
 - Grid is generated based on a single bathymetry stored in SMS scatterset or raster format
 - Vertical datum is not specified and is assumed local
 - The boundary condition forcing (tidal) must be in the same datum as the bathymetry
 - Typically modeling grids are brought to a mean datum such as mean sea level (msl) or mean tide level (mtl)
- → This requires that all imported datasets projections are defined, and final dataset uses a unified projection, datum, and units
 - Shark River Inlet bathymetry will be converted to State Plane horizontal coordinates in meters with the vertical datum set to MSL in meters



Converting Depths to Elevations (CMS Requirement)





When loading old projects, SMS 13.3 will generally change the sign of the depth dataset. This does not always work.

Check the sign of the deep water.

Data → Transform

Can adjust scatterset data by scaling, translating (adding/subtracting), or rotating horizontal or vertical

Select Depths ←→ Elevations
Flips sign from depths to elevations
(positive down to positive up).
Necessary for CMS model calculation.



NAN Channel Surveys



15 Year Record of Bathymetry

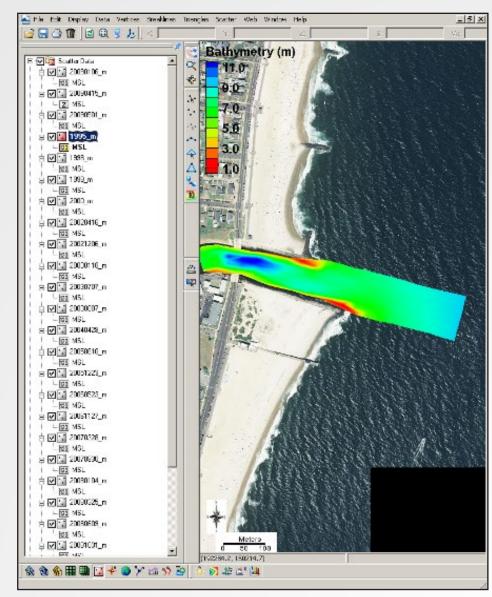
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1-Jan-1995	Condition	28-Mar-2007	Condition
6-Jan-1998	Condition	30-Aug-2007	Before Dredge
6-May-1999	Condition	4-Jan-2008	After Dredge
11-Apr-2000	Condition	25-Mar-2008	Condition
16-Apr-2002	Condition	9-Jun-2008	After Dredge
6-Dec-2002	Before Dredge	31-Oct-2008	After Dredge
18-Jan-2003	After Dredge	8-Dec-2008	Before Dredge
7-Jul-2003	Condition	6-Jan-2009	After Dredge
7-Aug-2003	After Dredge	15-Apr-2009	Before Dredge
28-Apr-2004	Condition	1-May-2009	After Dredge
10-Jun-2005	Condition	20-Aug-2009	Before Dredge
23-Dec-2005	After Dredge	10-Dec-2009	After Dredge
23-May-2006	Condition	6-Jan-2010	After Dredge
27-Nov-2006	Condition		_

Horizontal Datum:

State Plane NAD27 New Jersey 2900 (ft)

Vertical Datum:

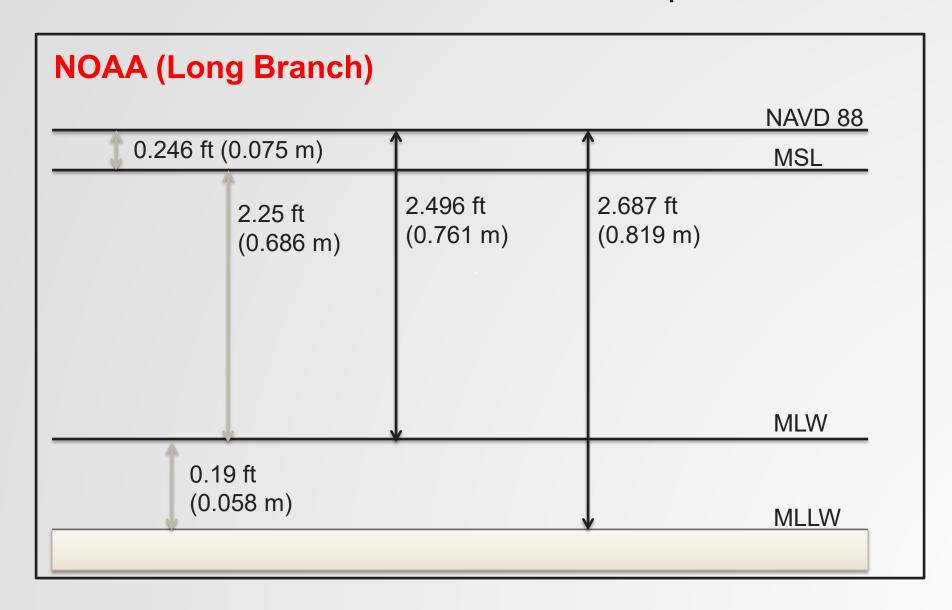
MLW (ft) – COE Datum (not local NOAA benchmark)





Vertical Datum Relationships

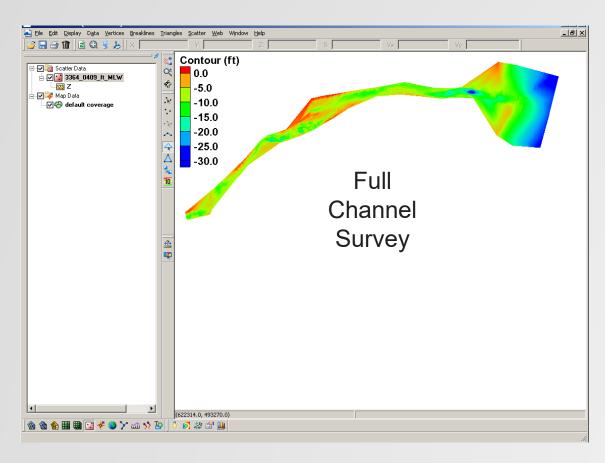






NAN Channel Surveys Extended into Bay



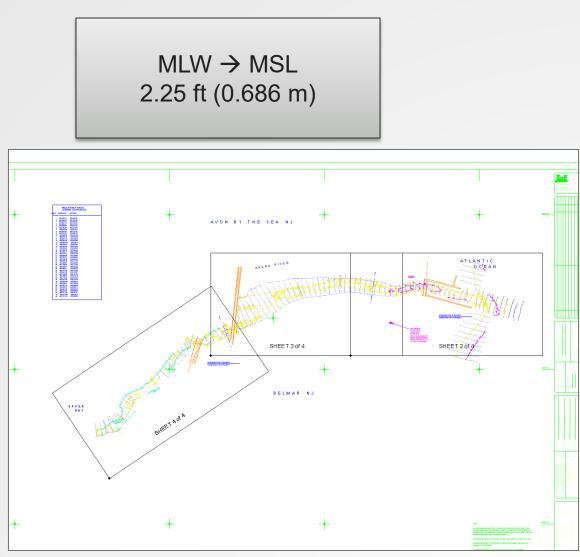


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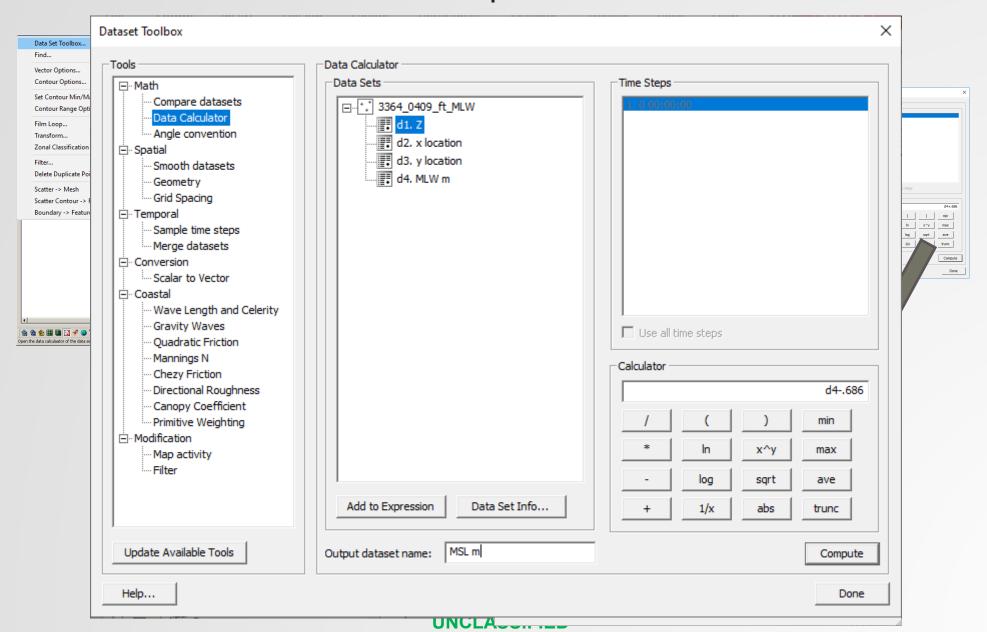
MLW (ft)





Dataset Toolbox | Data Calculator

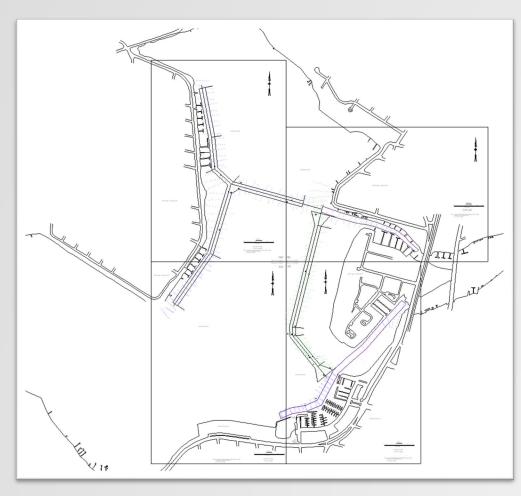






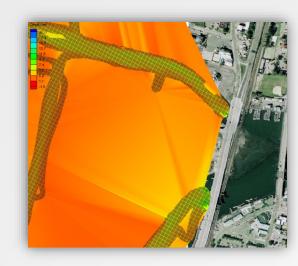
NJ DEP Channel Surveys





XYZ pulled out of drawing and changed to ASCII format

June 2009 Survey



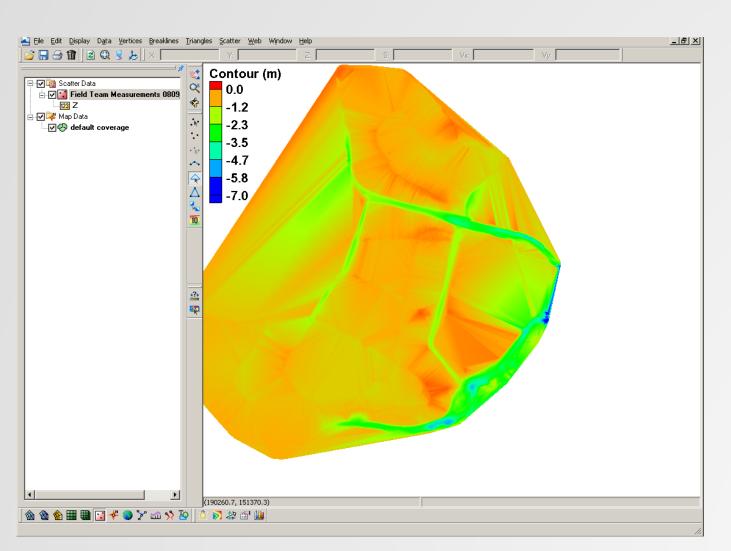
Provided conversion from local datum to MSL:

MLW \rightarrow MSL 2.25 ft (0.686 m)



Field Data Collection – Multibeam Bay Bathymetry (August 2009)





Horizontal Datum:

State Plane NAD83

New Jersey 2900 (m)

Vertical Datum:

NAVD88 (m)



LIDAR



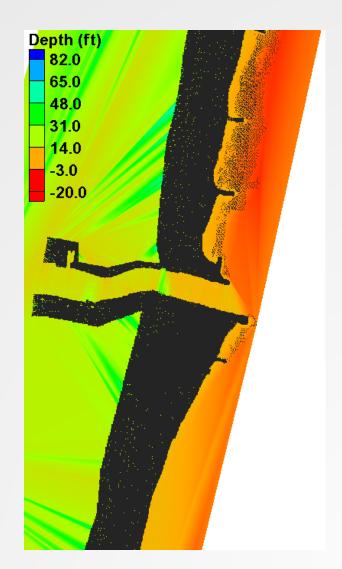
- Files are emailed in separate sections from the NOAA CSC Archive
 - Typically, several to 10s of files that are 5 - 100 mb in size
- Compiling takes time
 - Points have been sampled/filtered and cropped to area of interest

Horizontal Datum:

State Plane NAD83 New Jersey 2900 (ft)

Vertical Datum:

NAVD88 (ft)

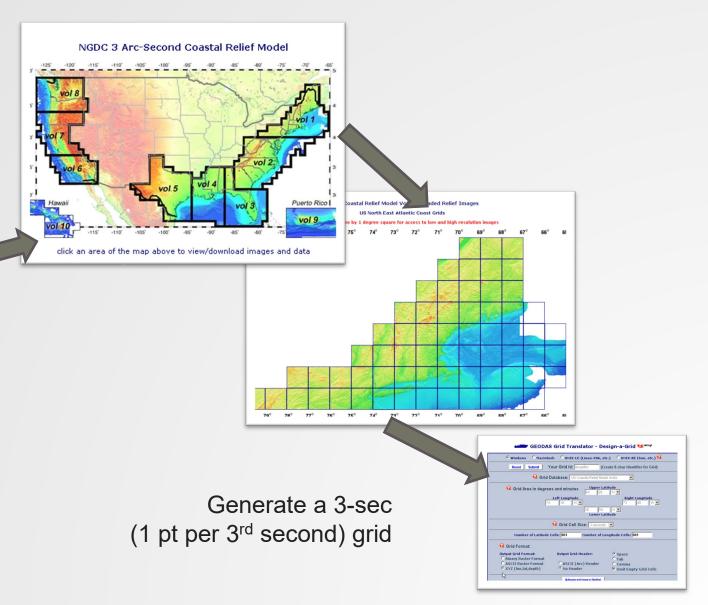




Coastal Relief Model (DTM/DEM)



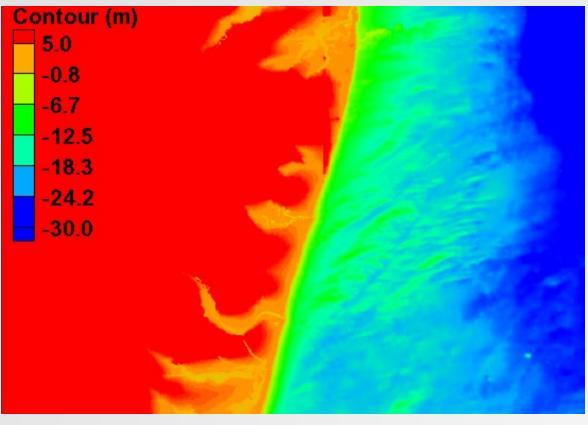






Coastal Relief Model





Horizontal Datum:

Geographic NAD83

Vertical Datum:

MSL (m) - Not accurate for shallow bathymetry (used for offshore)



Extra Bathymetry





 Convert shoreline shapefile in SMS

Horizontal Datum:
State Plane NAD83
New Jersey 2900 (ft)

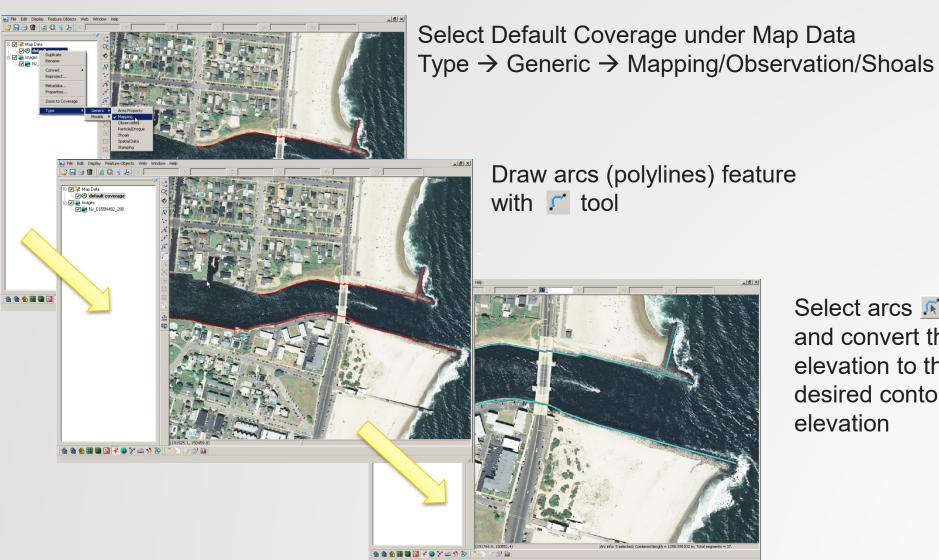
 Added extra bay contour (set to 0.75 m above MSL)





Create a Contour Polyline in the Map Module





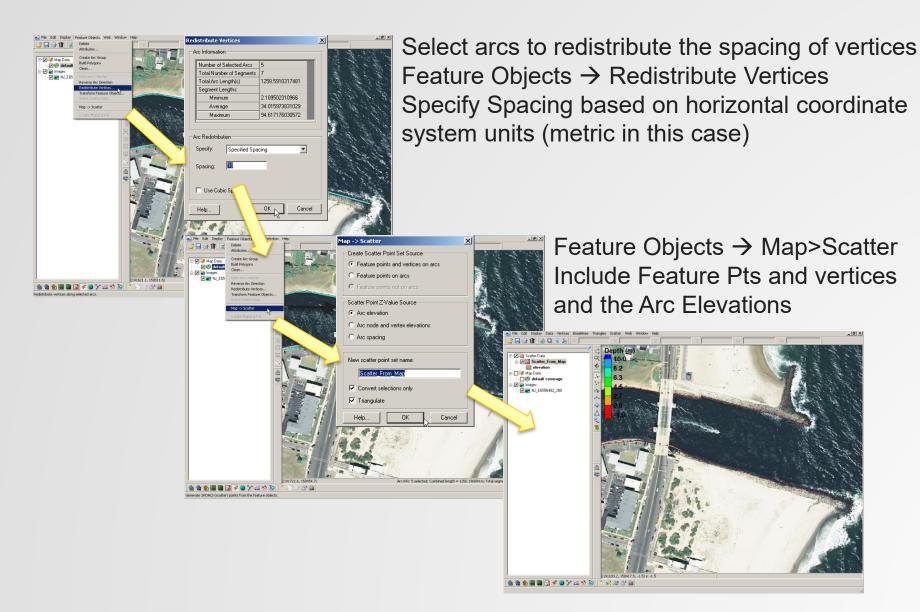
Draw arcs (polylines) feature

Select arcs 📧 and convert the z elevation to the desired contour elevation



Create Scatterset Points from Map Data

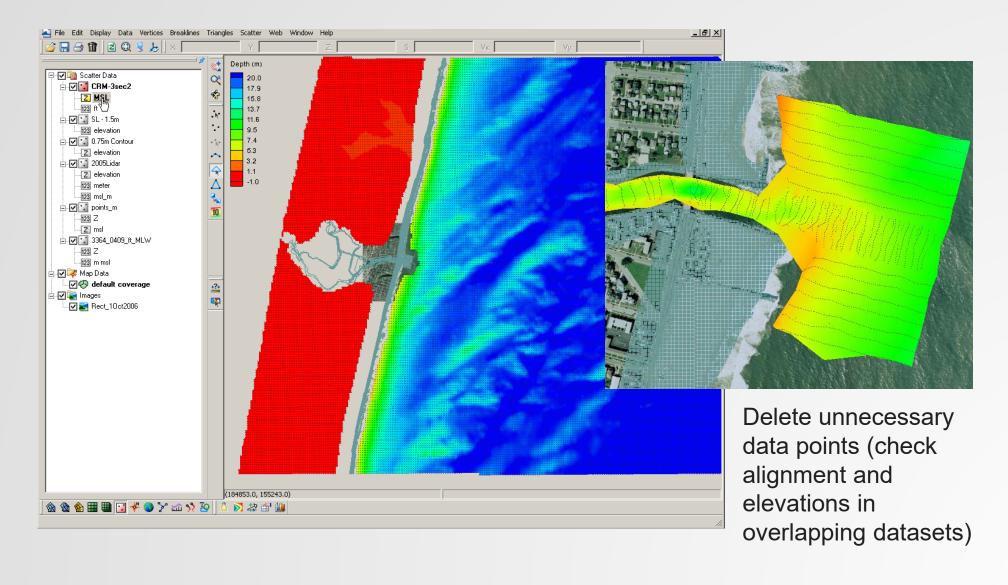






All Files Referenced to Same Horizontal and Vertical Datum

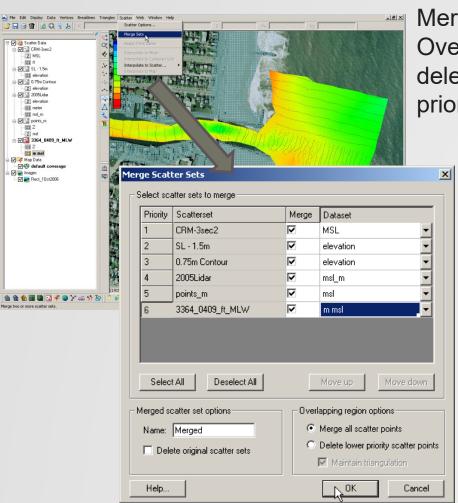






Merging Scattersets

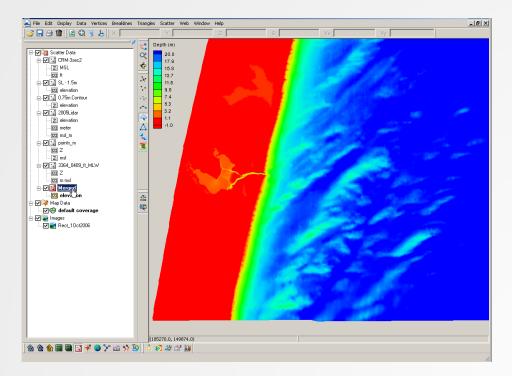




Select the dataset

Merging all scattersets will integrate all points.

Overlapping areas of scattersets should either be deleted or use a separate method of merging (by prioritizing using triangles).



QUESTIONS?

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