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ABSTRACT

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In the coming months, MCMI plans to utilize final data products for high-resolution backscatter and bathymetry to refine existing seafloor sediment maps and determine the spatial extent of sand deposits within federal water. When combined with existing geophysical (e.g. seismic reflection profiles and side-scan sonar) data, these data may also be used to refine interpretations of coastal/nearshore geomorphology and three-dimensional assessments of potential sediment resources/valley fill in the region.

1.0 Introduction

During the survey season (May-November) of 2015 the Maine Coastal Mapping Initiative (MCMI) conducted hydrographic surveying using a multibeam echosounder (MBES) in the waters off of mid-coast Maine. The survey was conducted in part to support the federal Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management's (BOEM) efforts to enhance coastal resiliency through identification and characterization of potential sand and gravel resources on the outer continental shelf that may be used for beach renourishment. The project also coincides with state efforts to update coastal data sets and increase high resolution bathymetric coverage for Maine waters. The project provides new data in the areas covered by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) nautical charts (e.g. coastal and harbor) 13293, 13295, 13296, and 13288 in Midcoast Maine. These data were not collected or processed for navigational purposes, but are freely provided to NOAA for any use the agency deems appropriate.

2.0 Survey Purpose

The purpose of these surveys was to obtain bathymetric and backscatter data to meet the needs of habitat classification, bathymetric mapping, and sediment resource objectives set forth by the MCMI, NOAA, and BOEM (see Dobbs, 2016; Ozmon, 2016).

3.0 Areas Surveyed

The survey areas were located in Maine's Midcoast region in state and federal waters extending to ~8 nm offshore. The approximately 80 mi² (207 km²) mainscheme survey area (Figure 1) coincides with the Kennebec River paleodelta, and was selected for this study due to the high probability of being able to identify sand resources at this location (Figure 1; Barnhardt et al., 1997; 1998). This area extends from the southern tip of Southport Island for approximately 11 nautical miles, and to the west along the coast to Orr's Island in Harpswell. Inshore surveying was conducted within Boothbay Harbor, Linekin Bay, and in the vicinity of Ocean Point to adjoin with and extend the surveys conducted by the MCMI in 2014 (Figure 2).

3.1 Mainscheme Survey

Mainscheme surveying was conducted on a daily basis, weather permitting, between May and November 2015. The location and extent of each day's coverage was variable and highly dependent on the observed and forecasted sea-state. As a result, the locations of daily surveys were selected to maximize time spent surveying relative to transit time. For example, if conditions were forecast to deteriorate on a given day, then a nearshore or more protected portion of the survey area was selected.

3.2 Inshore Survey

Inshore surveying was conducted on an irregular basis between September and November 2015 to supplement 2014 survey data collected in the vicinity of Boothbay Harbor (Figure 2). The decision to conduct inshore surveying typically occurred when conditions were unsuitable for surveying in the mainscheme area, which happened more frequently as conditions became more variable as the survey season progressed into the fall months.

3.3 Survey Coverage

There are numerous small holidays within the mainscheme coverage area. Many of the smallest holidays distributed throughout the entire coverage area are sonic shadows caused by areas of locally high relief and/or highly irregular bathymetry. The three largest holidays occurred in the northwestern-most portion and were the result of small rocky islands (e.g. Tom Rock). With the exception of the holiday centered over 446847 E, 4847427 N (WGS 84, UTM Zone 19N, meters) in the northeastern portion of the coverage area, which was not ensonified due to obstructions by dense fishing gear, it can be assumed with confidence that the shallowest depths of all features within the survey area have been identified. The highest concentrations of holidays occurred in the northern-most and southeastern-most portions, and were largely the result of equipment interference (discussed further in section 4.8 Equipment Issues).

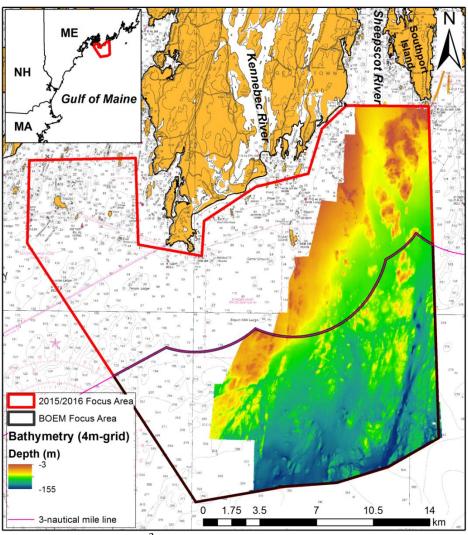


Figure 1. MCMI collected ~80 mi² of high resolution bathymetric off of Midcoast Maine in the 2015 mainscheme focus area, which includes portions of NOAA nautical charts 13288, 13293, and 13295.

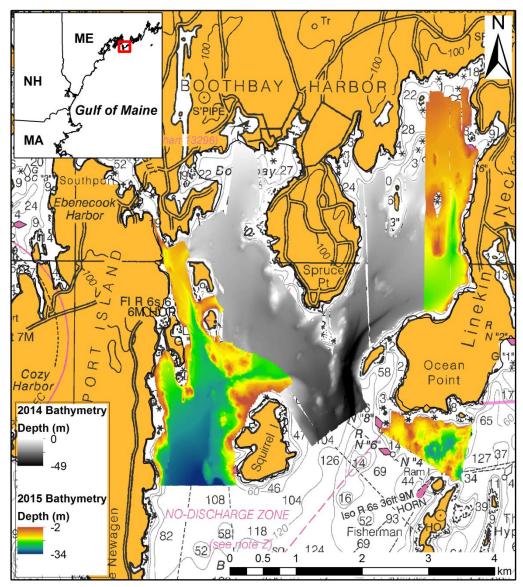


Figure 2. MCMI 2014 (color scale) and 2015 (grey scale) inshore survey coverage within Boothbay Harbor, Linekin Bay, and Ocean Point. The inshore focus area includes coverage within NOAA nautical charts 13288, 13293, and 13296 in the Midcoast region of Maine.

4.0 Data Acquisition and Processing

The following sub-sections contain a summary of the systems, software, and general operations used for acquisition and preliminary processing during the 2015 survey season.

4.1 Survey Vessel

All data were collected aboard the F/V Amy Gale (length = 10.7 m, width = 3.81 m, draft = 0.93 m) (Figure 3), a former lobster boat converted to a survey vessel, contracted to the MCMI. The vessel was captained by Caleb Hodgdon of Hodgdon Vessel Services based out of Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The multibeam sonar, motion reference unit (MRU), surface sound speed probe,

and dual GNSS antennas were pole-mounted (Figure 4) to the bow and were raised (for transit) and lowered (for survey) via a pivot point at the edge of the bow. The main cabin of the vessel served as the data collection center and was outfitted with four display monitors for real time visualization of data during acquisition.



Figure 3. Survey vessel F/V Amy Gale shown with pole-mounted hardware in raised position during transit.

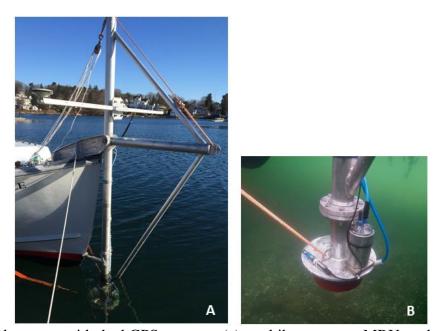


Figure 4. Pole-mount with dual GPS antennas (a), multibeam sonar, MRU, and surface sound speed probe (b) shown in deployed position used during acquisition.

4.2 Acquisition Systems

The real time acquisition systems used aboard the F/V Amy Gale during the 2015 survey are outlined in Table 1 below. Data acquisition was performed using the Quality Positioning Services (QPS) QINSy (Quality Integrated Navigation System) acquisition software. The modules within QINSy integrated all systems and were used for real-time navigation, survey planning, data time tagging, data logging, and visualization during acquisition.

Table 1. Summary of acquisition systems used aboard F/V Amy Gale.

Sub-system	Components
Multibeam Sonar	Kongsberg EM2040C and processing unit
Position, Attitude, and Heading Sensor	Seapath 330 processing unit, HMI unit, dual GPS/GLONASS antennas, and MRU 5 motion reference unit
Data Acquisition and Display	QINSy software v.8.10 and 64-bit Windows 7 PC console
Surface Sound Velocity (SV) Probe	AML Micro X with SV Xchange
Sound Velocity Profiler (SVP)	Teledyne Odom Digibar S sound speed profiler
Ground-truthing Platform	Ponar grab sampler, GoPro Hero video camera, dive light, dive lasers, YSI Exo I sonde

4.3 Vessel Configuration Parameters

Prior to the start of the survey season, the acquisition system components (e.g. MRU, GPS antennas, and EM2040C) were measured in reference to the MRU, which served as the origin (e.g. 0,0,0), where 'x' was positive forward, 'y' was positive starboard, and 'z' was positive down. Reference measurements for each component were entered into the Seapath 330 Navigation Engine (Table 2) and converted so all outgoing datagrams would be relative to the location of the EM2040C (e.g. EM2040C was used as the monitoring point for all outgoing datagrams being received by QINSy during acquisition). Additional configuration and interfacing of all systems were established during the creation of a template database in the QINSy console. See appendices for specific settings as entered in the Seapath 330 Navigation Engine (Appendix A) and for the template database (Appendix B) used during data acquisition while online in QINSy. Configuration settings of the EM2040C were assigned in the EM Controller module of QINSy (see Appendix C).

Table 2. Reference measurements for Seapath 330.

	x (m)	y (m)	z (m)
MRU	0.000	0.000	0.000
Antenna 1	-0.010	-1.250	-2.979
Antenna 2	-0.010	1.250	-2.979
EM2040C	-0.152	0.000	0.194

4.4 Survey Operations

The following is a general summary of daily survey operations. Once the survey destination was reached, the sonar pole mount was lowered into survey position and its bracing rods were fastened securely to the hull of the ship via heavy-duty ratchet straps. Electric power to the computers was provided by a 2000 watt Honda generator. Immediately following power-up, all interfacing instruments were given time to stabilize (e.g. approximately 30-45 minutes for Seapath to acquire time tag for GPS). Next, (as recommended by QPS personnel during in-field training) a new project was created in QINSy and given a name to correspond with the day's date. The template database (e.g. AmyGale.db) containing all configuration settings was copied into the project folder and activated for use during acquisition. All subsequent files (e.g. raw sonar files, SVP casts, grid files, etc.) were recorded and stored in that day's project folder. Prior to surveying, an SVP cast was taken and imported into the 'imports' folder of the current project. After confirming a close match between the upcast and downcast data, the profile was applied to the sonar (EM2040C) in the QINSy Controller module. Additional sound speed casts were taken as needed throughout the survey, which was generally when the observed surface sound speed differed from the sound speed profile by more than 2 meters per second or when there was reason to suspect significant changes in the water column (e.g. change in tide, abrupt changes in seafloor relief). During the collection of SVPs, logging was paused long enough to download and apply the new SVP and was resumed when the boat circled around and came back on the survey line. Raw sonar files were logged in the QINSy Controller module in .db format and saved directly onto the hydrographic workstation computer.

At the end of each day's survey, sonar and navigation systems were powered down and the pole mount was raised and fastened in preparation for transit back to port. Upon arriving at the dock, all external instruments/hardware were visually inspected and rinsed with freshwater to prevent corrosion.

Raw xyz data (e.g. bathymetry and backscatter) were exported and total daily coverage was calculated using the QINSy Process Manager. These data were then used to create progress maps and to supplement daily logs, which were submitted to the project manager on a weekly basis. All data were backed up daily on an external hard drive.

4.5 Survey Planning

Line planning and coverage requirements were designed to meet the specifications set forth in the BOEM grant, but also met requirements for NOAA hydrographic standards (see 2014 NOAA Field Procedures Manual). Parallel lines were planned in real time and run in a north south

pattern, generally following the strike of major bedrock structures and/or isobaths. Lines varied in length from 1 to 3 nautical miles, and depending on the expected bathymetric relief were spaced at consistent intervals to obtain a minimum of 10% overlap between swaths. In situations where bottom relief was highly irregular, typically in shallow water (e.g. <40 meters), overlap between swaths was increased considerably but not to exceed 50%. Less overlap was typically planned in deeper water to maximize coverage. Surveying was conducted at approximately 6.5 knots.

4.6 Calibrations

Five patch tests were conducted aboard the Amy Gale throughout the 2015 survey season to correct for alignment offsets and evaluate any adjustments caused by general wear-and-tear of the pole mount hardware and fasteners (Table 3). During each test, a series of lines were run to determine the latency, pitch, roll, and heading offset. The patch test data were processed in the field using the QINSy Process Manager module. After calibration was complete, offsets were entered in to the template database in QINSy prior to the following survey. Overall, roll and pitch offsets calculated for individual patch tests were very consistent throughout the season. The heading offset varied the most and may be attributed to the addition of new, more robust fastening straps on July 28, 2015 or general wear of the rubber mounting bracket (e.g. stabilization point where pole mount contacts the stem of the Amy Gale) as the season progressed. Full built-in self-tests (BIST) were performed at the same frequency as patch tests to determine if any significant deviations in background noise were present at the chosen survey frequency of 300KHz.

Table 3. Patch test calibration offsets.

	5/20/2015	6/9/2015	7/31/2015	8/5/2015	8/10/2015
Latency (s)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roll (degrees)	-0.22	-0.27	-0.13	-0.18	-0.16
Pitch (degrees)	0.00	-0.02	-0.21	-0.16	-0.02
Heading (degrees)	-1.28	-0.95	-0.30	-0.08	-0.20

4.7 Crosslines

Crosslines were run every 900 meters (as per BOEM requirement; U.S. Department of the Interior, 2014) to act as a data quality check (Figure 5). A surface difference test was performed between post-processed mainscheme survey data and crossline data.

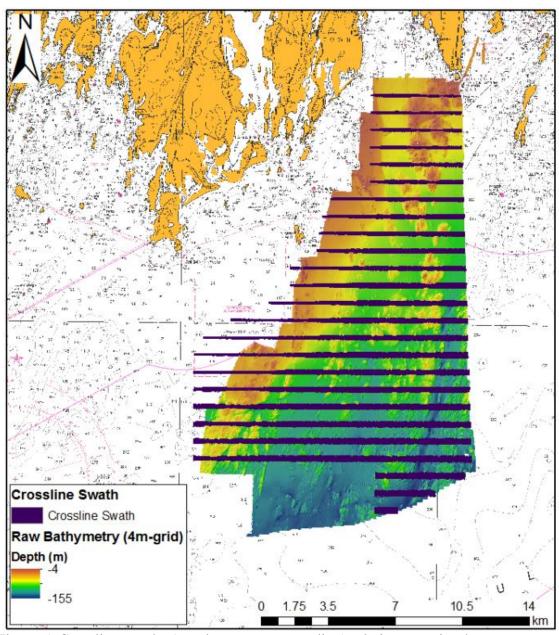


Figure 5. Crossline swaths (purple, east-west trending) relative to mainscheme coverage.

4.8 Equipment Issues

The first two months, May and June 2015, of the survey season were partially compromised due to extensive troubleshooting of an issue that was generally characterized by frequent loss of datagrams being sent from the EM2040C, resulting in a high density of holidays (Figure 6) in the mainscheme survey (as mentioned in section 3.3 Survey Coverage). Although the symptoms of the issue suggested data loss was being caused by a poor (e.g. loose) connection somewhere within the hardware, the error was highly erratic and difficult to reproduce under the same survey conditions. The most common occurrence between day-to-day testing was that the error would

usually not occur until the vessel had been surveying for at least 30 minutes. Multiple consultations (in-field and remote) with Kongsberg and QPS support personnel and additional testing would eventually rule out outdated firmware, improper configuration settings, timing errors (e.g. installation of PPS timing adapter), and inadequate software capabilities (e.g. testing with SIS), which further supported the initial notion that the error was rooted within the hardware. Eventually, a complete EM2040C demo kit (transducer head, transducer cable, and processing unit) was loaned to MCMI from Kongsberg to begin testing on individual hardware components.

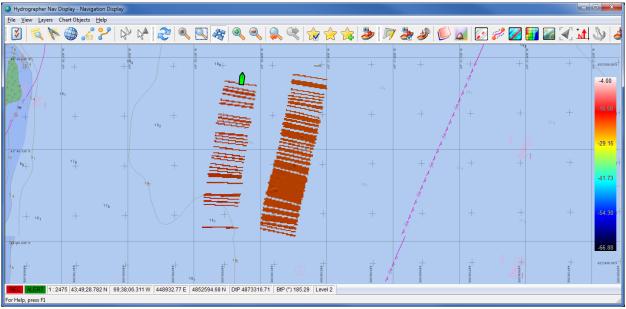


Figure 6. QINSy navigation display showing gaps in MBES coverage caused by frequent loss of datagrams sent from EM2040C.

After replacing the transducer cable on July 3, 2015 the error no longer occurred, regardless of survey conditions. An evaluation of the original transducer cable performed by engineers at Kongsberg suggested that the errors were being caused by inadequate support/protection and combined with an excessive bend radius of the cable. These two factors were thought to cause frequent agitation of the cable, which ultimately resulted in sufficient interference and the loss of datagrams. Although the initial presumption that the errors were being caused by a hardware connection was correct, it was quite surprising due to the fact that the same configuration was used throughout the entirety of the 2014 survey season, when no errors were reported. This type of error can easily be avoided in future surveys by taking all measures necessary to secure and protect the integrity of all external components subject to the elements, and by conducting routine inspections of the cables to identify potentially abraded sites before they degrade to the point where data transfer is disrupted.

5.0 Data Post-processing

All mainscheme, crossline, and inshore survey data were sent to E&C Enviroscape, for post-processing. The following is a summary of the procedures used for post-processing and analysis of survey data using Qimera and Fledermaus software.

5.1 Horizontal Datum

The data were collected and processed in WGS 84 projected in UTM zone 19N (meters).

5.2 Water Level Corrections and Vertical Datum

Tidal data from the Portland, ME (8418150) tide gauge referenced to mean lower-low water (MLLW, meters) was applied to survey data with time and range corrections recommended by the NOAA CO-OPS (Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services) division (Table 4).

Table 4. Time and range corrections applied to Portland tide gauge reference data	Table 4. Time and range	corrections applied to I	Portland tide gauge	e reference data
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Survey Area	Time Correction (mins)	Height Offset (feet)
Mainscheme	-6	0.95
Inshore	-7	0.97

5.3 Processing Workflow

- 1. Create project
- 2. Add raw sonar files (e.g. metadata extracted and real time xyz converted to .qpd, including vessel configuration and sound velocity)
- 3. Create initial dynamic surface
- 4. Add tidal data
- 5. Create Cube surface
- 6. Edit surface and finalize
- 7. Export data

CUBE

Once preliminary surfaces were built and any obvious issues (e.g. inappropriate tide corrections, corrupted data files, software issues, etc.) were addressed, a CUBE (Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetry Estimator) surface was created for editing and as a starting point for final products. CUBE surfaces with ± 1 standard deviation were built for each survey area. The mainscheme survey was gridded at 4 m, and the inshore survey was gridded at 0.5 m resolution, based on the average depth of the area and in accordance with NOAA's survey recommendations (NOAA, 2014). Editing of the CUBE surface was done in the 3D editor tool of Qimera.

Data Control

A surface difference test between finalized crossline and mainscheme surveys was conducted as a quality assurance check (Table 6). The crossline CUBE surface used for this test included a \pm

45° angle filter (used to remove soundings greater that 45° from the nadir). This filter was used to reduce the number of outliers, which are typically caused by high incidence angles and exaggerated motion in the outer beams.

5.4 Backscatter

Backscatter was logged in the raw .db files. The .db files also hold the navigation record and bottom detections for all lines of surveys. Multibeam backscatter data (snippets and beam-average) were contained in .GSF files exported from final bathymetry surface objects using QPS Qimera version 1.1.2. QPS Fledermaus FMGeocoder Toolbox (FMGT) version 7.4.5a (64-bit) was used to process all GSF format data. The GSF files containing the extracted backscatter are submitted with the data in this survey.

6.0 Results and Discussion

A total of approximately 82.5 mi² (213.5 km²), 80 mi² (207 km²) mainscheme and 2.5 mi² (6.5 km²) inshore, of high-resolution multibeam data were collected by MCMI between May and November 2015 (Figures 7 and 8). Mainscheme and inshore surveys were processed with 4 m and 0.5 m grid resolution, respectively. Summary statistics for the bathymetry data are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Summary statistics of post-processed bathymetry.

Survey	Min. (m)	Max. (m)	Mean (m)
Mainscheme	-155.41	-2.02	-69.68
Inshore	-37.90	-1.51	-17.20

Overall consistency between successive patch test calibrations suggests the Amy Gale survey platform configuration was reliable and maintained integrity suitable for high-quality data acquisition throughout the survey season. The high-quality of the hydrographic data was reflected in the results of the surface difference test between crosslines and mainscheme survey data, where a mean difference of 0.05 m between corresponding cells was achieved (Table 6).

Table 6. Surface difference test results conducted between finalized crossline and mainscheme survey areas.

survey areas.		
Surface Characteristics Information		
Name	surface_difference2	
Dimensions	7137 rows x 4257 columns	
Cell Size (m)	4 x 4	
Bounds (r	neters)	
X Range	433734 to 450758	
Y Range	4823990 to 4852534	
Z Range	-16.68 to 45.8	
Horizontal Coordinate System	FP_WGS_84_UTM_zone_19N	
Statistics (meters)		
Median	0.04	
Mean	0.05	
Standard Deviation	0.77	
Total 2D Area	29671200	
Positive (above 0.0) 2D Surface		
Area	16567744	
Negative (below 0.0) 2D Surface	12102456	
Area	13103456	
Total Volume	1328632.66	
Positive (above 0.0) Volume	6653273.46	
Negative (below 0.0) Volume	5324640.81	

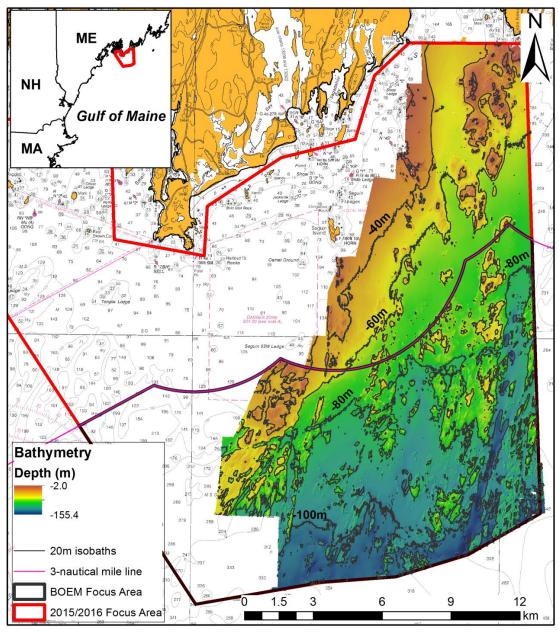


Figure 7. Post-processed 2015 mainscheme survey bathymetry (4 m grid resolution) with 20 m interval isobaths.

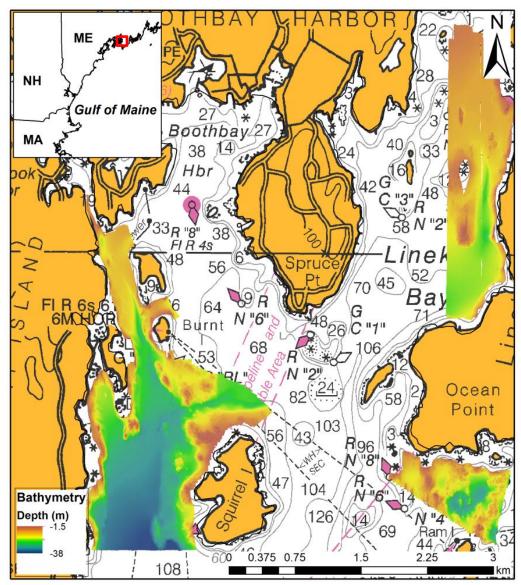


Figure 8. Post-processed 2015 inshore survey bathymetry (0.5 m grid resolution).

A total of 61 bottom samples (Figure 9), 43 in state water and 18 in federal waters, were collected in the approximately 80 mi² (207 km²) mainscheme survey area on 11 separate occasions between May and November 2015. The results of grain-size analyses were used to calibrate and refine interpretations of sediment distribution using backscatter intensity data. The results of these analyses, a general synthesis of the nature of the seafloor, and how these data relate to benthic infauna in the survey area are presented in Dobbs (2016) and Ozmon (2016), respectively.

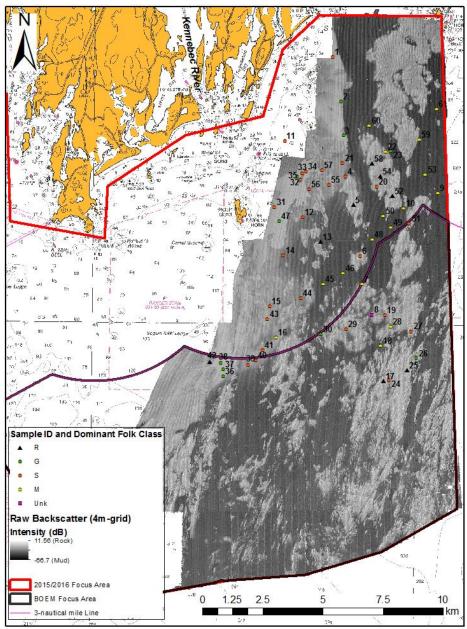


Figure 9. Unfiltered backscatter intensity (4m grid resolution) map and bottom sampling locations colored by predominant substrate type (R = rocky, G = gravel, S = sand, M = mud, and Unk = unknown). Results of bottom sample analyses are presented in Dobbs (2016).

7.0 Conclusion

During the 2015 survey season the Maine Coastal Mapping Initiative collected approximately 82.5 mi² (213.5 km²), 80 mi² (207 km²) mainscheme and 2.5 mi² (6.5 km²) inshore, of high-resolution multibeam data. The consistency of equipment calibration conducted throughout the survey season and statistical comparisons of multibeam data suggest the current survey platform aboard the Amy Gale was robust and reliable for high-quality data acquisition. The technical

difficulties encountered during the first two months of the season reinforced the importance of equipment maintenance and configuration. As a result of these difficulties, additional measures will be taken prior to future surveys to secure and protect the integrity of all external components subject to harsh environmental conditions.

During the 2015 survey season the MCMI also collected sediment samples in 61 locations, 43 in state water and 18 in federal waters, in the approximately 80mi^2 (207 km²) mainscheme survey area. The results of grain-size analyses were used to calibrate and refine interpretations of sediment distribution using backscatter intensity data. The results of these analyses, a general synthesis of the nature of the seafloor, and how these data relate to benthic infauna in the survey area are presented in Dobbs (2016) and Ozmon (2016), respectively.

In the coming months, MCMI plans to utilize final data products for high-resolution backscatter and bathymetry to refine existing seafloor sediment maps and determine the spatial extent of sand deposits within federal water. When combined with existing geophysical (e.g. seismic reflection profiles and side-scan sonar) data, these data may also be used to refine interpretations of coastal/nearshore geomorphology and three-dimensional assessments of potential sediment resources/valley fill in the region. In addition, these data are a critical component of benthic habitat classification and modeling performed by MCMI (see Ozmon, 2016). Overall, these data have a variety of applications and are an invaluable resource to public and private agencies who wish to more effectively manage and understand coastal and marine resources.

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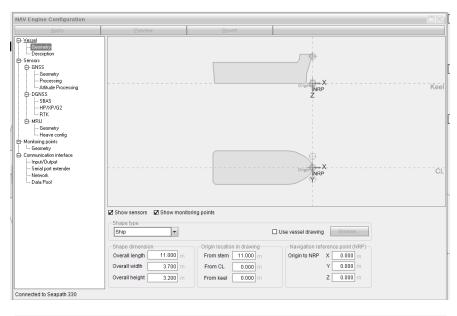
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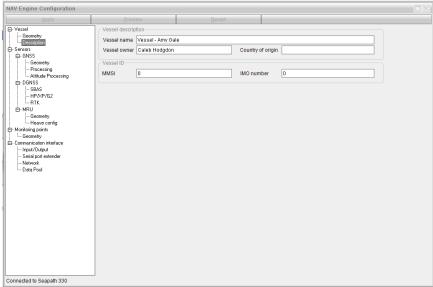
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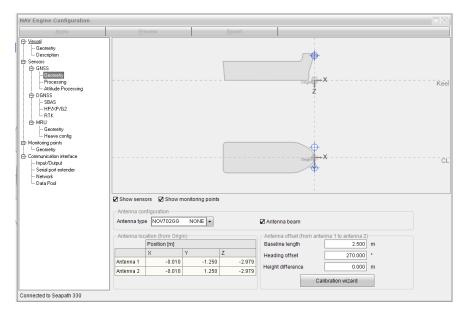
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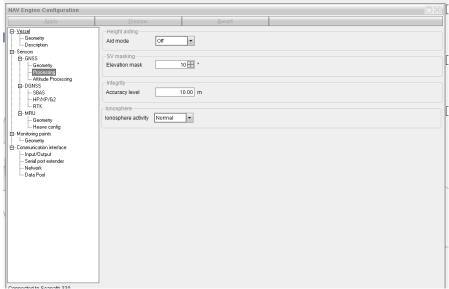
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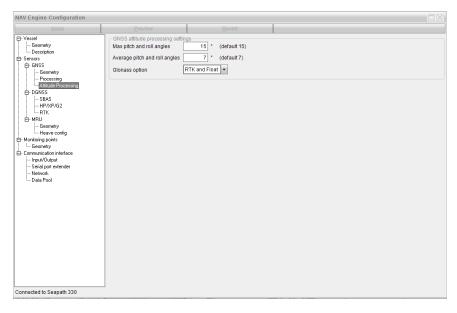
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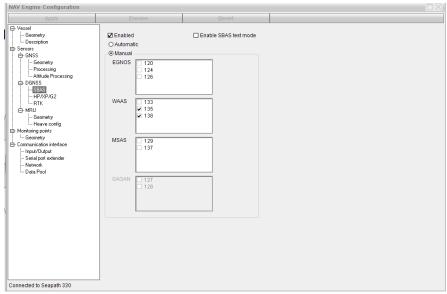


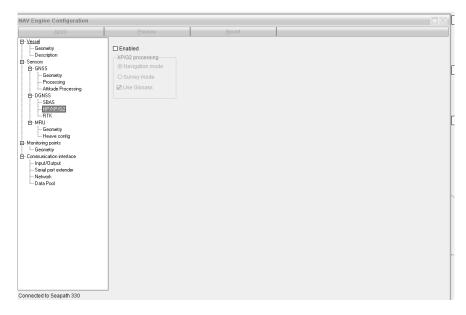


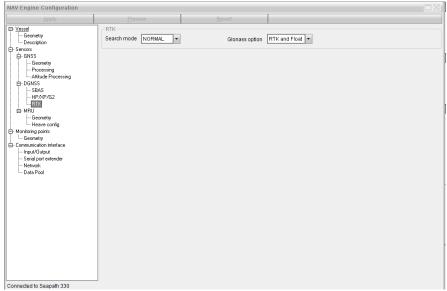


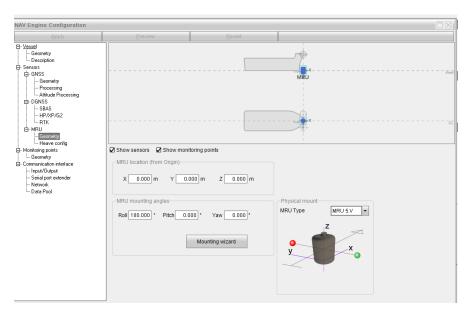


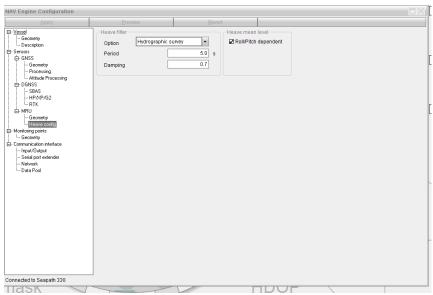


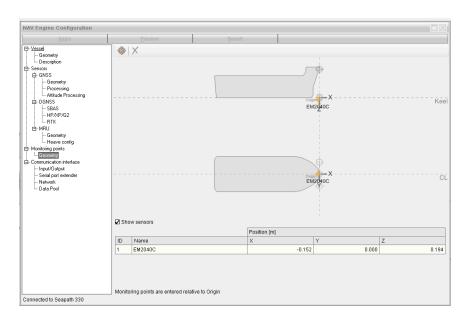


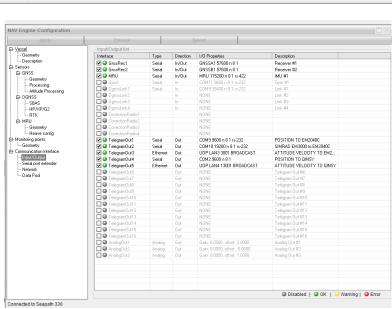


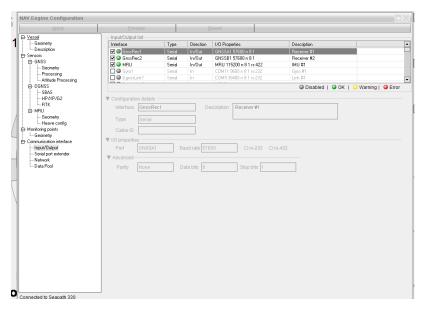


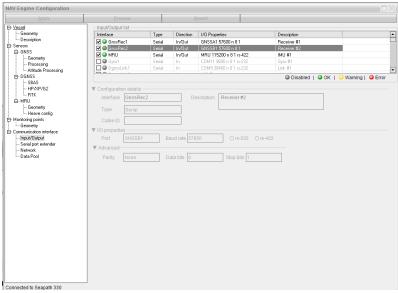


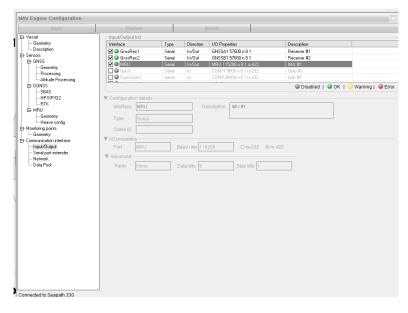


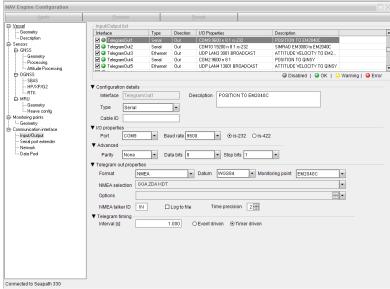


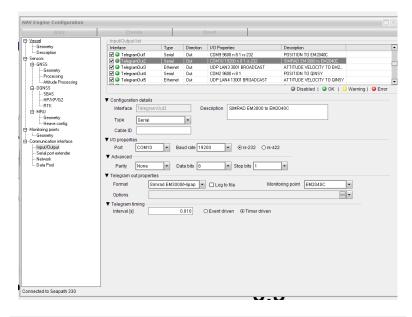


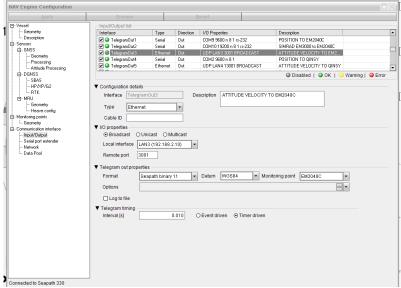


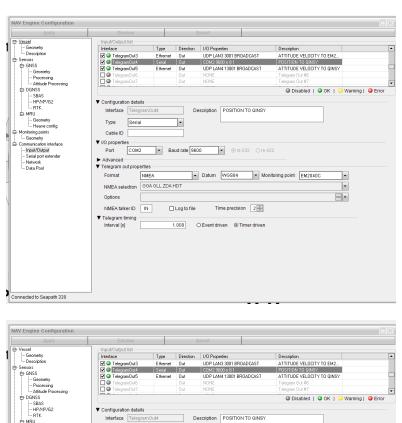


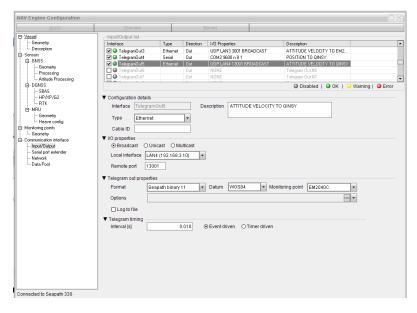


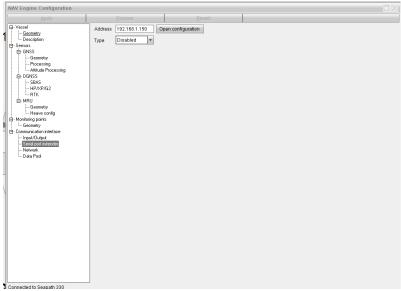


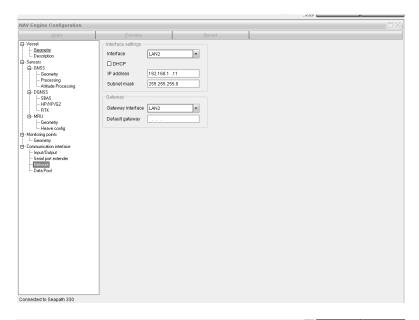


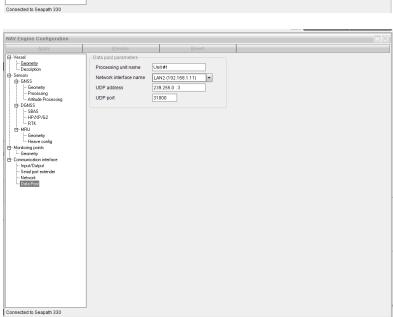




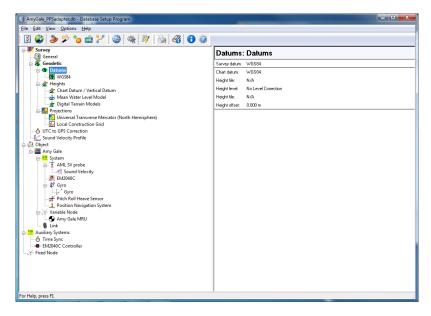


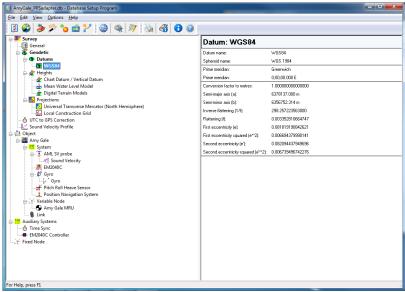


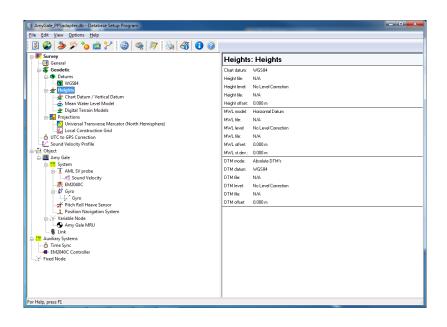


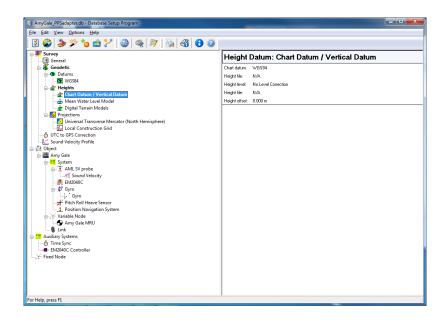


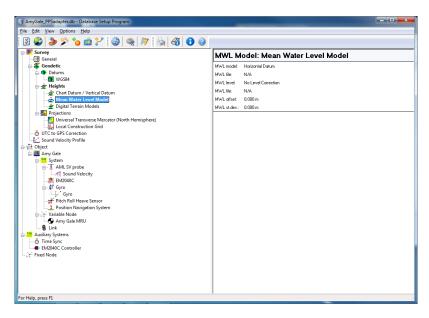
Appendix B – Template database settings in QINSy

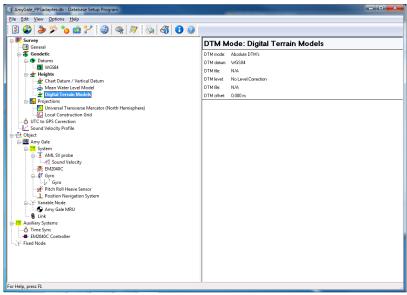


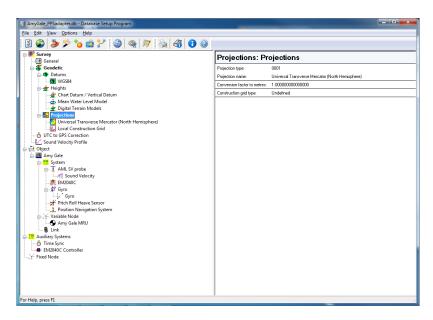


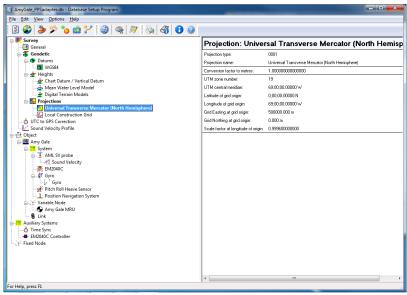


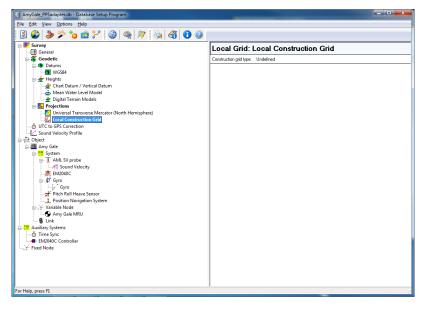


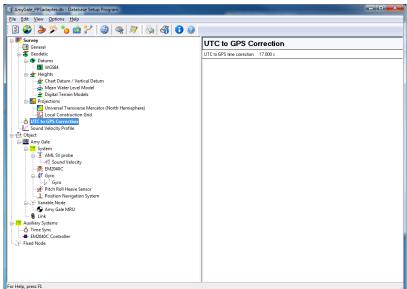




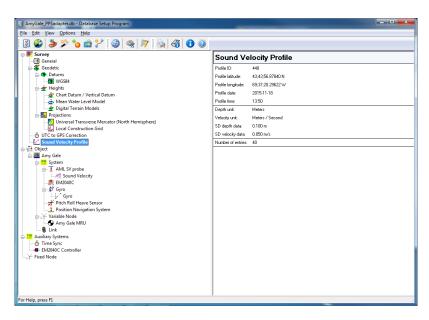


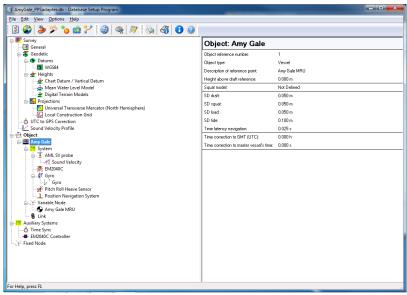


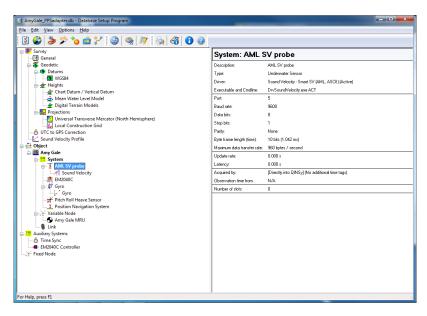


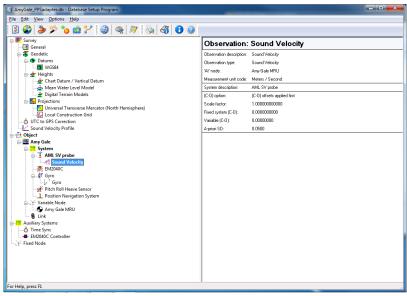


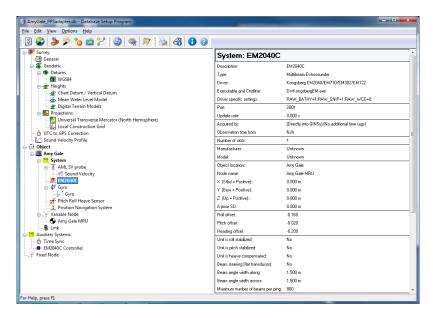
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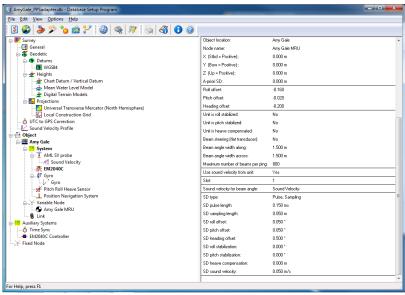


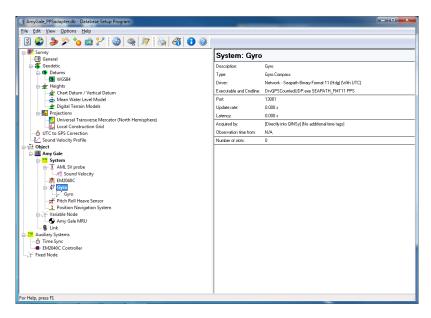


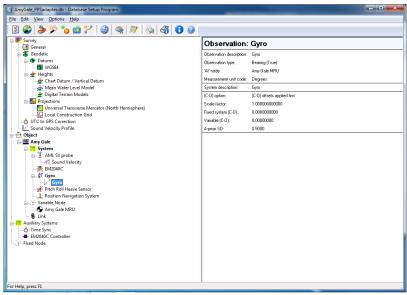


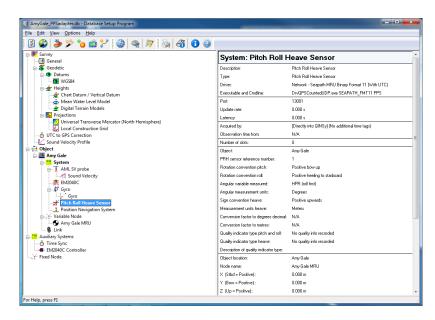


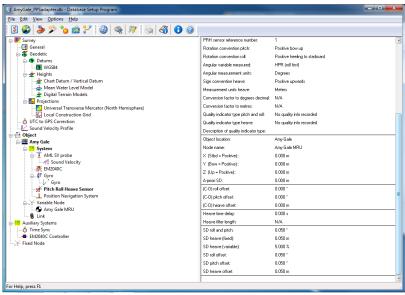


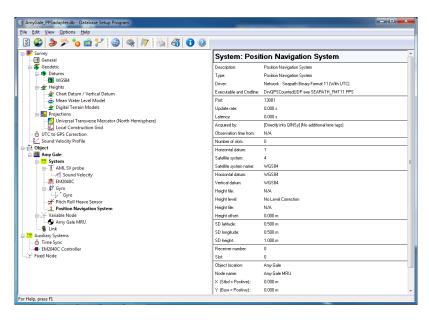


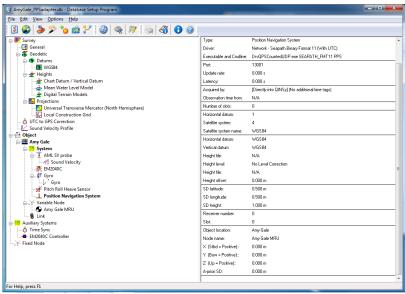


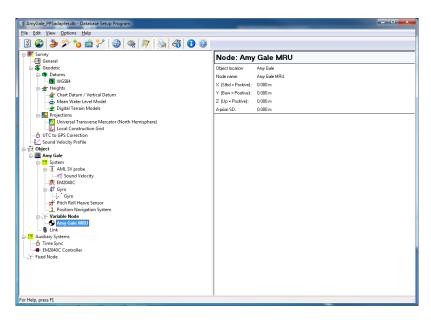


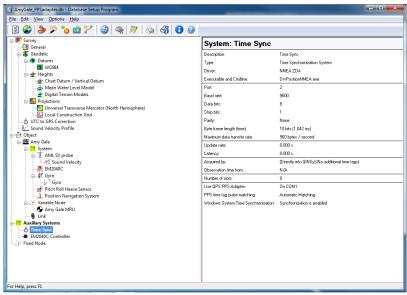


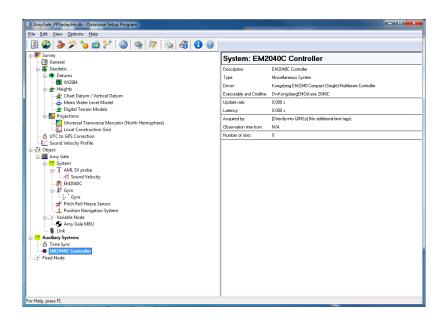












$\label{eq:configuration} \textbf{Appendix} \ C-\textbf{Configuration settings for EM2040C shown in QINSy EM controller}$

