ShoreZone 101

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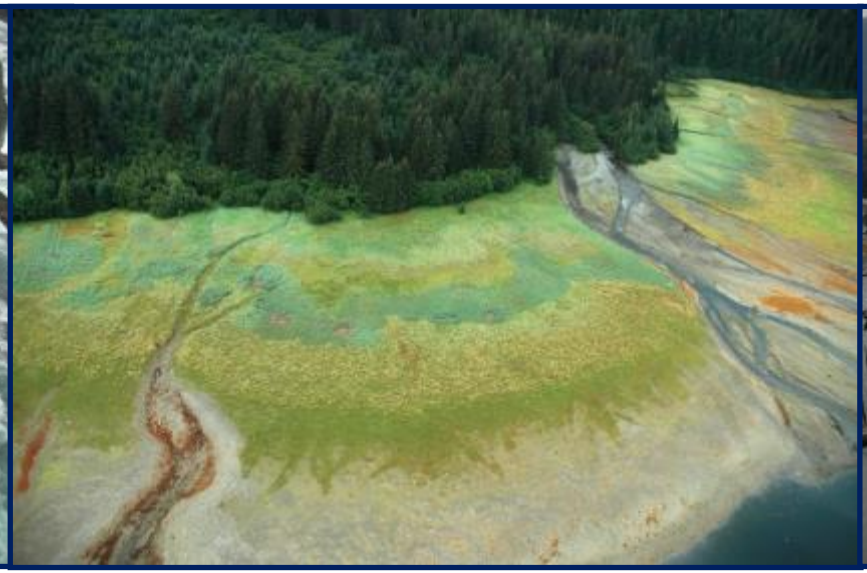
What is ShoreZone?

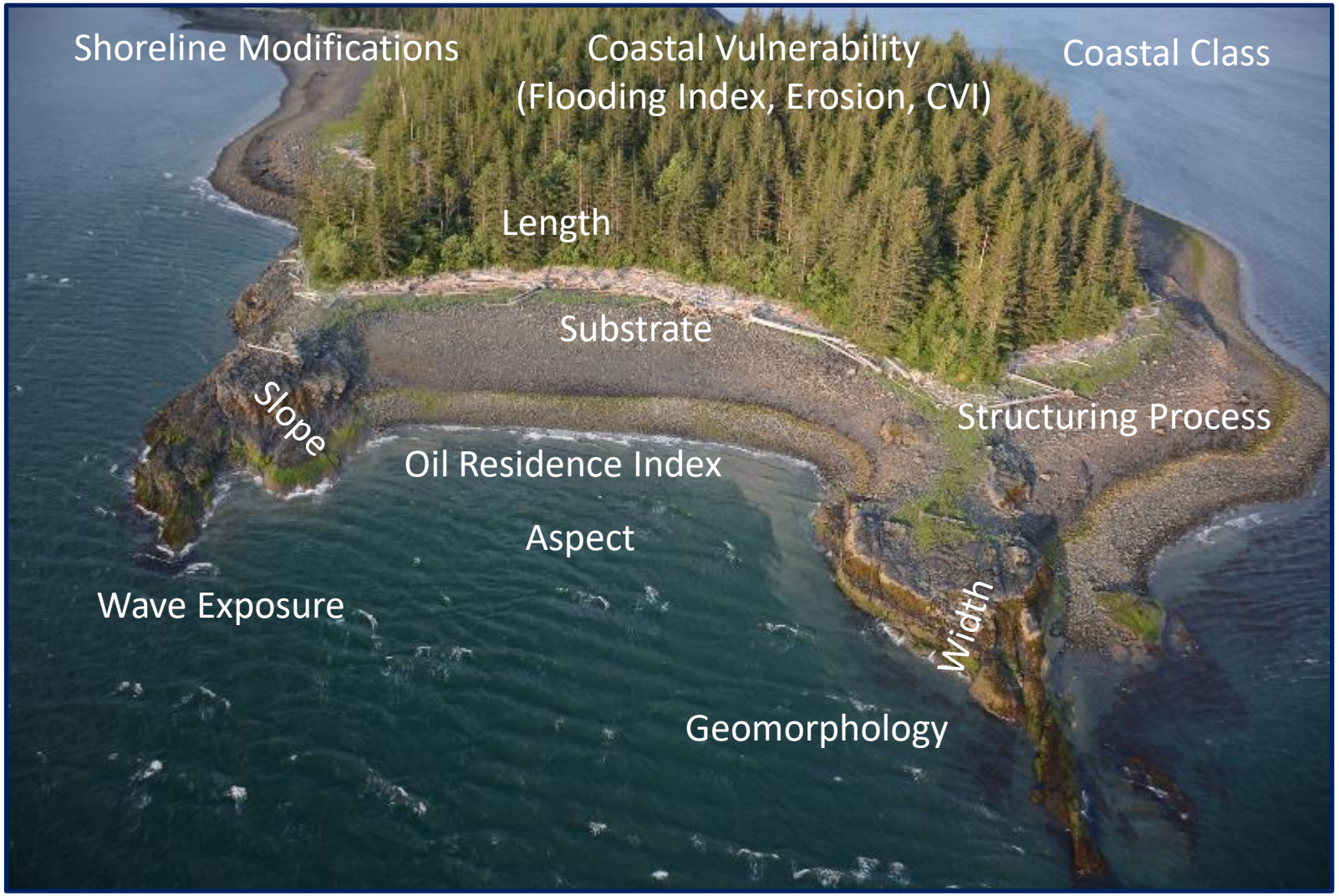

A standardized coastal imaging and habitat mapping system that characterizes physical and biological attributes of the shoreline in a searchable, georeferenced database.

Coastal Imaging

Low-altitude
Oblique Angle
Video and Stills

Low tide windows
Georeferenced

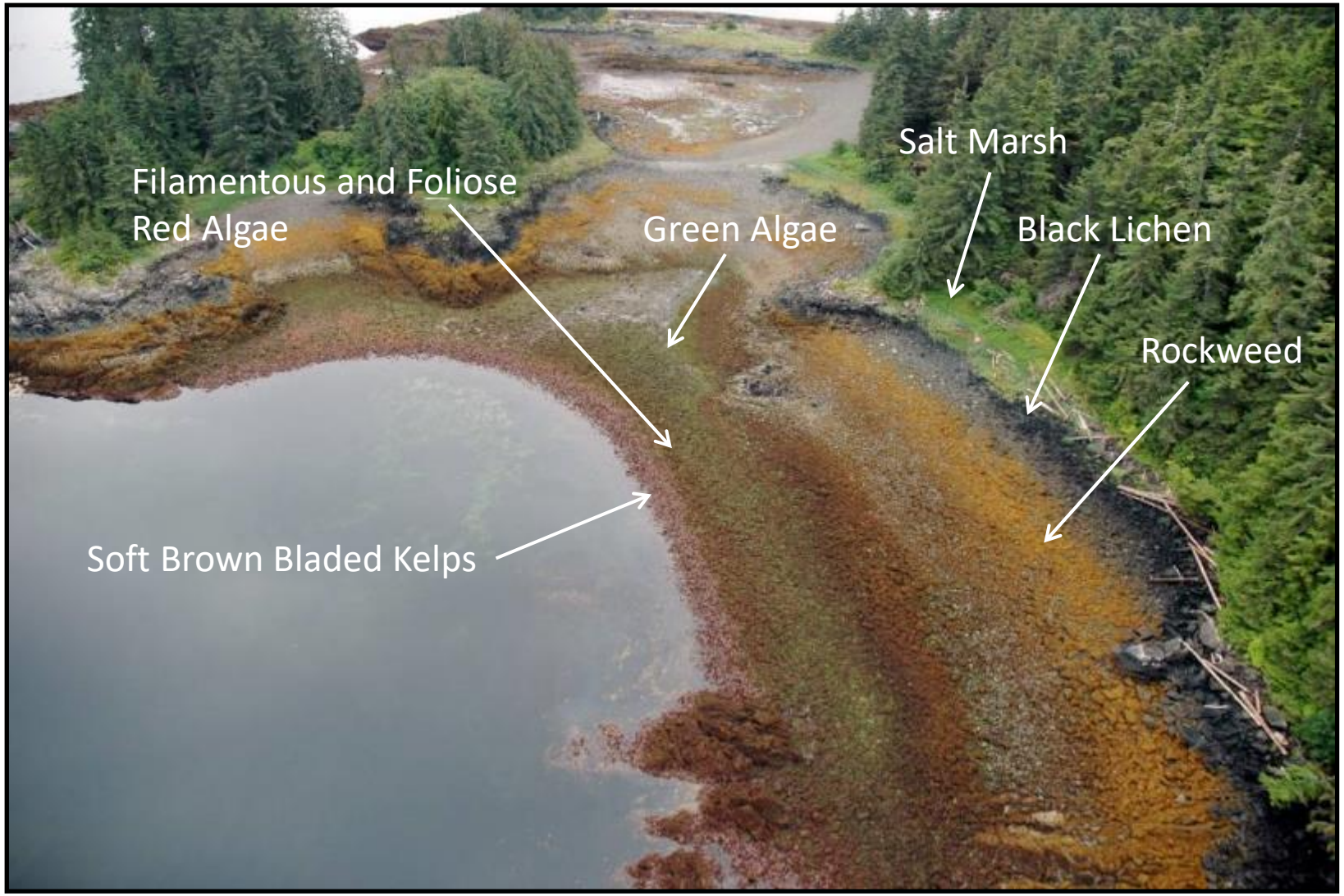
ShoreZone Physical Attributes



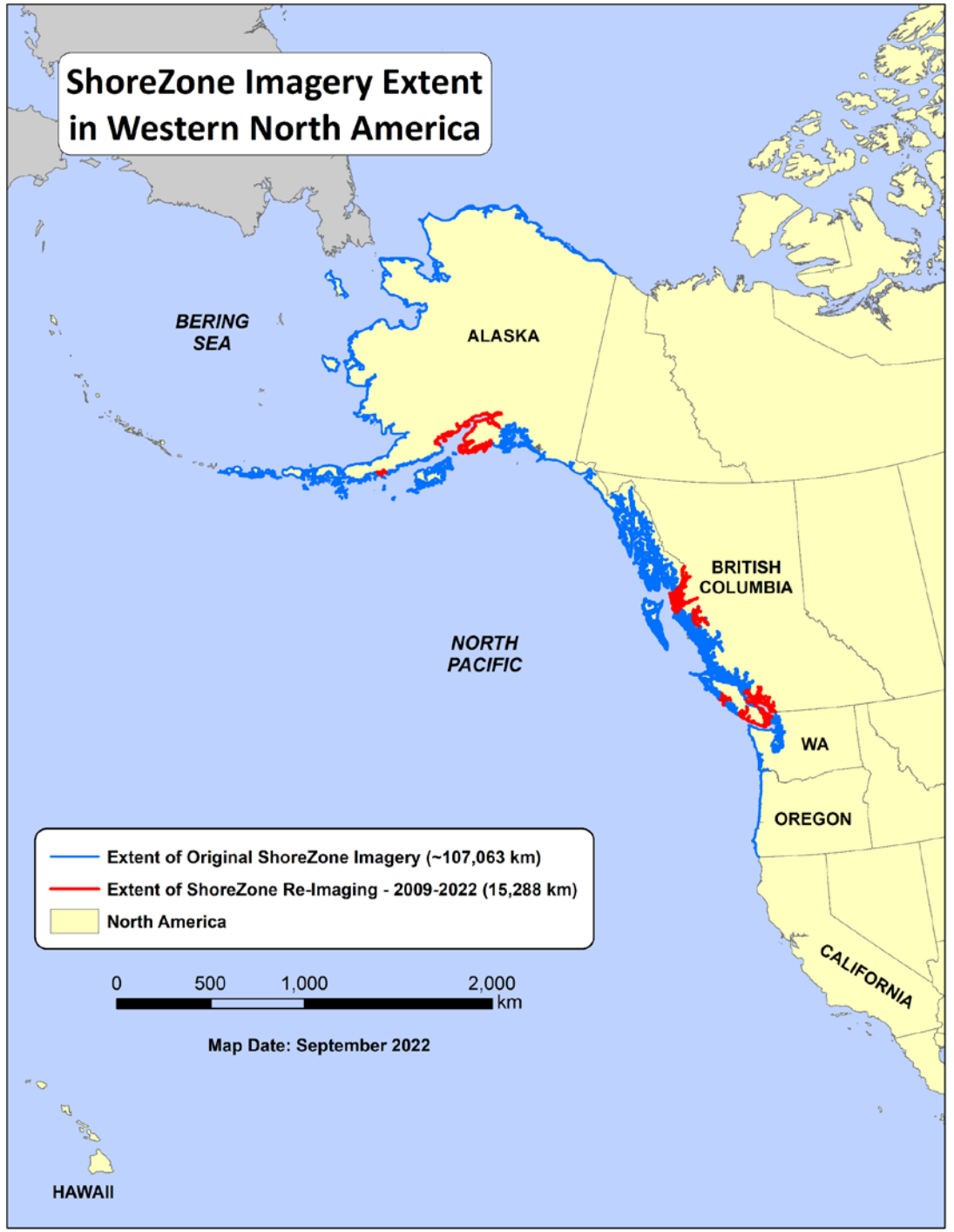
ShoreZone Biological Attributes

Biobands are assemblages defined by a typical:

- **Tide Height**
- **Colour**
- **Texture**



ShoreZone Across the Pacific Northwest



Applications for ShoreZone Data

Oil Spill Planning and Response

Risk Management

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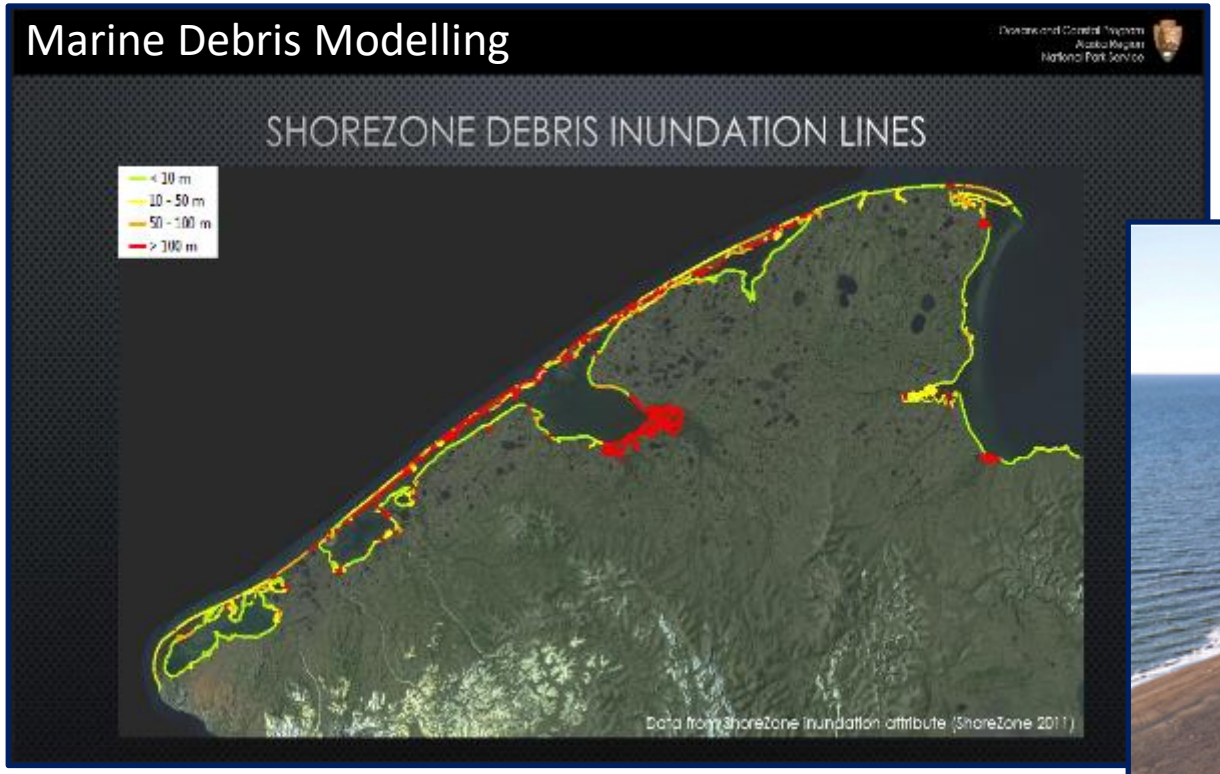

Marine Debris Coastal Vulnerability

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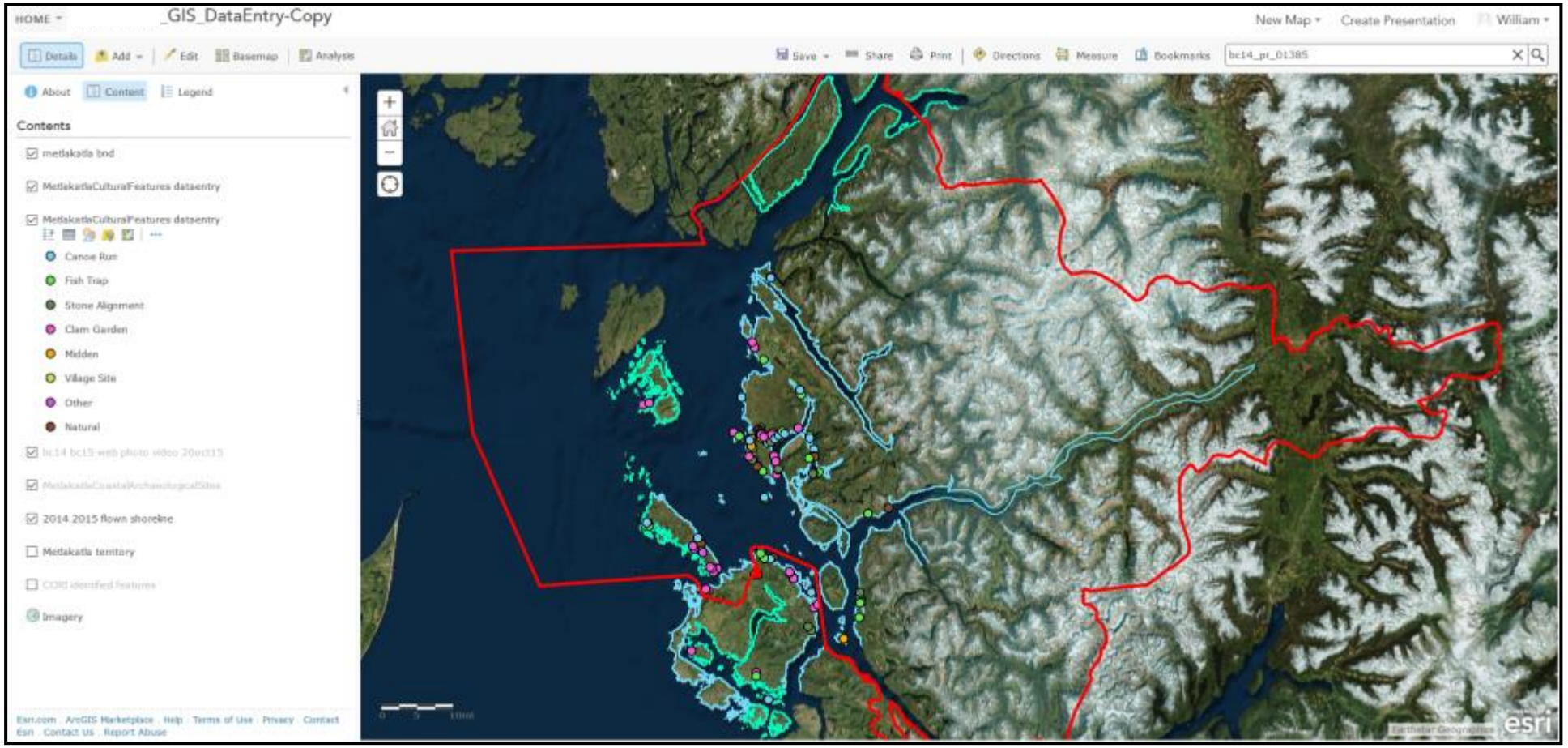

Cultural Features Mapping

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Habitat and Species Modelling

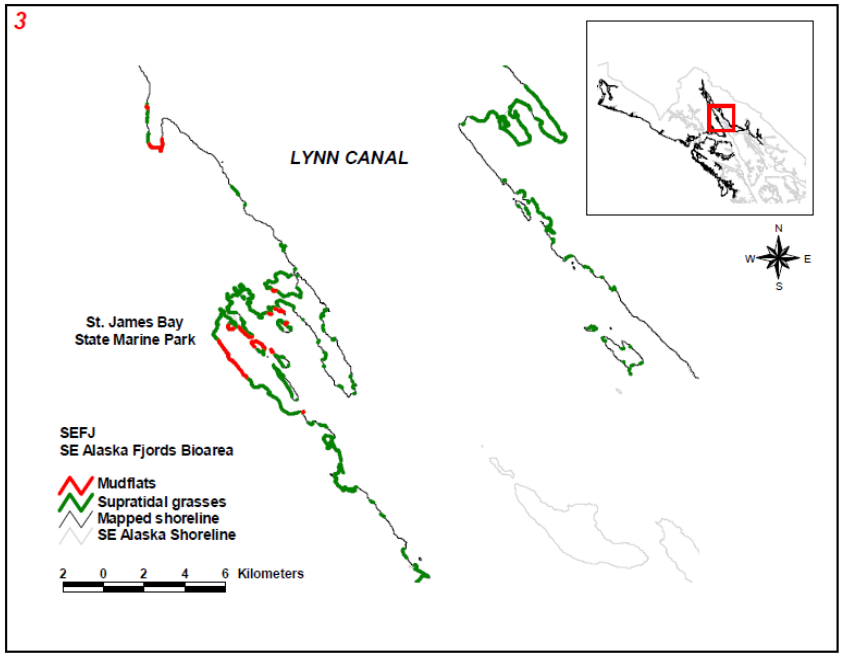
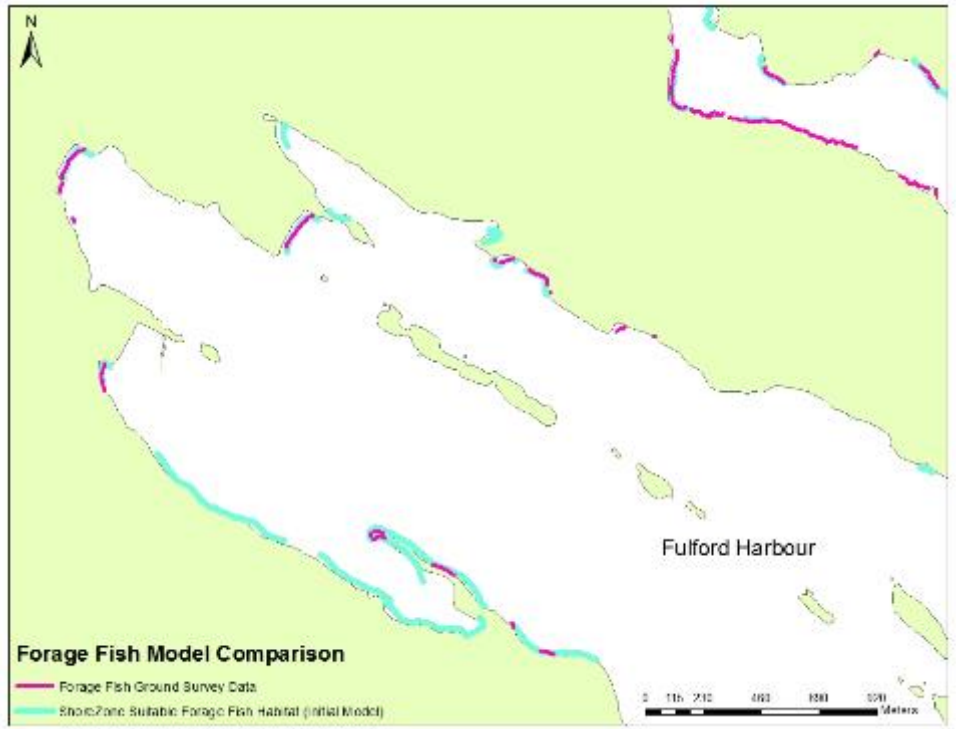


Figure 2.10. Local-level detail map of St. James Bay Marine Park in Lynn Canal, illustrating units with salt marsh vegetation (such as *Pucinella* and sedges, shown in green) overlain by units with fine sediment mapped in the lowest intertidal (shown in red). This combination of habitat attributes is considered particularly suitable for green crab colonization. Shapefiles of query results are provided and can be viewed at any scale for the study area in Southeast Alaska. Location is shown by box 3 in Fig. 2.3.

Green Crab Monitoring



Forage Fish Spawning

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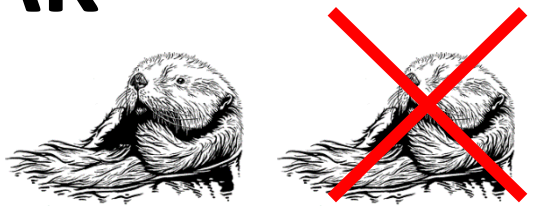
Eelgrass and sea otters in SEAK

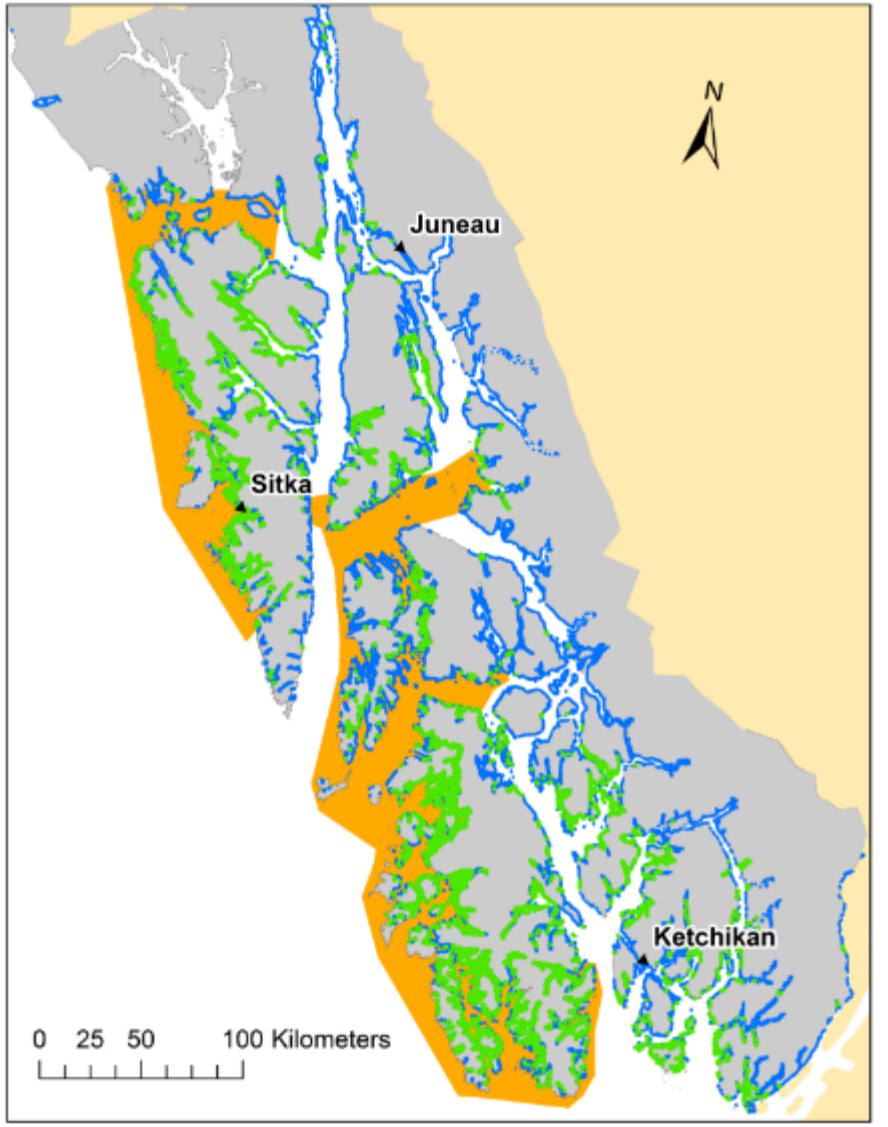


Potential seagrass habitat	14,705 km	22,976 km
Habitat with seagrass	5,793 km 39%	4,371 km 19%

Sea otter range

Seagrass

Suitable for seagrass



Courtesy of Wendel Raymond, UAF

ShoreZone seagrass data

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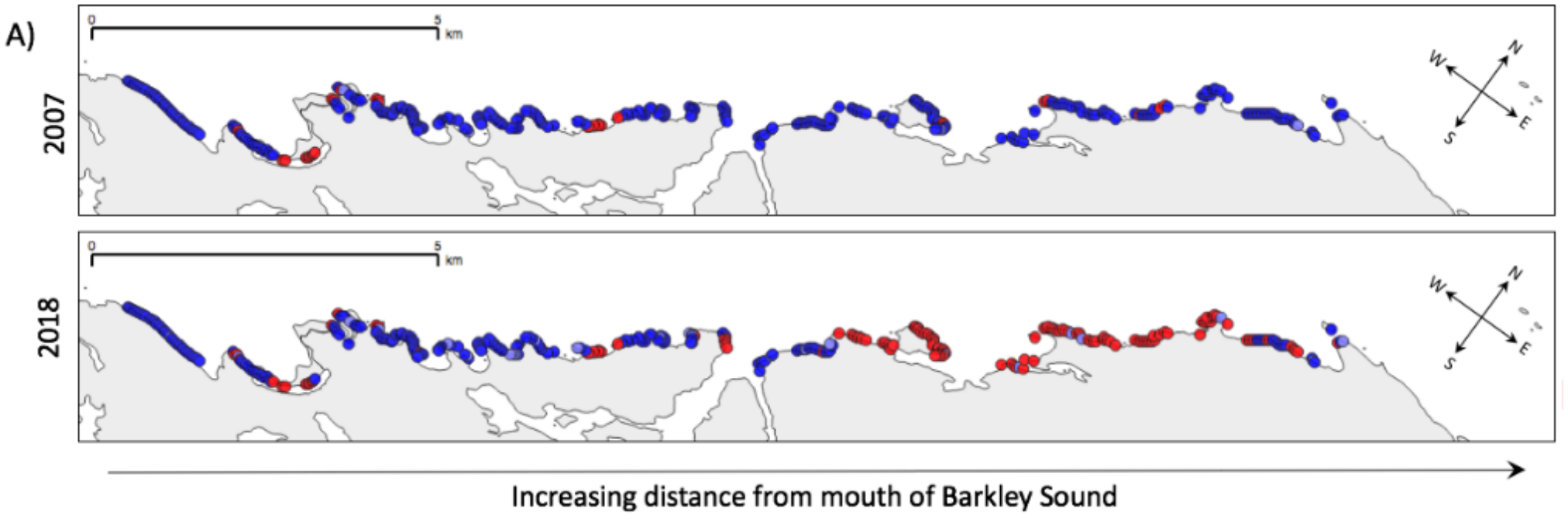
Change Over Time

Kelps have disappeared from deeper into Barkley Sound



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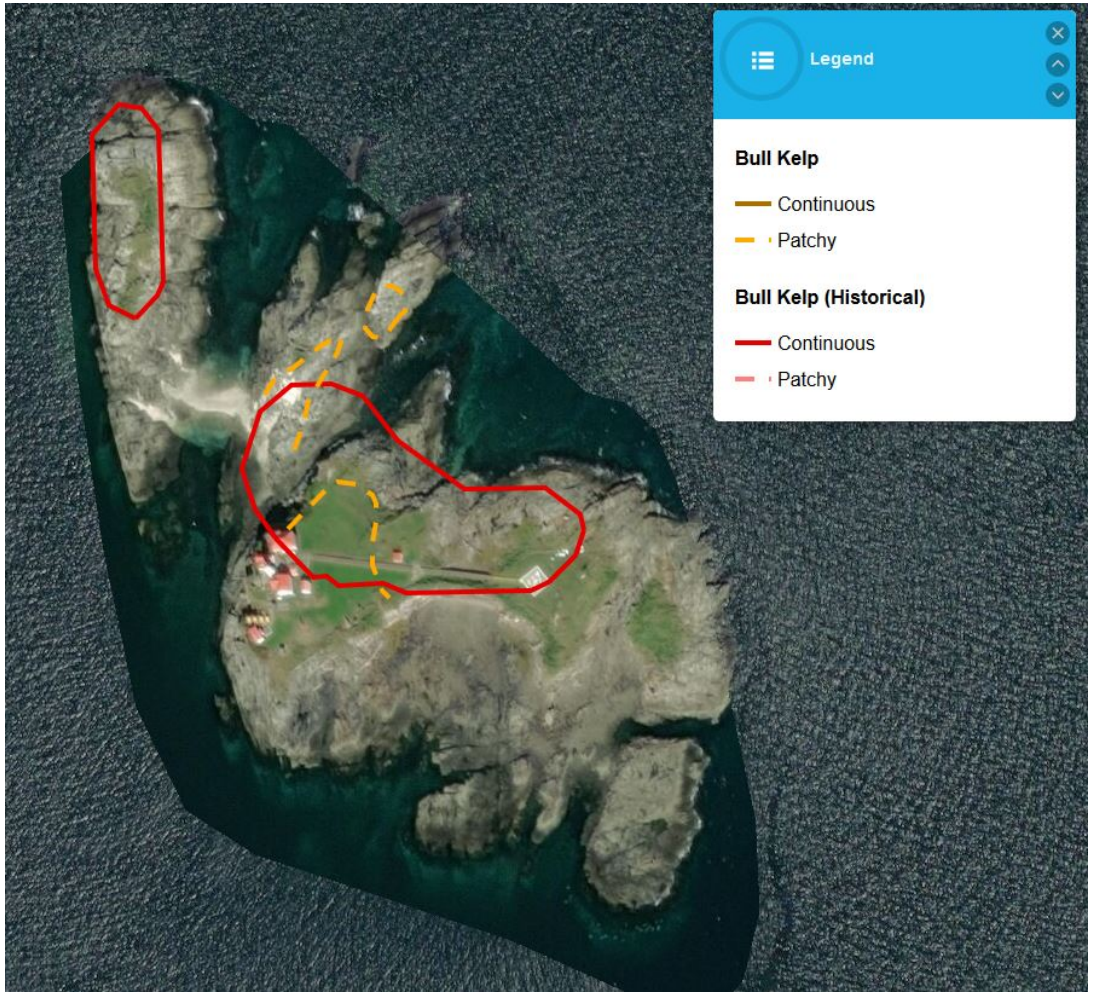

Where to Access ShoreZone

BC ShoreZone ArcGIS Site

NOAA ShoreZone Site

AOOS Portal

Strait of Georgia Data Centre

Thank-you!

Questions?

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