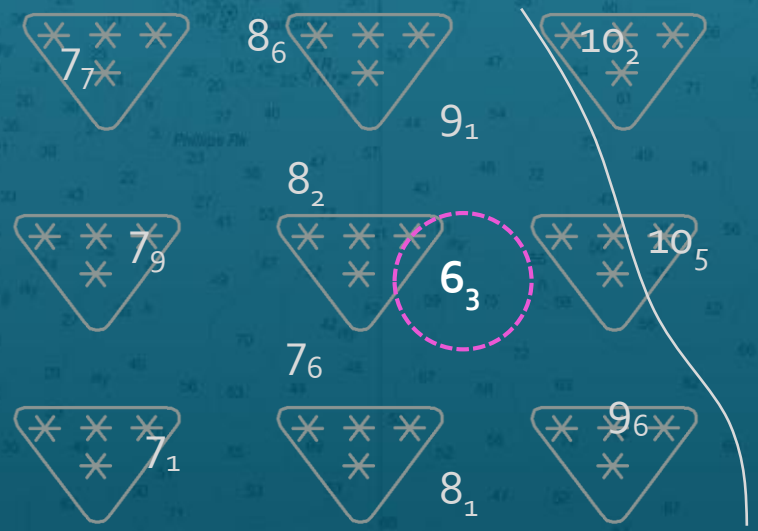
IHO Data Quality Working Group

Monaco, Feb. 4-7, 2020

An Alternative Methodology
(to the star symbols)



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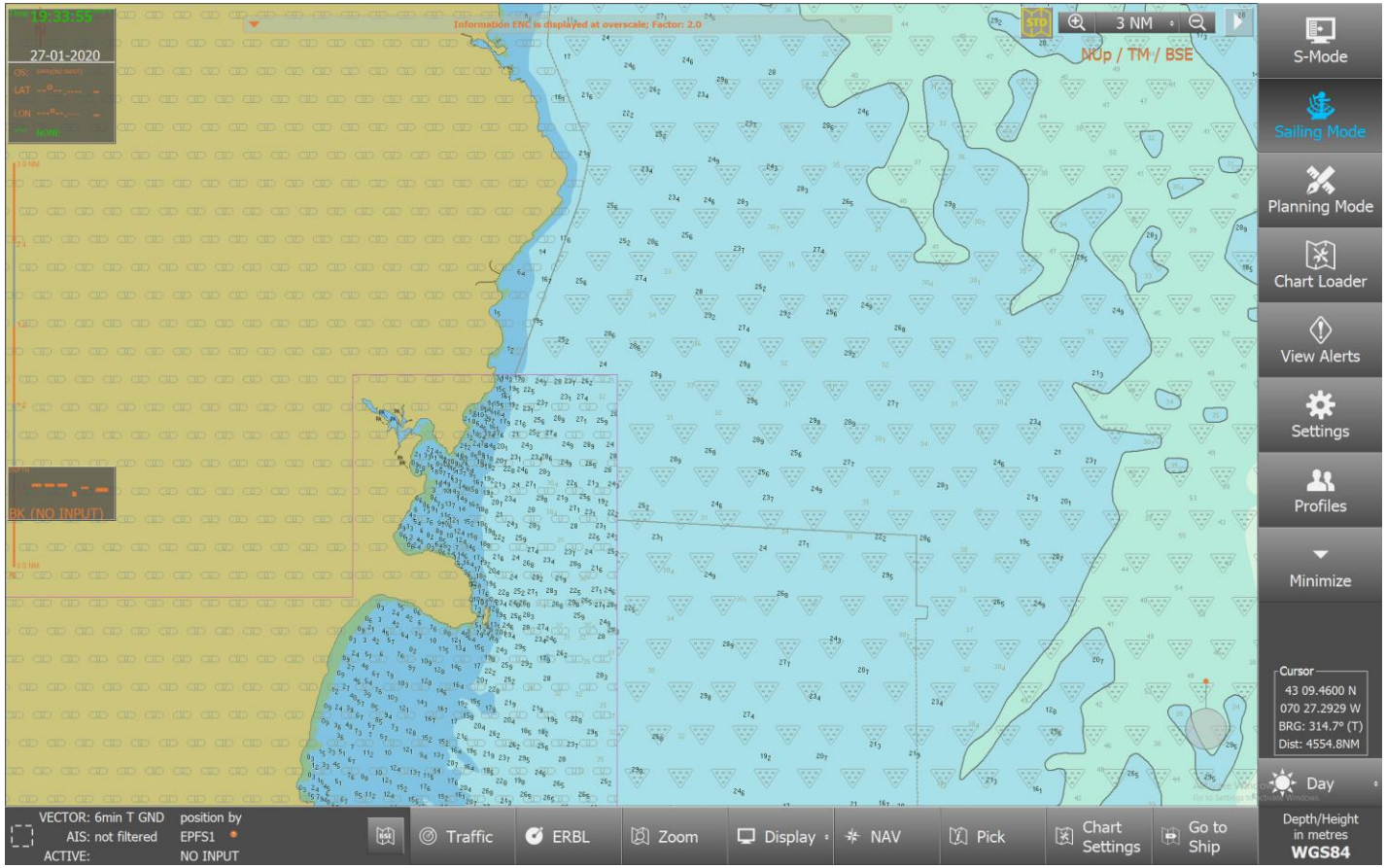
Scope



- *Better communicate data quality on charts.*
- *Help mariners to make informed decisions.*

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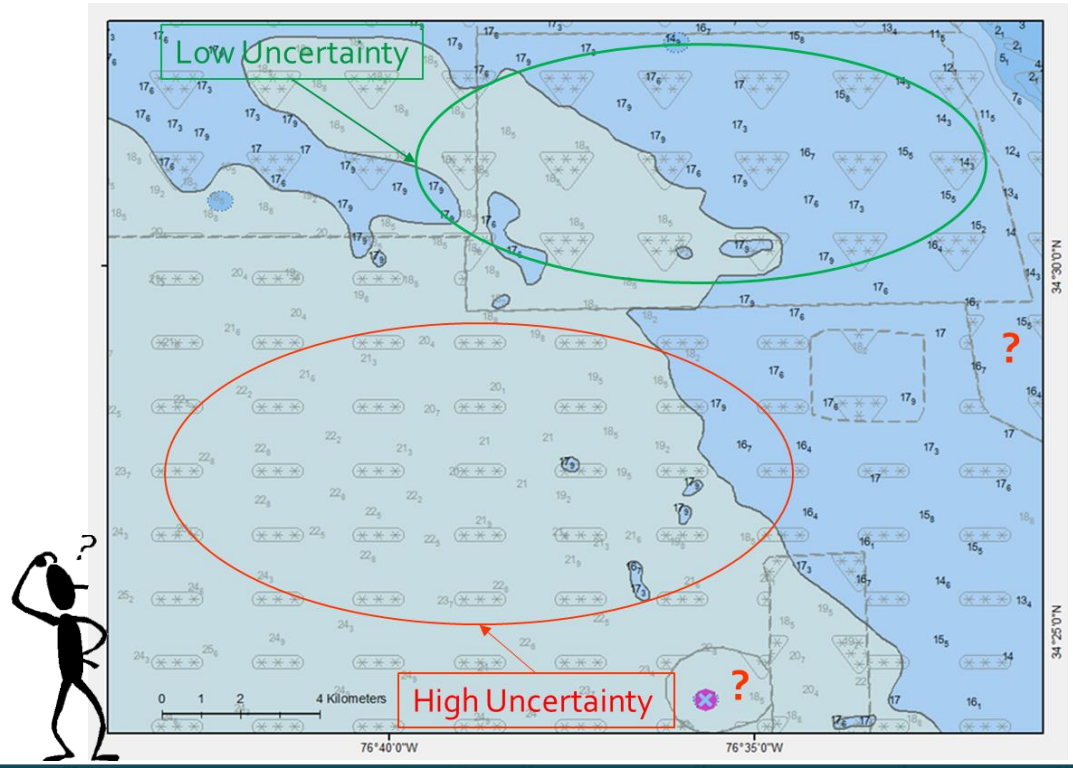

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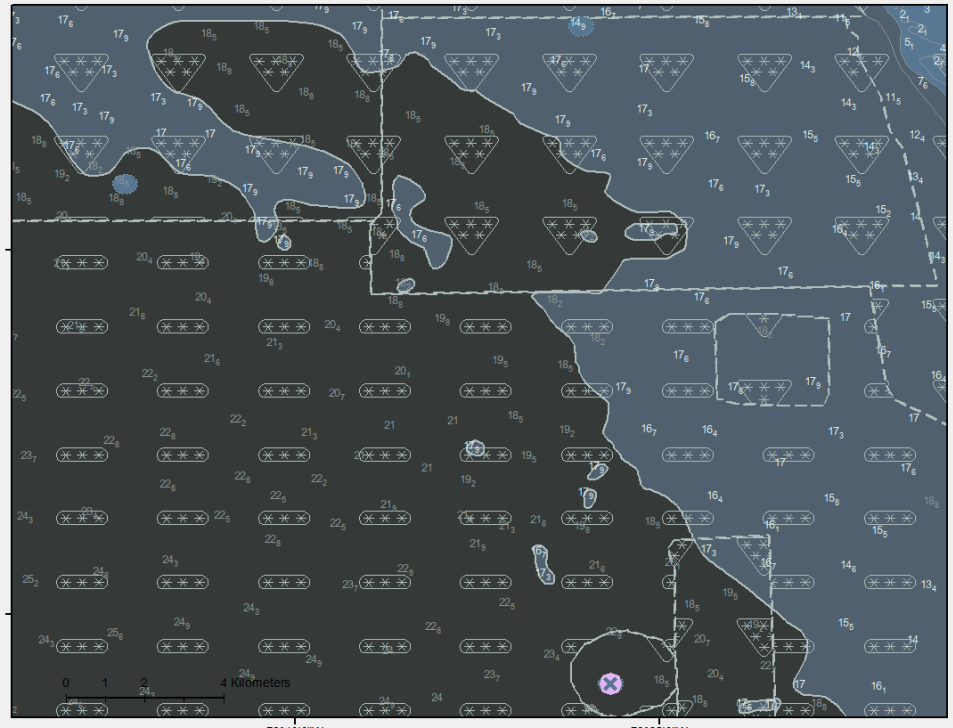

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"The current staggered pattern symbology of CATZOC should not be used in S-101"

DQWG14-08A

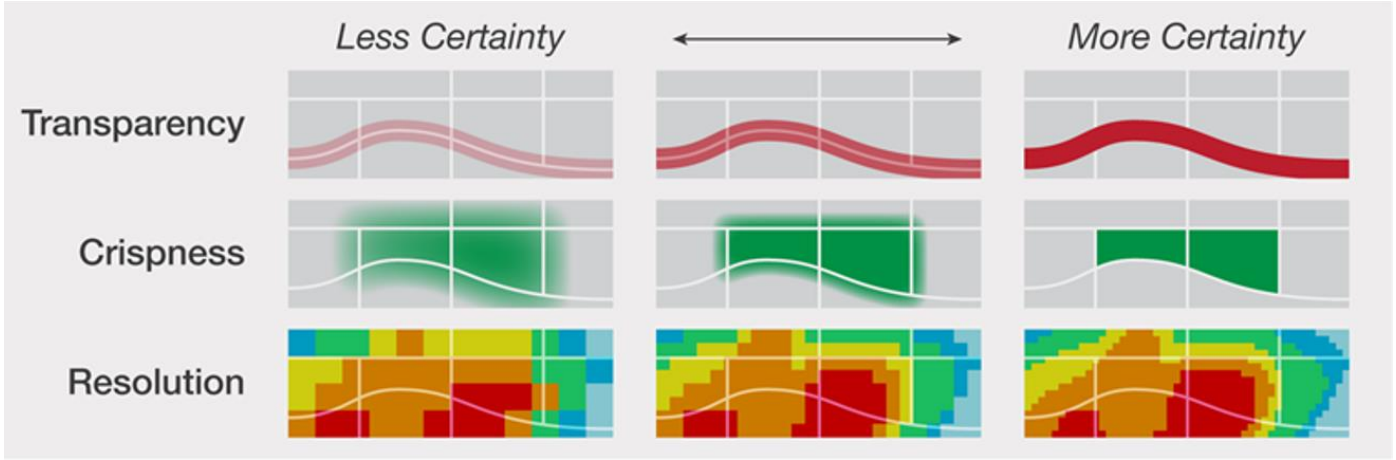
ECDIS Dusk Mode

UNCERTAINTY VISUALIZATION

- Cartographic techniques:
  - Visual Variable
    - color value,
    - color saturation,
    - crispness
    - resolution,
    - texture,
    - location
  - Intrinsic / extrinsic

BETTER DATA → CLEAR AND CRISP

WORSE DATA → FUZZY AND NOISY



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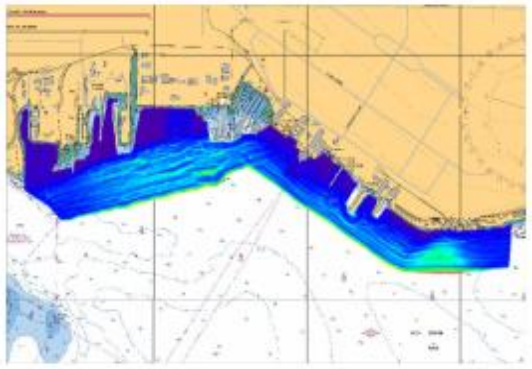
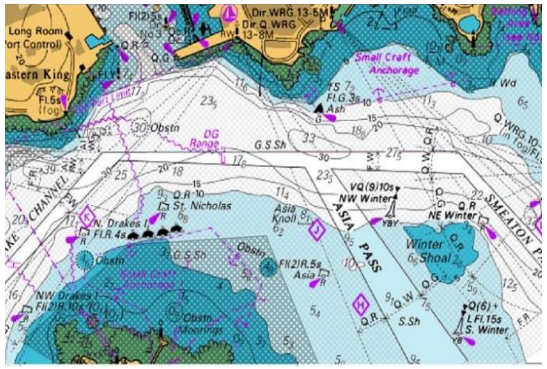
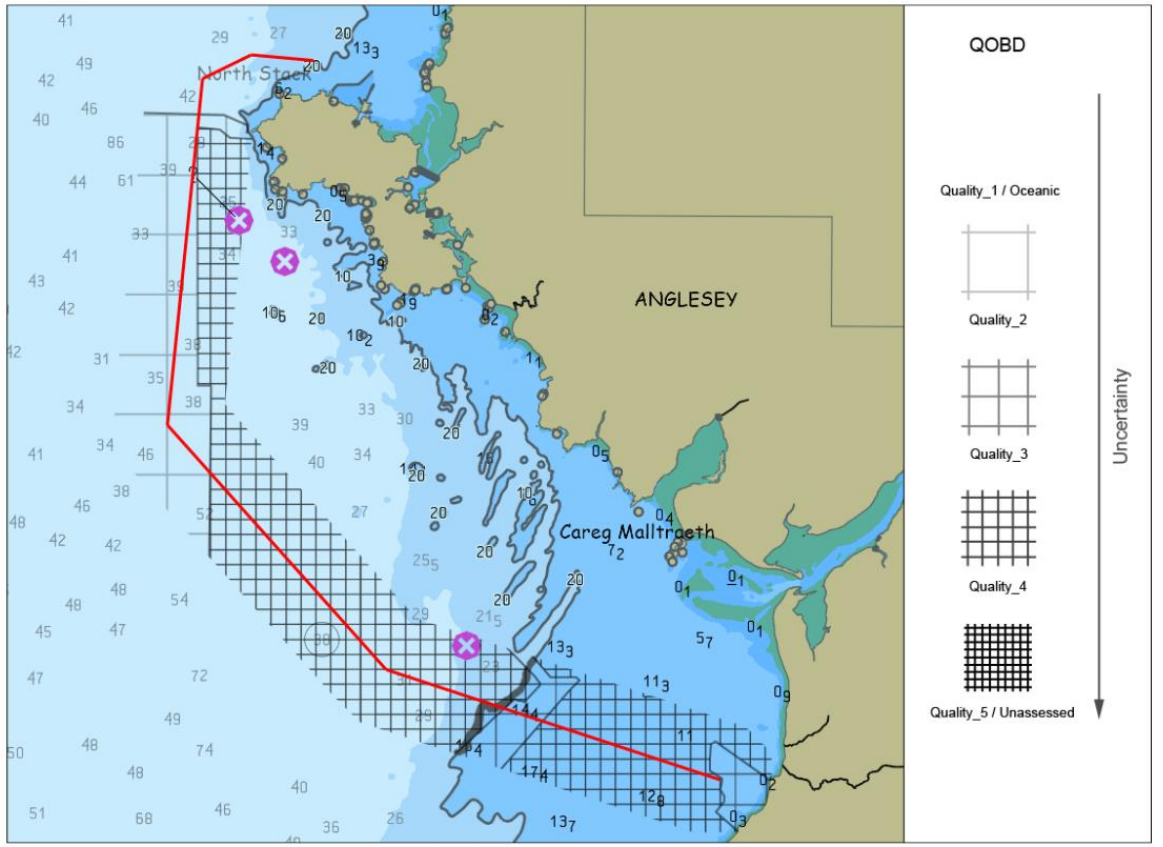
Relevant Work







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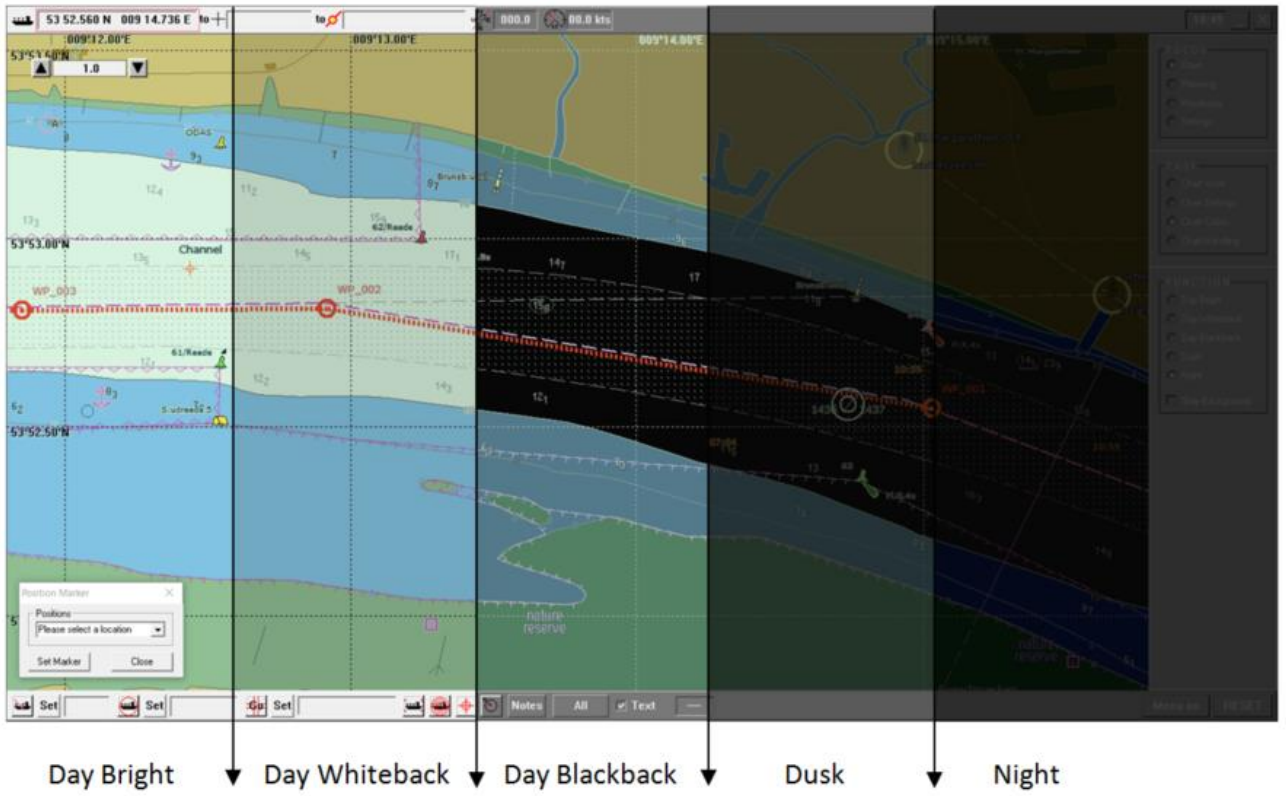
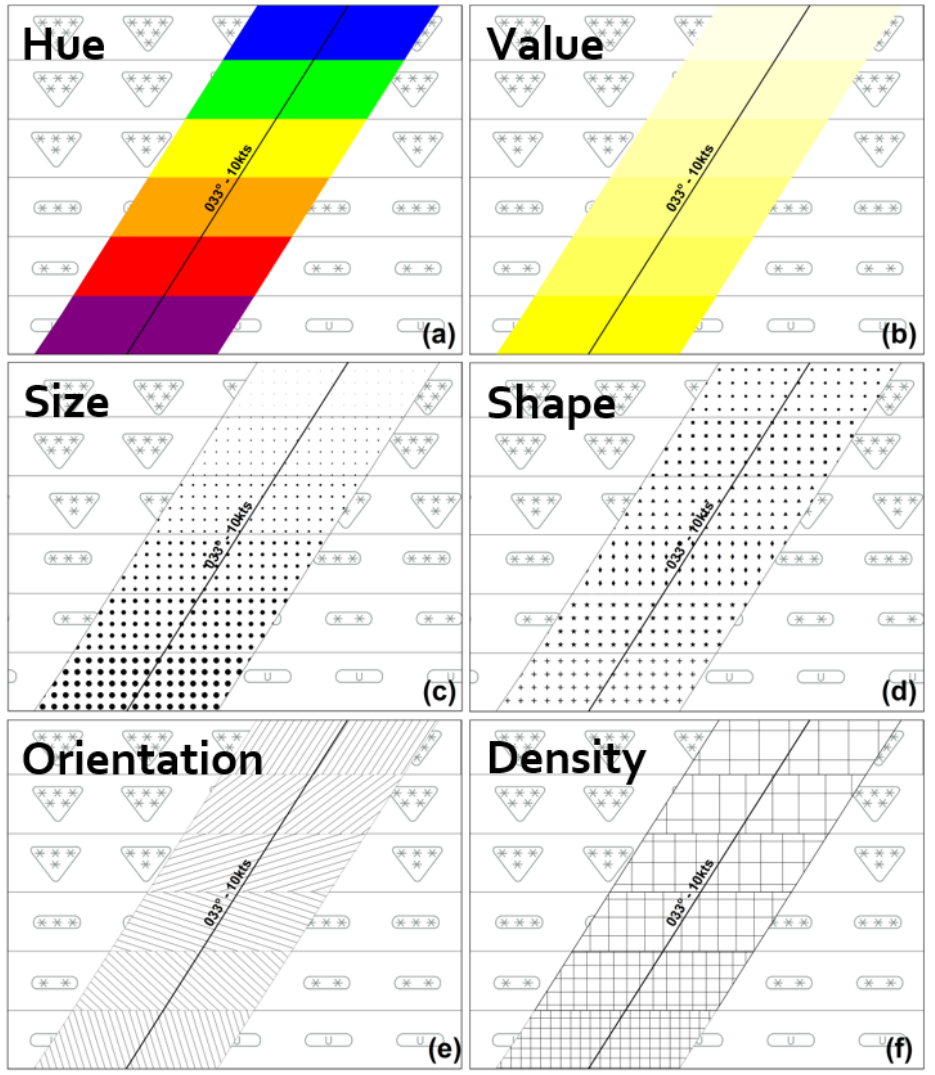
REQUIREMENTS

- Unambiguously visualize the different uncertainty levels.
- Minimize the occlusion of navigational information.
- Increase visual weight with the increase of data uncertainty.
- Maintain effectiveness in all ECDIS modes
- Be easy to memorize



METHODS

- Color Hue
  - Most primary and secondary colors are already reserved for other uses in the ENC/ECDIS or are not suitable for all ECDIS modes.
- Color value and saturation
  - Both interact with base information and may alter the perception of the underlying chart features.
  - The portrayed layer can obscure ENC information.
  - The portrayed layer of data quality can become dominant in dusk and night modes.
- Size
  - The identification of the different CATZOC levels becomes ambiguous whenever only a few of the levels are displayed.
- Shape
  - Arbitrary shapes are not intuitive and require a legend.
- Orientation, and density
  - They can create an ambiguous visualization of the different CATZOC levels.



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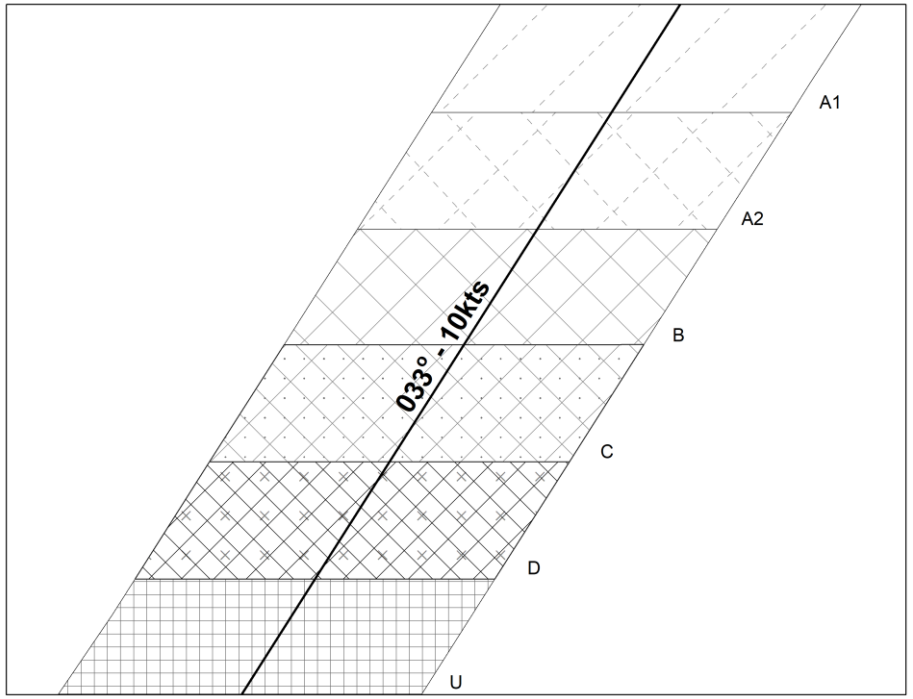
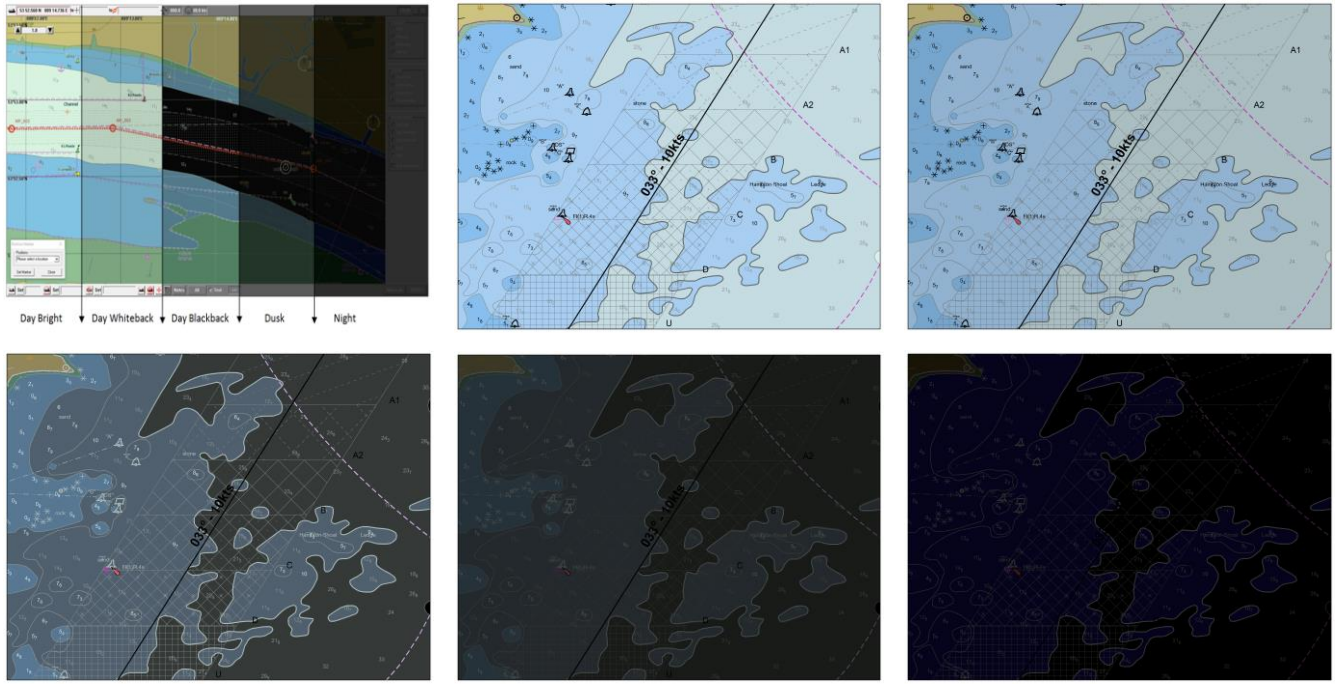
METHODS

Sequence of textures, created by combining two or more visual variables





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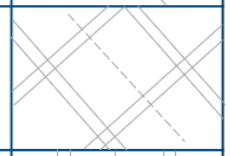
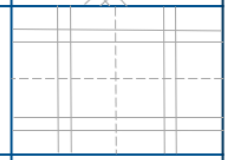
D	5		
U	U		
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Textures of lines:

- # of Lines ➔ Quality of Bathymetric Data (QoBD)
- Angled vs Vertical ➔ Assessed vs Unassessed
- Single vs Double ➔ Full vs Not Full Seafloor coverage
- Solid vs Dash ➔ Quantified vs Not Quantified Uncertainty

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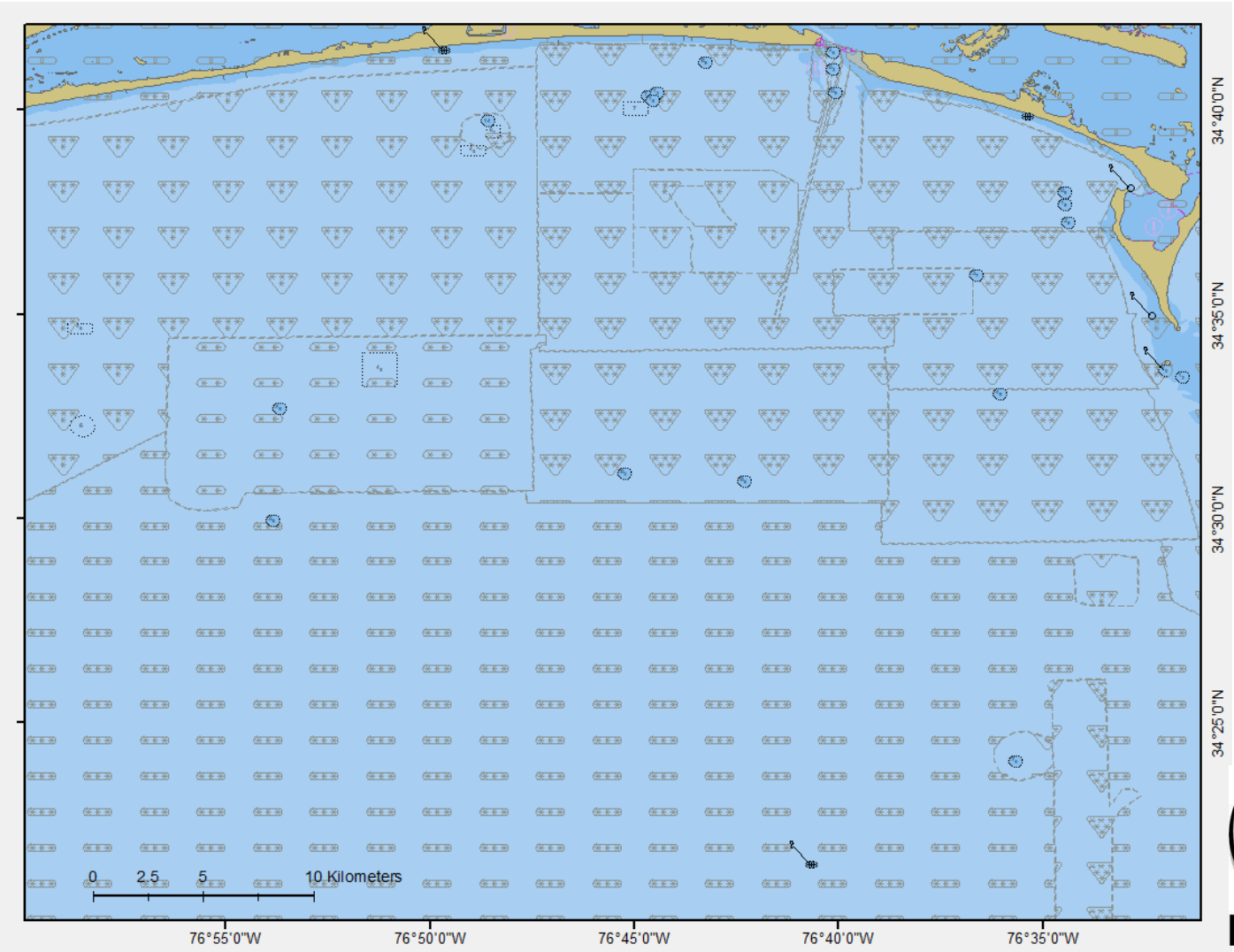

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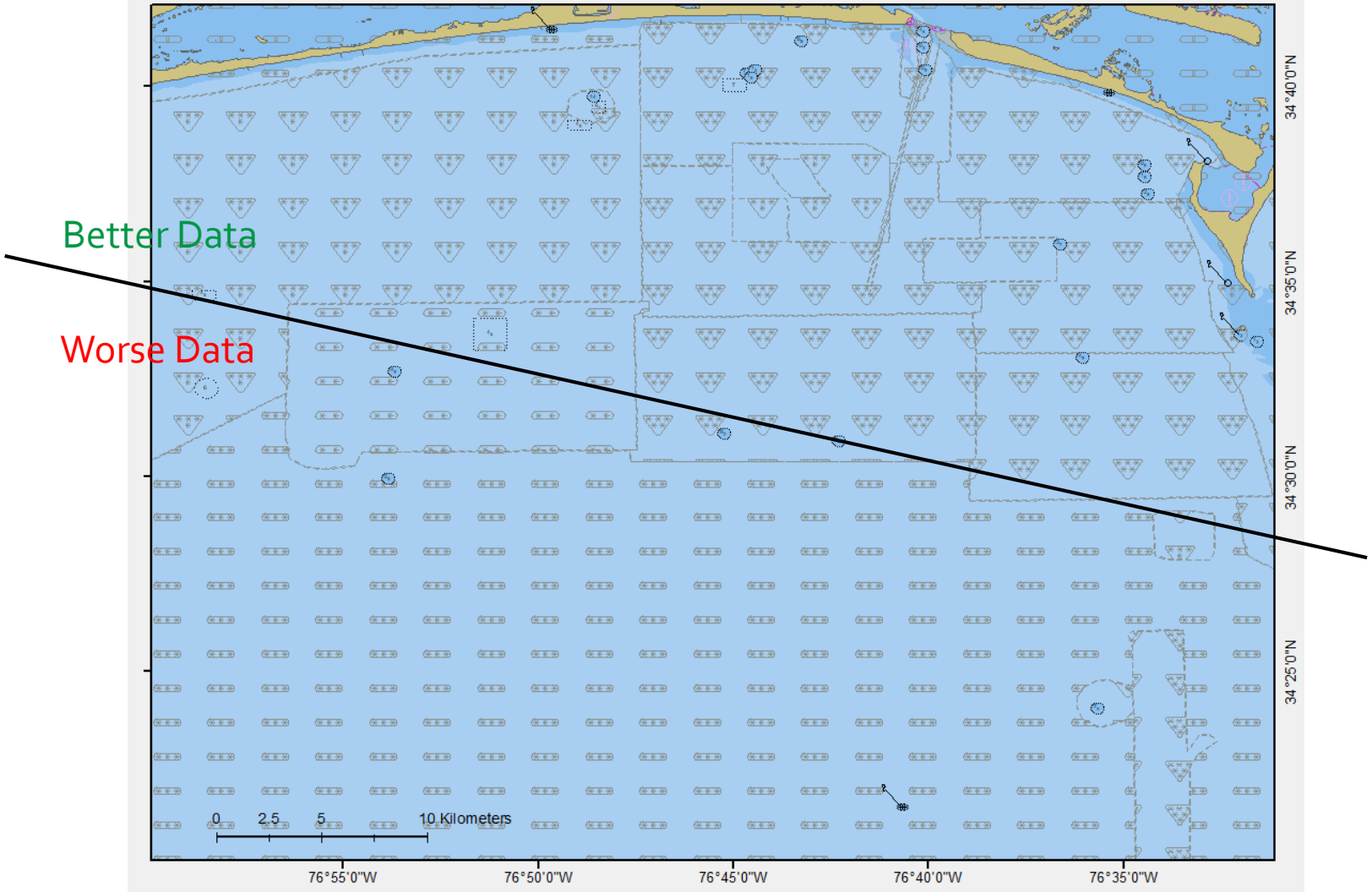

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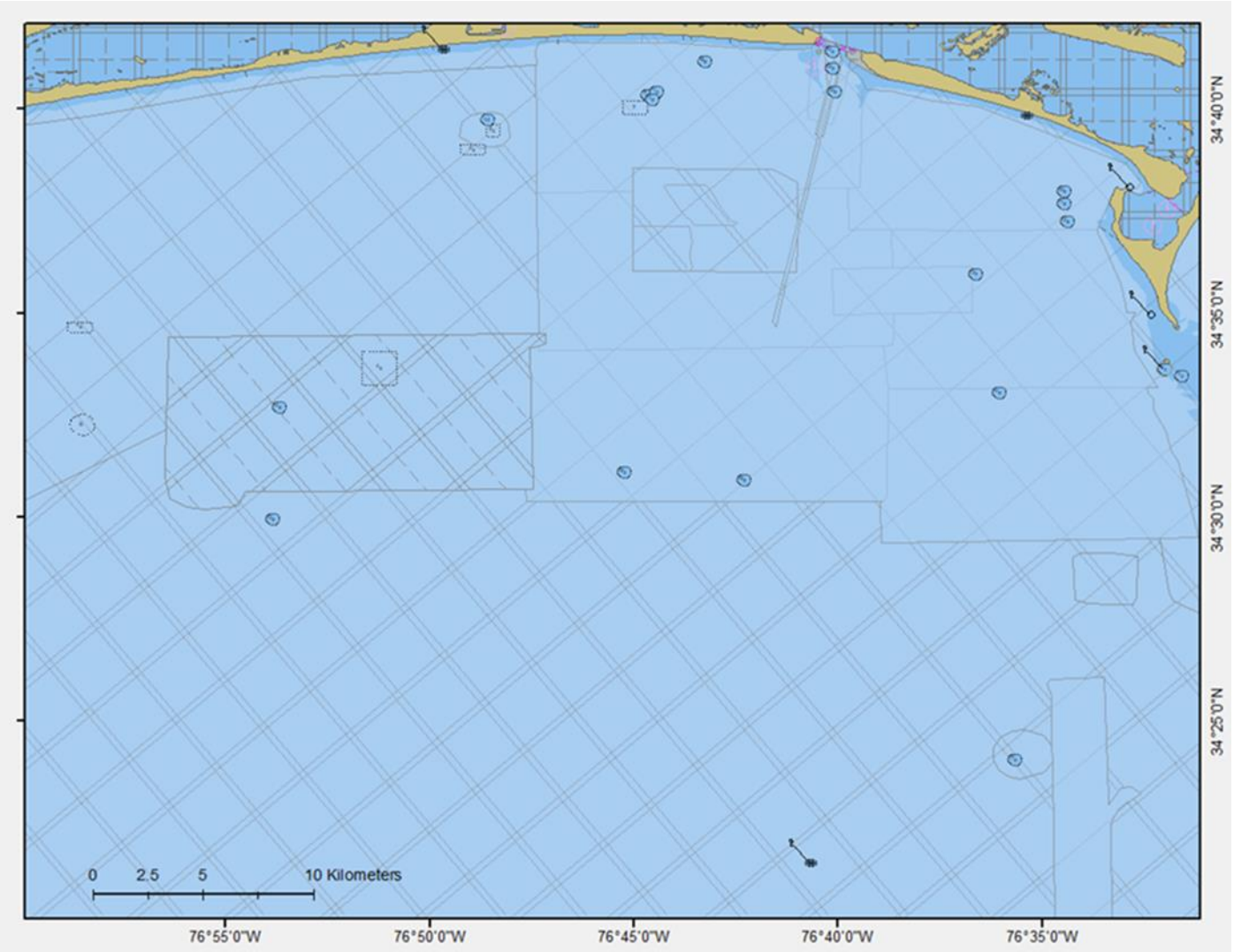

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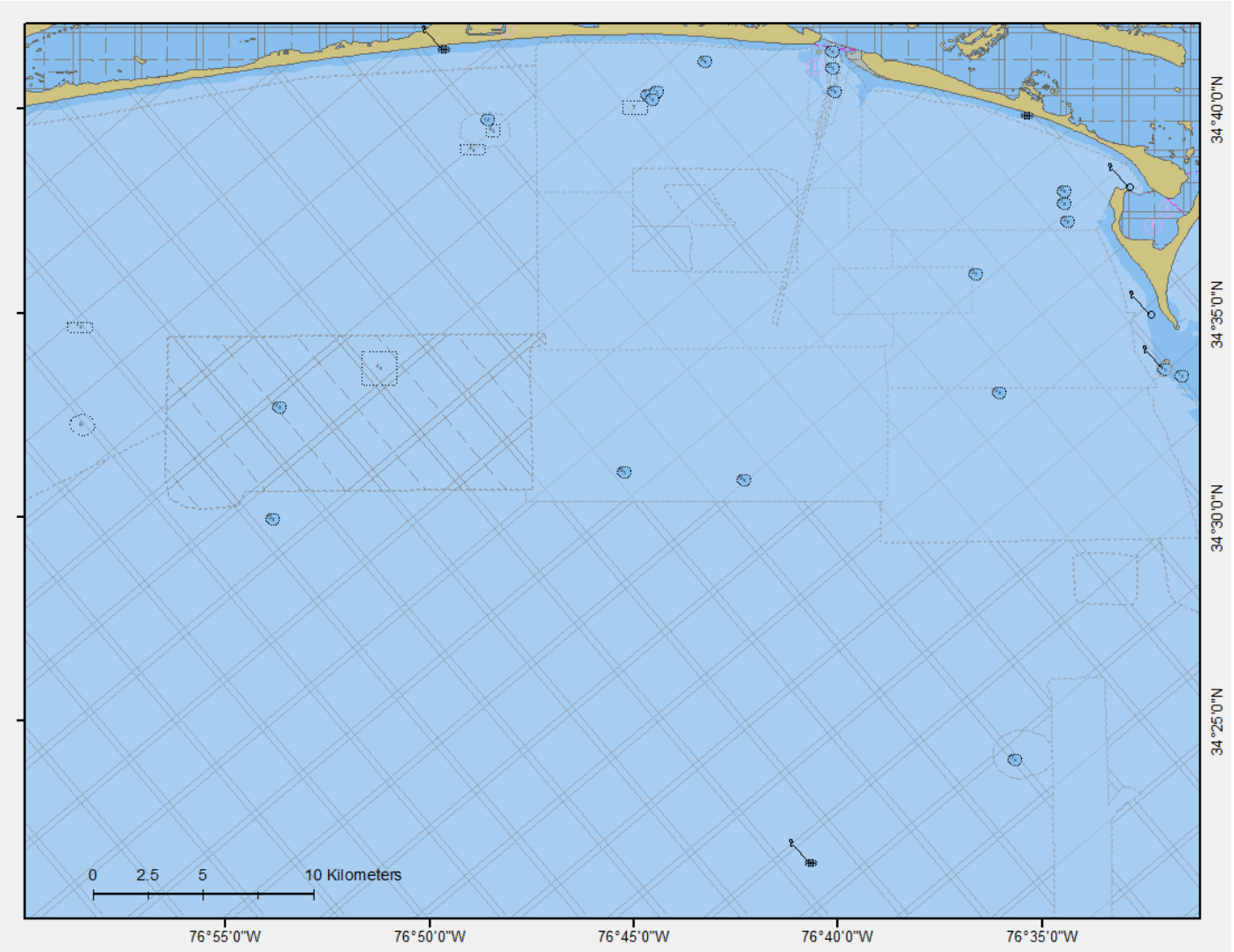

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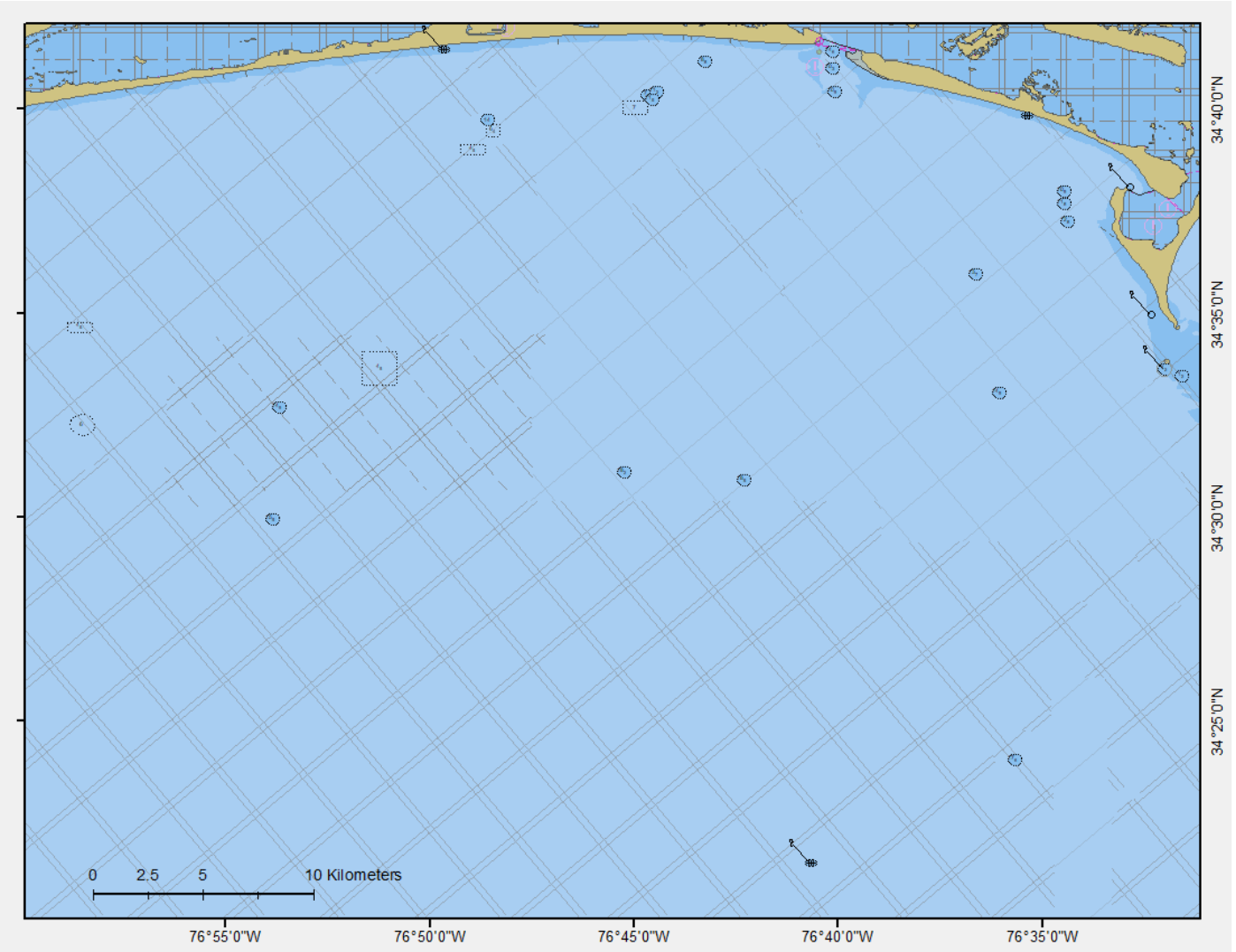

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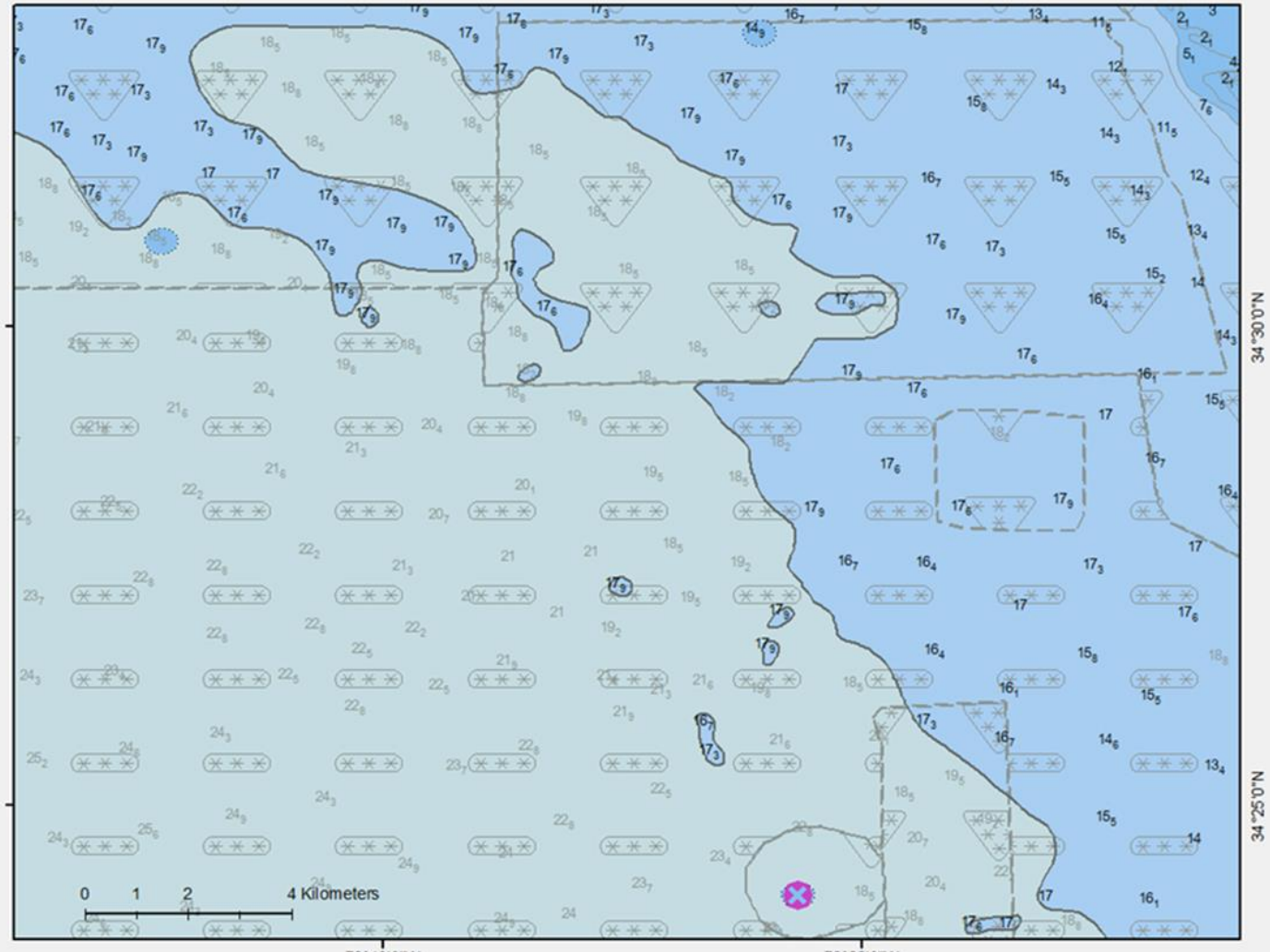

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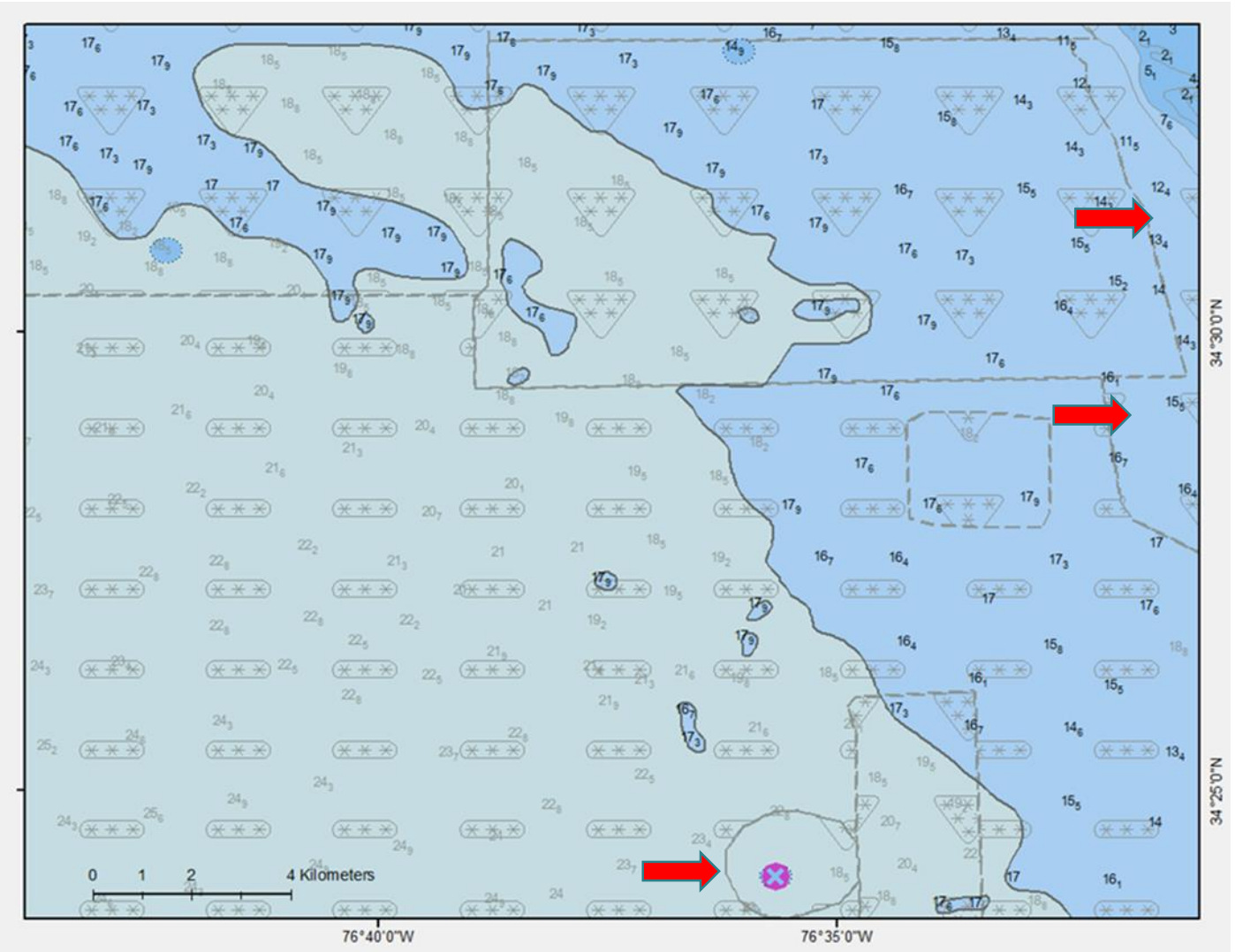

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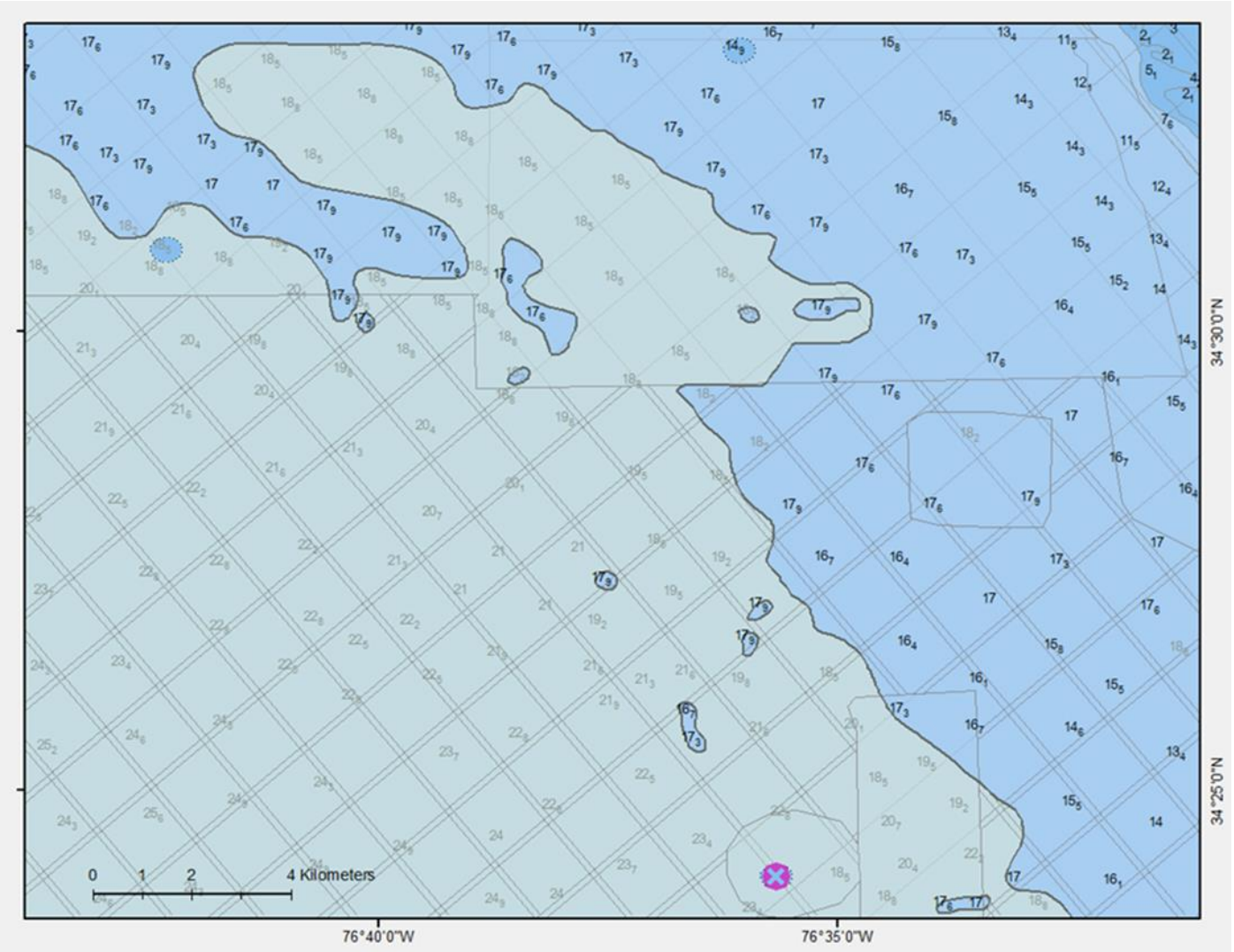

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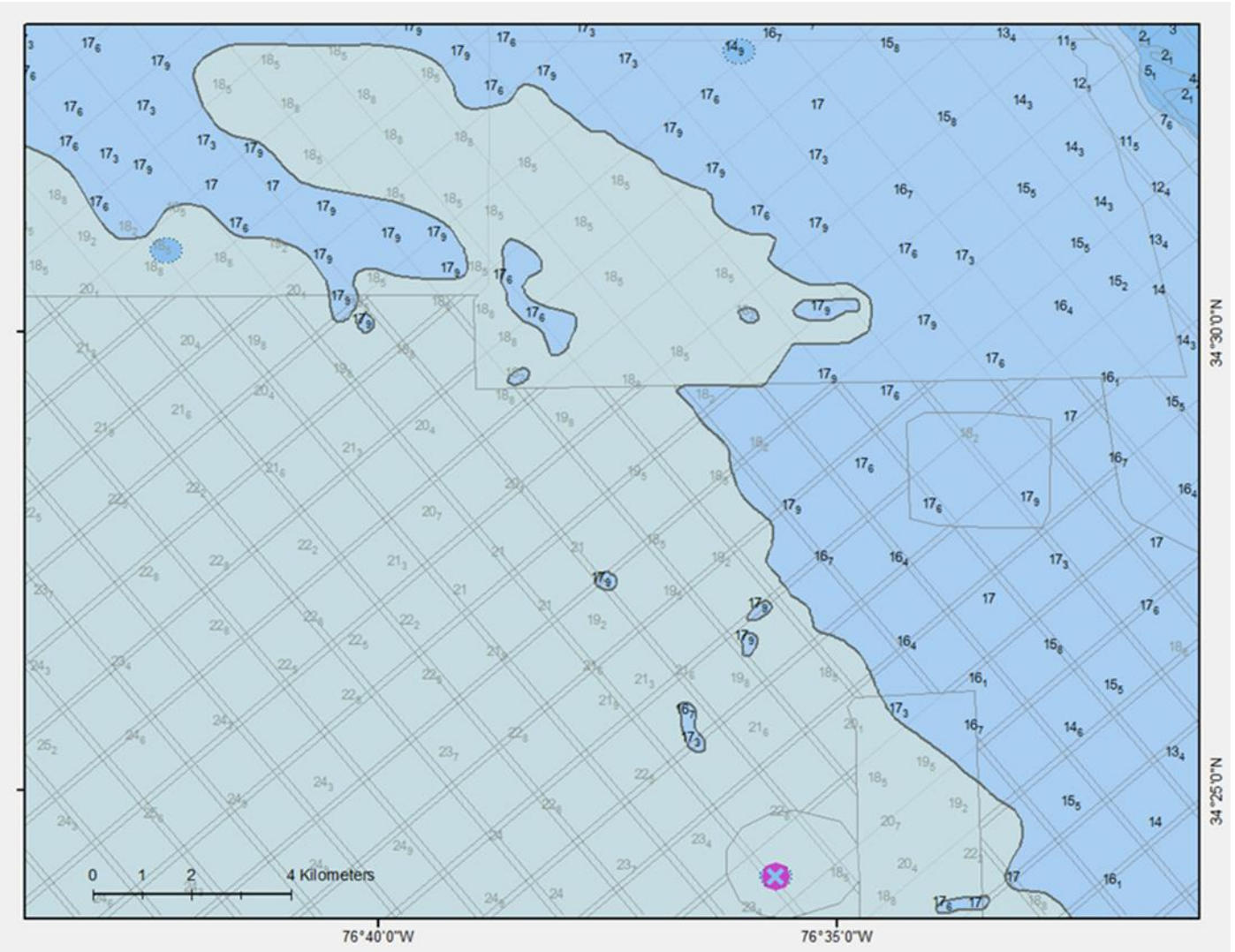

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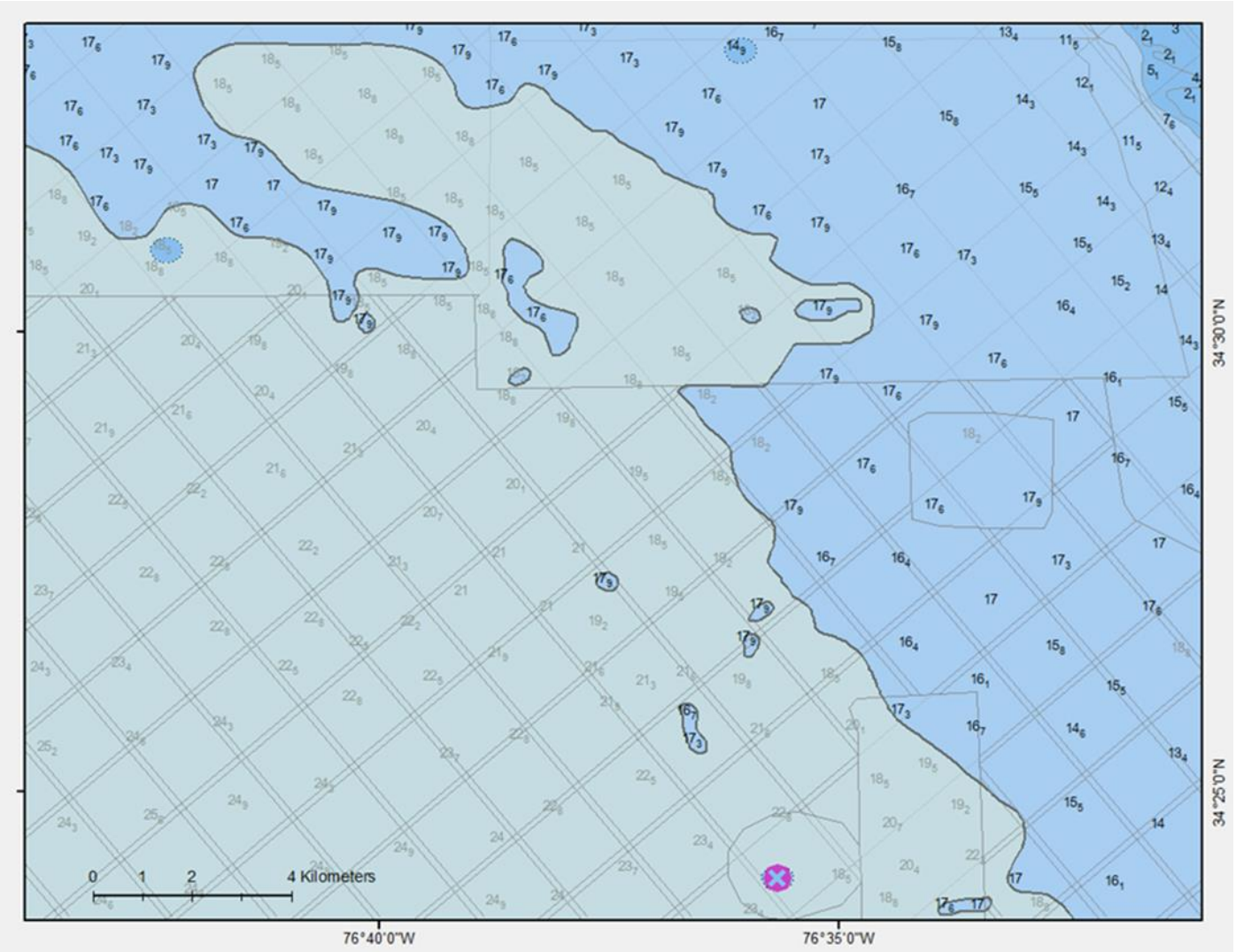

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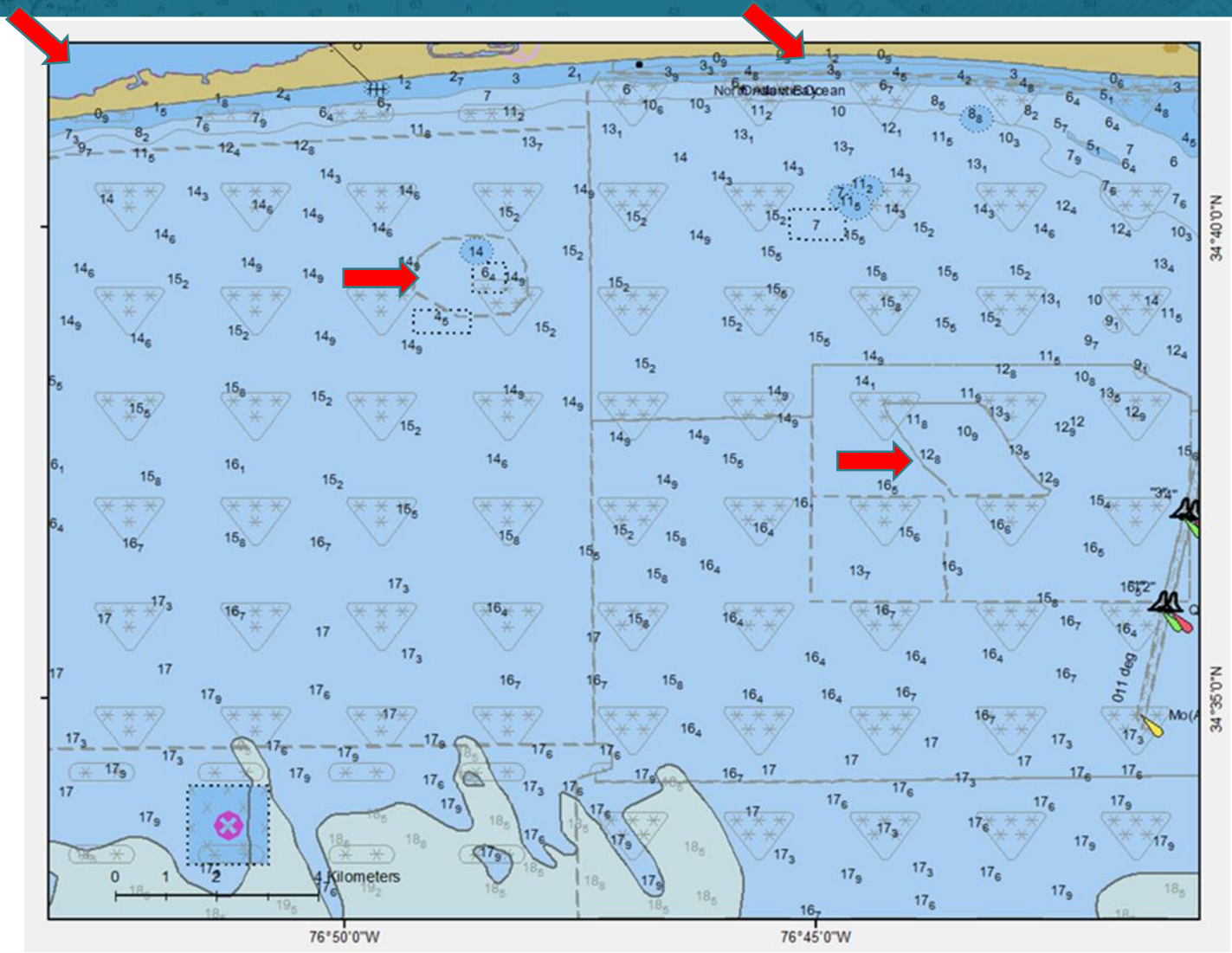

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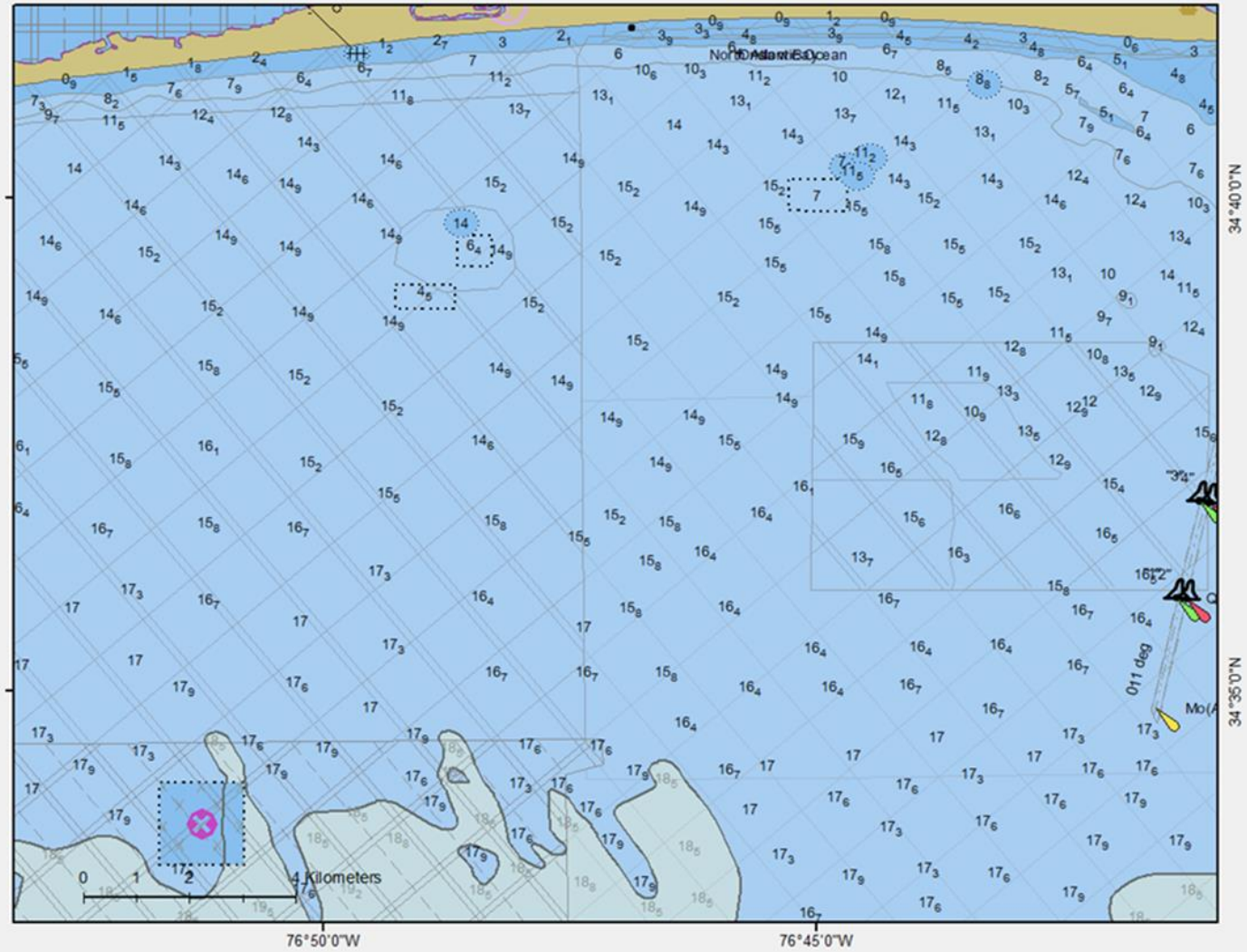

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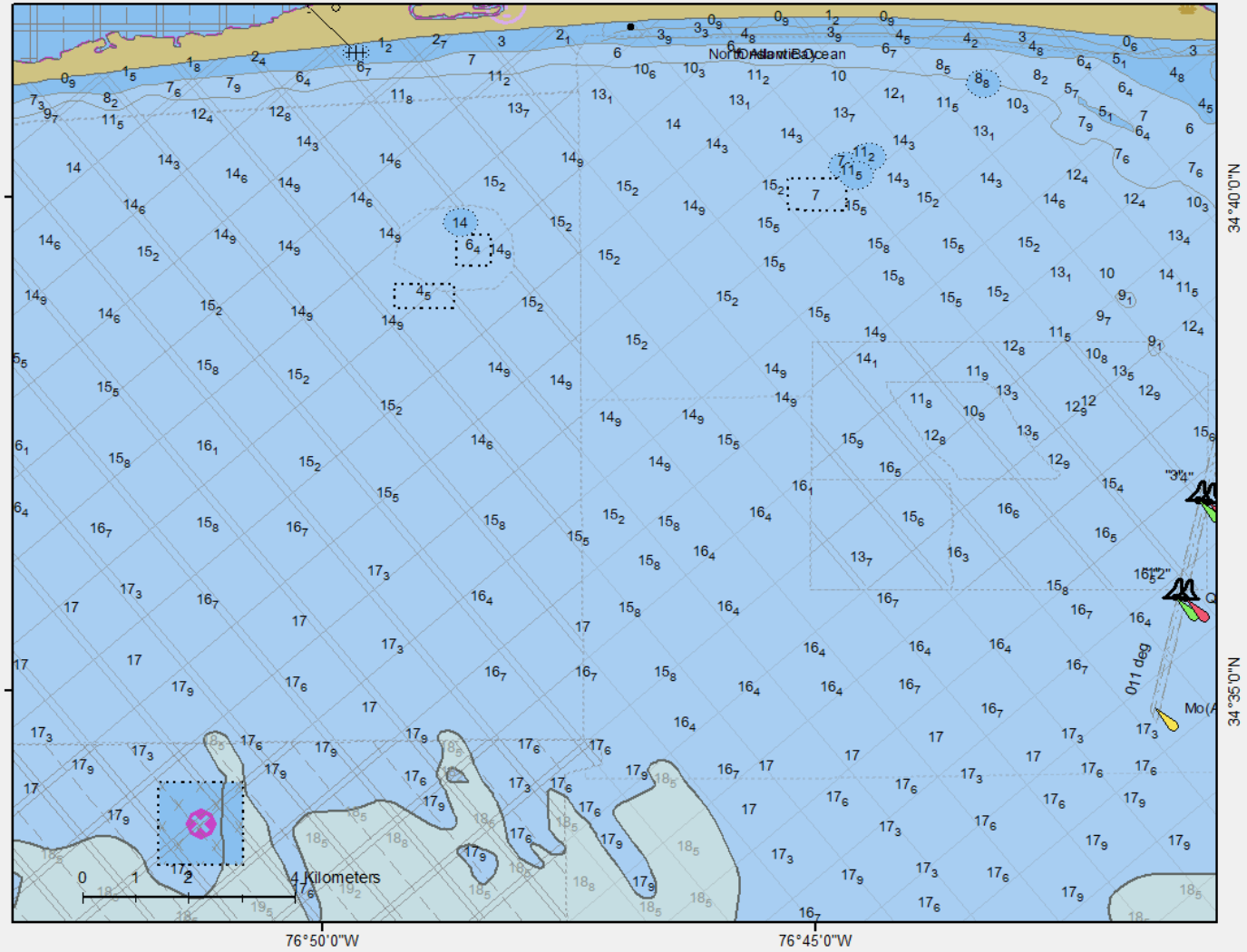

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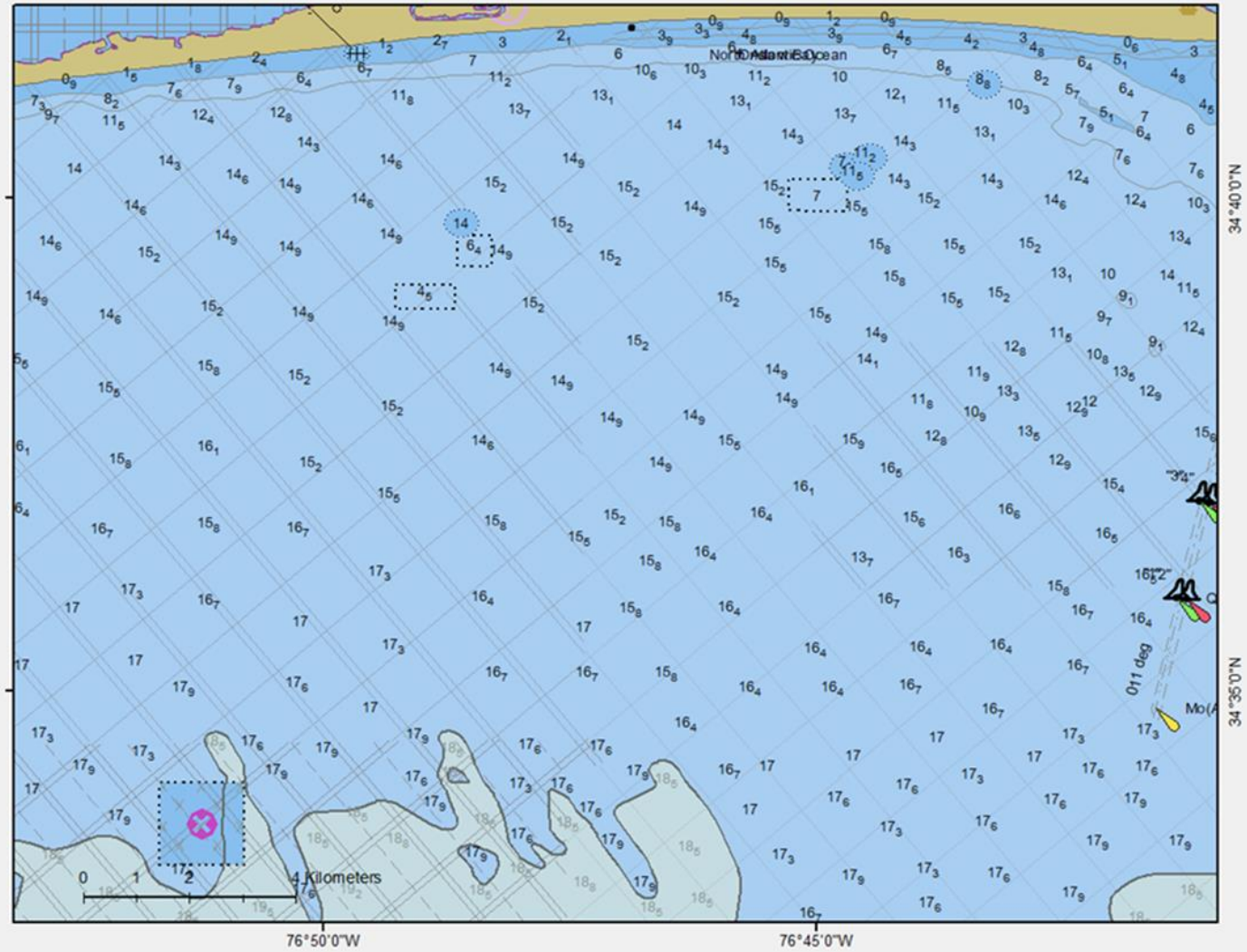

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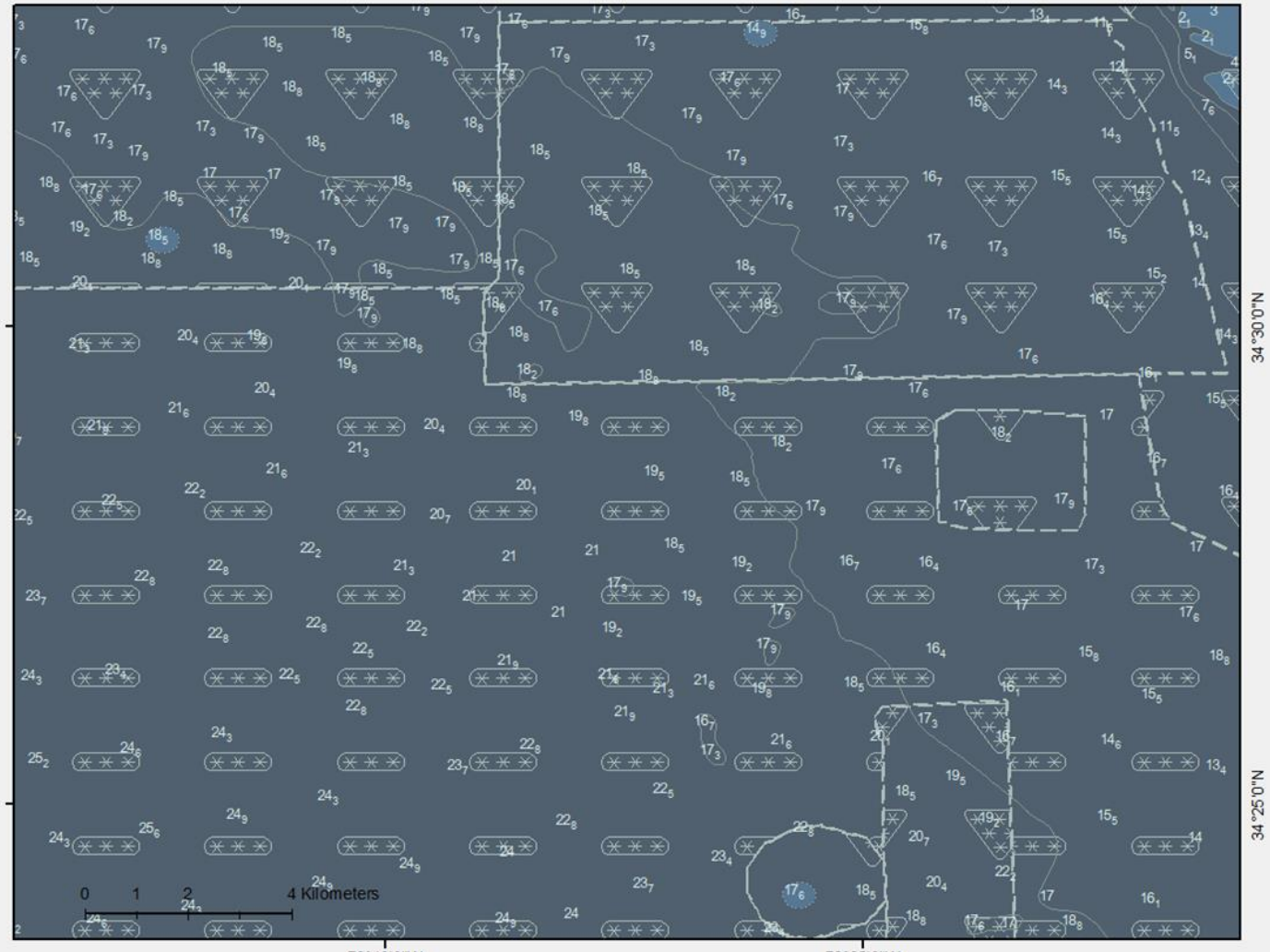

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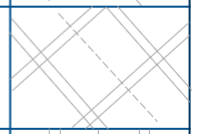
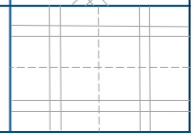
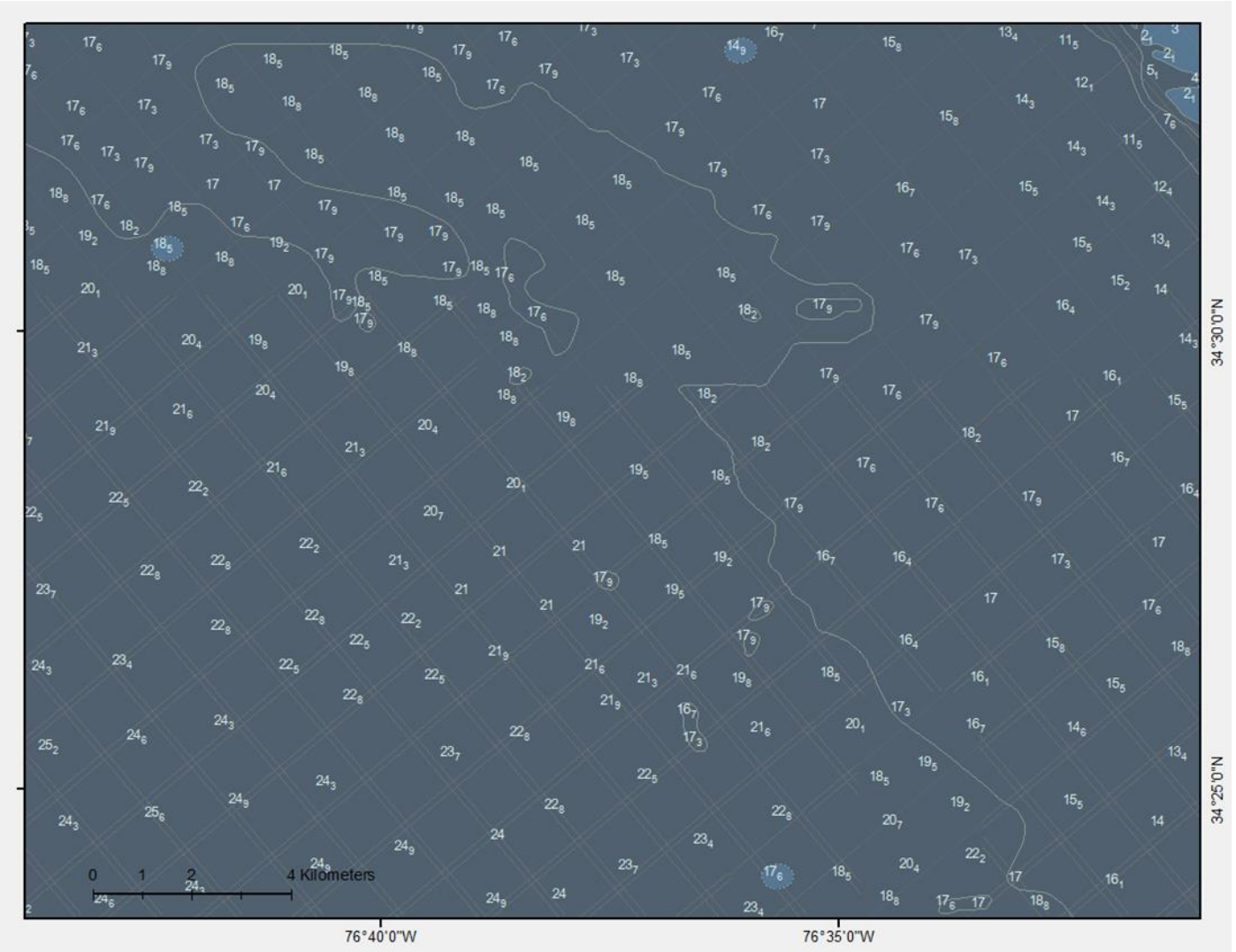
D	5		
U	U		



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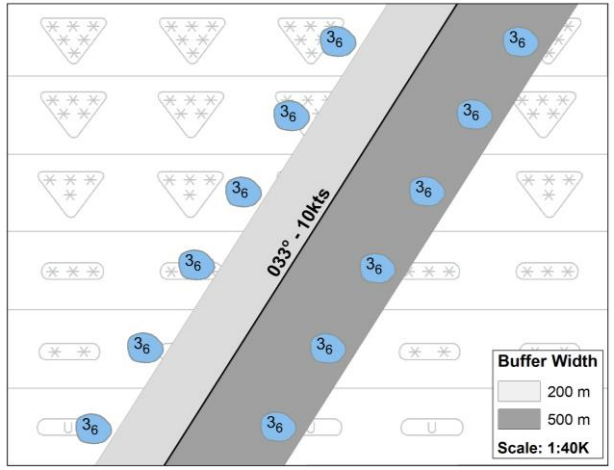

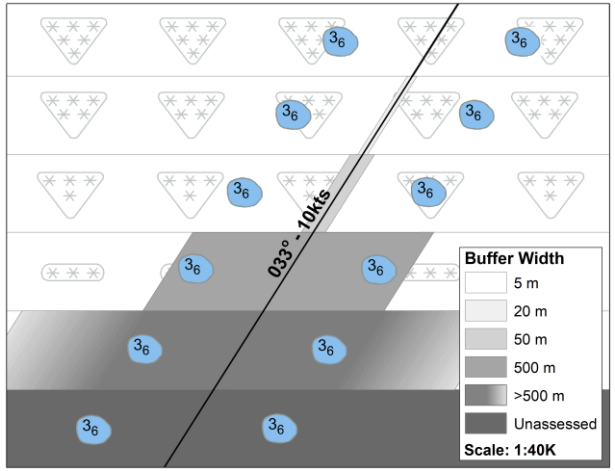

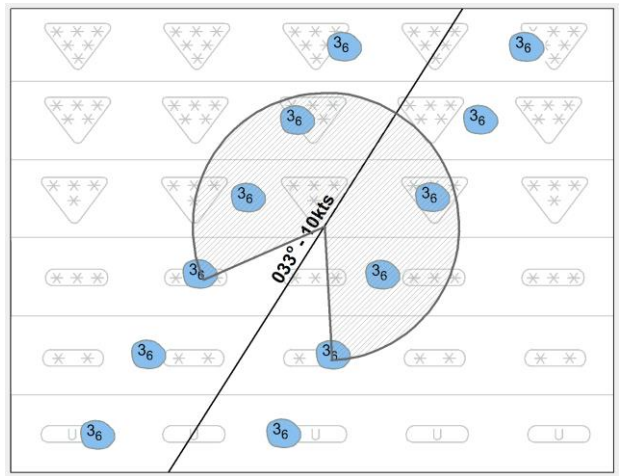

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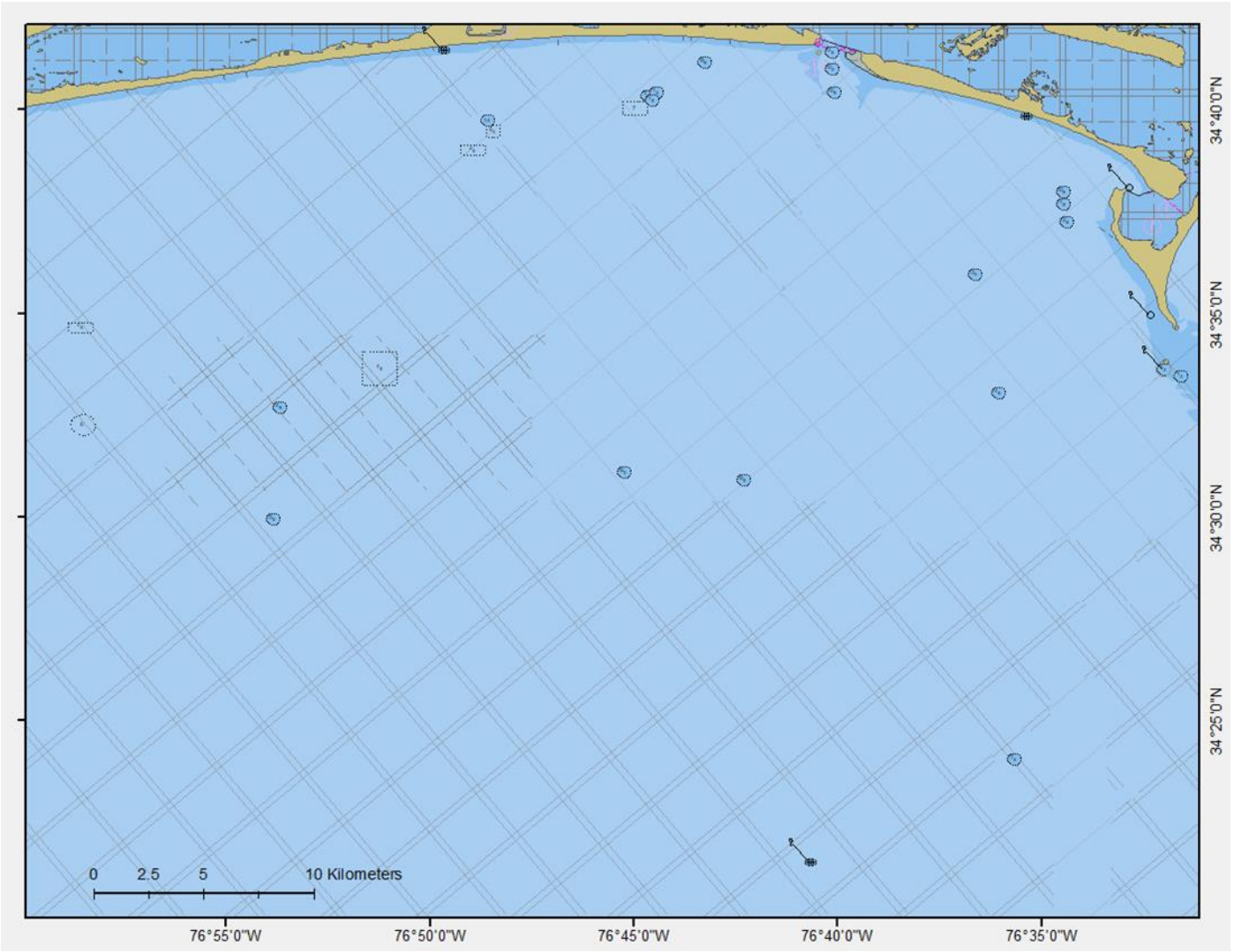

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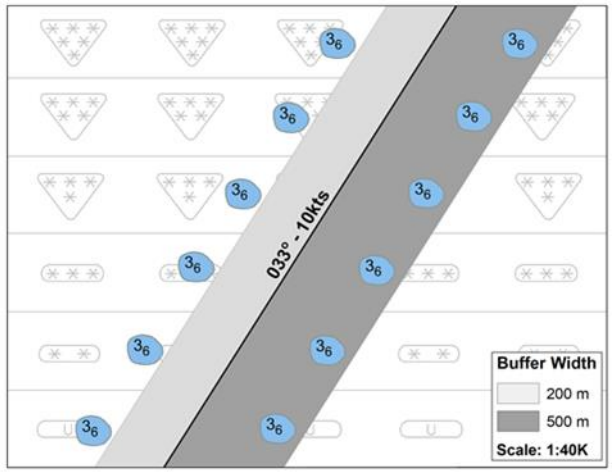

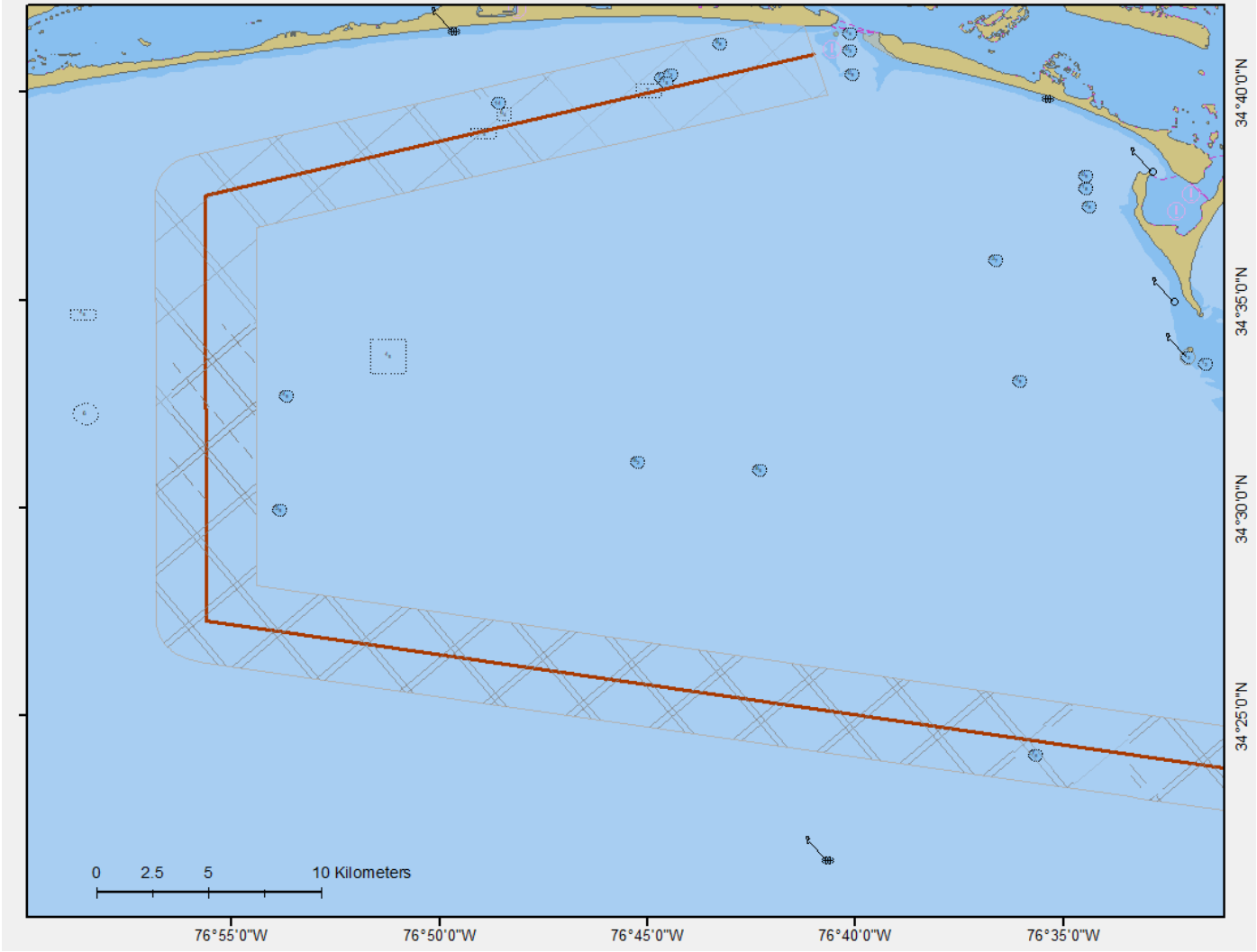

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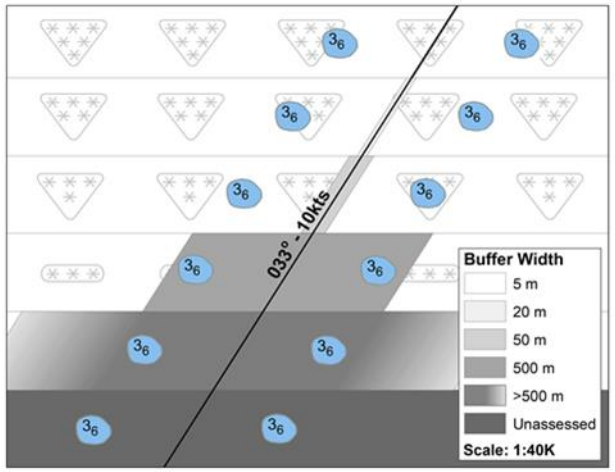

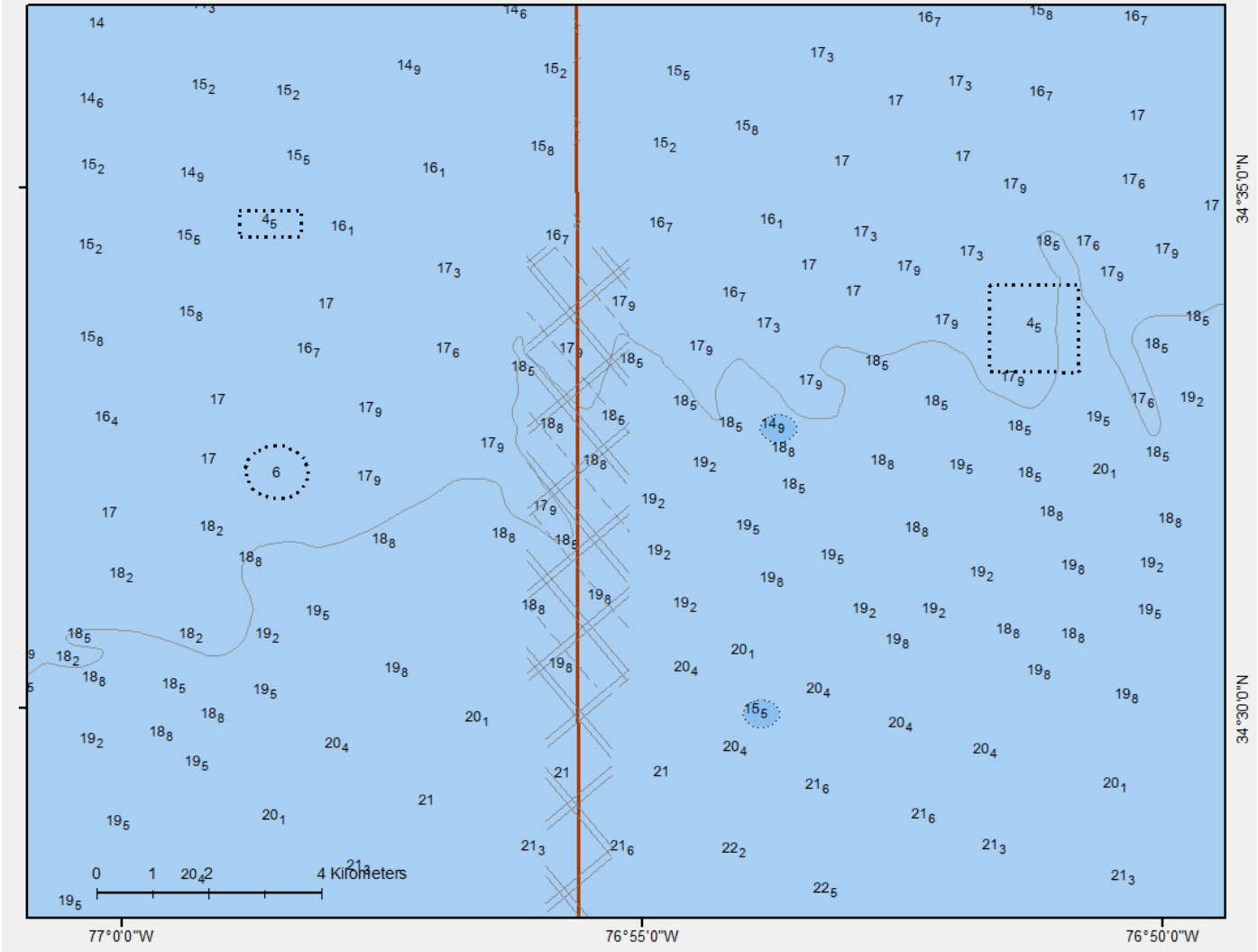

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Decision tree

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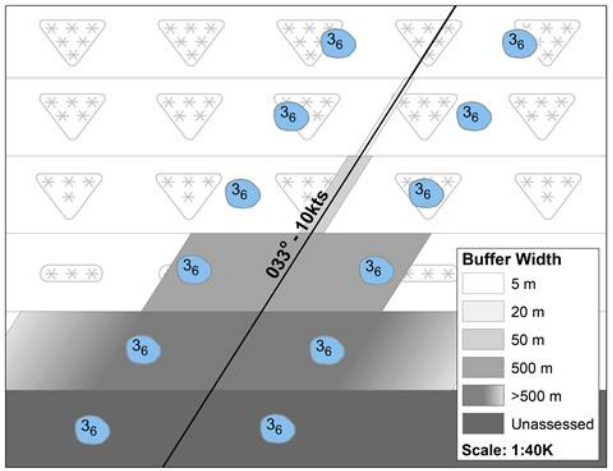

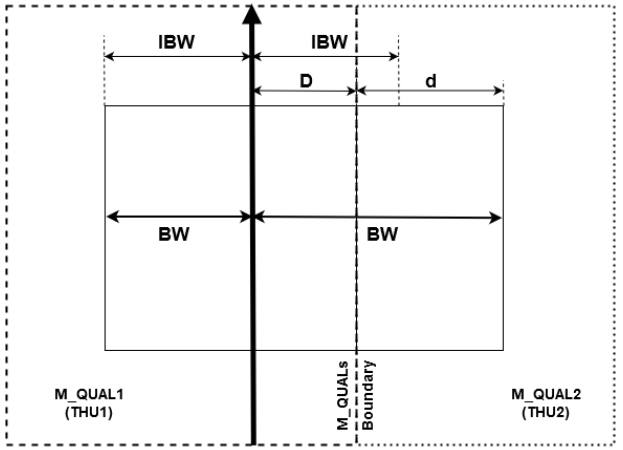

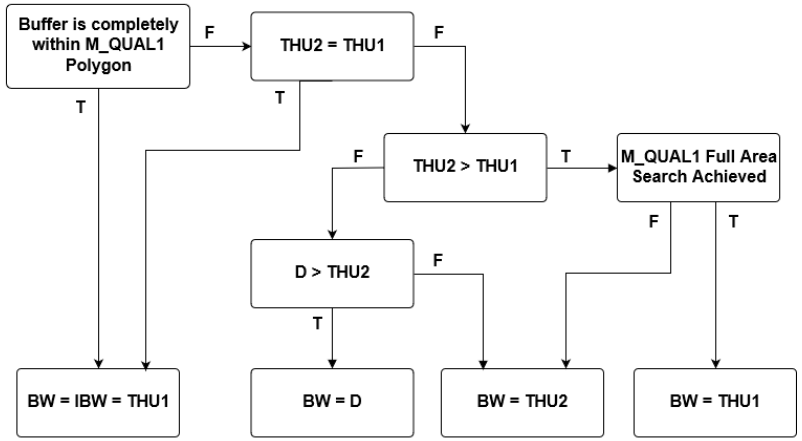

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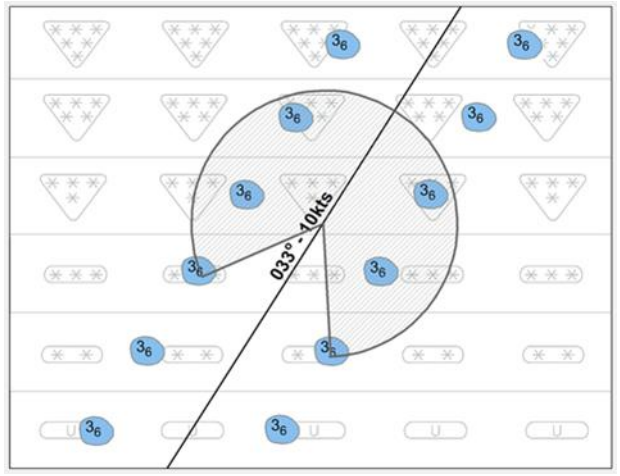

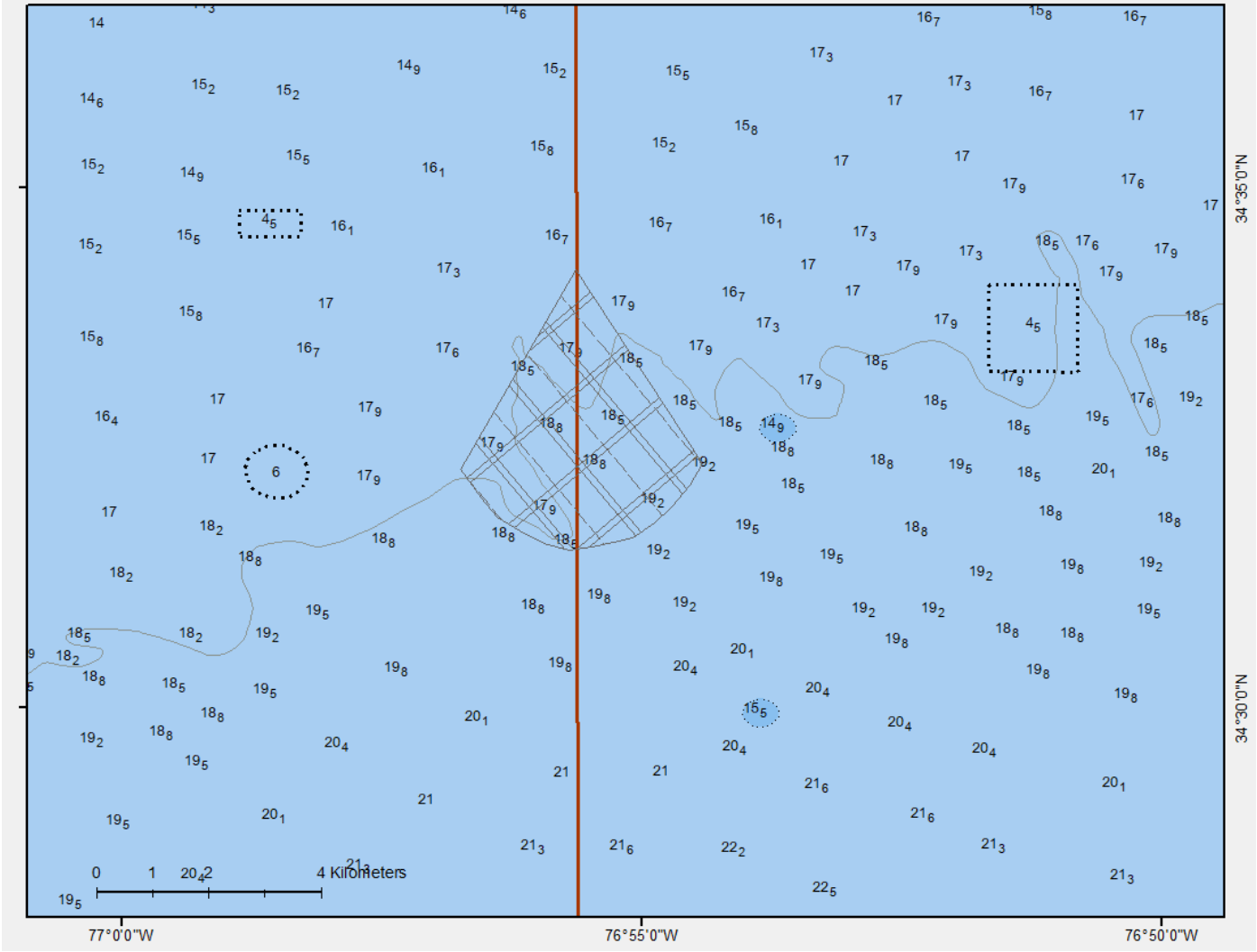

Future Work

- Investigate:
  - Spacing
  - Color
  - Line transparency
  - Line weight
  - Values for QoBD 5
- Seek feedback
- Develop SVGs

CATZOC	symbol name	symbol explanation	symbol size	color	pattern
A1	DQUALA11	5m accuracy, full seafloor coverage	16.97x11.84	CHGRD	constant staggered
A2	DQUALA21	20m accuracy, full seafloor coverage	16.97x11.84	CHGRD	constant staggered
B	DQUALB01	50m accuracy, lines of soundings	16.97x11.84	CHGRD	constant staggered
C	DQUALC01	low accuracy or incomplete chart	16.04x4.30	CHGRD	constant staggered
D	DQUALD01	unreliable chart	16.04x4.30	CHGRD	constant staggered
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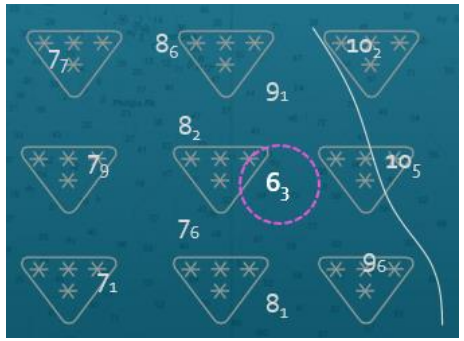

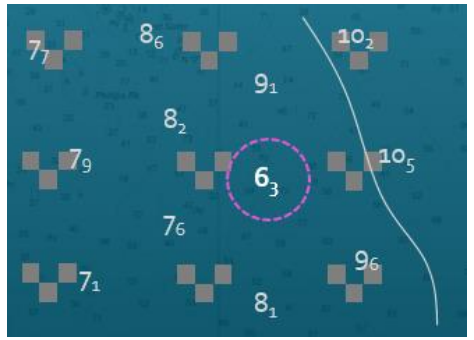

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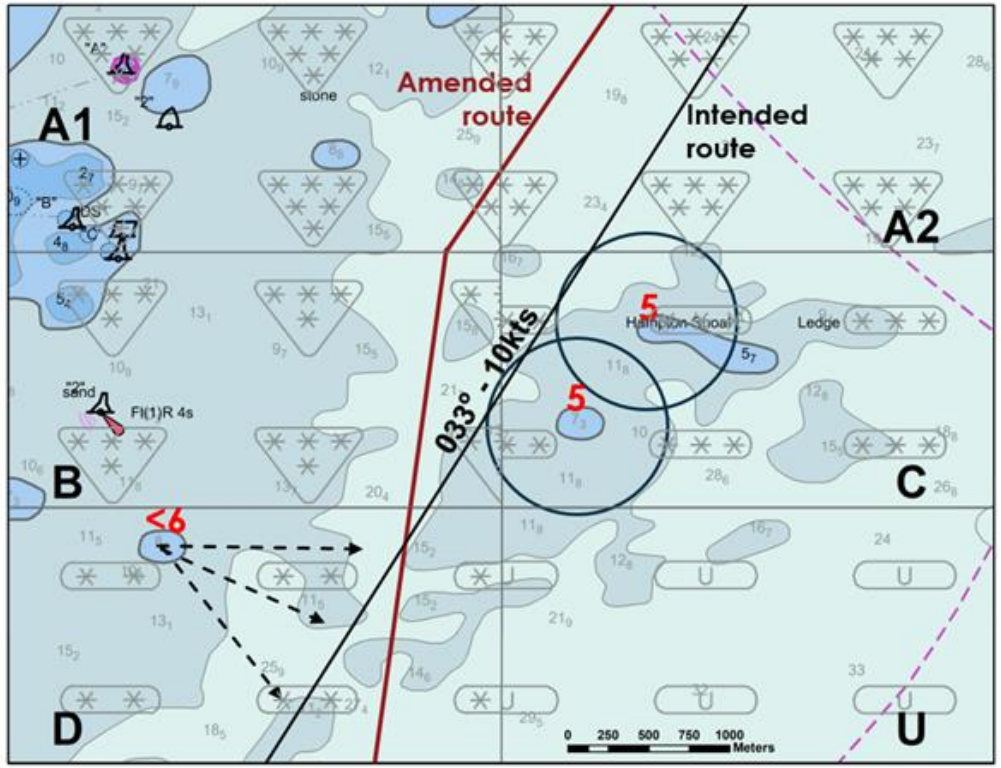

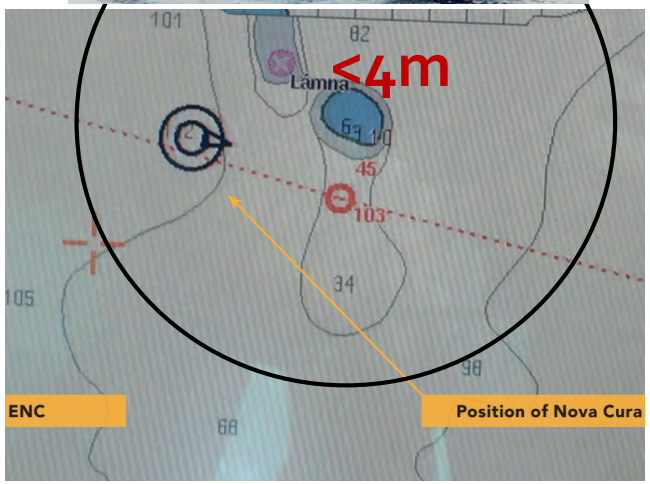

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BETTER DATA → CLEAR AND CRISP

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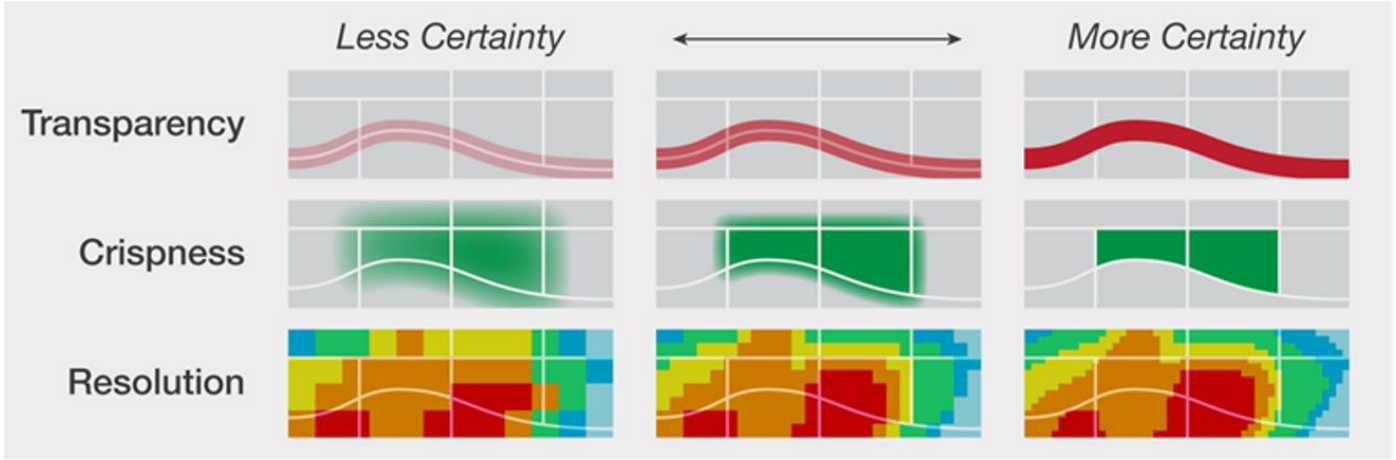

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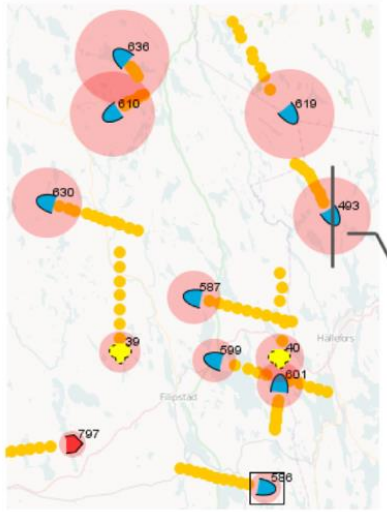

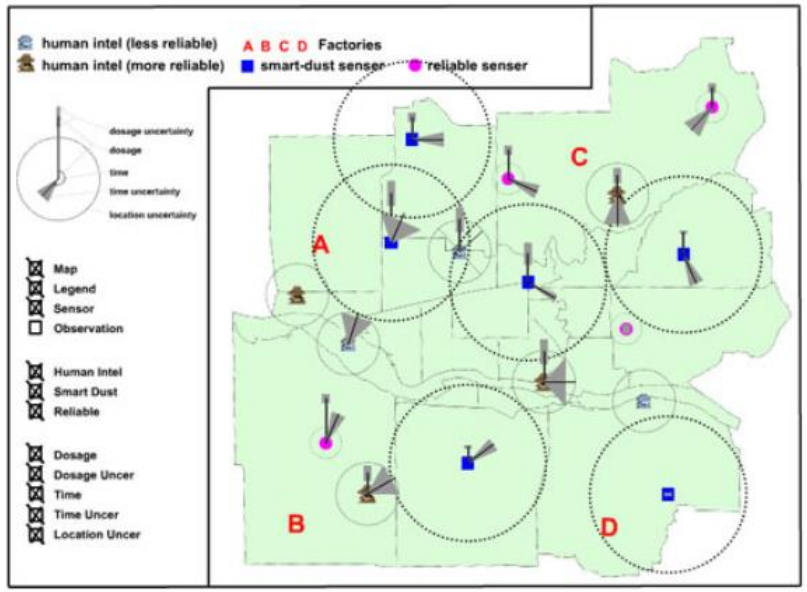

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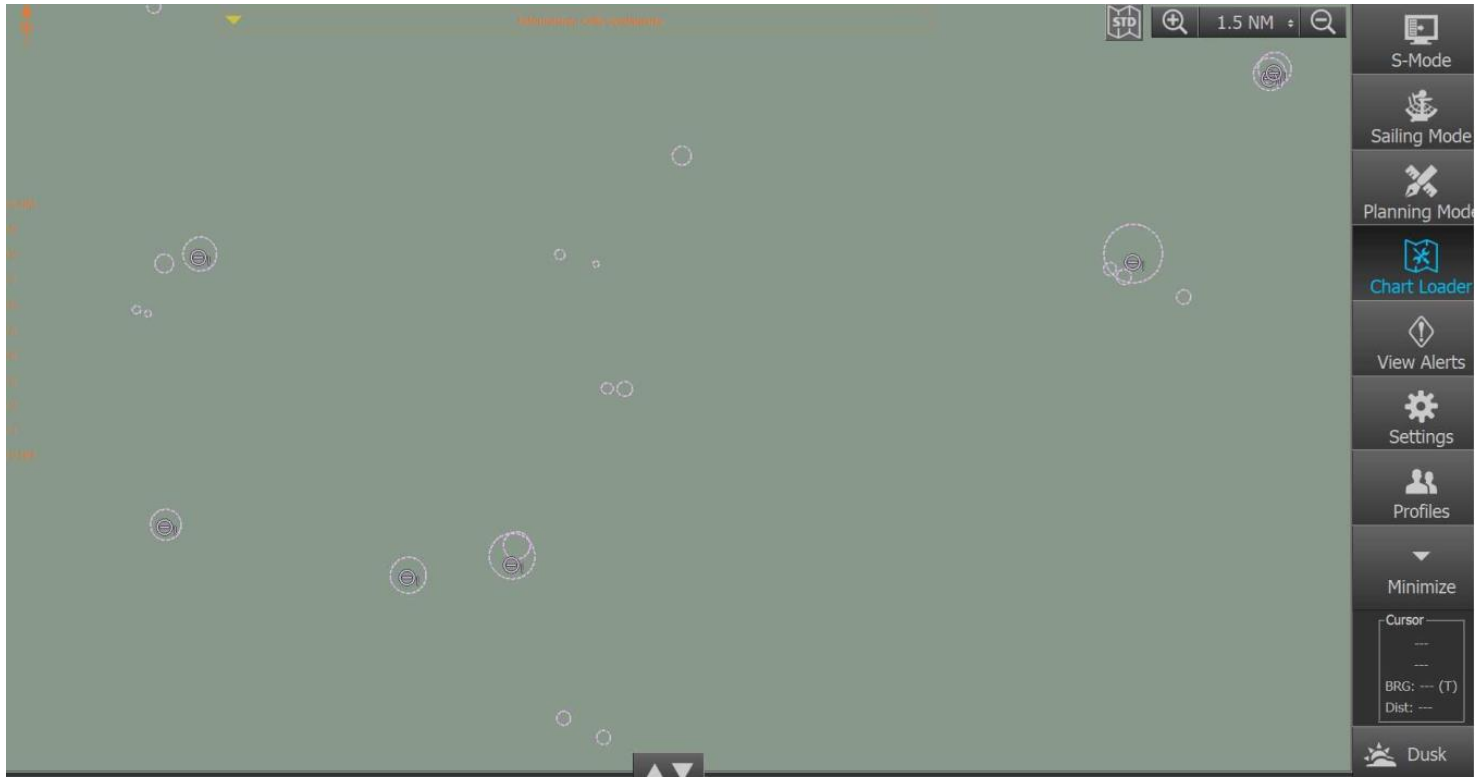

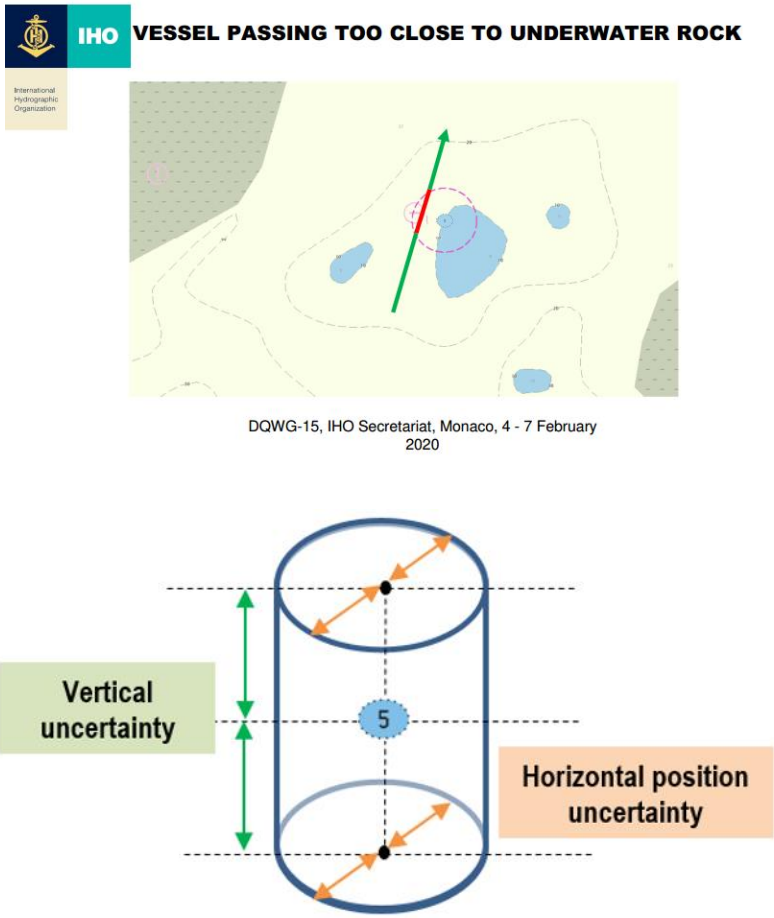

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Uncertainty Visualization

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  - What?
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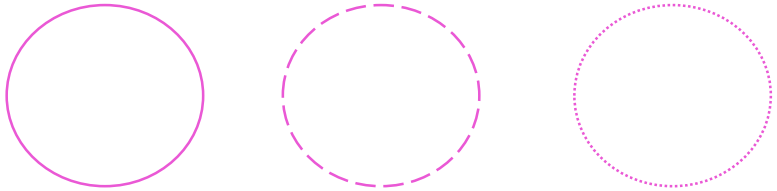

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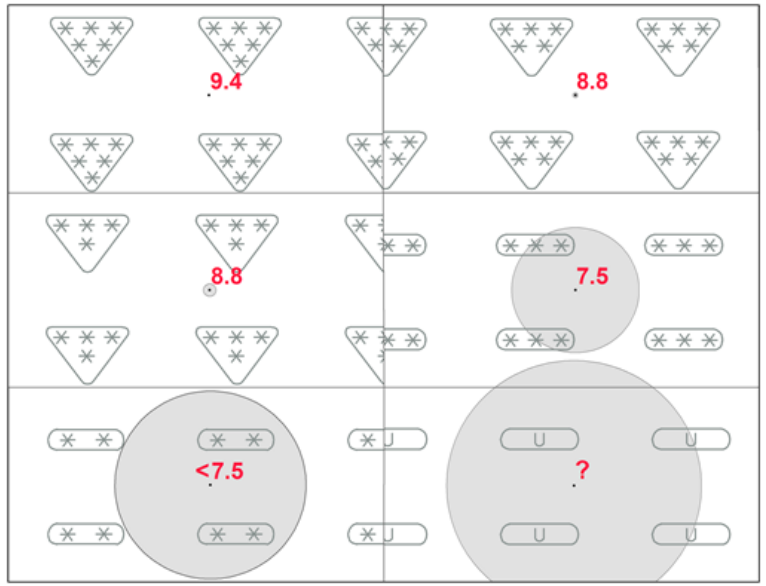

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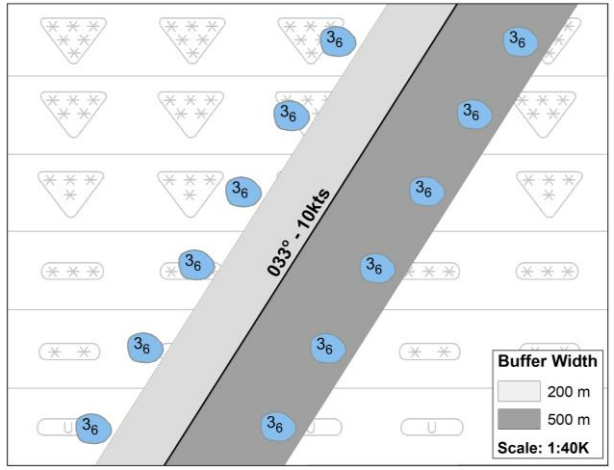

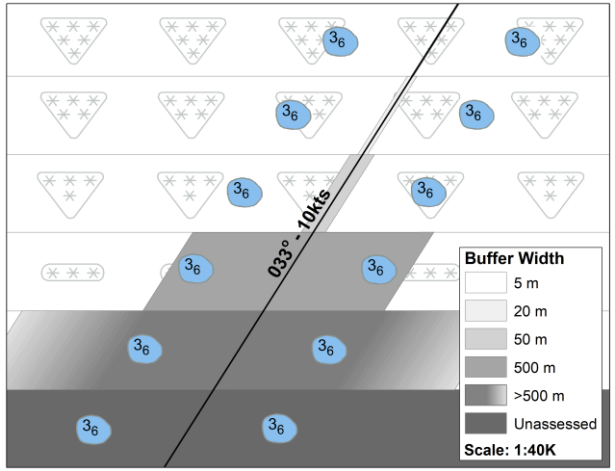

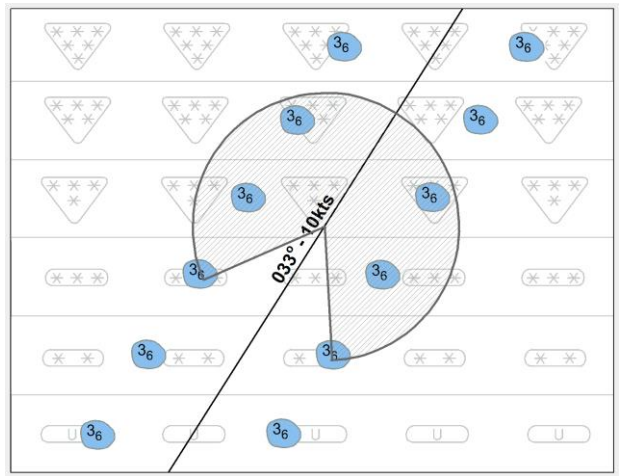

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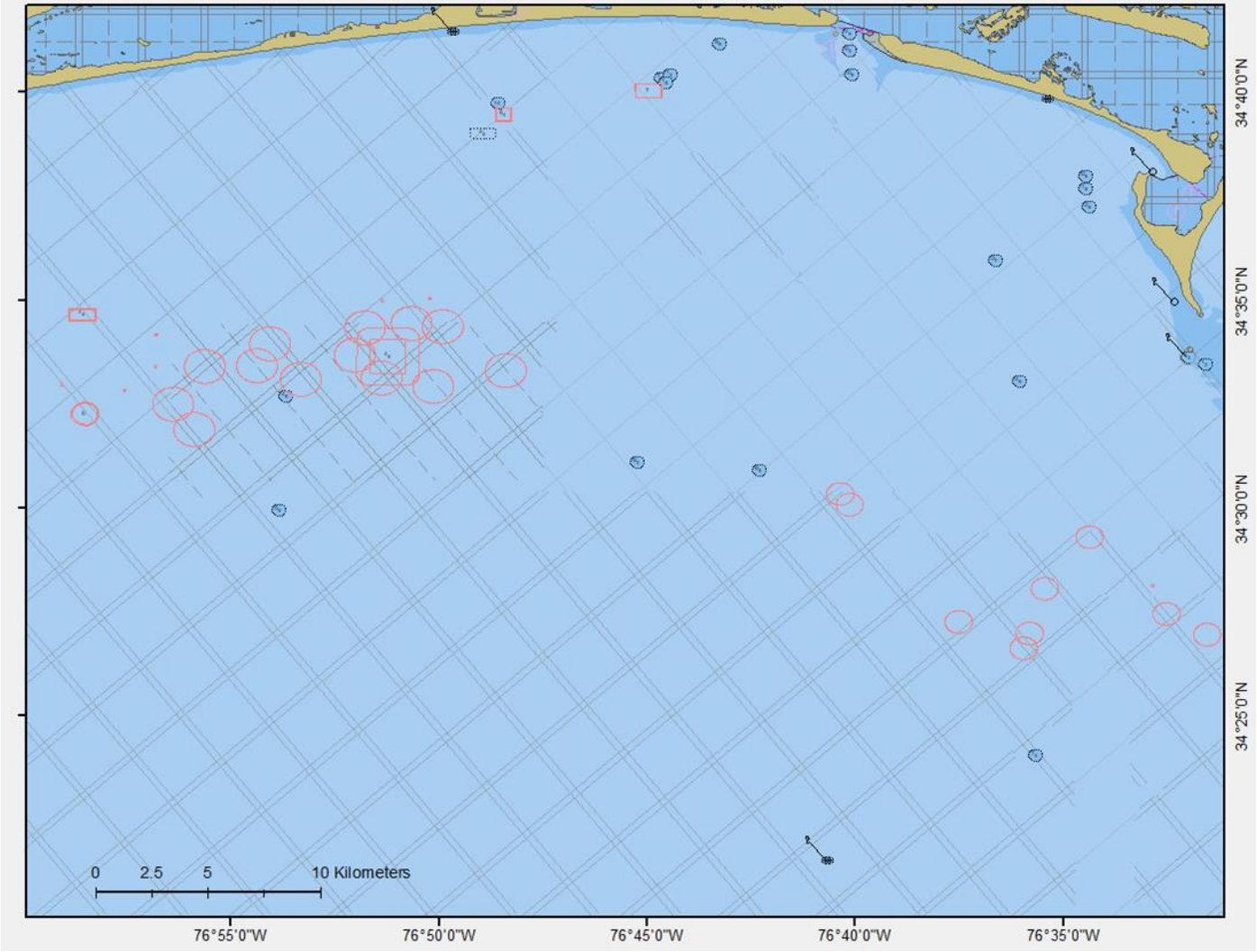

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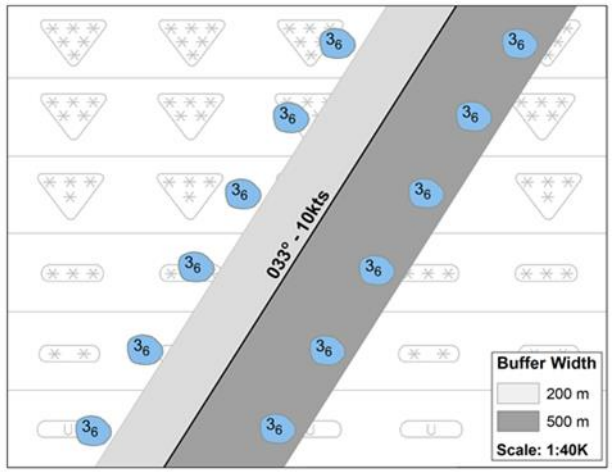

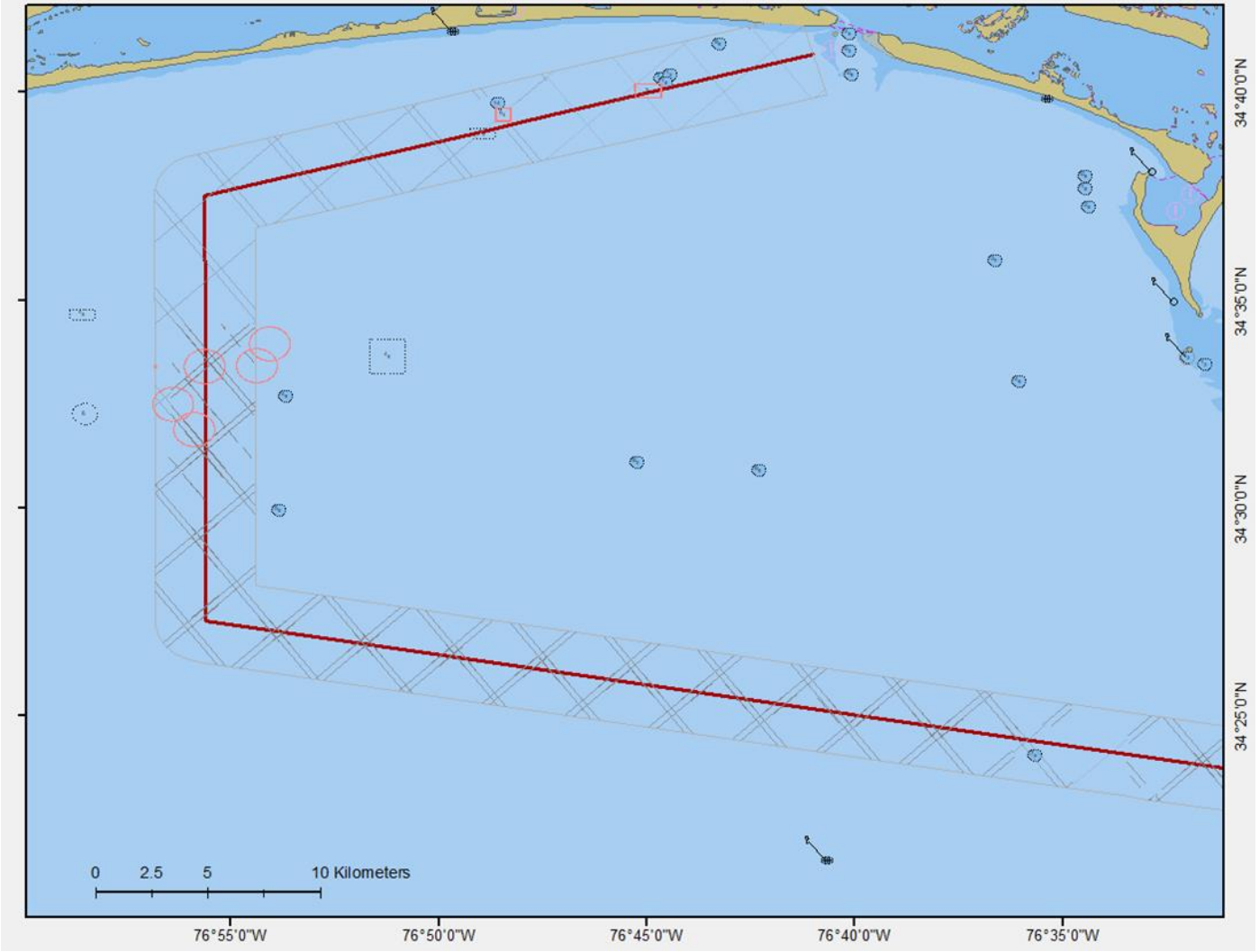

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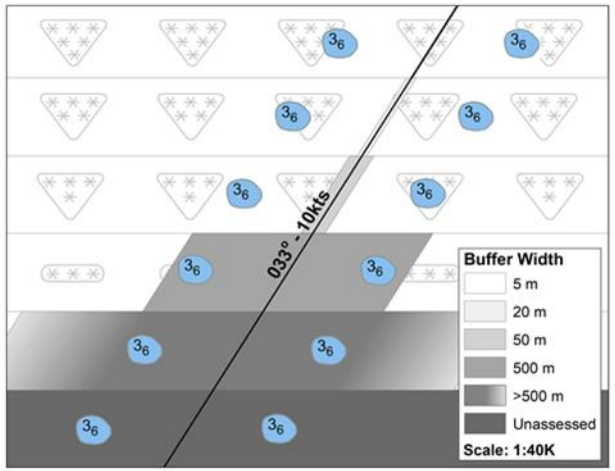

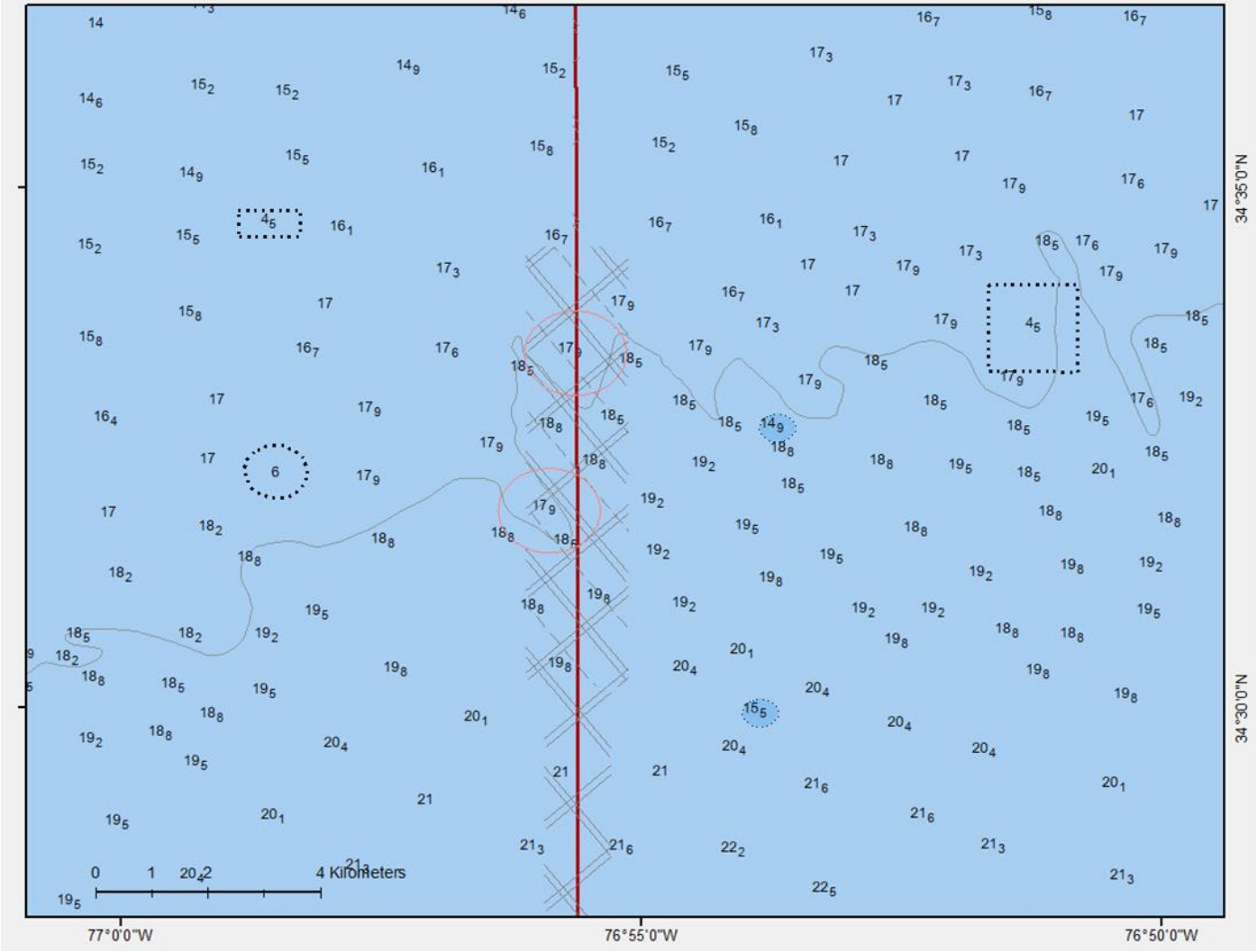

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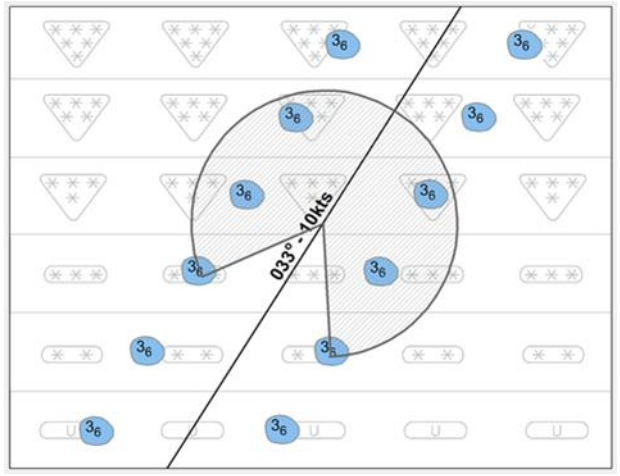

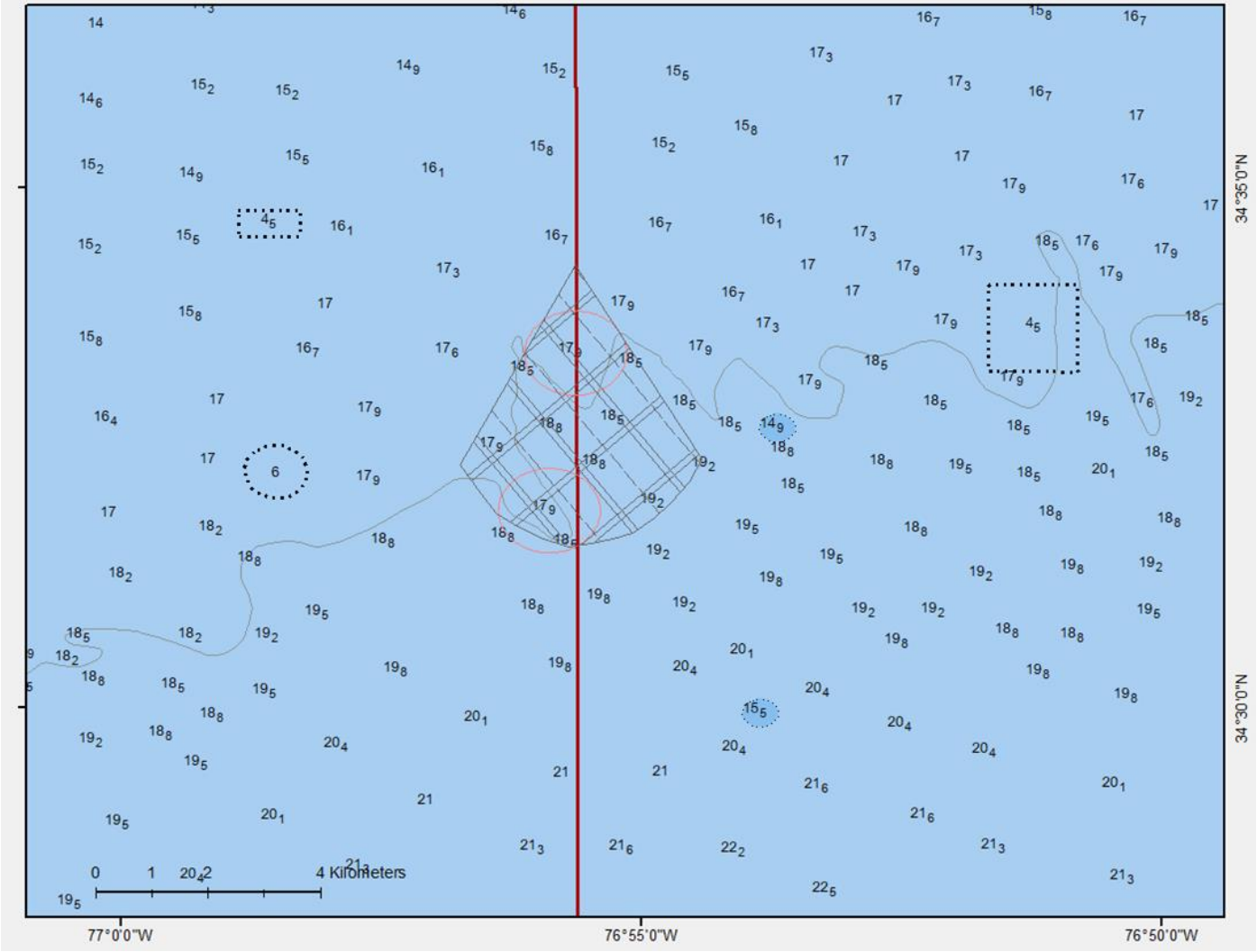

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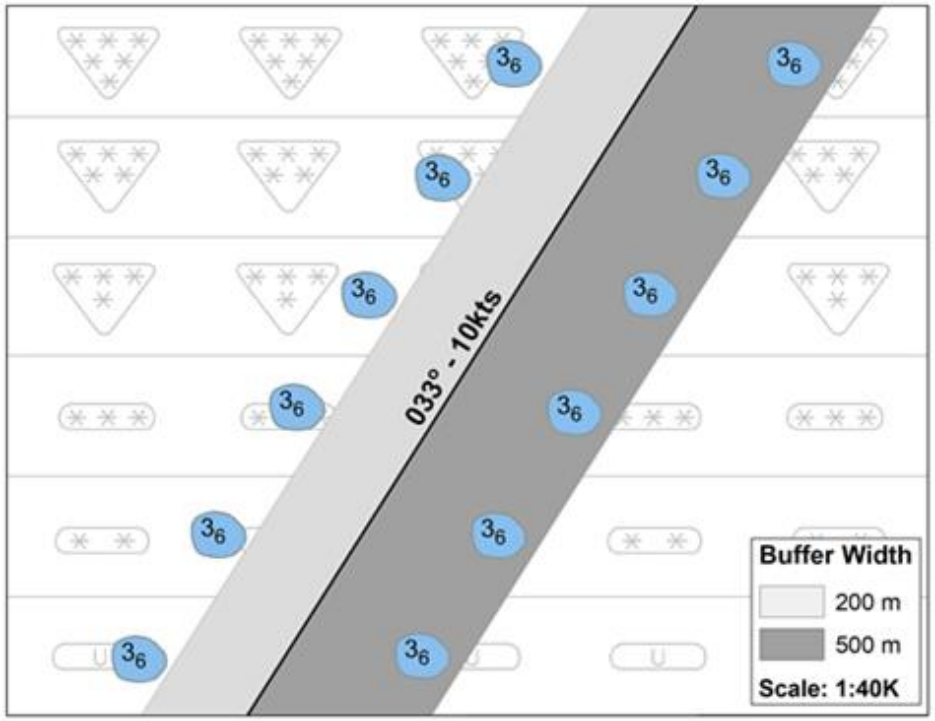

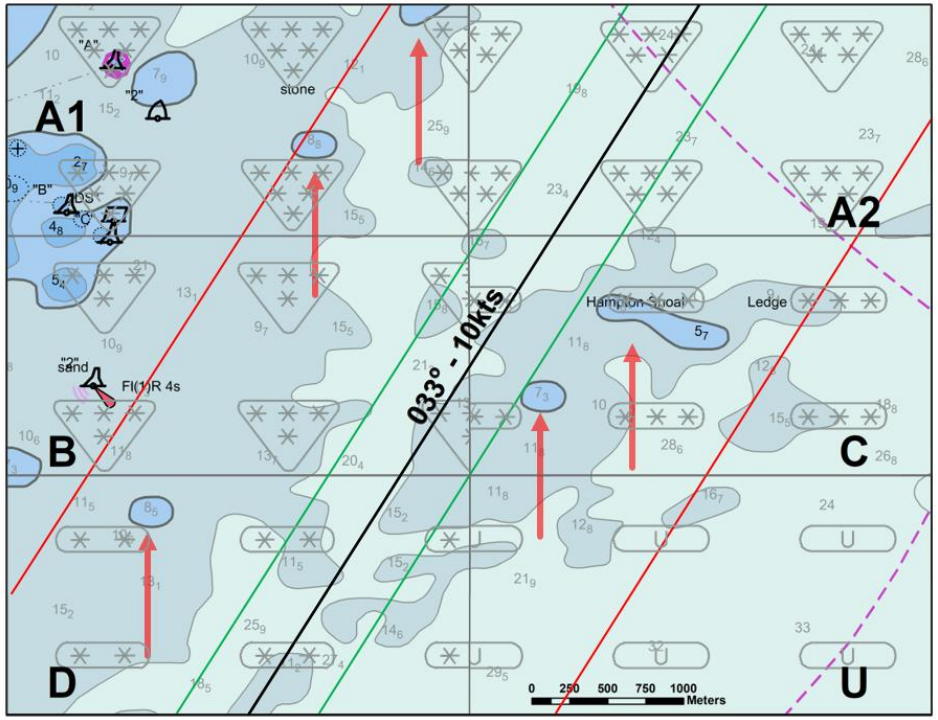

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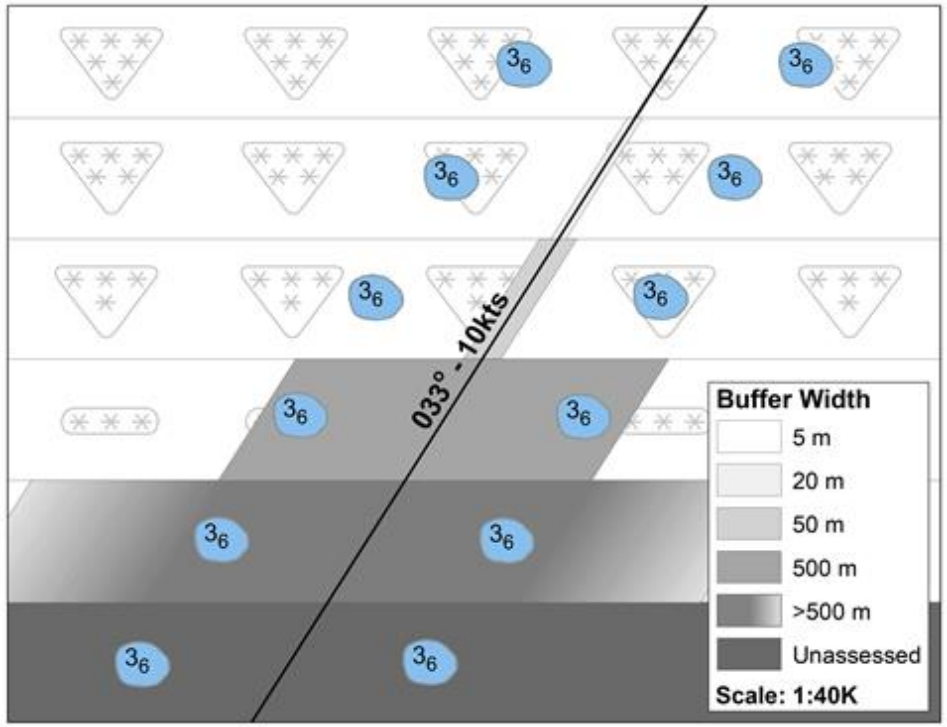

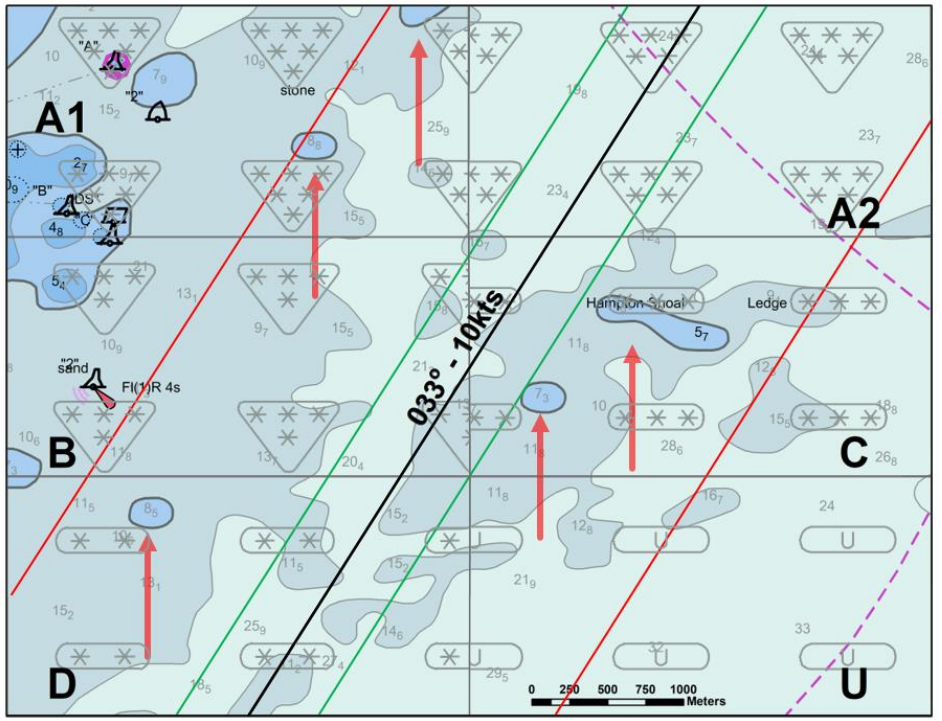

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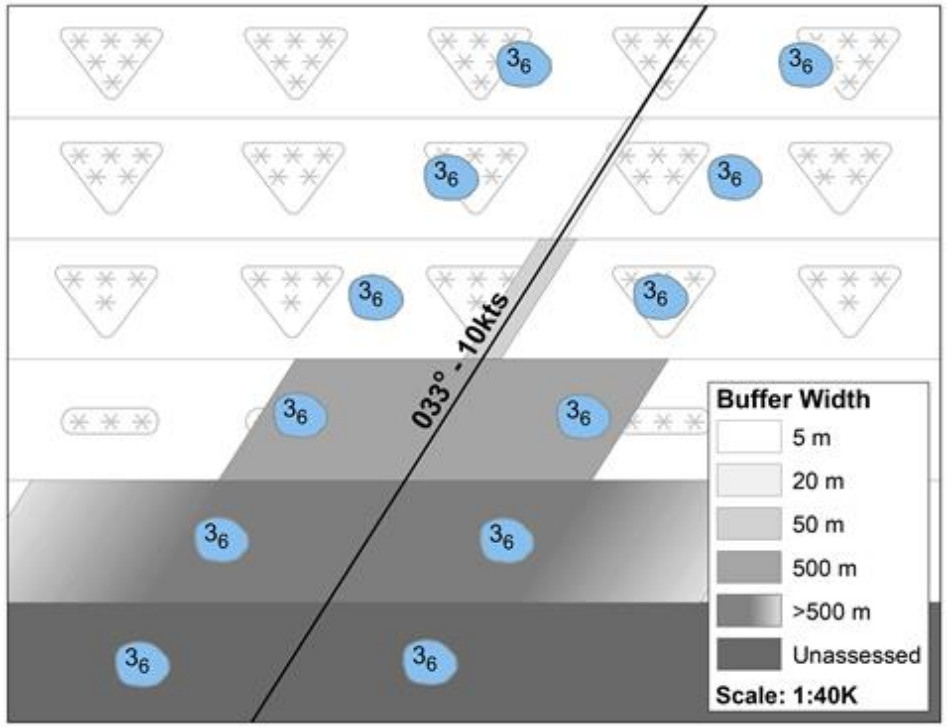
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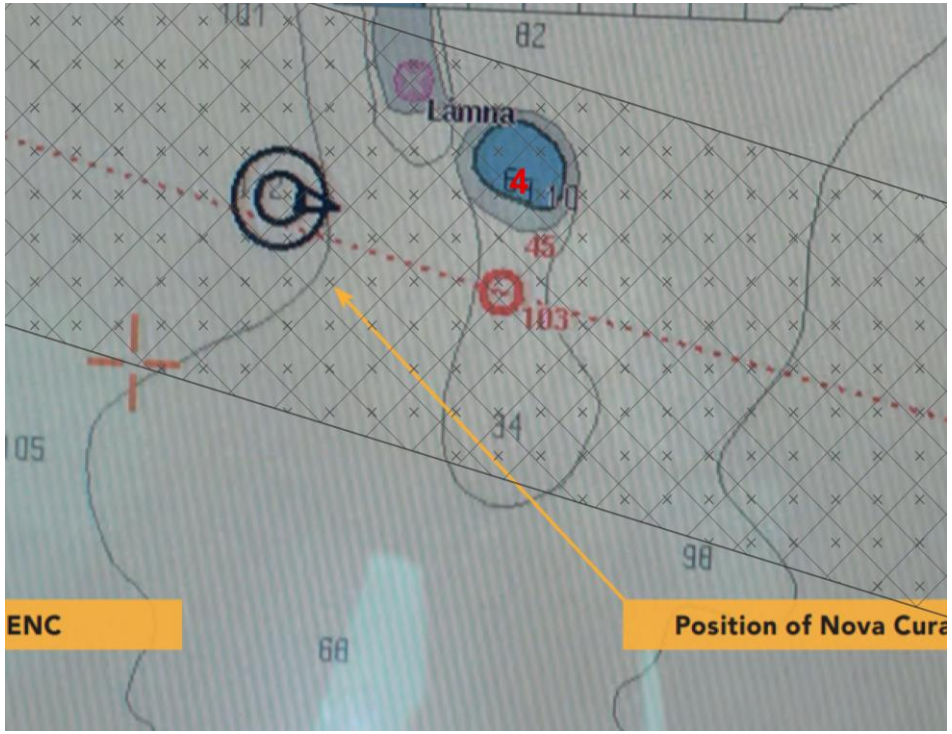
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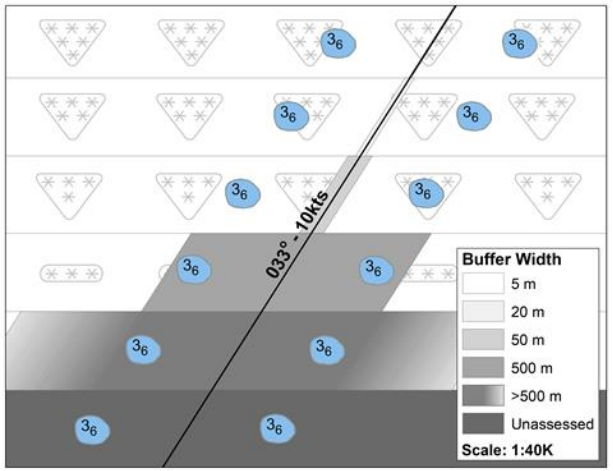
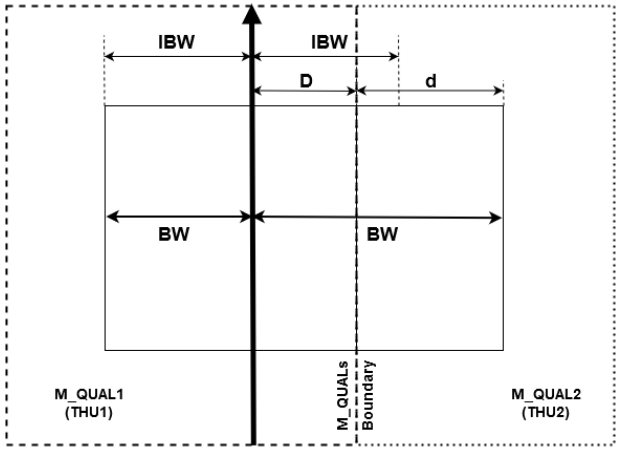
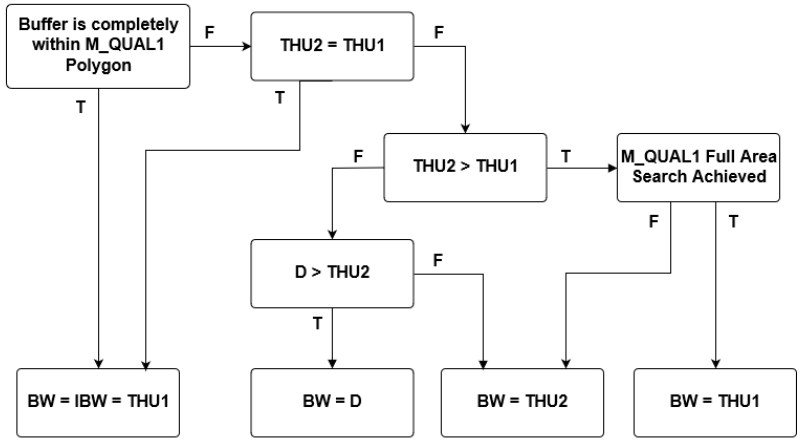
Decision tree

for Safe Course







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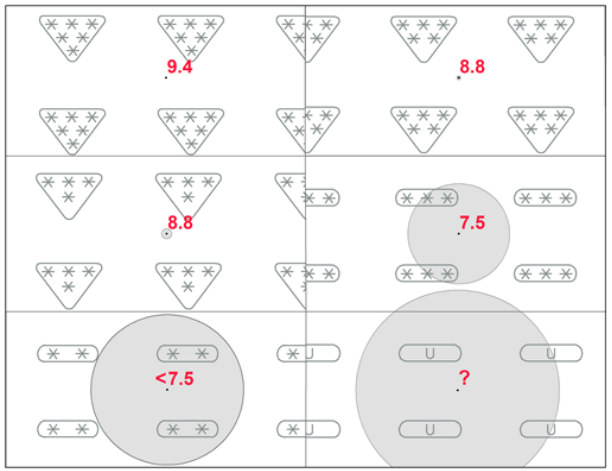

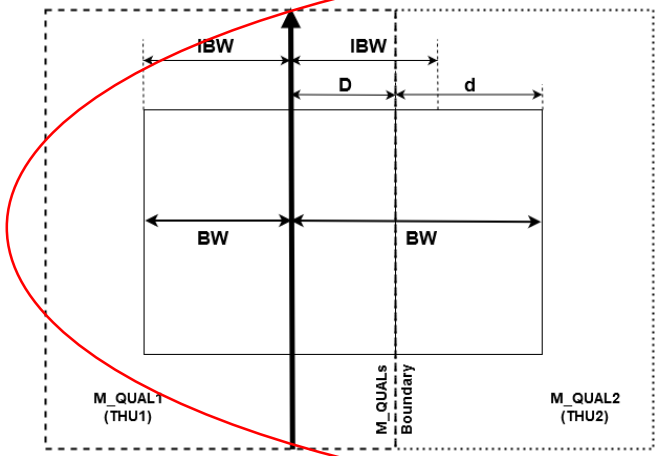

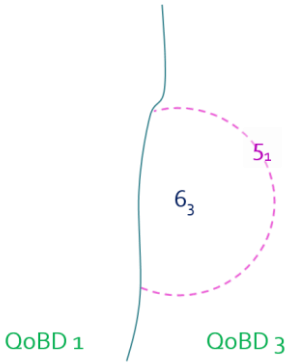

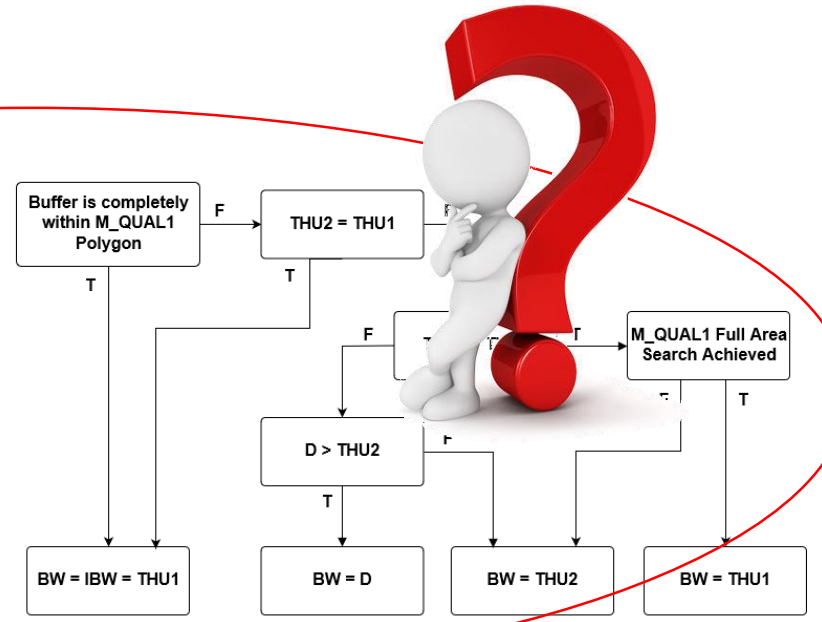

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  - Acuities
  - Temporal variation
- Implementation
- Seek feedback

"Any functionality in order to succeed must be fully embraced and accepted by the users".

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CSEM MSRC
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