



Straits of Mackinac Exercise

September 23-25, 2015

US EPA Perspective and Forward View



Overall EPA Perspective on Straits Exercise

Functional Demonstrations

Protective Booming of
Shoreline: Always a
necessary **defensive strategy**



On-Water Recovery:

USCG offshore vessel appropriately sized to work safely in Strait



Response Organization: good as it will get



Special EPA Exercise Objective

Practice **Public Health and Public Safety Response** to a Straits Incident

Coordination with:

Mackinac and Tri-County EMAs

MDHHS

Mac Bridge Authority

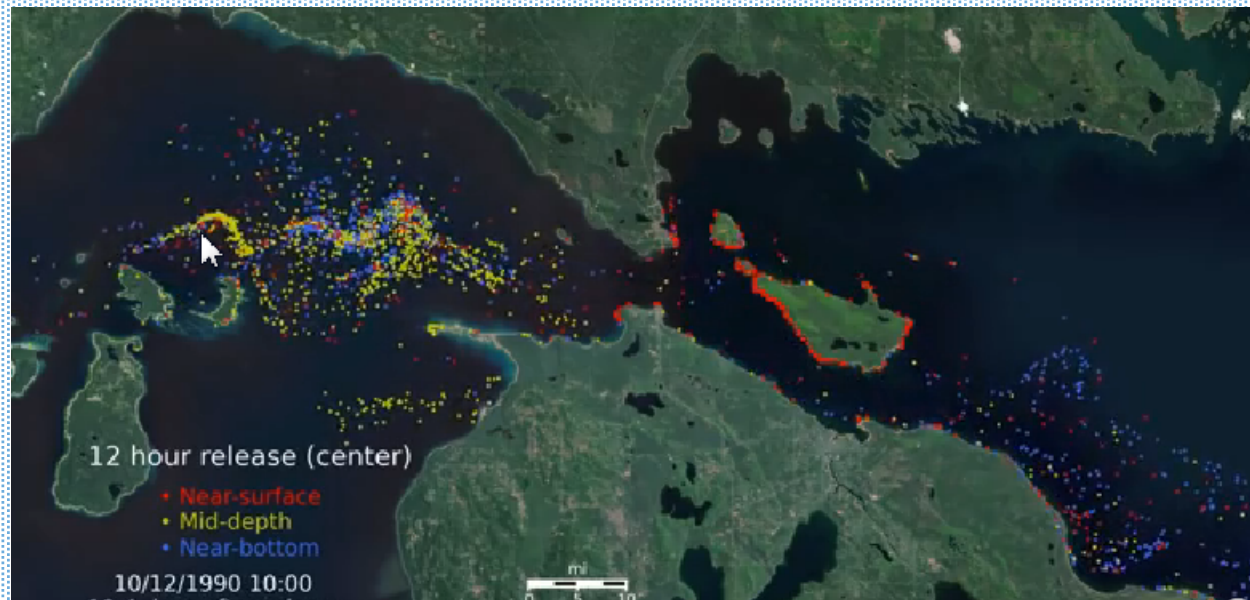
Fire Officials on Mac Island and Bois Blanc Island

NOAA

Straits of Mackinac Contaminant Release Scenario

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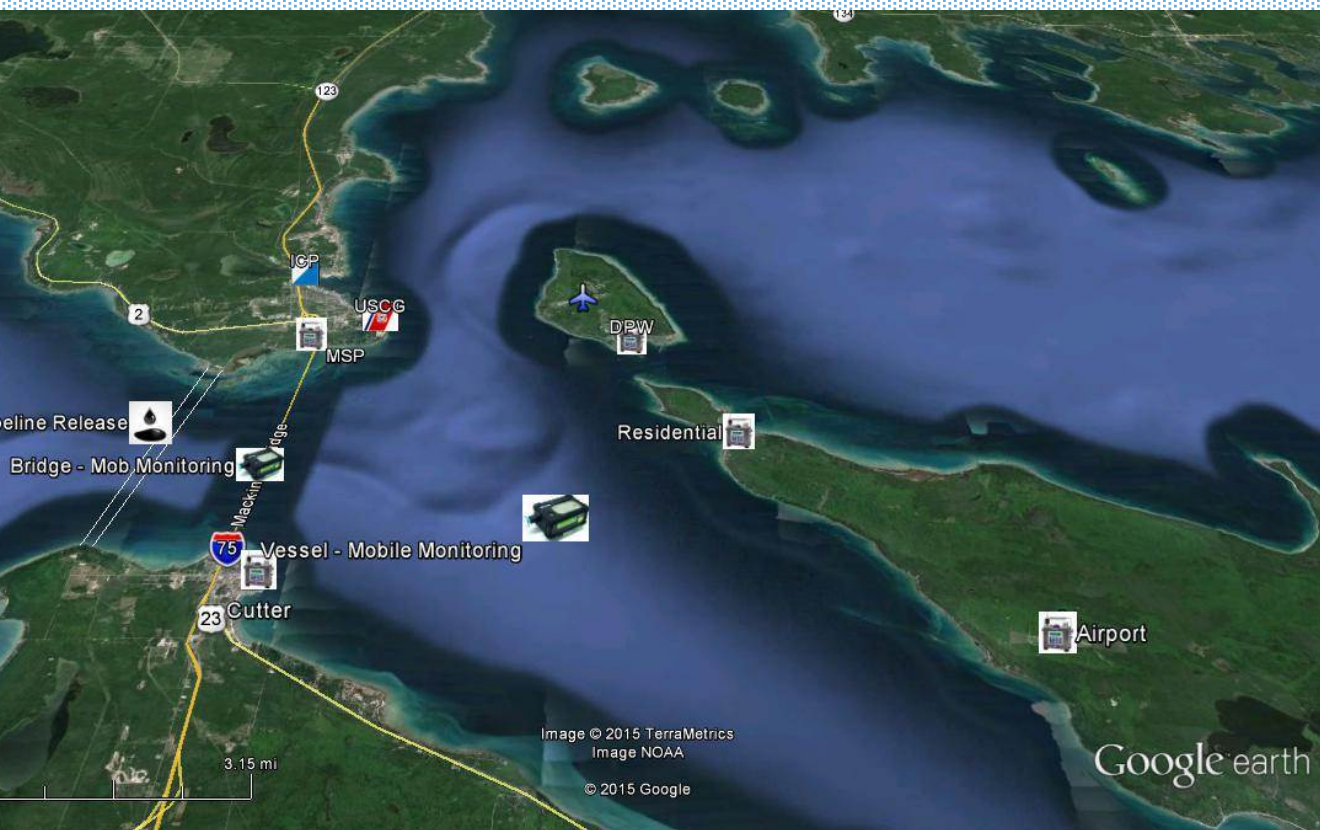


US EPA Exercise Focus

- USEPA's focus: Air Impacts : **VOCs, Benzene, H₂S**
 - Developed air monitoring plan
 - Performed air monitoring/sampling
 - On water
 - Islands
 - Mainland
 - Mackinac Bridge (mobile)
 - Summa canisters
- Relay Data to ICP near real time



Air Monitoring



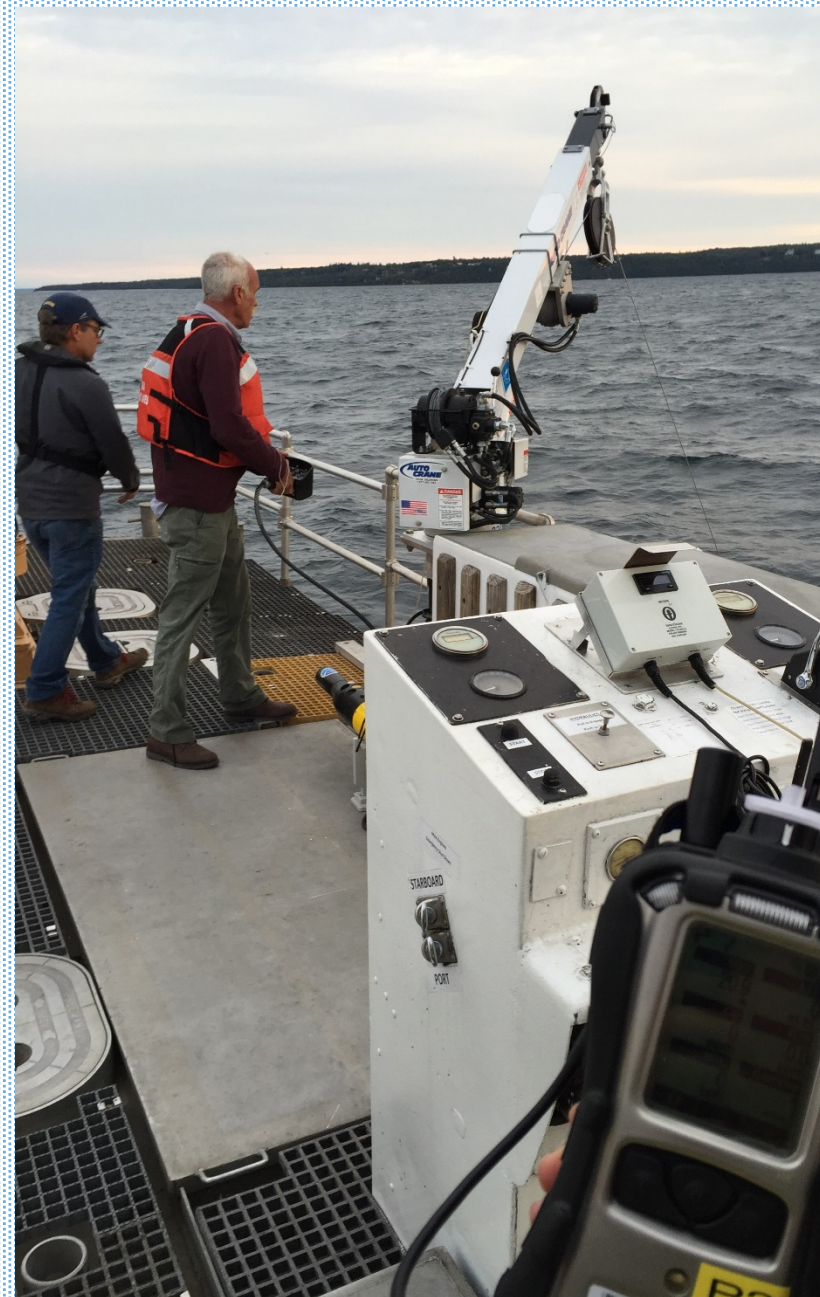


Air Monitoring – Stationary





Mobile On Water Monitoring







Mackinac Bridge Deck Air Monitoring





**data streamed real time
ICP via VIPER**





Air Sampling and Analysis



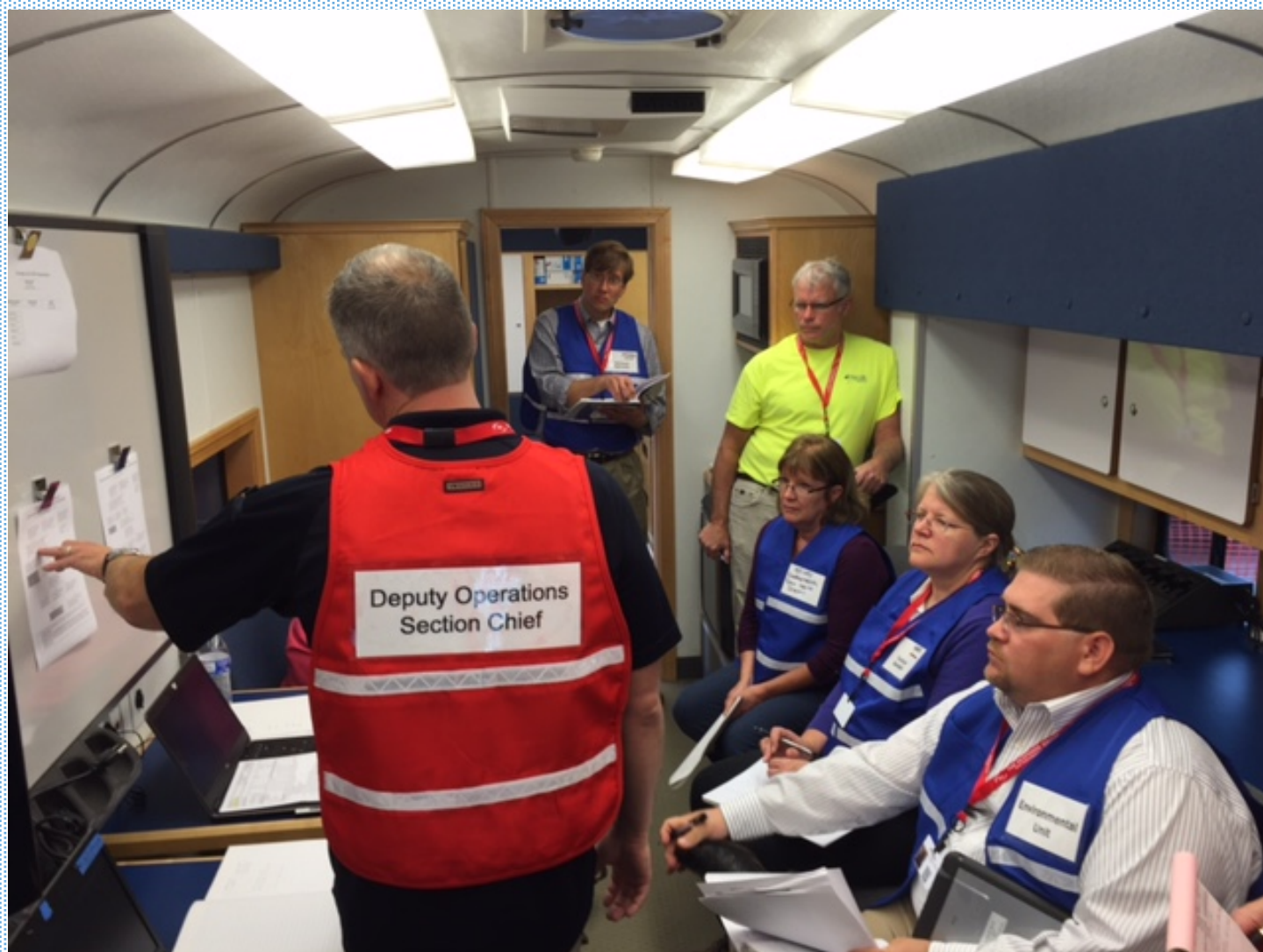
**Summa Canisters and
Tedlar Bag sampling**



**51st WMD Civil Support Team
Portable GC/MS**



Coordination with Public Health Officials



Inform Local IC and UC Decisions



Outcome

tested and confirmed our ability to collect the data and transmit it to decision makers over large, complex geographic response area -**Successful**

increased overall awareness of oil spill implications for public safety and local emergency managers **"Oil is not just oil"**



Forward View

**EPA Perspective on Future Area Contingency Planning
and Line 5-Straits Preparedness Considerations Near Bridge**



Goal: Recover oil while its recoverable

Northern Michigan Area Plan

Straits GRP

US-2 GRP

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USCG

EPA

PHMSA

Enbridge

Local emergency managers

MDEQ,

Tribes

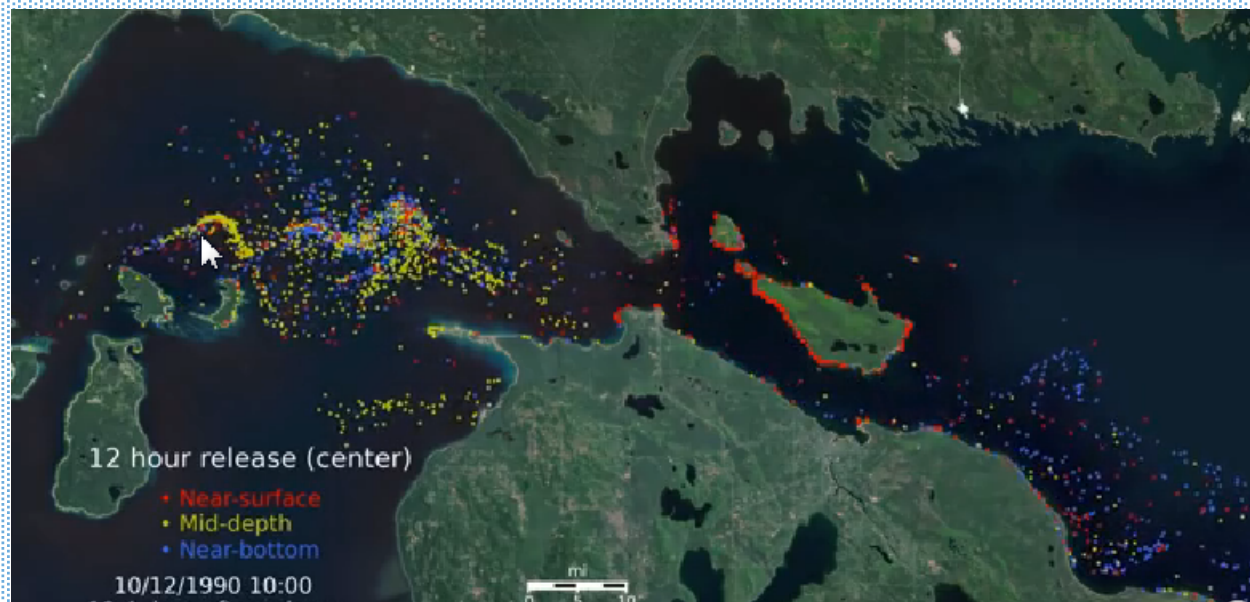
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Areas of Focus

Up-sized **Off-Shore** Resources

Response Time

Company-owned pre-deployed resources ?

OSROs: local and second tier (networks) ?

Time to mobilize (air mobilization) ?

Vessels of Opportunity (VoOs)?

All of the above

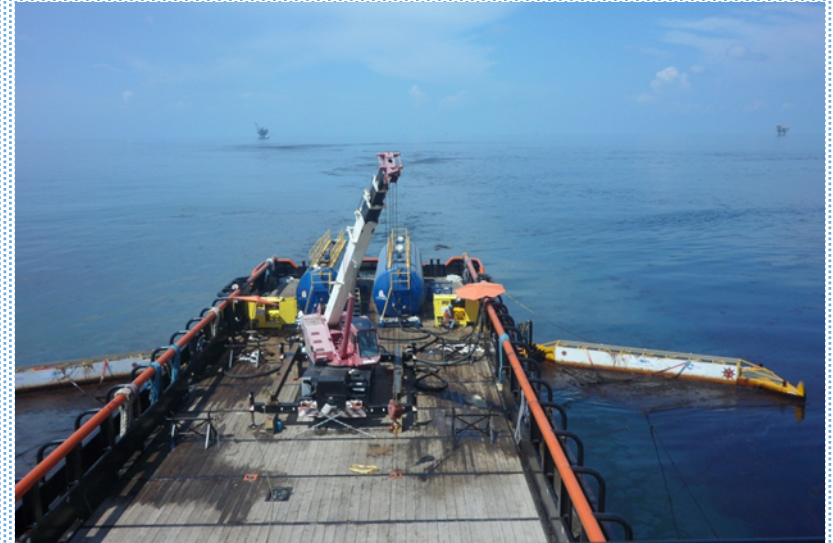
Up-sized offshore skimming and collection (Ocean Buster Skimmer/ Ocean Vane)



VoOs Outfitted with Offshore Skimming Gear



Barges utilized for near shore skimming



Offshore Vessels utilized for offshore skimming



Mobilization Time

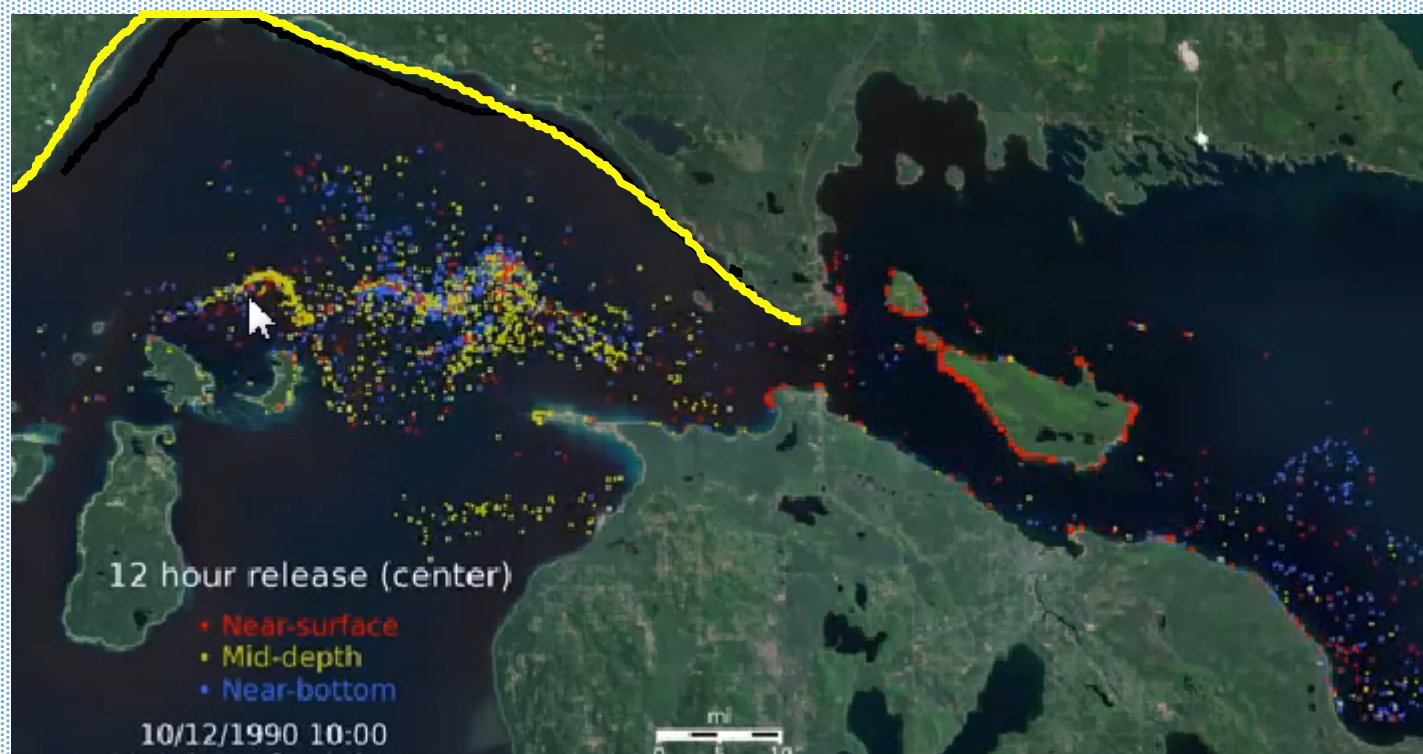


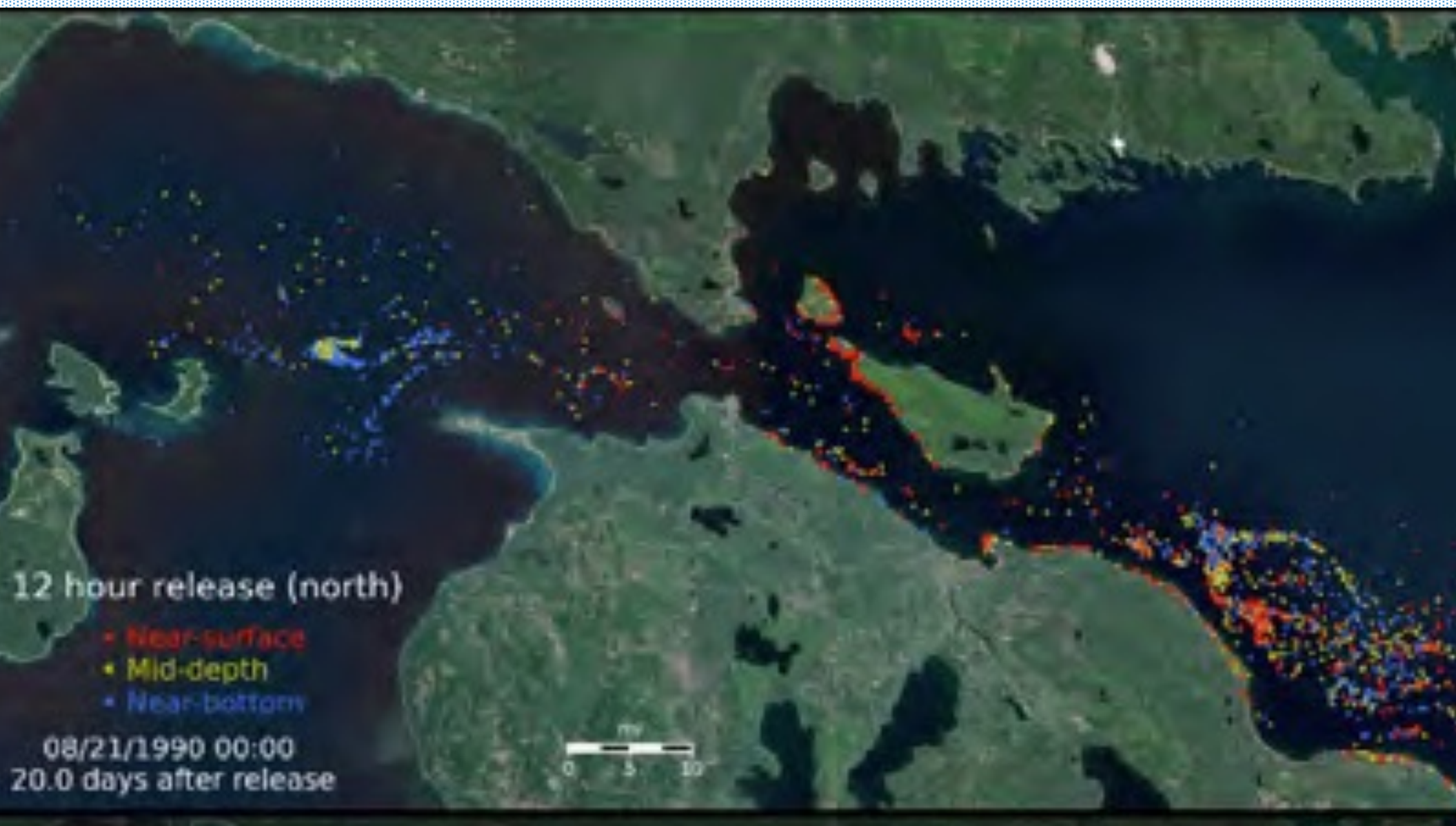
Spill boom
Skimmers
Pumps



US-2 Corridor

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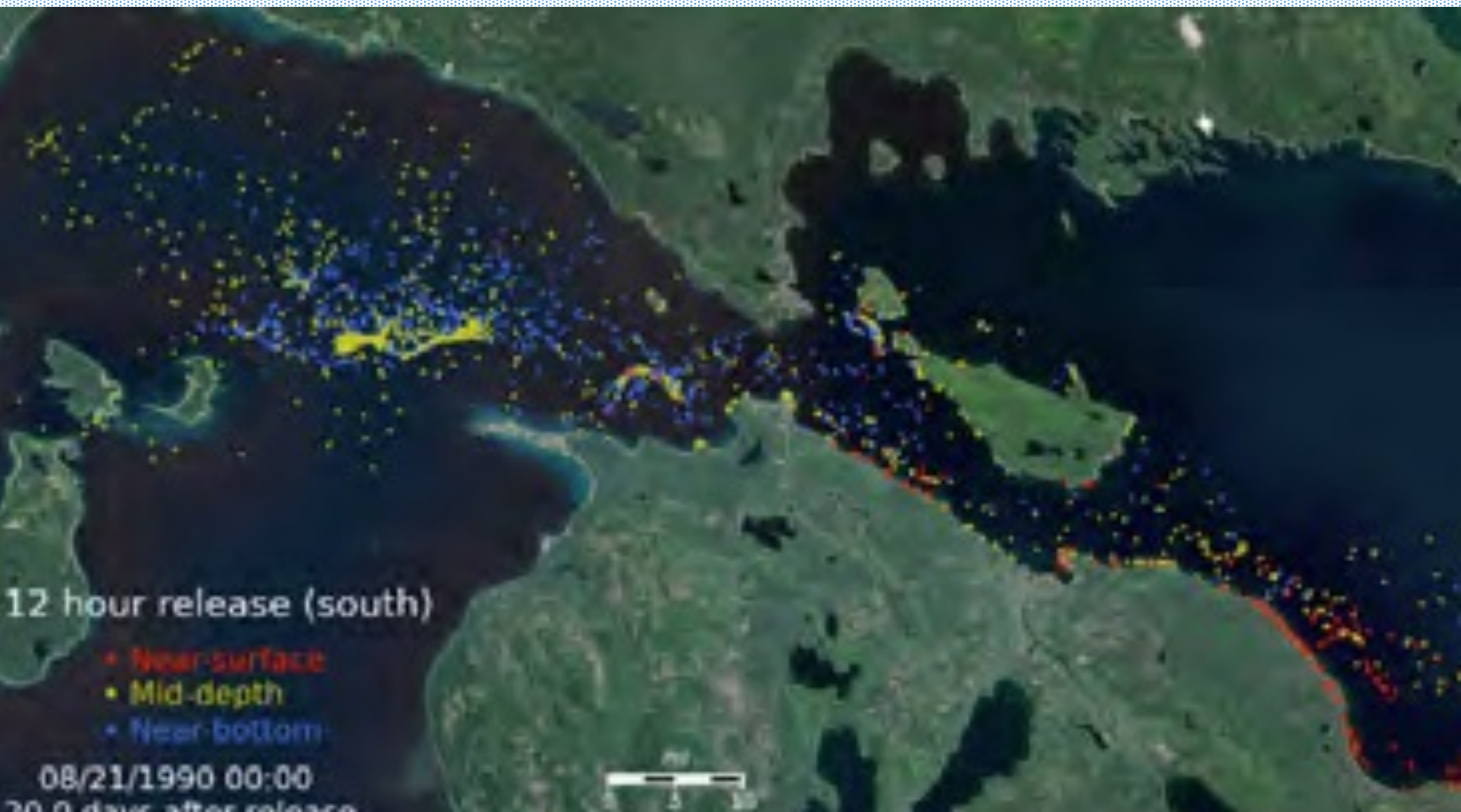




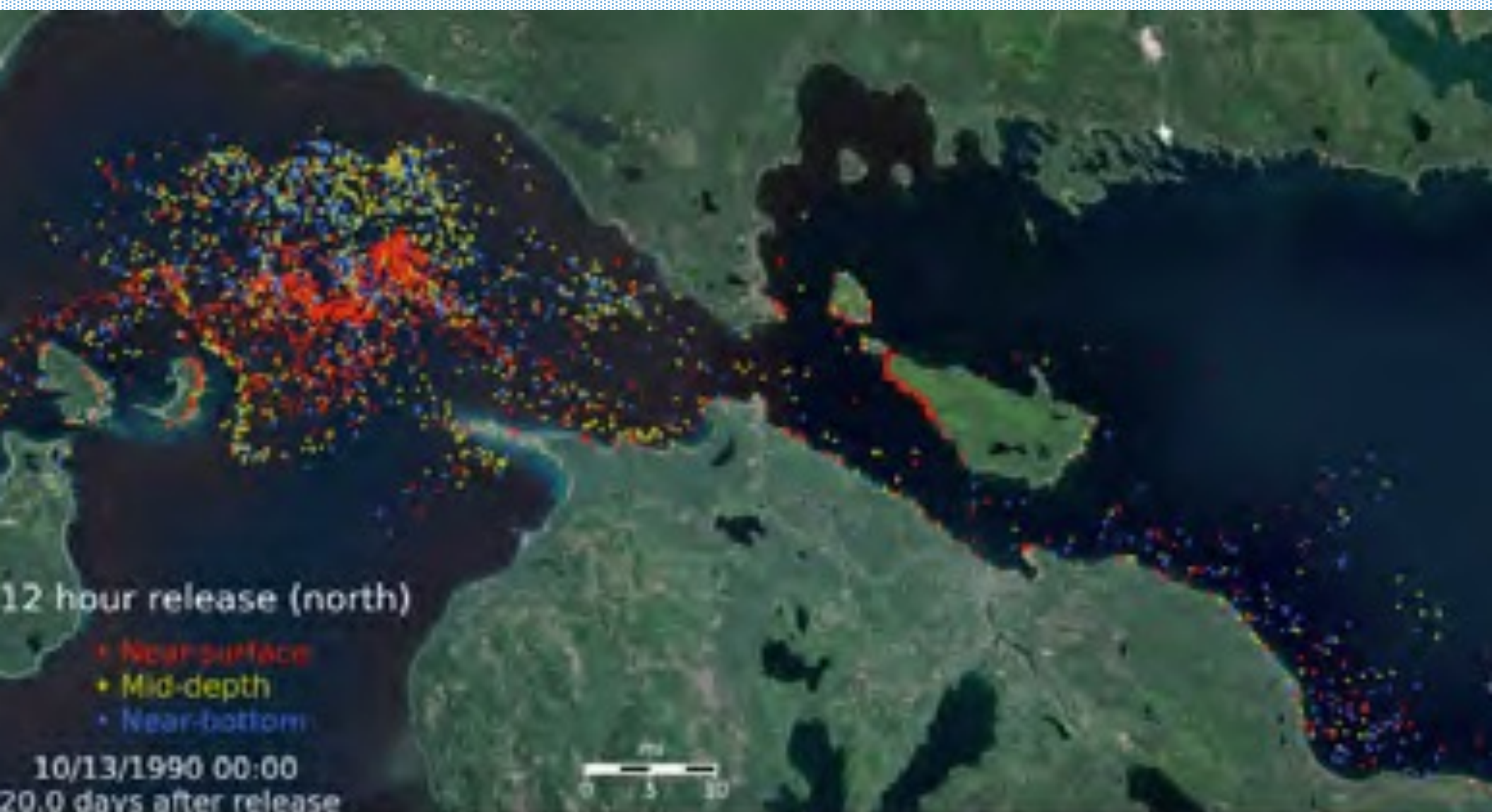
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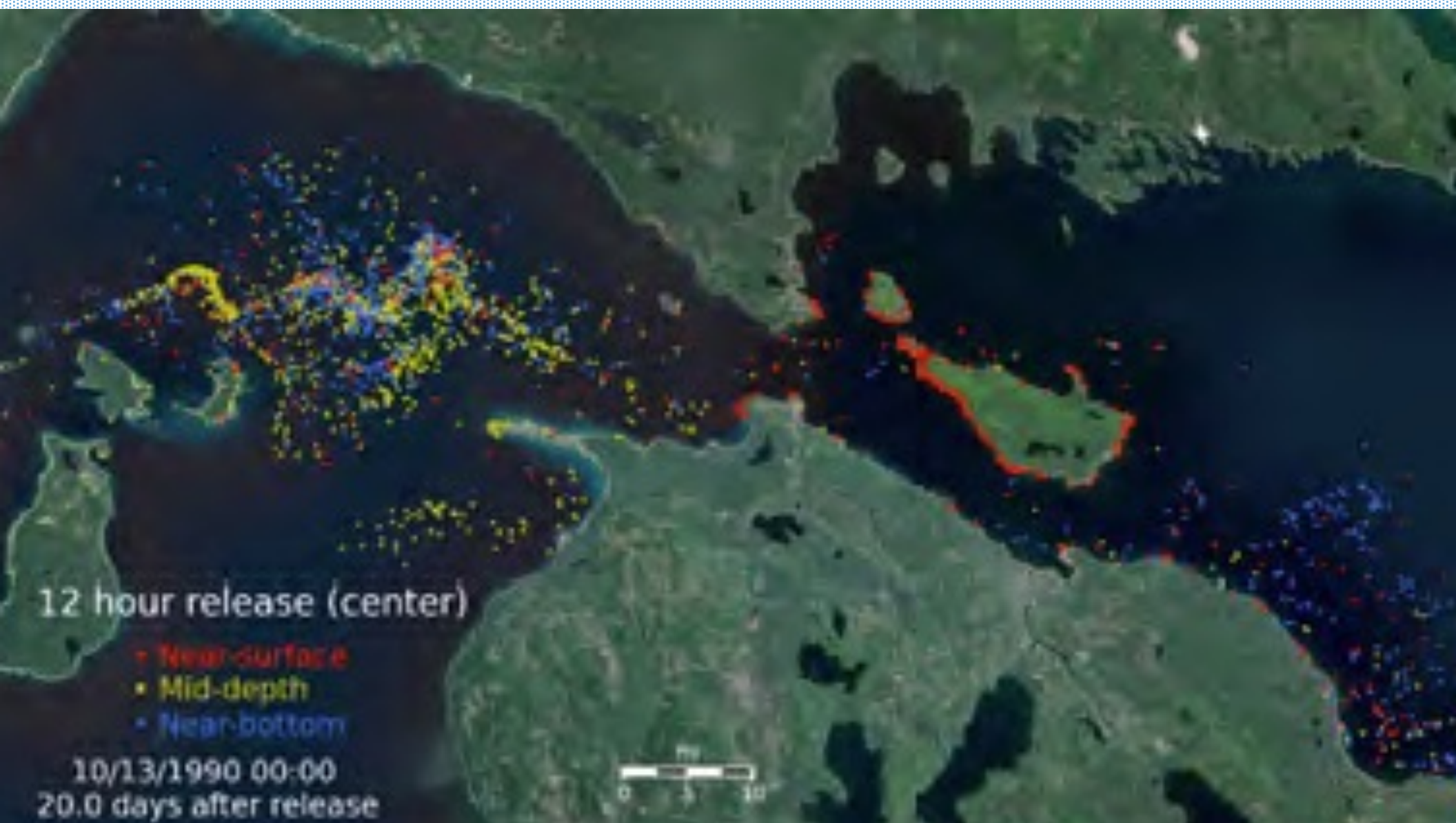


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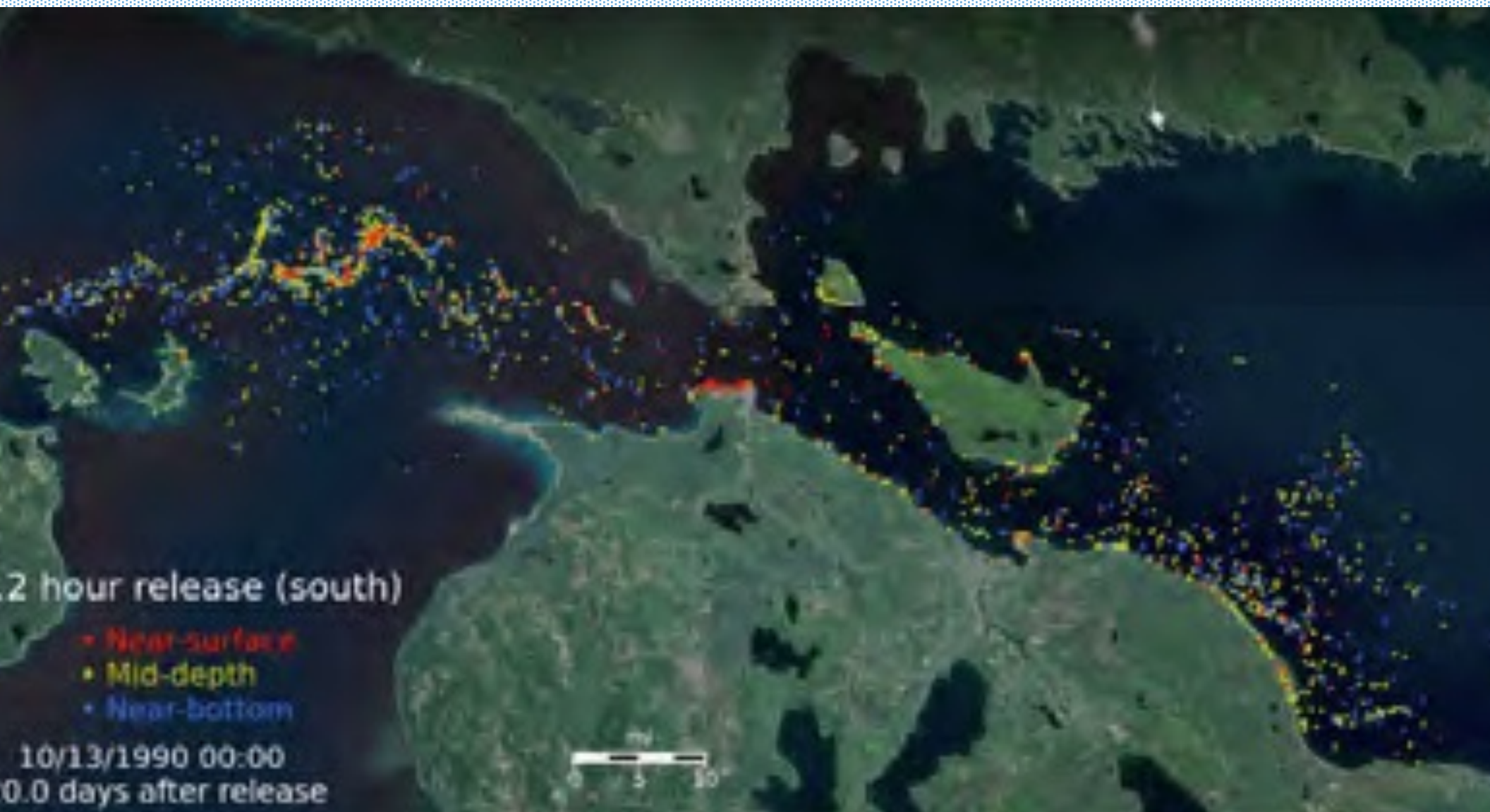


August South





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