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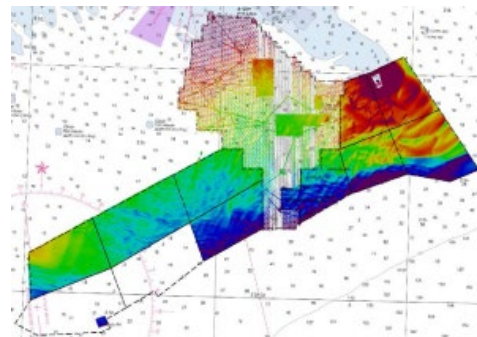
## Southeast & Caribbean Region

### SECART Hosts Webinar Series to Improve Seafloor Habitat Mapping in the Southeast US

NOAA's Southeast and Caribbean Regional Team (SECART) is proud to host a series of webinars designed to help improve seafloor habitat mapping coordination in the southeastern United States. The periodic series explores seafloor data collection, integration, and standards. Coined "Habinars", the intended audience are technical experts, data users, and decision makers from academic institutions, state and federal agency and private industry.

**Stay tuned for announcement of the third webinar in this series (TBD)**

Speaker: Tim Battista, NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science  
 Title: Advances in interpreting seafloor imagery to produce decision-ready maps of seafloor habitats and supporting resources  
 Date/time: TBD in July 2017



**Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS 101): Make your data work well with others**

Mark Finkbeiner, of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, presented the second of three webinars in this series on 18 May 2017. The presentation, "Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS 101)" explained the what, why and how of the classification standard. The Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS) provides a structure for developing and integrating data across regional and national boundaries, and supports activities such as monitoring, policy development, restoration planning, and fisheries management. This webinar will provide a quick overview of what CMECS is, why it's beneficial to use, the various data types it supports, use case examples, and resources that are available to users.

**Presentation**

**Ping Once Use Many Times! Enhancing the Utility of Office of Coast Survey Mapping Products for Coastal Science and Management**

Held on 12 January 2017, "Ping Once Use Many Times! Enhancing the Utility of Office of Coast Survey Mapping Products for Coastal Science and Management," was the first of a three-part series of webinars to improve seafloor mapping coordination in the southeast United States.

Presented by Starla Robinson, Office of Coast Survey Hydrographic Survey Division, and Chris Taylor, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, the webinar highlighted collaboration during the 2016 Field Season to map the continental shelf near Wilmington, North Carolina for navigation safety and habitat analysis for ecosystem management and ocean planning. The Wilmington project has epitomized the Integrated and Coastal Ocean Mapping (IOCM) effort within NOAA: from data discovery and communication of mapping priorities between stakeholders to the sharing of expertise and data across NOAA and partners. Past habitat, surveys conducted by NCCOS in support of offshore energy planning were refined for charting. Scientists from OCS, NCCOS, and the University of New Hampshire's Joint Hydrographic Center / Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (UNH JHC/CCOM) refined best practices for the multi-objective mission.

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