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Aleutian Islands new bathymetry compilation

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Chukchi Sea

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Kamchatka Peninsula

ALASKA

eastern Bering Sea 2018

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Amchitka Aloutian Adak Seguam IOFM Unimak 2020 IS/ands bathymetry 2020 western Gulf of Alaska 2019

Source: Esrl, Digital Clobe, Geo Eye, Earthster Geographice, CNES/Alrous DS, USDA, USGS, Aero GRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Start Cost/Distance at New Bathymetry Edges



Calculate Minimal Cross-section

Cost/Distance Path



Minimal cross-section = 1,079,000 m² Favorite (1967) 0.9 km² or -20% Ladd et al. (2005) 1.0 km² or -8%

Unimak Island

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Calculate Maximum Pass Depth



Calculate Maximum Through Depth



Compare to Moorings and Place Names





















Benefits of better bathymetry

- Eastern passes roughly equal to Favorite (1967) estimates
- Chugul Pass not limiting, 46% < Favorite (1967)
- Amchitka Pass misplaced, 30% > Favorite (1967)
- Western passes 26% > Favorite (1967)
- Some moorings (Akutan, south Seguam, and Amchitka) and US Board of Geographic Names misplaced