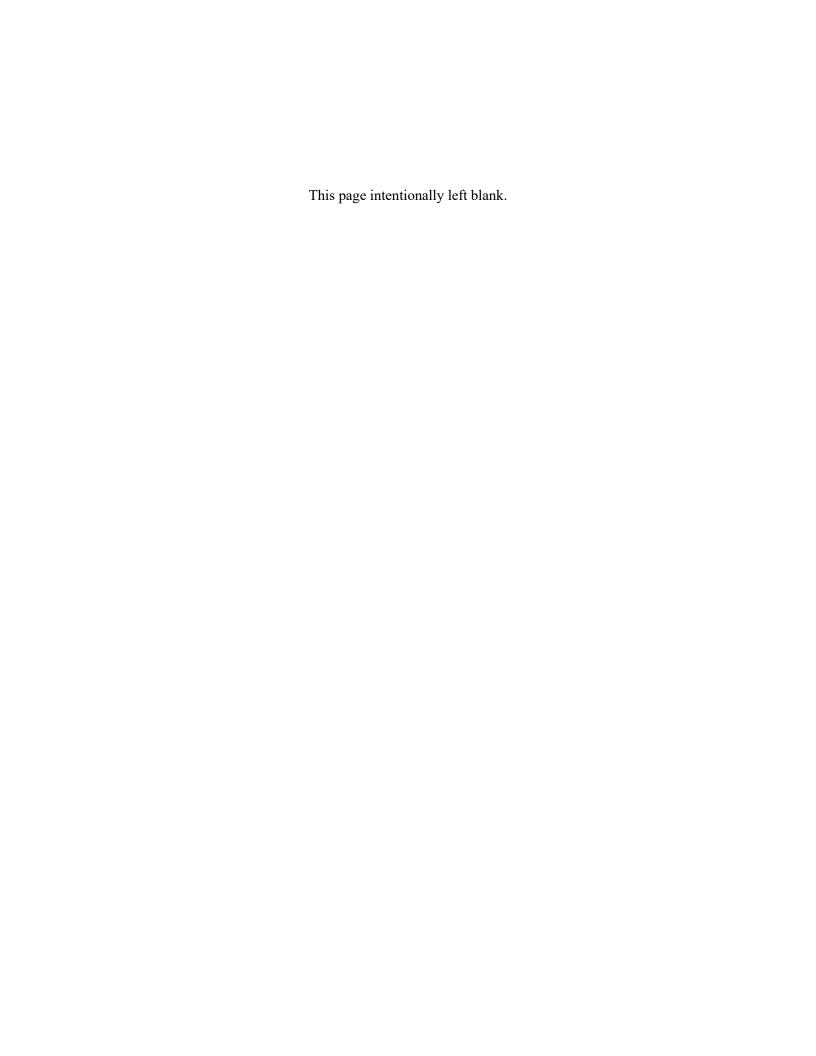
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# WILLOW DEVELOPMENT OCEAN POINT ICE BRIDGE CROSSING UPDATE



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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ATM Atmospheric Pressure

BPMSL British Petroleum Mean Sea Level CFDD Cumulative Freezing Degree-Day

DS Downstream

DS-2P Drill Site 2P approximately 21.5 miles east of the proposed OPIB

ft Feet

ft/sec Feet per second ft<sup>2</sup> Square Feet

ft³/sec Cubic Feet Per Second

GMT2 Greater Moose's Tooth Drill Site 2

gpm Gallons Per Minute

ICE Innovative Civil Engineering, Design, and Consult

MBI Michael Baker International NAD83 North American Datum 1983

OPIB Ocean Point Ice Bridge psi pounds per square inch PT Pressure Transducer

Q Discharge (cubic feet per second)
SPMT Self-Propelled Modular Transporter

STA Survey Station (feet)

US Upstream

WSE Water Surface Elevation



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#### **DEFINITIONS**

Hägglund A low ground pressure rubber tracked articulated vehicle

Overflow When water is present on the surface of the ice

Rolligon An extremely low ground pressure pneumatic rubber tire all-terrain vehicle (as

low as 4 psi) with an indirect drive that is approved for summer tundra travel



#### 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A third winter investigation of the proposed Ocean Point Ice Bridge (OPIB) location was conducted in the winter of 2020-2021. For the first time a topographic survey along the alignment and across the river from bank-to-bank was conducted. With this new information the ice bridge design was updated. Prior to the topographic survey, the elevations of the river banks were estimated. The updated ice bridge design is included in Appendix D and the construction quantities are presented in Table 1.1. The ice bridge is designed to support the Willow Development maximum module net weight of 3,200 tons loaded on a Self-Propelled Modular Transport (SPMT) with maximum allowable gross weight of 4,200 tons.

TABLE 1.1: ICE CONSTRUCTION QUANTITIES OCEAN POINT ICE BRIDGE

Ocean Point Ice Bridge	Ice Quantity (yd <sup>3</sup> )
**TOTAL =	64,700

<sup>\*\*</sup>The water equivalent quantity is 11.7 million gallons

Observations from the winter of 2020 - 2021 have confirmed that the crossing has the potential to naturally ground. Overflow was not observed or reported to have occurred at the proposed crossing site.

Two direct discharge measurements were conducted by Michael Baker International (MBI). The first discharge of 13.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (6,200 gpm) was measured on February 17, 2021. This had decreased to 0.7 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (300 gpm) by March 10, 2021 (95% decrease). Discharge measurements were planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> but they were not possible since the crossing had become naturally grounded. However, there was a possible trace amount of discharge through the crossing via the channel bottom and small pockets of water below the ice.

Future data collection efforts should be conducted at Ocean Point to better understand how the water discharge varies through the winter and the historical channel morphological data record. It is important to verify the frequency and magnitude of overflow events and the mechanisms that cause them. Continuing investigations should focus on the time period between mid-February to mid-April. This is the forecast timeframe for the construction and use of the OPIB (2024-2025) for the Willow module move.



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#### 2 Introduction

The objectives of the 2020-2021 investigation were to:

- 1. Determine the ice and hydrological conditions at the proposed OPIB location
- 2. Update the OPIB design pending any new discoveries

The following data was collected for this effort:

- 1. Cumulative Freezing Degree-Days (CFDD)
- 2. Natural ice growth
- 3. Span of free water
- 4. Local weather observations

- 5. Water surface elevation (WSE)
- 6. Water discharge (Q) (MBI 2020)
- 7. Overflow observations



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#### 3 SUPPOSITIONS

The following suppositions should be considered while reviewing this report.

- 1. The first year SPMTs moving with modules will occur during the winter of 2024-2025.
- 2. The module move is scheduled to take place between mid-February and mid-April.
- 3. The ice structure designs are subject to revision based on new information.
- 4. There is a potential for overflow at the proposed OPIB site (ICE 2020).
- 5. The proposed OPIB will not be a totally grounded ice bridge.
- 6. Loaded and unloaded SPMTs are capable of negotiating grades up to a maximum 5% longitudinal and with a maximum 1.5% lateral slope (side-to-side).
- 7. SPMTs are limited to a maximum grade change of +/-1.7% over 96.5 feet as measured along the travel surface.



#### 4 DATA AND OBSERVATIONS

An area map of the proposed OPIB location is included in Appendix A. Five field investigations were made between February 17 and April 21, 2021. MBI engineers accompanied ICE engineers for each of the field visits. The seasonal timing of the field investigations was selection to coincide with the proposed Willow Module Move schedule. A Rolligon and Hägglund were used to access the project site from Drill Site 2P (DS-2P).

Ice profiles were conducted during each field visit (Appendix B). The following data were recorded during each ice profile:

- - Span of ice

- Span of free water under the ice

- - Ice thickness

- Water depth

- - Snow depth

The surface of the ice was the basis of elevation for each of the ice profiles instead of British Petroleum Mean Sea Level (BPMSL). It is common practice to reference ice profiles to the WSE. BPMSL ice elevations are not necessary during the early phases of ice bridge design.

The data collected from the ice profiles are necessary for calculating the following information:

- 1. Crossing Cross-sectional area
- 2. Construction Quantities
- 3. Direct Discharge (Measured by MBI)

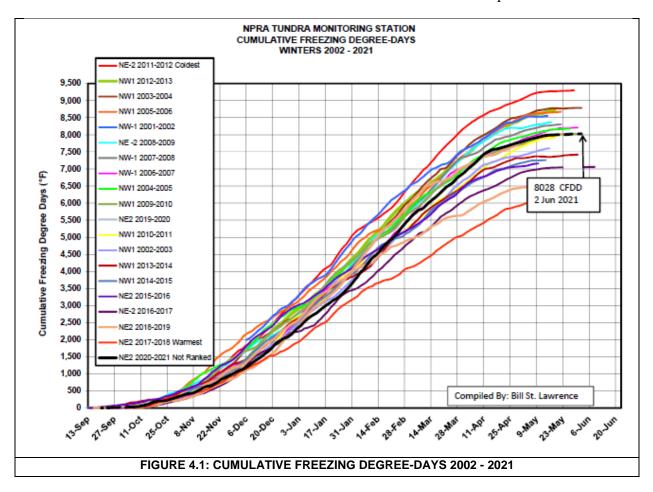
Pressure transducers (PT) were installed approximately 200 ft upstream (US) and downstream (DS) of the proposed OPIB centerline alignment (Appendix D). The PTs were installed on the channel bottom in the deepest part of the cross-section. The PTs measured absolute pressure which was translated into water depth by atmospheric (ATM) pressure corrections. The sample frequency of the PTs was set to 15-minute intervals commencing on February 17th at noon and terminating on April 21st at noon.



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#### 4.1 Cumulative Freezing Degree-Days

Cumulative Freezing Degree-Days (CFDD) are calculated as a sum of average daily degrees below freezing for a specified time period and are frequently used to measure and compare the coldness of winter from year to year. The annual CFDD (referenced to Fahrenheit degrees) has ranged from a high of 9,300 (2011-2012 winter season) to a low of 6,200 (2017-2018 winter season). The higher the CFDD the colder the winter. However, a higher CFDD doesn't necessarily equate to a longer winter. Figure 4.1 presents the historical CFDD from 2002 to 2021. The 2020-2021 winter was on the colder end of the data set spectrum.



The air temperature CFDD index correlates with:

- 1. Natural ice growth
- 2. Ice construction rates
- 3. Refreezing of seasonal thawed tundra



#### 4.2 SPAN OF ICE

The span of ice is the surface distance between the outer most edges of ice across a water body. The initial length of the span of ice at the proposed OPIB crossing location on February 17<sup>th</sup> was approximately 1,000 ft. It was difficult to establish the precise edges of the ice since the interfingering of ice and sediments made it difficult to establish the exact edge location. Generally, the river ice was blown clean and snow depths tended to be less than 0.1 ft.

#### 4.3 NATURAL ICE GROWTH

Table 4.1 presents the ice natural ice thickness and ice growth rate at the proposed OPIB site over the course of the five field visits. The ice growth rate is not shown after March 23<sup>rd</sup> since the crossing became grounded. Natural river ice growth rates depend on air and water temperatures, water velocity, overflow, wind speed and direction, snow cover, and ice thickness. Historically, natural ice growth after mid-April is relatively low. This is primarily due to the increase in average daily temperatures and solar radiation. As a result, the reduction in natural ice growth may make ice bridge repairs and construction difficult during this timeframe.

Field Visit DateAverage Floating Ice<br/>Thickness (feet)Growth Rate from Previous<br/>Field Visit (feet per day)Growth Rate from Previous<br/>Field Visit (feet per week)February 17th4.50.028\*0.20\*March 10th5.10.0290.20

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TABLE 4.1: NATURAL ICE THICKNESS AND GROWTH RATE - 2021

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March 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup>

April 21st

#### 4.4 SPAN OF FREE WATER

The span of free water is the distance between the edges of water below the ice. Figure 4.2 provides an illustration of the span of free water.

Table 4.2 presents the length of the free water span during each of the five field visits. As the ice thickness increases the span of free water length and column thickness decreases.

By the time of the April 7<sup>th</sup> field visit, the natural ice had grounded across the alignment. It is possible that small pockets of flow were present under the ice but were not detected with the 50-foot ice profile intervals.



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<sup>\*</sup>Day 1 is set to the first day that CFDD > 1 (September 10, 2020)

<sup>+</sup>Crossing is grounded

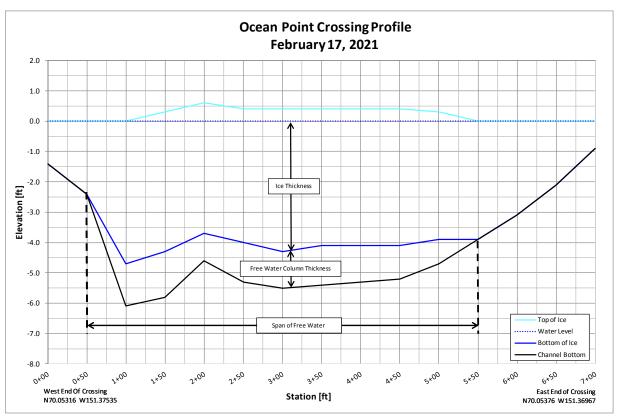


FIGURE 4.2: ICE PROFILE AND SPAN OF FREE WATER AREA

**TABLE 4.2: SPAN OF FREE WATER** 

Field Visit Date	Span Of Free Water Length	Maximum Free Water	
Field VISIT Date	(feet)	Column Height (feet)	
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	500	1.5	
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	200	0.7	
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	100*	0.3	
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	†	†	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	†	†	

<sup>\*</sup>Single location along ice profile was not grounded; additional ice profiles were conducted 200 feet upstream and downstream parallel to the alignment and were grounded



<sup>+</sup>Crossing is grounded

#### 4.5 DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS

MBI conducted discharge measurements during the first two field visits (Appendix C). A summary of the MBI discharge data are presented in Table 4.3 and are overlaid in Figure 4.3.

**TABLE 4.3: MBI DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS** 

Field Visit Date	Discharge (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Discharge (gpm)	Average Velocity (ft/s)
February 17, 2021	13.8	6,200	0.03
March 10, 2021	0.7	300	0.01

The average water velocities and discharge decreased as winter progressed. Unlike the Mackenzie and Yukon Rivers, the Colville River is classified as an Arctic River. This means winter flow stops since the watershed is frozen. However, some flow continues from groundwater and springs.

#### 4.6 WINTER WATER DEPTHS

Generally, water depth in a river decreases as the tributary discharge decreases with the onset of freeze-up. This was the case with Ocean Point location for the winter of 2020-2021. However, this was not the case during the winter of 2019-2020 (ICE 2020).

Figure 4.3 presents the water levels at the OPIB crossing as measured by the PTs. The water levels began to decrease about 4 days after the PT installation on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The US PT froze around March 17<sup>th</sup> and then thawed around April 13<sup>th</sup>. The data recorded during this timeframe is not representative of the water level but the pressure induced onto the PT by the expanding freezing water - ice. Similarly, the DS PT froze around April 2<sup>nd</sup> and was removed from the channel before it had a chance to thaw in-situ. The reason for the differences in freeze dates may be attributed to differences in water velocities, relative snow cover, water chemistry, and distribution of flow within the braided channel. Overall water depths measured by the PTs were less than 5.0 ft with the maximum 5.2 ft recorded during the installation of the PTs on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Table 4.4 presents the maximum water depths at the OPIB location measured during the ice profiles. The maximum water depths decreased with each successive field visit. Once the ice became grounded water depths could not be measured. A study of all the possible water variations is beyond this report.



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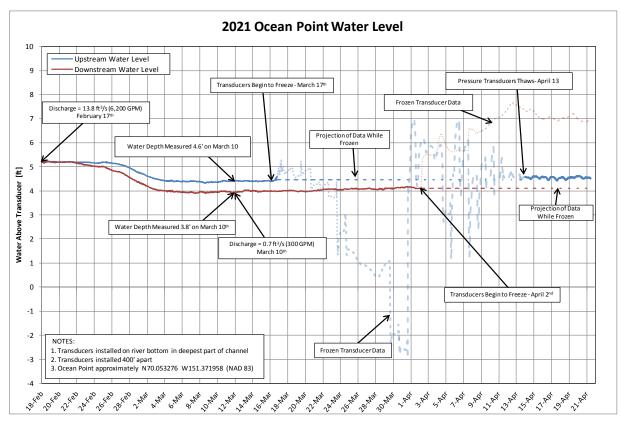


FIGURE 4.3: WATER DEPTHS AT THE PROPOSED OCEAN POINT CROSSING

**Maximum Water Depth** Field Visit Date Station **Notes** (feet) February 17<sup>th</sup> 1+00 9 locations along ice profile not grounded 6.1 March 10<sup>tr</sup> 5.4 1+50 2 locations along ice profile not grounded March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.1 2+50 1 location along ice profile not grounded April 7<sup>th</sup> Crossing grounded April 21<sup>st</sup> Crossing grounded

TABLE 4.4: MAXIMUM WATER DEPTHS ALONG ICE PROFILE ALIGNMENT - 2021

#### 4.7 Water And Air Temperatures

Water and air temperatures were recorded at Ocean Point. Figure 4.4 presents the river bottom water temperatures recorded at 15 minutes intervals. Figure 4.5 presents the average daily air temperature as recorded at the DS-2P weather station. The DS-2P weather station is located approximately 21.5 miles east of Ocean Point. What is noteworthy within the data set are the following:

- 1. The below freezing temperatures recorded by the transducers. This is consistent with the grounded ice profiles conducted after March  $23^{\rm rd}$ .
- 2. The thermal drill created temperature spikes as a result of hot water being used to drill through the ice are evident on Figure 4.3.



3. Average daily air temperatures stayed below freezing between February  $17^{th}$  and April  $21^{st}$ .

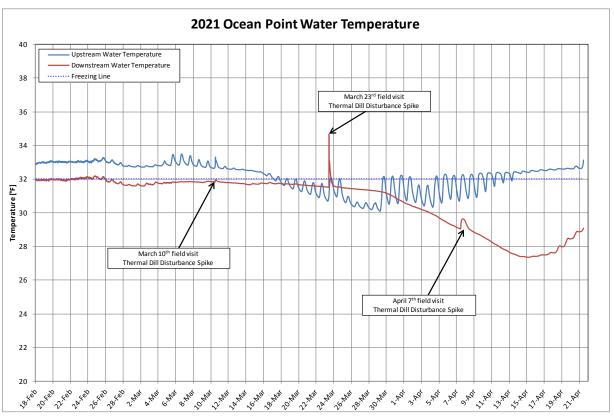


FIGURE 4.4: RIVER WATER AND ICE TEMPERATURES AT OCEAN POINT



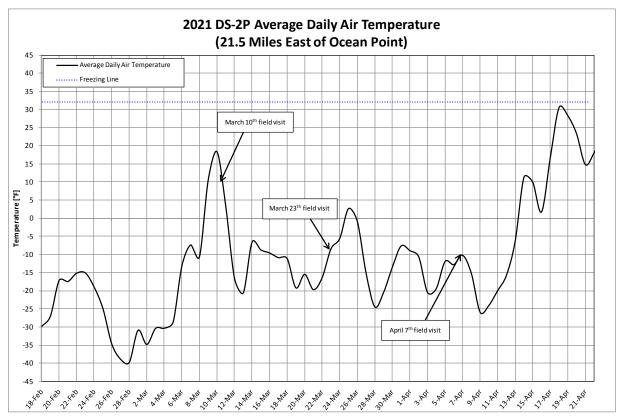


FIGURE 4.5: AVERAGE DAILY AIR TEMPERATURES DRILL SITE 2P WEATHER STATION

#### 4.8 Overflow Considerations, Characteristics, and Observations

Unlike the 3 overflow events during the previous winter (ICE 2020), overflow events were not apparent within the PT data record (Figure 4.3). Furthermore, evidence of overflow events was not observed during the 5 field visits.

A unique design consideration for the proposed OPIB is the potential for overflow. There is a high likelihood for overflow on the Colville River during any given winter. The frequency, location, triggers, and magnitude of overflow events can be difficult to predict and measure. Considerable attention was made during the data collection to record overflow events with instrumentation and observations.

Generally, in early in winter (November – December) overflow events are not typical. The thin ice (<2 ft) rises and falls with the changes in water levels. Discharge declines as the rains transition to snowfall and the watershed freezes. When overflow events do occur, they tend to be of lesser magnitude. Normally, when an overflow event occurs it breaches along the edges of the river where the ice has not become firmly grounded.

By the middle of winter (January – February) the potential for overflow events increases in frequency and magnitude. The river ice becomes firmly grounded along the edges of the river and the cross-sectional area of free water is substantially reduced. This can lead to higher



pressures, constrictions, and increased water velocity under the ice. Eventually the pressure becomes great enough to form cracks in the ice. The flowing water finds pathways through the cracks to the surface of the ice. The overflow from these events tends to flow in all directions on the surface of the river ice. These events can be difficult to observe if there is snow on the surface of the ice. Furthermore, the presence of snow can increase the amount of time required for the overflow to freeze.

Toward the end of winter (March – April), the potential for overflow is similar to that of the middle of winter with the additional contribution from increased solar radiation and warmer air temperatures. Overflow from snowmelt tends to result in ponding and minimal flow. Generally, there is no potential for runoff during this time period. The Colville River runoff normally occurs May.



#### 5 OCEAN POINT ICE BRIDGE DESIGN

The OPIB design and construction quantities have been updated based on the data and observations from the winter of 2020–2021 investigation (Section 4) and the topographic survey conducted by Umiaq survey in August 2021. Future revisions will be issued as more information is obtained about the crossing. The revised ice bridge design (Appendix E) includes two main ramps into and out of the river floodplain.

#### 5.1 ICE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION QUANTITIES

Table 5.1 presents a summary of the in-place ice volume of the completed OPIB based on the most recent information. The ice quantities represent ice or water that must be mined, hauled, and placed for the completion of the ice bridge. The total takes in to account the typical natural ice thickness that will be present at the crossing at the commencement of construction. The average maximum natural floating ice thickness is expected to be between 4 and 5 ft by February 1st.

**TABLE 5.1: SUMMARY OF OPIB ICE QUANTITIES** 

Ice Structure	Ice Quantity (yd <sup>3</sup> )
West Ramp	15,100
East Ramp	23,200
Area Between East/West Ramps Including Buildup Ice Over River Channel	26,400
*TOTAL =	64,700

<sup>\*</sup>The water equivalent quantity is 11.7 million gallons

The increase in construction quantities from the previous bridge design is driven primarily by the recently surveyed elevations of the tops of the east and west banks.

#### 5.2 EMERGENCY BYPASS ROAD AND RAMPS

An emergency bypass road and ramps will be constructed on the downstream side of the ice bridge and ramps. These roads will provide emergency access around the SPMTs while they are crossing the OPIB. The emergency bypass roads are not designed for supply traffic or 'go-arounds' while the SPMTs are traversing the OPIB. Specific design details of the emergency bypass road will be provided later.



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#### 6 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions and recommendations are subject to change as new information becomes available.

#### 6.1 Conclusions

- 1. The proposed Upstream Site OPIB will be a non-grounded ice bridge with a capacity that is suitable for the 3,200-ton module loaded onto a SPMT with a 4,200-ton allowable gross weight.
- 2. There is a high probability that at least one overflow event will occur in the vicinity of Ocean Point each winter.
- 3. More information is needed regarding water discharge and water levels in the vicinity of the Ocean Point between the months of February and mid-April.
- 4. The crossing has the potential to naturally ground.

#### 6.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. MBI should conduct weekly discharge measurements at the OPIB from mid-February to mid-April during the winter of 2021–2022.
- 2. Ice profiles should be conducted every two weeks at the OPIB from mid-February to mid-April during the winter of 2021-2022.
- 3. Delay any geotechnical investigation at the crossing until 2023-2024; this task may not be necessary.
- 4. Continue to install remote monitoring sites at the OPIB to collect water level, air temperature, and air pressure throughout the winter of 2021-2022.
- 5. Expand the topographic survey of the river banks US and DS of the proposed OPIB crossing alignment during the late fall of 2022 (early September).
- 6. Collect bathymetry at the OPIB during the late fall of 2022.



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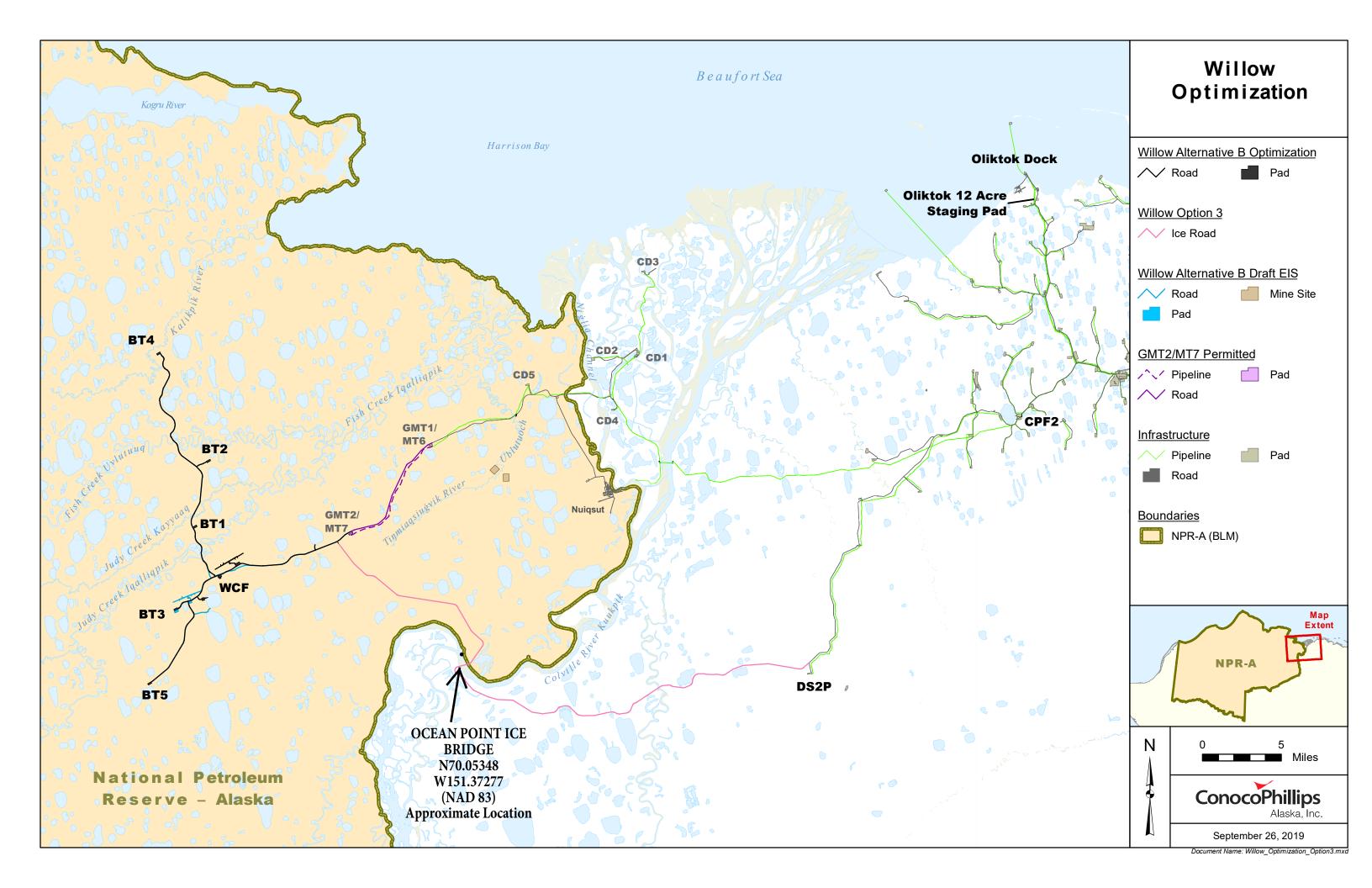
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## Appendix A - WILLOW OPTIMIZATION OPTION 3



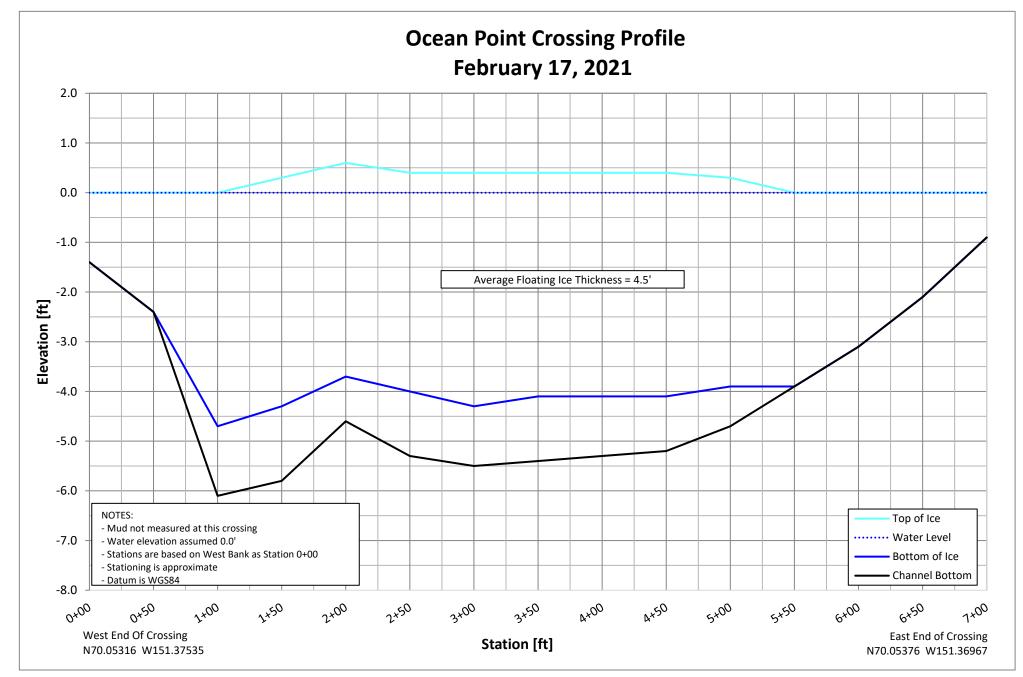


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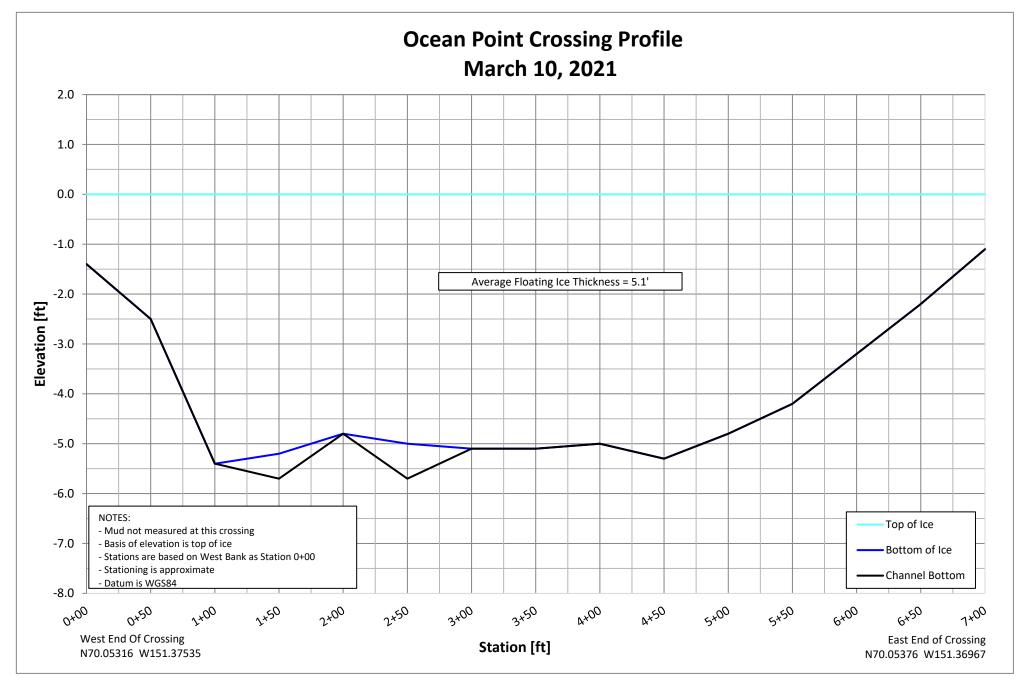
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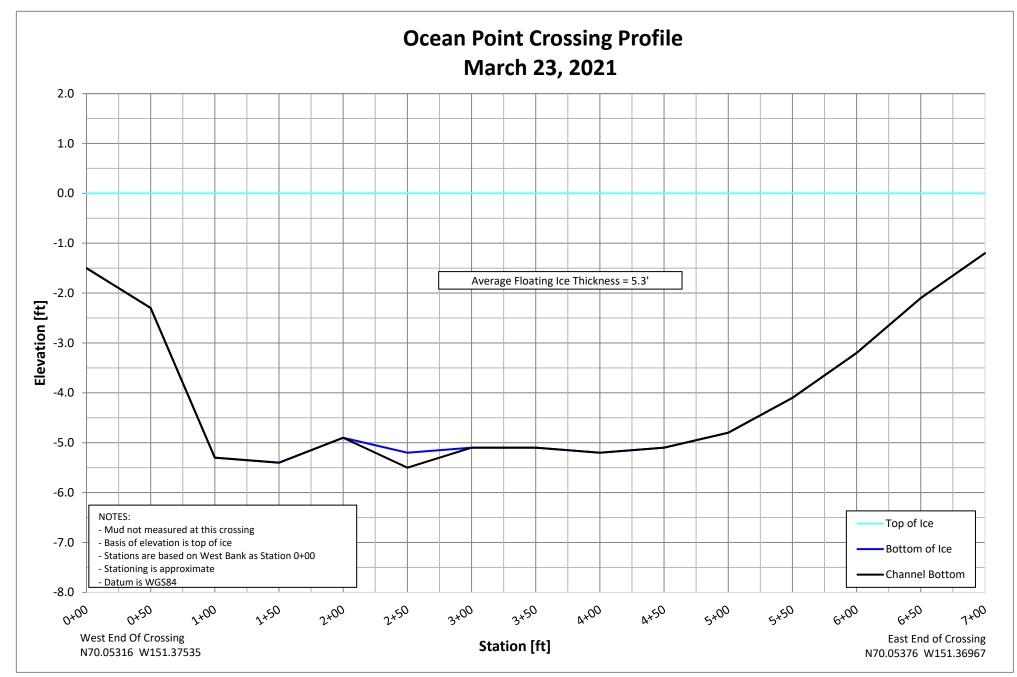




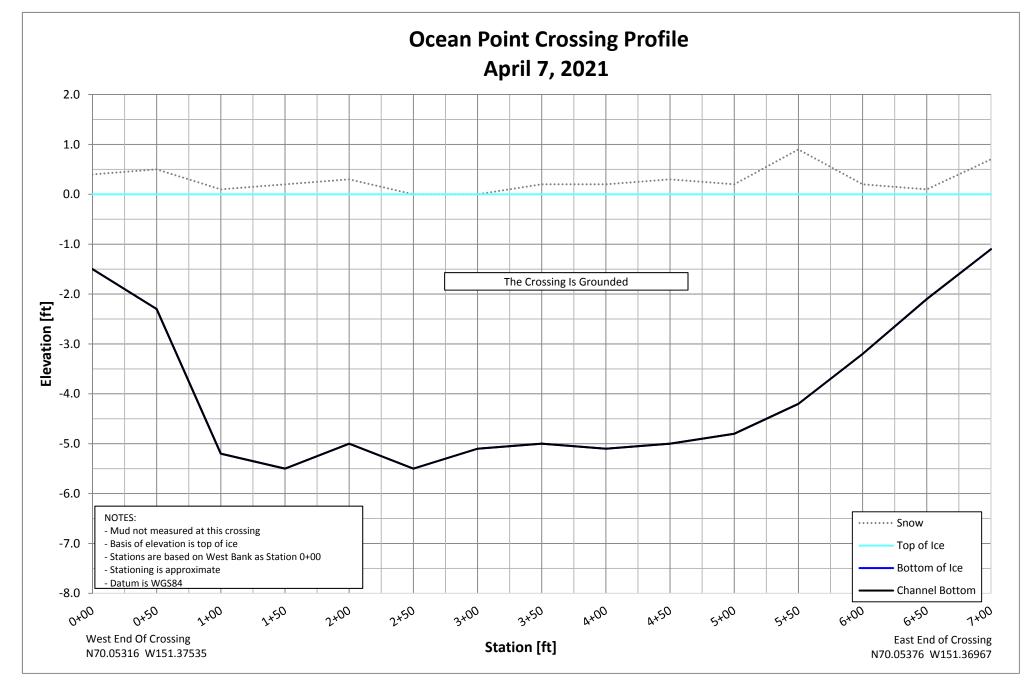




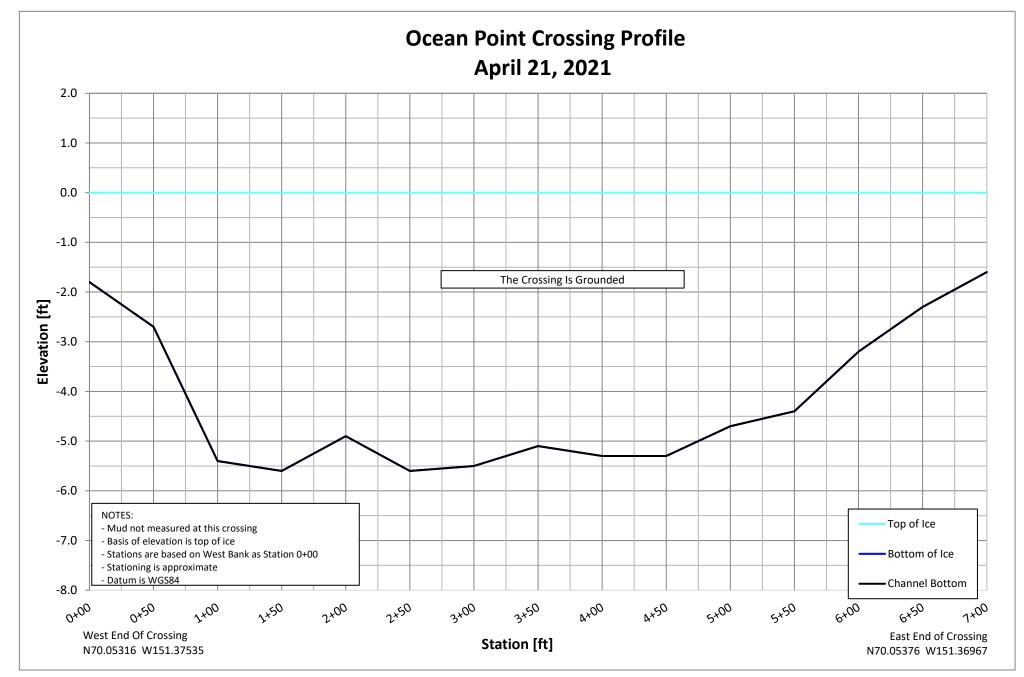












## Appendix C - MBI WILLOW ICE ROAD - OCEAN POINT WATER RESOURCES FIELD INVESTIGATION



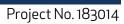


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#### **ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS**

% sat percent saturation °C degrees Celsius

cfs cubic feet per second

COPA ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.

DO dissolved oxygen

ft feet

ft/s feet per second

μS/cm microsiemens per centimeter

mg/L milligrams per liter

Michael Baker International

NAVD88 North American Vertical Datum of 1988

Ocean Point the South transect, Transect #1, the Rolligon crossing, the west crossing, the

Upstream upstream crossing, Ocean Point South

Peak Oilfield Services Company

ppt parts per thousand

Q discharge UMIAQ UMIAQ, LLC

USGS United States Geological Survey

Willow Project

WSE water surface elevation



#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Michael Baker International (Michael Baker) collected water resources data for Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. (COPA) in support of the Willow Project (Willow). The proposed ice road crossing of the Colville River was investigated at Ocean Point. During winter of 2021, data was collected in four field events. This report summarizes the methods and results of that effort.

ICE Design & Consult (ICE), Peak, and UMIAQ, LLC (UMIAQ) provided support during the field program and contributed to a safe and productive field season.

#### 2.0 CROSSING LOCATION

The Ocean Point Upstream transect near Ocean Point was investigated this year and is shown in Figure 1. This transect was selected based on shallow water depths relative to the other transects investigated in previous years. Ocean Point Upstream (also historically referred to as "Transect #1", the "Rolligon crossing", the "west crossing", the "upstream crossing", "Ocean Point South") is an historic ice and snow road crossing location. It was the location of a snow road during the 2018-2019 season and an ice road crossing for Cruz Construction during the 2020-21 season. This is the preferred proposed crossing location.

Table 1 provides a summary of dates and data collected at the transect. Table 2 provides a summary of measurements collected.

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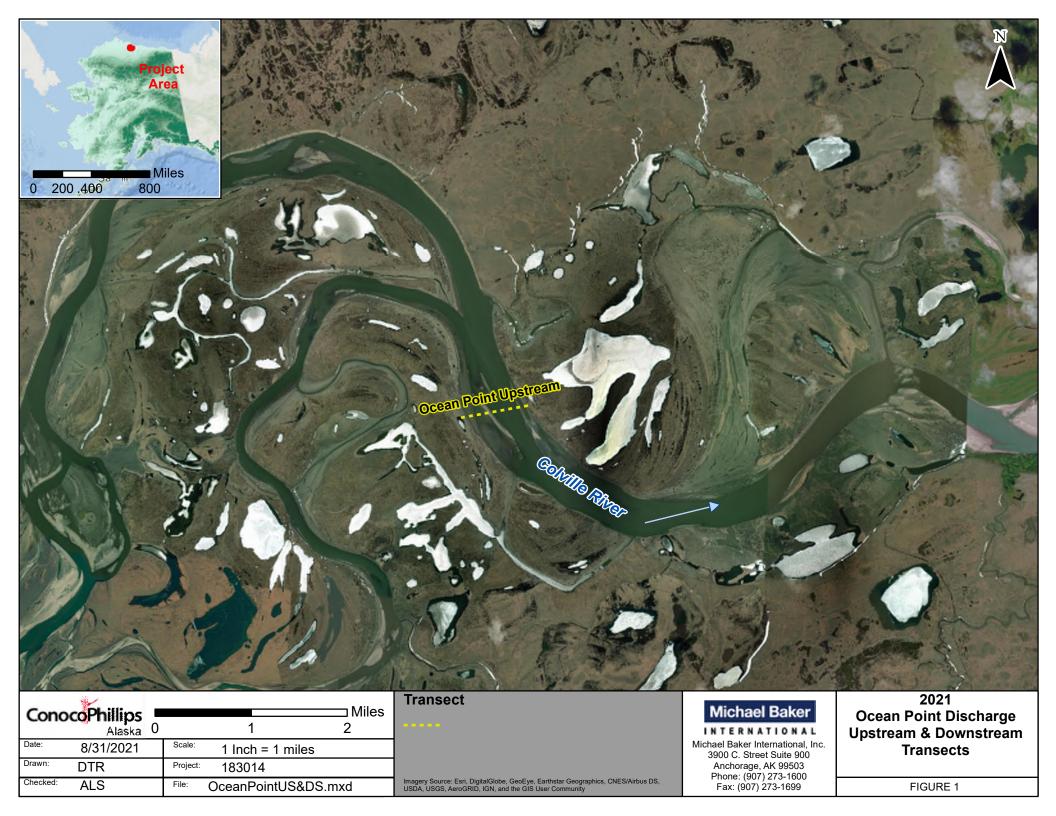
Table 1: Field Events



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**Table 2: Data Collected** 

Data Collected		Units	
	water depth	feet	ft
	water depth, under ice	feet	ft
	ice thickness	feet	ft
	snow depth	feet	ft
Discharge	freeboard¹	feet	ft
	flow width	feet	ft
	flow cross-sectional area	square feet	sqft
	velocity	feet per second	ft/s
	discharge	cubic feet per second	cfs
	temperature	degrees Celsius	°C
	conductivity	microSiemens per centimeter	μS/cm
Water Quality	specific conductance	microSiemens per centimeter	μS/cm
water Quality	salinity	parts per thousand	ppt
	dissolved oxygen	percent saturation	% sat
	dissolved oxygen	milligrams per liter	mg/L
Water Surface Elevation	water surface elevation	feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988	ft NAVD88





#### 3.0 METHODS

Field sampling methods were based on United States Geological Survey (USGS 2006a and 2006b) methods. Safety precautions were followed using the North Slope Water Resources 2020 Health, Safety, and Environment Plan (Michael Baker 2020a) and the 2020-2021 Winter Hydrology Programs – Job Safety Analysis (Michael Baker 2020b).

Measuring discharge under ice cover is subject to limitations not applicable to open water measurements. Unlike open water where it is obvious where the edge of water exists, it is not possible to see the extents of the cross-sectional area of flow under the ice. Further, it is not possible to profile the entire measurable cross-section since velocity measurements are limited to only where holes are drilled through the ice. It is assumed that the cross-sectional area is reasonably uniform upstream, downstream, and between measurement stations. However, the potential exists for "unseen" grounded or relatively shallow areas which would influence measured velocity direction and magnitude if occurring upstream or downstream of a measurement station. Grounded areas between measurement stations would reduce the estimated cross-sectional area of flow and resulting discharge.

Four field trips were performed to investigate the trend in discharge and water quality over the course of the ice-cover season. The ice-cover season typically initiates with freeze-up in mid-October and ends with spring breakup in mid-May. Ice-cover field events were one day apiece. The trips ranged from Mid-February to the end of April.

A one-person Michael Baker field crew conducted all events, supported by an ICE engineer who performed crossing bathymetric profiling. UMIAQ and Peak provided transportation to the sampling locations and general field support. The sites were accessed by Hägglund and Rolligon.

Thermal drill probing was performed by ICE to identify the extents of under-ice water bounded by ice grounded against the channel bed. Water measurements were facilitated by mechanically drilling through the river ice. Investigation of soils or groundwater within the channel bed was not performed. Discharge was determined using USGS mid-section techniques. Velocity was measured using a handheld Hach flow meter. This was attached to a fixed rod and lowered to 0.6 the water depth below the ice. In-situ water quality measurements were collected at the deepest section. Field crew used a YSI ProSolo meter to collect temperature, conductivity, salinity, and dissolved oxygen. Measurements were taken at multiple depths throughout the water column, if possible.

Previously submitted ice cover season field data is provided in Attachment A.



Photo 3.1: Crew setting up GPS at Ocean Point; 2/17/21



#### 4.0 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

A summary of Colville River Ocean Point water resources information collected during the 2020-2021 winter field season is provided below. No overflow, aufeis, or evidence of any other notable hydraulic occurrence was observed at the transect during the ice-cover field events. Discharge decreased as the ice-cover season progressed.

#### 4.1 DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS

The first field event occurred on February 17. ICE profiled the crossing and Michael Baker measured velocity through 3 holes before both transport vehicles experienced mechanical issues in the cold temperatures. The trip was aborted before all data was collected. The average velocity was applied to the profile ICE collected to get an estimated discharge of 13.8 cfs.

The second trip occur on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The field crew was able to collect discharge and water quality measurements at the crossing. This included under-ice cross-sectional bathymetric profiles, discharge, velocity, water depth, ice thickness, water surface elevation, site conditions related to overflow, and insitu water quality. The channel ice was grounded out in the middle of the channel creating 2 flow paths. The discharge was measured at 0.7 cfs.

On the third and fourth trip, April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>, the channel ice was completely grounded, leaving no liquid water. Colville River discharges measured at Ocean Point are provided in Table 3.

		C	Ocean Point	Upstream		
Date	Average Ice Thickness (ft)	Average Water Depth Under Ice (ft)	Effective Width (ft)	Average Velocity (ft/s)	Measured Discharge (cfs)	Rating
	1.6		450	0.00	42.01	
2/17/2021	4.6	1.1	450	0.03	13.8 <sup>1</sup>	poor
3/10/2021	5.0	0.4	118	0.01	0.7	poor
4/8/2021			_2			
4/21/2021			_2		-	_
Notes:						
1. Water velocity was a	veraged to estim	nate discharge.				

**Table 3: Colville River Discharge Summary** 

#### 4.2 WATER QUALITY MEASUREMENTS

2. Channel was grounded out by ice.

Water quality measurements were collected on March  $10^{th}$ . Slightly elevated salinity and conductivity measurements suggest this location may have had minor coastal influence this year. Though this year's values show an increase from 2019-2020 ice-cover seasons (average conductivity was 257  $\mu$ S/cm), results are at the upper limits of freshwater. This year, the brackish water moved up the Colville River sooner than past years. The dissolved oxygen measurement was typical of water bodies under the influence of ice cover because ice prevents the introduction and mixing of atmospheric oxygen into the water.



**Table 4: Colville River Ocean Point Water Quality Summary** 

			Ocean P	oint Wate	er Qualit	у	
	total depth	temperature	conductivity	specific conductance	dissolved oxygen	dissolved oxygen	salinity
Date	(ft)	(°C)	(μS/cm)	(μS/cm)	(mg/L)	(%)	(ppt)
2/17/2021				_1			
3/10/2021	4.6	-0.1	509	1,002	4.4	30.4	0.47
4/8/2021				_2			
4/21/2021				_2			

#### Notes:

- 1. Aborted measurement due to vehicle issues.
- 2. Channel ice was grounded out.

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### Attachment A Field Data



### **Discharge Measurement Notes**

Location Name:	Со	lville River at Ocean	Point - Transect	<b>#1</b>	Date Collected:	2/17/2021
Field Party:	S. Orizotti, Roy Bald	win (UMIAQ)	Computed By:	D. Roe	Checked By:	D. Roe
Start Time: 12:15	Finish Time:	14:30 Weather:	wi	nds 10 mph	Temp:	-34 °F
<b>Channel Characteristi</b>	cs: Effective	Width: 450	ft	Av	erage Velocity:0.03_fp	os
	Effectiv	/e Area: 495	sq ft		Discharge:13.8 cf	s
Measurement Details:	Method:	Midsection;	0.6 depth	Numb	per of Sections: 10	
	Crossing: Wading	Cable Under Ice	Boat	Meter:	HACH FH950	
Side	of bridge: Upstr	eam Downst	tream N/A	] .	N/A ft above bottom of	f weight
	GAGE REAL			Weight:	N/A lbs	
Gage	Start	Finish	Change	Count:	N/A	
					N/A revolutions	
					after N/A m	inutes
Measurement Rated:	Excellent	Good Fair	Poor based	on "Descriptions"		
Descriptions:						
From Field Notes:	Ice grounded out fr	om stations 0+00 to	0+50 and 5+50 to	7+00. Velocity me	asurements were taken at	1+00, 1+25,
					Ice design was able to pro	
					discharge. Survey was no	
vehicle issues.						
Calculation Notes:	Average velocity ac	djusted by coefficien	t of 0.92 to accour	nt for measurement	s collected at 0.6 feet of de	epth

# Colville River at Ocean Point Transect #1 Date Collected: 02/17/2021

Distance				Managemana						VELO	CITY		
from initial point	Total Depth	Ice Thickness	Freeboard	Measurement Depth Below Top of Ice	Effective Depth	Section Width	Effective Area	V1	V2	V3	Average V	Adjusted Average V	Discharge
(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(fps)	(fps)	(fps)	(fps)	(fps)	(cfs)
0+00	1.4	1.4					grou	ınded					
0+50	2.4	2.4					grou	ınded					
1+00	5.3	4.7	0.1	5.1	0.6	37.5	22.5	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.3
1+25	6.5	5.0	0.2	5.9	1.5	25.0	37.5	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	1.4
1+50	5.9	4.7	0.2	5.4	1.2	37.5	45.0	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.4
2+00	5.2	4.3	-	4.8	0.9	50.0	45.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.2
2+50	5.7	4.4	-	5.2	1.3	50.0	65.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.8
3+00	5.9	4.7	-	5.4	1.2	50.0	60.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.7
3+50	5.8	4.5	-	5.3	1.3	50.0	65.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.8
4+00	5.7	4.5	-	5.2	1.2	50.0	60.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.7
4+50	5.6	4.5	-	5.2	1.1	50.0	55.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.5
5+00	5.0	4.2	-	4.7	0.8	50.0	40.0	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	1.1
5+50	3.9	3.9					grou	ınded					
6+00	3.1	3.1					grou	ınded					
6+50	2.1	2.1					grou	ınded					
7+00	0.9	0.9					grou	ınded					

**Total Estimated Discharge:** 

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Project Name: Ocean Point Discharge Field Personnel: S. Orizotti
Project Number: 183014 Date Collected: February 17, 2021

#### **Velocity Measurement**

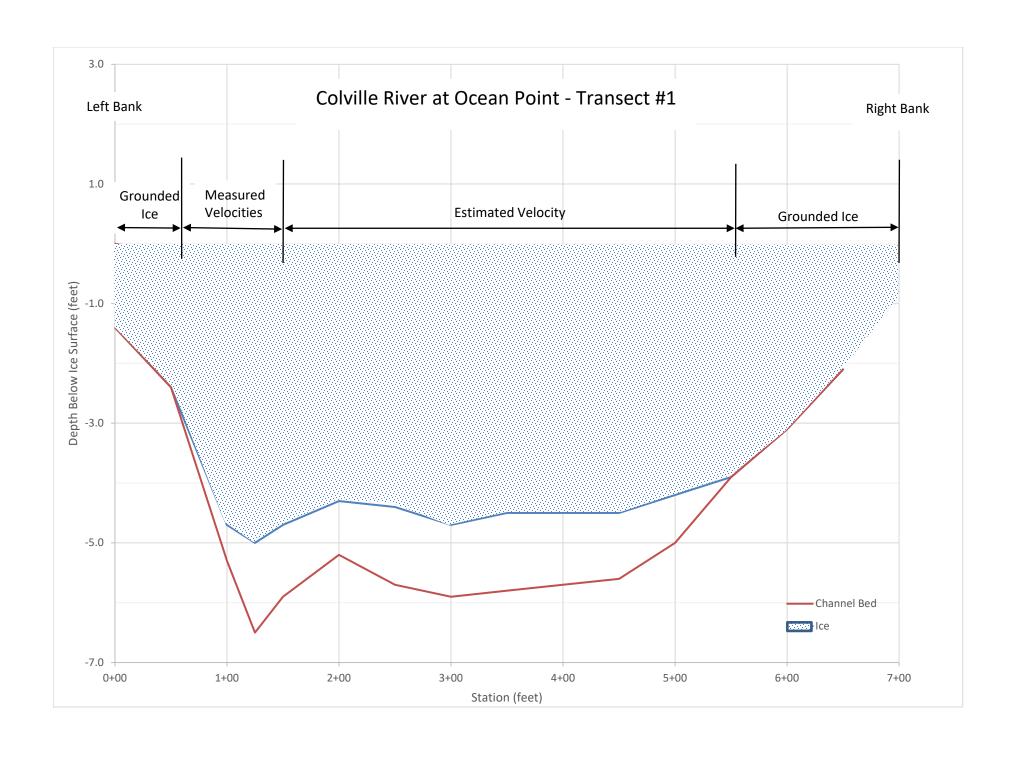
**Location:** Colville River Transect #1 near Ocean Point **Method:** under ice; 0.6 depth **Weather:** -34°F, 10 mph wind **Method:** under ice; 0.6 depth **Method:** under ice; 0.6 depth

Station	Location (NAD83)	Ice Thickness (ft)	Under Ice Water Depth (ft)	Velocity (ft/s)
0+00	West/Right Bank; N70.053213 W151.375216	1.4	grounded	-
0+50	-	2.4	grounded	-
1+00	-	4.7	0.6	0.01
1+25	-	5	1.5	0.04
1+50	-	4.7	1.2	0.03
2+00	-	4.3	0.9	0.03*
2+50	-	4.4	1.3	0.03*
3+00	-	4.7	1.2	0.03*
3+50	-	4.5	1.3	0.03*
4+00	-	4.5	1.2	0.03*
4+50	-	4.5	1.1	0.03*
5+00	-	4.2	0.8	0.03*
5+50	-	3.9	grounded	-
6+00	-	3.1	grounded	-
6+50	-	2.1	grounded	-
7+00	East/Left Bank; N70.053813 W151.369598	0.9	grounded	-

**Survey:** Vehicle issues arose before survey could commence.

**Notes:** Velocities were taken at station 1+00, 1+25 and 1+50. The average velocity was 0.03 ft/sec in that section and was applied to the other stations to estimate the discharge.







#### **Discharge Measurement Notes**

Location Name:	Co	lville River at Ocea	n Point - Transect	#1	Date Collected:	3/10/2021
Field Party:	K. Braun, J. Varga	a (UMIAQ)	Computed By:	S. Orizotti	Checked By:	D. Roe
Start Time: 11:17	Finish Time:	13:00 Weather	: winds	15 mph, Sunny	Temp:	20 °F
Channel Characteristic	cs: Effective	e Width: 118	<u>8.</u> ft	Ave	erage Velocity:0.01_fp:	S
	Effectiv	/e Area: 55	5 sq ft		Discharge: 0.7 cfs	5
Measurement Details:	Method:	Midsection	n; 0.6 depth	Numb	er of Sections: 6	
	Crossing: Wading	Cable Under Ice	Boat	Meter:	HACH FH950	
Side	of bridge: Upstr	eam Downs	stream N/A	] .	N/A ft above bottom of	weight
	GAGE REAL			Weight:	N/A lbs	
Gage Sta 1+00	Start 4.18 ft NAVD88	Finish -	Change RTK survey	Count:	N/A	
				Spin Test:	N/A revolutions	
					after N/A mi	nutes
Measurement Rated:	Excellent	Good Fair	Poor based	on "Descriptions"		
Descriptions:						
From Field Notes:	Ice grounded out fr	om stations 0+00 to	o 1+00 and 3+00 to	7+00. Ice was not	grounded out at station 2+	50.
Freeboard ranged from	1.0 to 1.4 feet below	w the ice.				
Calculation Notes:	Average velocity as	diusted by coefficien	nt of 0.92 to accour	nt for measurements	s collected at 0.6 feet of de	eoth
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#### Colville River at Ocean Point Transect #1 Date Collected: 03/10/2021

Distance				Measurement						VELO	CITY	•	
from initial point	Total Depth	lce Thickness	Freeboard	Depth Below Top of Ice	Effective Depth	Section Width	Effective Area	V1	V2	V3	Average V	Adjusted Average V	Discharge
(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(fps)	(fps)	(fps)	(fps)	(fps)	(cfs)
0+00	1.4	1.4					grou	unded					
0+50	2.5	2.5					grou	unded					
0+75	-	ı					grou	unded					_
1+00	6.0	5.5	1.4	5.7	0.5	25.0	12.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
1+25	5.7	4.9	1.4	5.4	0.8	25.0	20.0	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.4
1+50	5.7	5.2	1.0	5.5	0.5	20.0	10.0	-0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.0
1+65	4.9	4.5	1.1	4.7	0.4	12.5	5.0	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1
1+75	4.8	4.6	1.4	4.7	0.2	10.0	2.0	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.0
1+85	-	-				•	grou	unded					
2+00	4.8	4.8					grou	unded					
2+25	4.8	4.8					grou	unded					
2+50	5.4	5.2	1.4	5.3	0.2	25.0	5.0	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.2
2+75	-	-					grou	unded		•	•		
3+00	5.1	5.1					grou	unded					
3+50	5.1	5.1					grou	unded					
4+00	5.0	5.0					grou	unded					
4+50	5.3	5.3					grou	unded					
5+00	4.8	4.8					grou	unded					
5+50	4.2	4.2					grou	unded					
6+00	3.2	3.2					grou	unded					
6+50	2.2	2.2					grou	unded					
7+00	1.1	1.1					grou	unded					

Project Name: Ocean Point Discharge Field Personnel: K. Braun Project Number: 183014 Date Collected: March 10, 2021

#### **Velocity Measurement**

**Location:** Colville River Transect #1 near Ocean Point **Method:** under ice; 0.6 depth

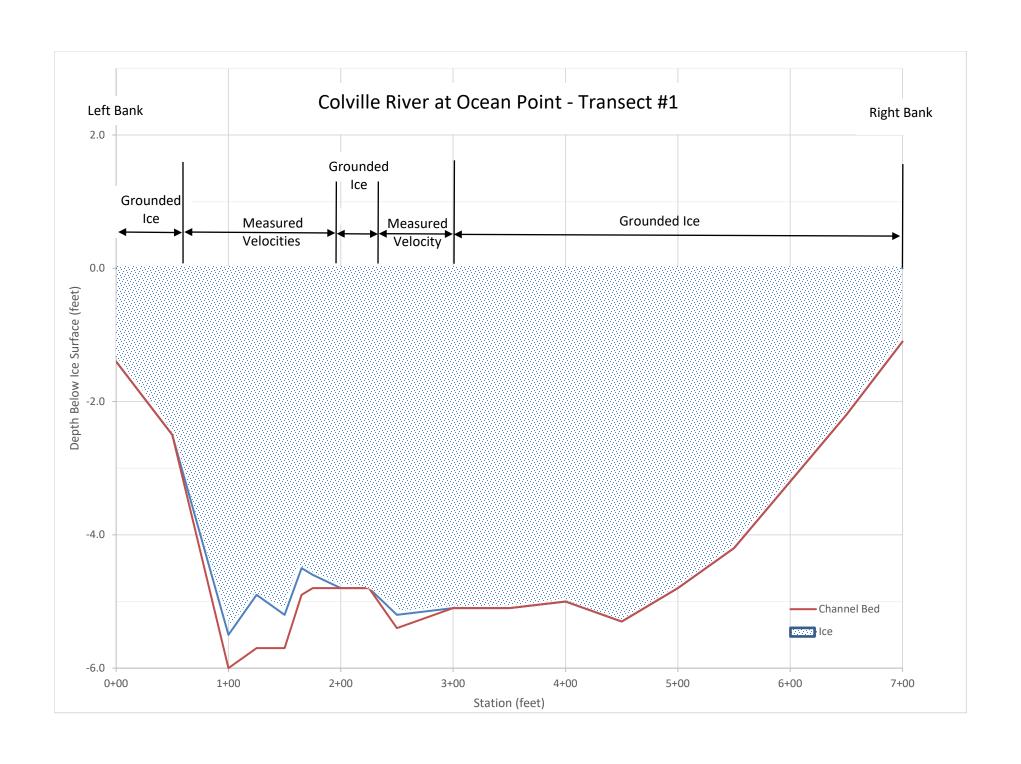
Weather: 20°F, 15 mph wind Meter: HACH FH950

Station	Location (NAD83)	Ice Thickness (ft)	Under Ice Water Depth (ft)	Velocity (ft/s)
0+00	West/Right Bank; N70.053213 W151.375216	1.4	grounded	-
0+50	-	2.5	grounded	-
0+75		1	grounded	
1+00	-	5.5	0.5	0.00
1+25	-	4.9	0.8	0.02
1+50	-	5.2	0.5	0.00
1+65		4.5	0.4	0.01
1+75	-	4.6	0.2	0.02
1+85	-	1	grounded	-
2+00	-	4.8	grounded	-
2+25		4.8	grounded	-
2+50	-	5.2	0.2	0.03
2+75		1	grounded	
3+00	-	5.1	grounded	-
3+50	-	5.1	grounded	-
4+00	-	5	grounded	-
4+50	-	5.3	grounded	-
5+00	-	4.8	grounded	-
5+50	-	4.2	grounded	-
6+00	-	3.2	grounded	-
6+50	-	2.2	grounded	-
7+00	East/Left Bank; N70.053813 W151.369598	1.1	grounded	-

**Survey:** Water surface elevation surveyed at station 1+00 = 4.18 ft NAVD88. Average ice elevation was 5.4 ft and the average water surface elevation was 4.1 ft.

**Notes:** All water columns were less than 0.8 feet deep. Velocity measurements were collected with a Hach electromagnetic velocity meter. Postive freeboard occurred between stations 1+00 through 1+75 and at 2+50, averaging 1.3' below the ice surface. Water quality parameters were taken at Sta 1+00.





# Colville River at Ocean Point-Transect #1 Water Quality

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									Sample Date:	March 10, 2021
Location & Time	Water Depth (ft)		Freeboard (ft)	Sample Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	Conductivity (μS/cm)	Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	DO (% Saturation)	Salinity (ppt)
Sta 1+00 N70.05329° W151.37445° 11:20 AM	4.6	5.5	1.4	4.0	-0.1	509	1,002	4.44	30.4	0.5

#### Notes:

- (1) Sample location coordinates referenced to NAD83 datum.
- (2) Freeboard is the distance from the top of ice to the water surface.
- (3) Sample depth is measured from the water surface.
- (4) Temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity were measured using a YSI ProSolo meter.
- (5) Specific conductance (referenced to 25°C) was obtained using a conversion coefficient of 0.0196 based on empirical data.
- (6) Time shown indicates the start of the measurement.
- (7) Temperature measurements have an accuracy of +/- 0.2°C

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# Appendix D

## - OCEAN POINT ICE BRIDGE DESIGN DRAWINGS



