

SEA LEVEL RISE IMPACTS to Humboldt Bay's Agricultural Lands



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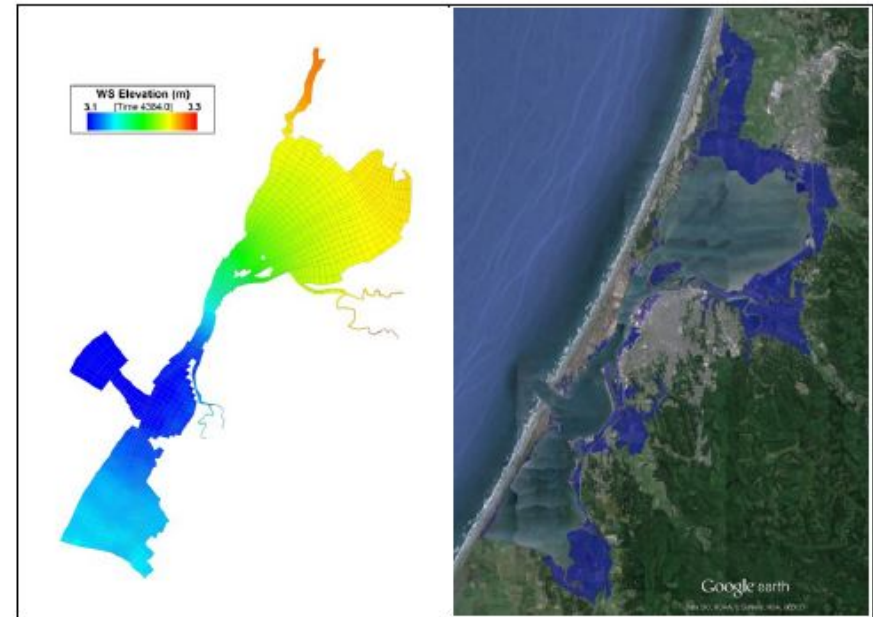
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Humboldt Bay: Sea Level Rise, Hydrodynamic Modeling, and Inundation Vulnerability Mapping

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Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Project

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- **Shoreline Inventory, Mapping and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment; 2013**
- **Sea Level Rise, Hydrodynamic Modeling, and Inundation Vulnerability Mapping; 2015**
- **Humboldt Bay Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning: Working Group and Agricultural Lands Assessment; 2015**



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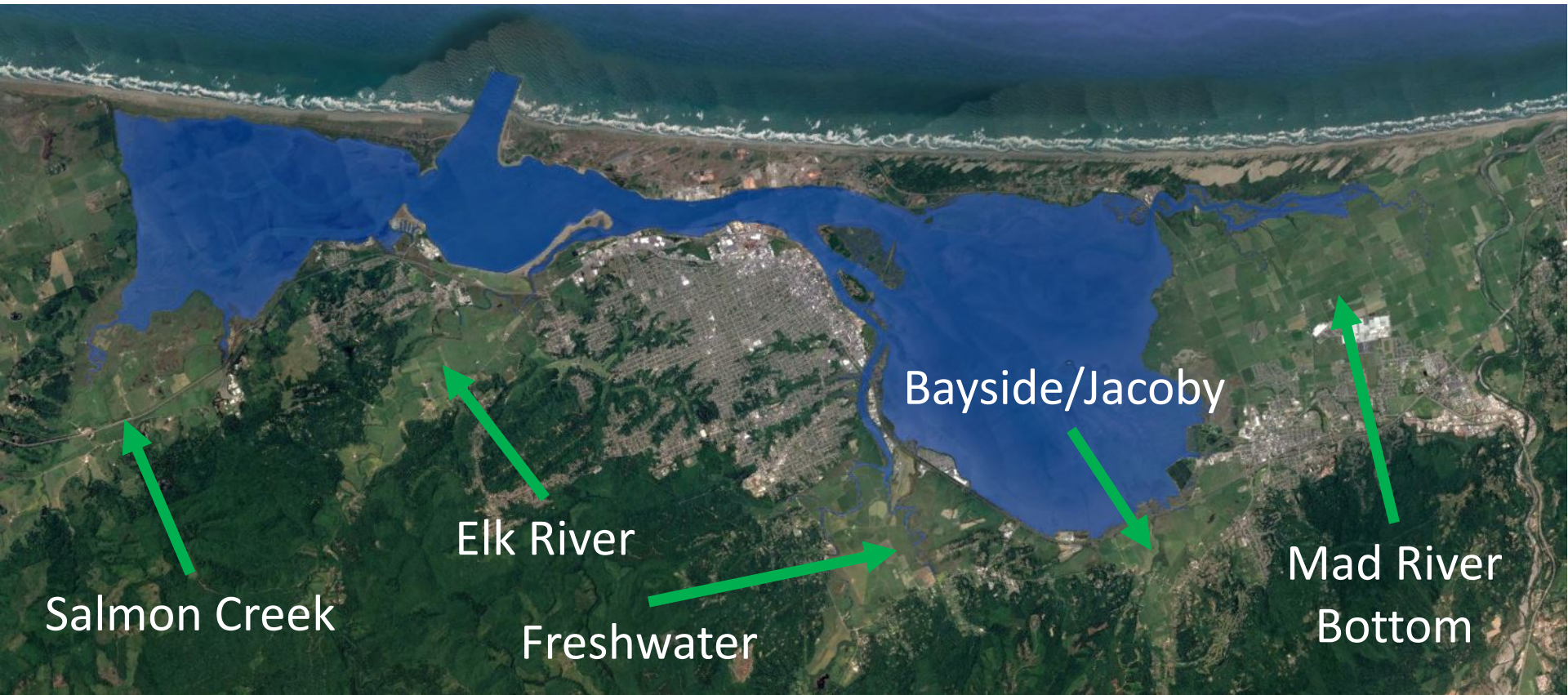
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Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Planning

- **City of Eureka, Funding by OPC**
- **City of Arcata, Funding by CCC**
- **Humboldt County, Funding by CCC**

**Caltrans District 1 Climate Change Pilot Study:
Arcata Bay Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment
and Adaptation Planning**

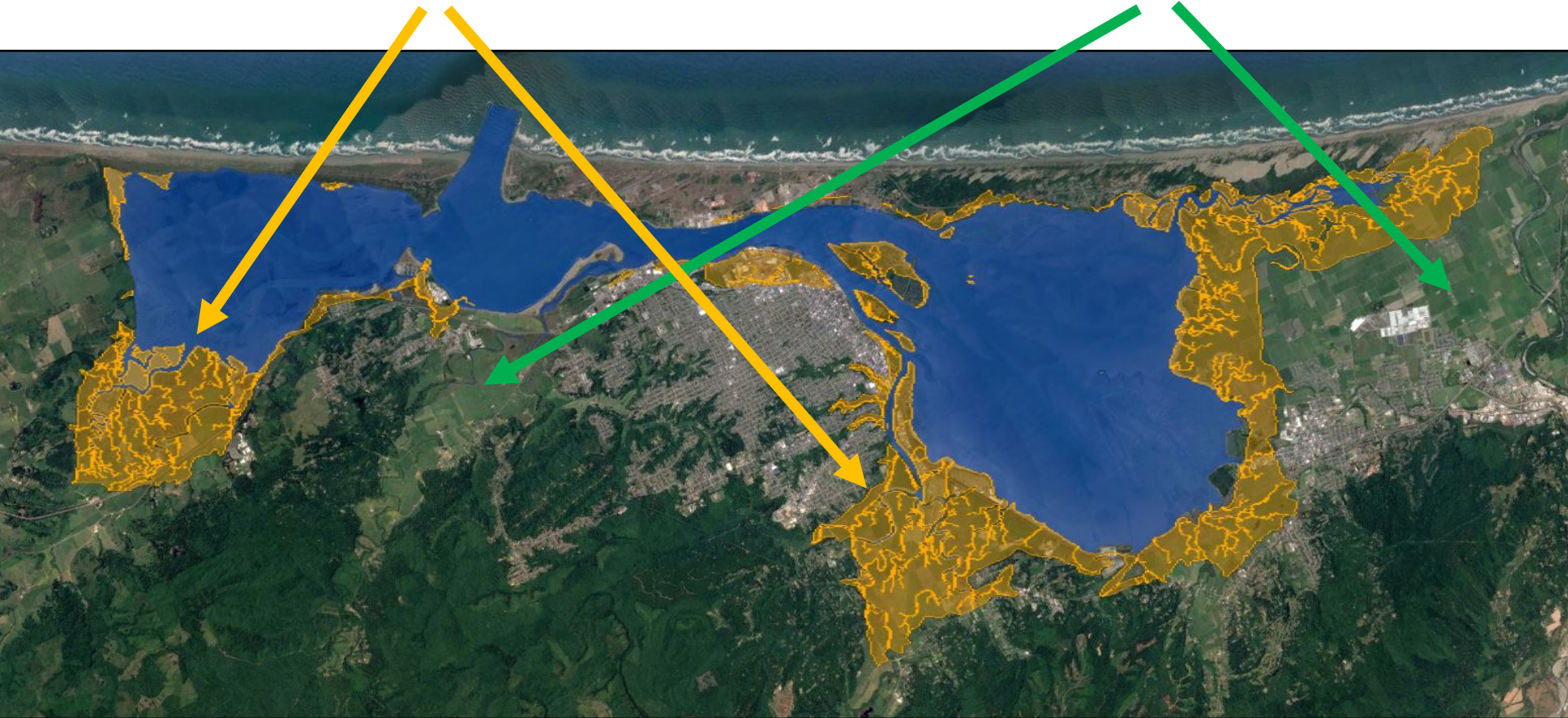
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Alluvial Soils



HUMBOLDT BAY-HYDROLOGIC UNITS

2.0 Meters (6.6') of Sea Level Rise ~ 14 feet NAVD88



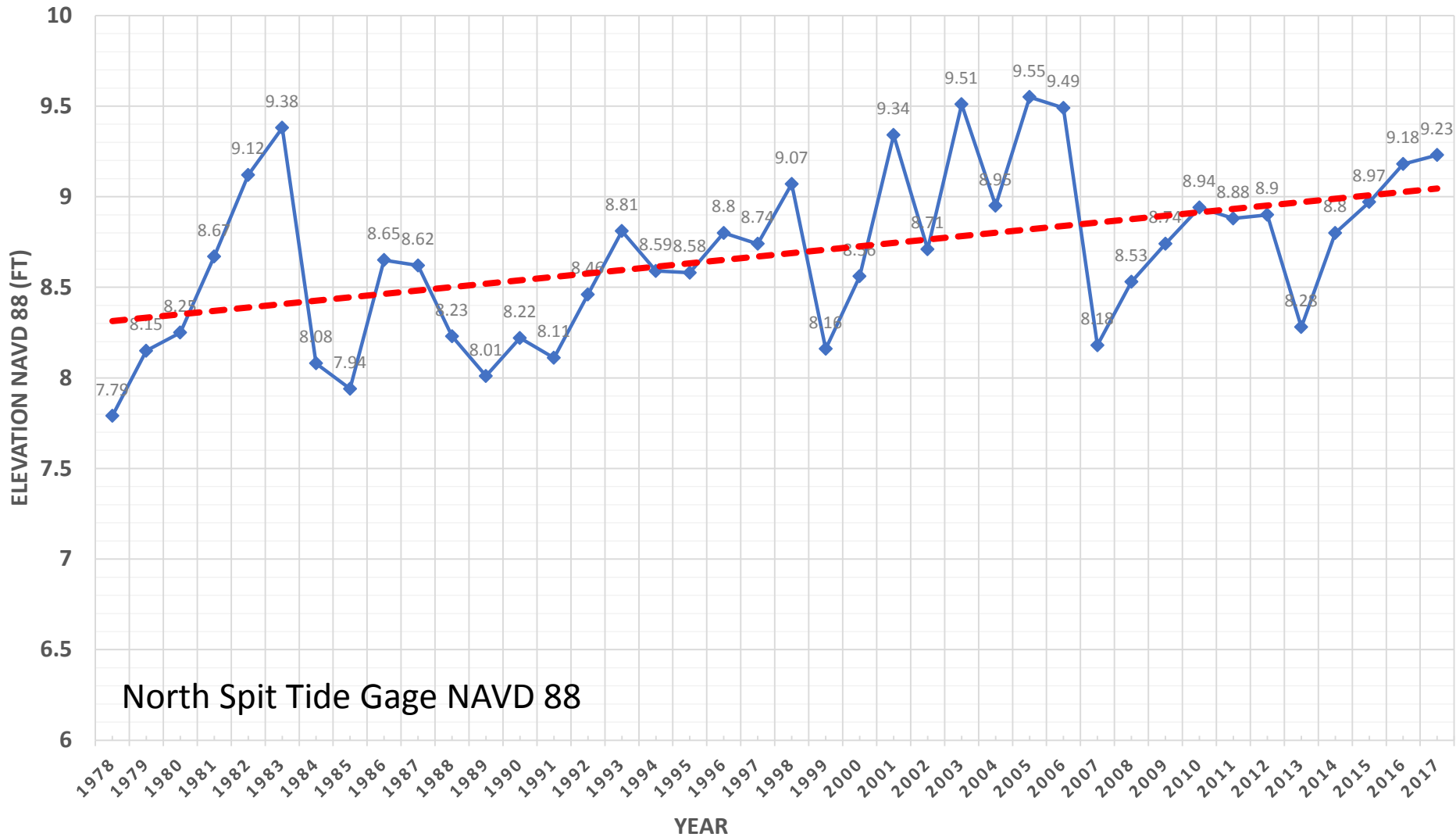
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Annual Maximum Tides



TIDAL INUNDATION



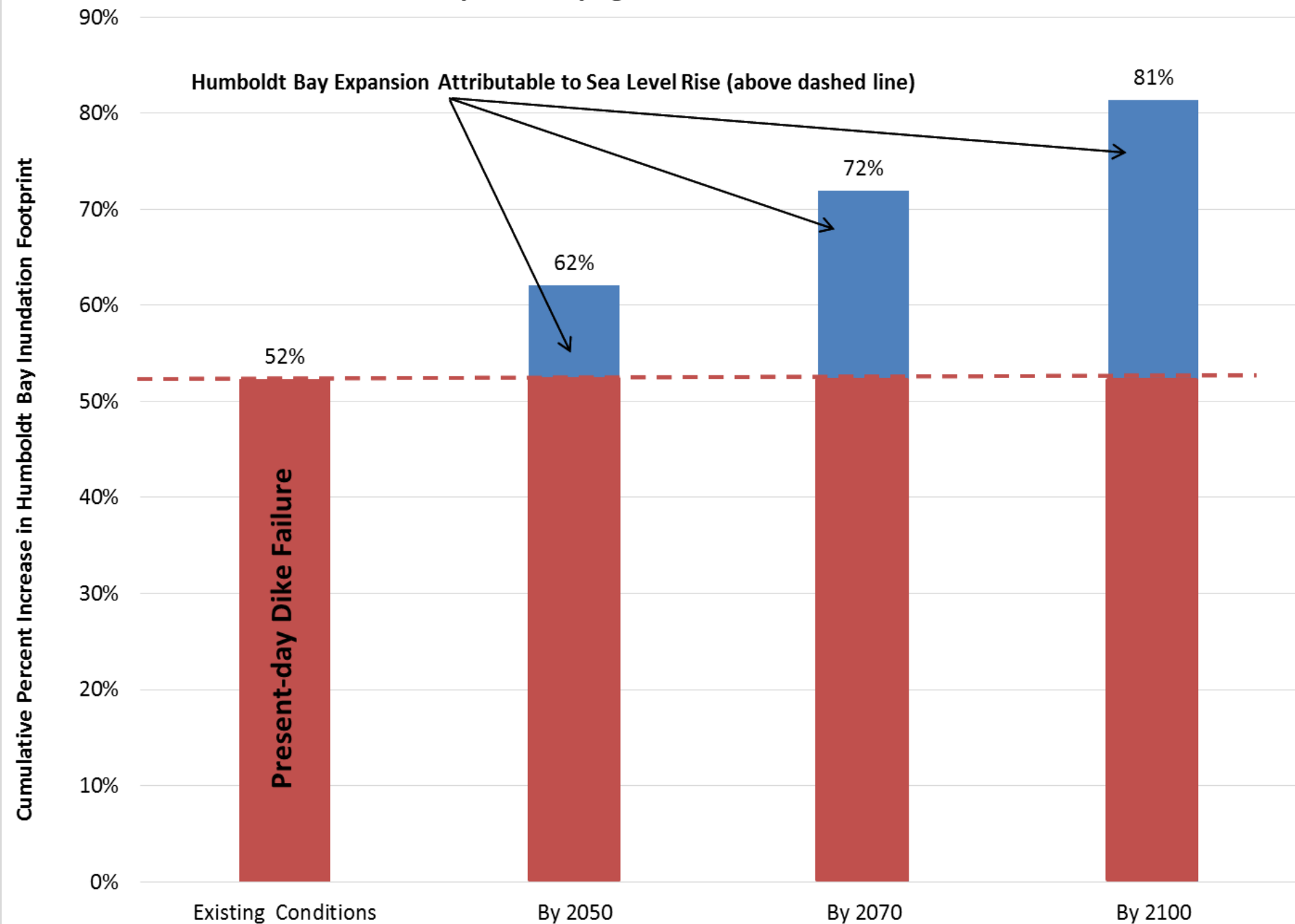
King Tide 9.51' 2003

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DIKED SHORELINE

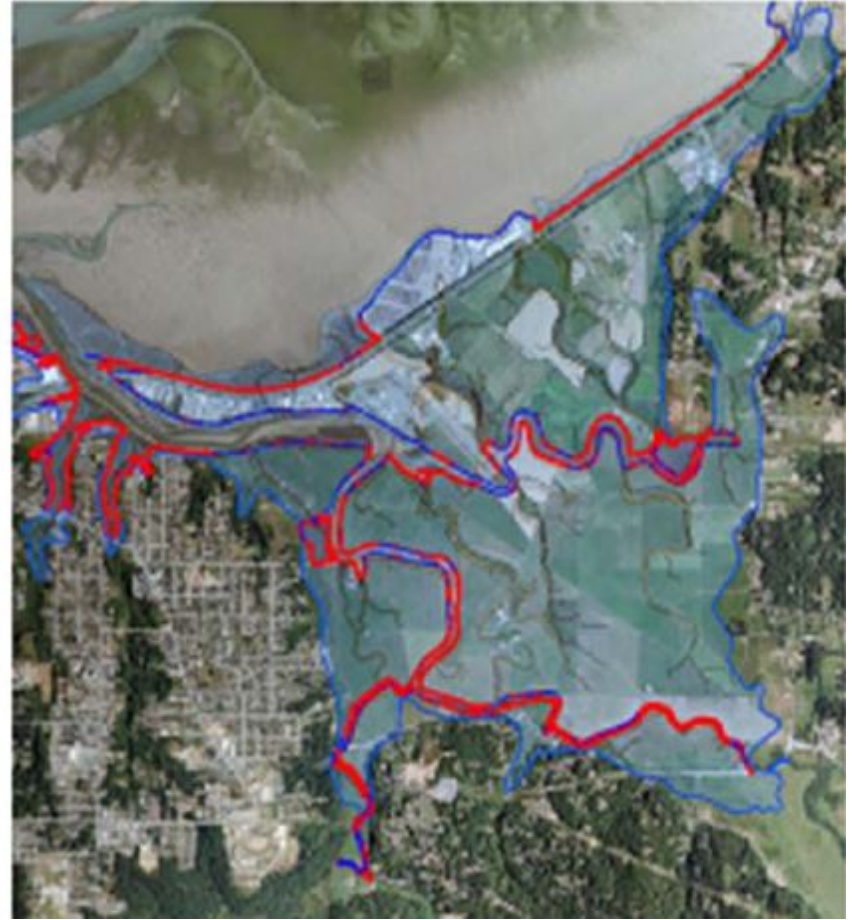


Vulnerability of Low-Lying Former Tidelands to Inundation



SHORELINE OVERTOPPING

2.0 Feet vs 3.0 Feet of SLR

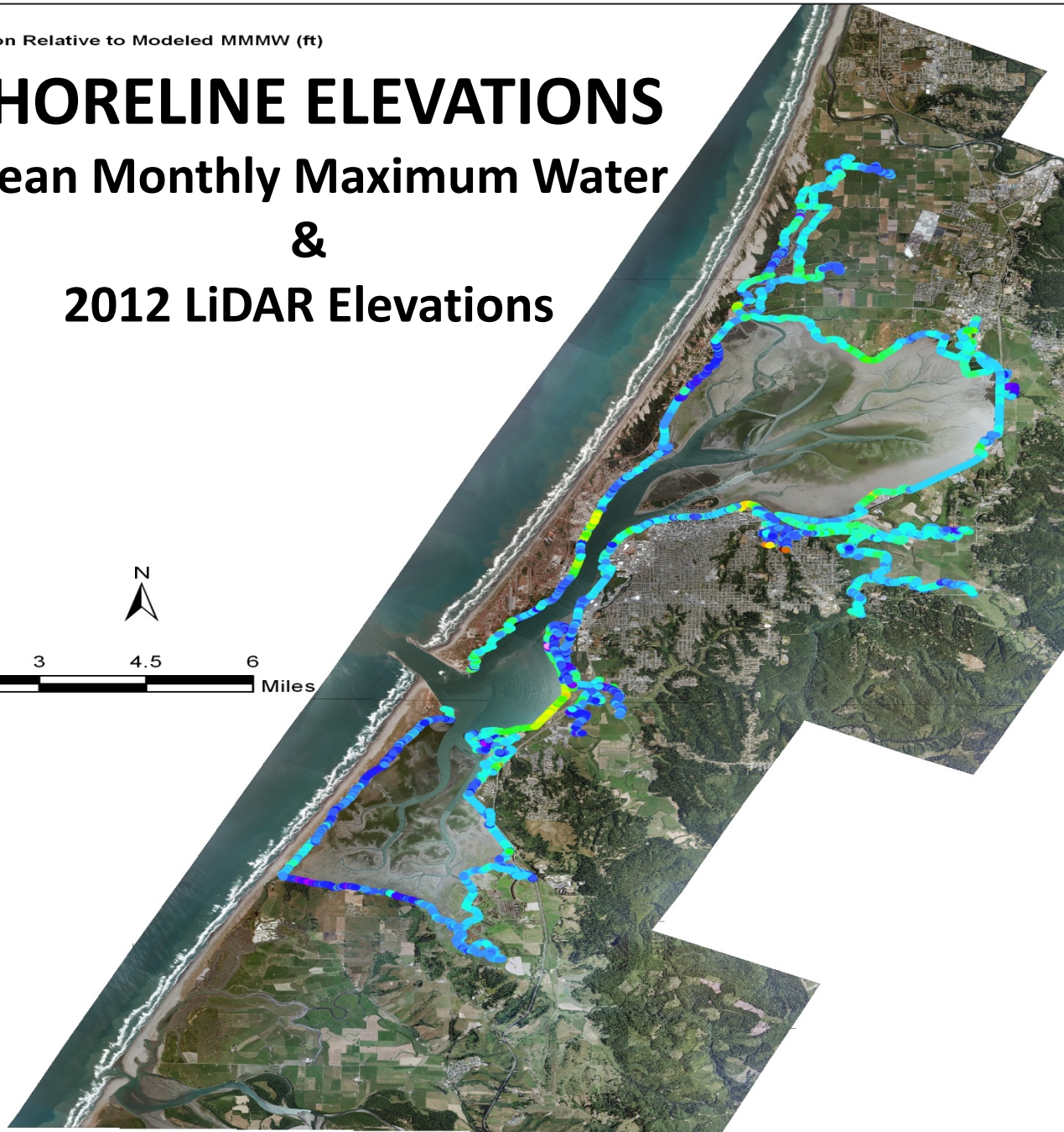
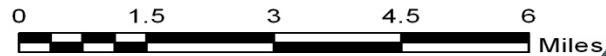


Average Elevation Relative to Modeled MMMW (ft)

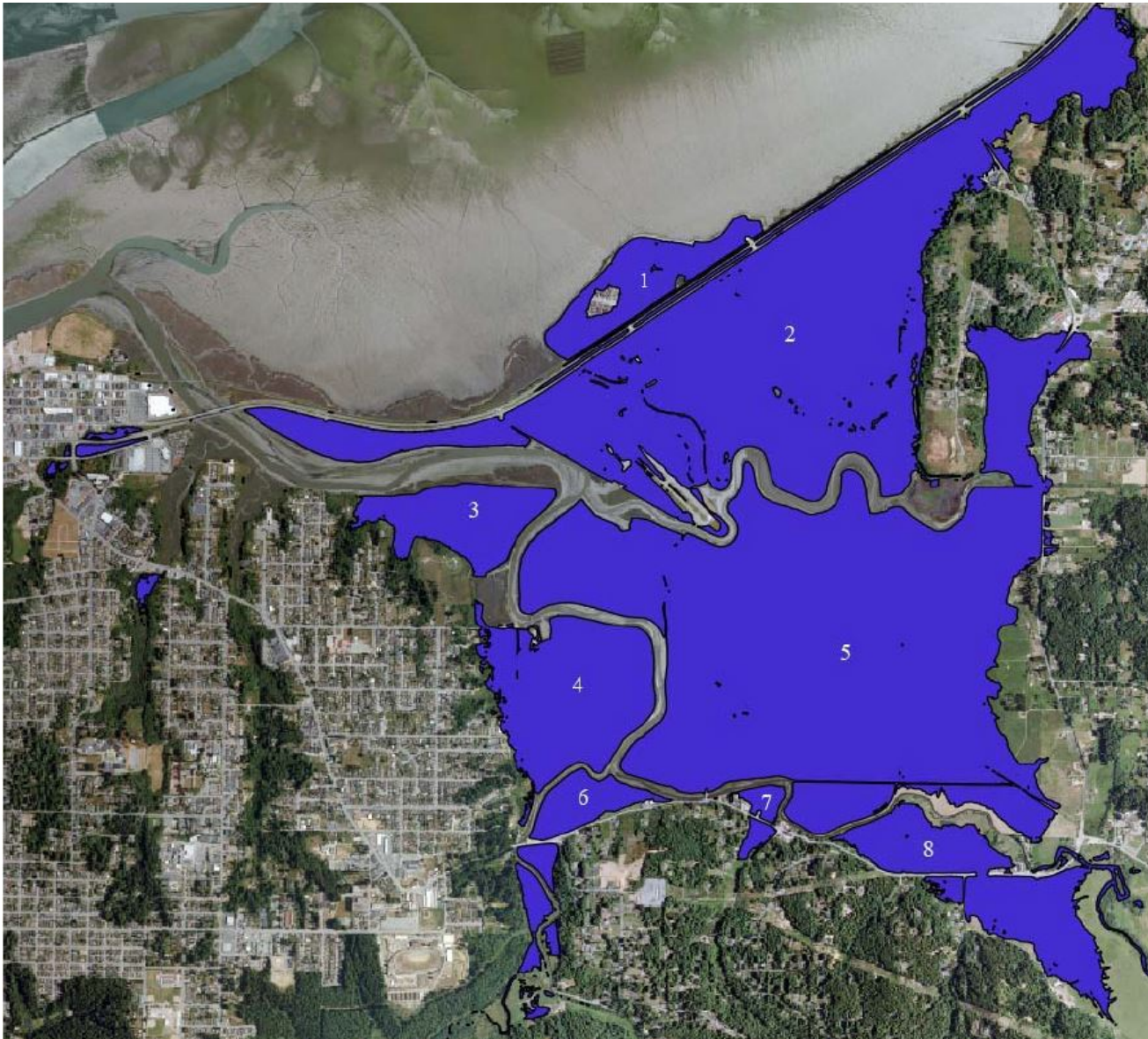


SHORELINE ELEVATIONS

Mean Monthly Maximum Water & 2012 LiDAR Elevations



27 HYDROLOGIC SUB-UNITS



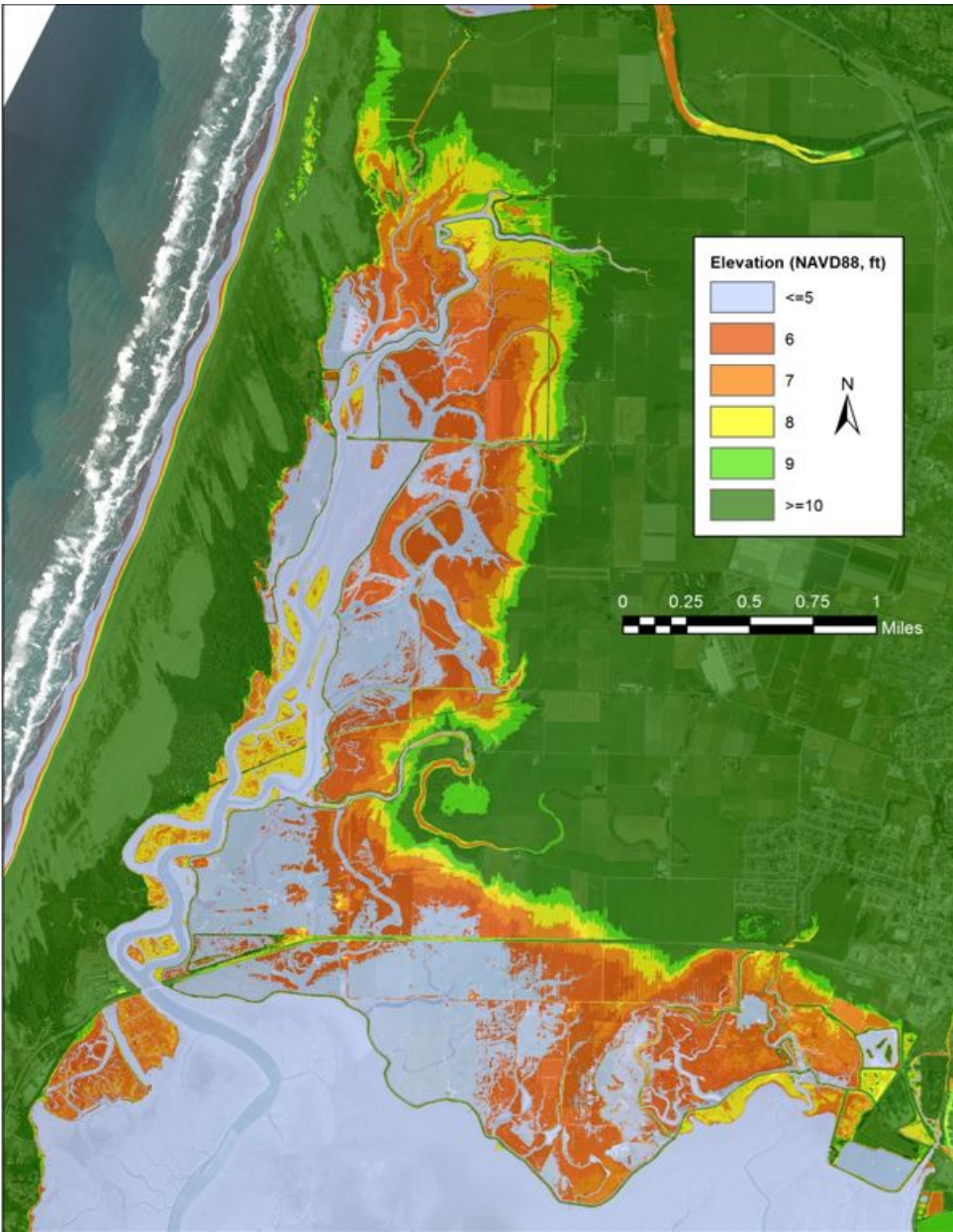
SHORELINE VULNERABILITY



FORMER TIDE LANDS



SURFACE ELEVATIONS



Potential Tidal Inundation MMMW Today



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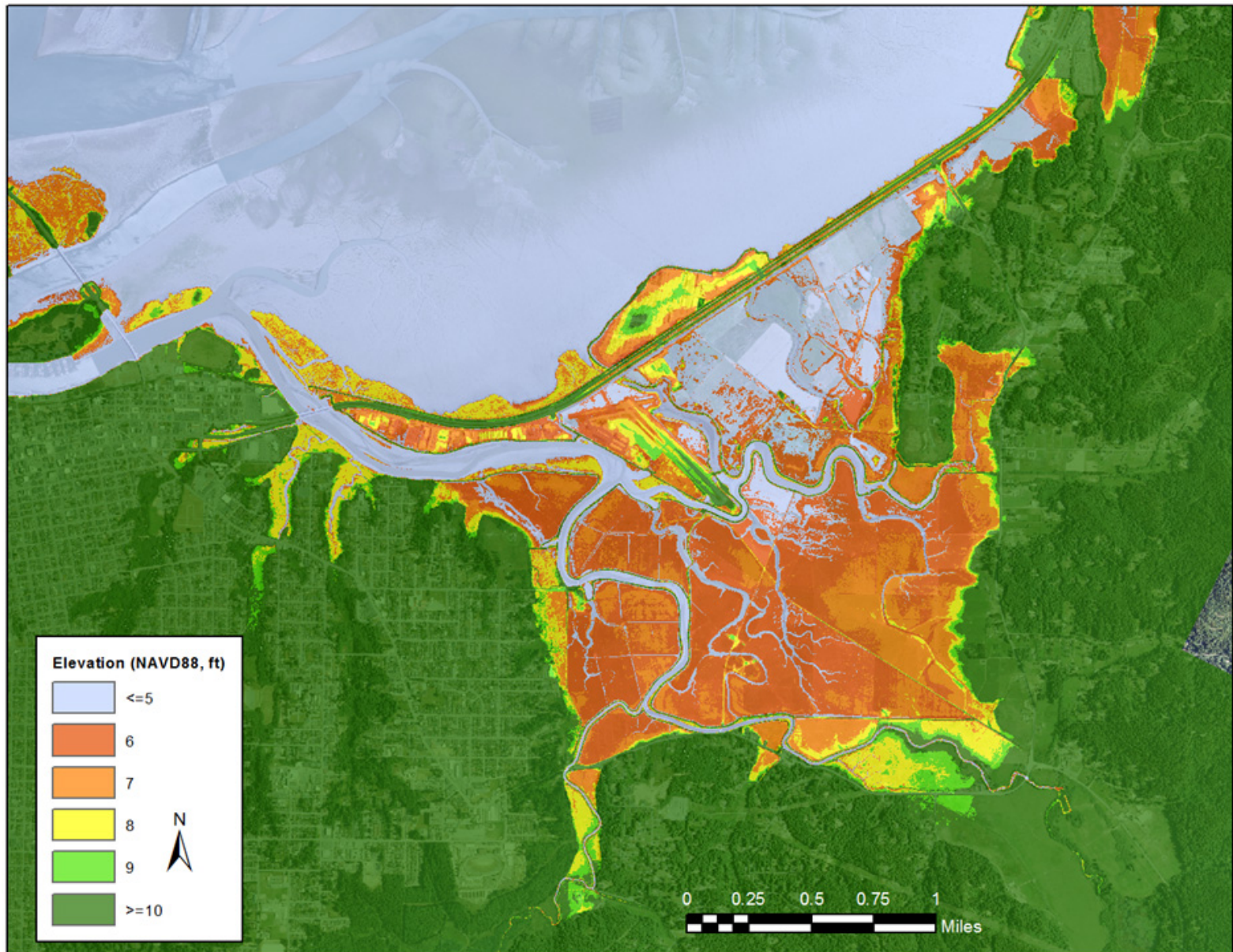
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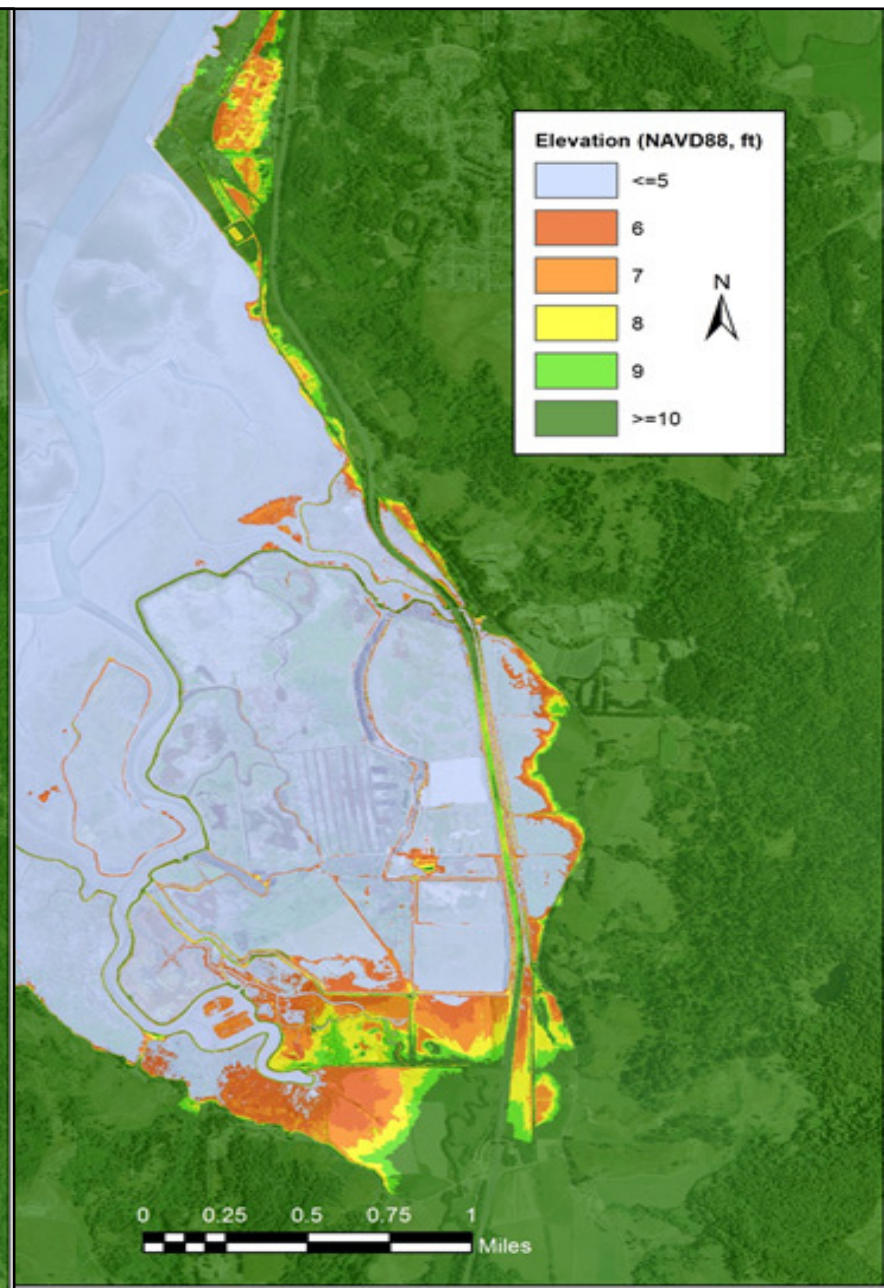
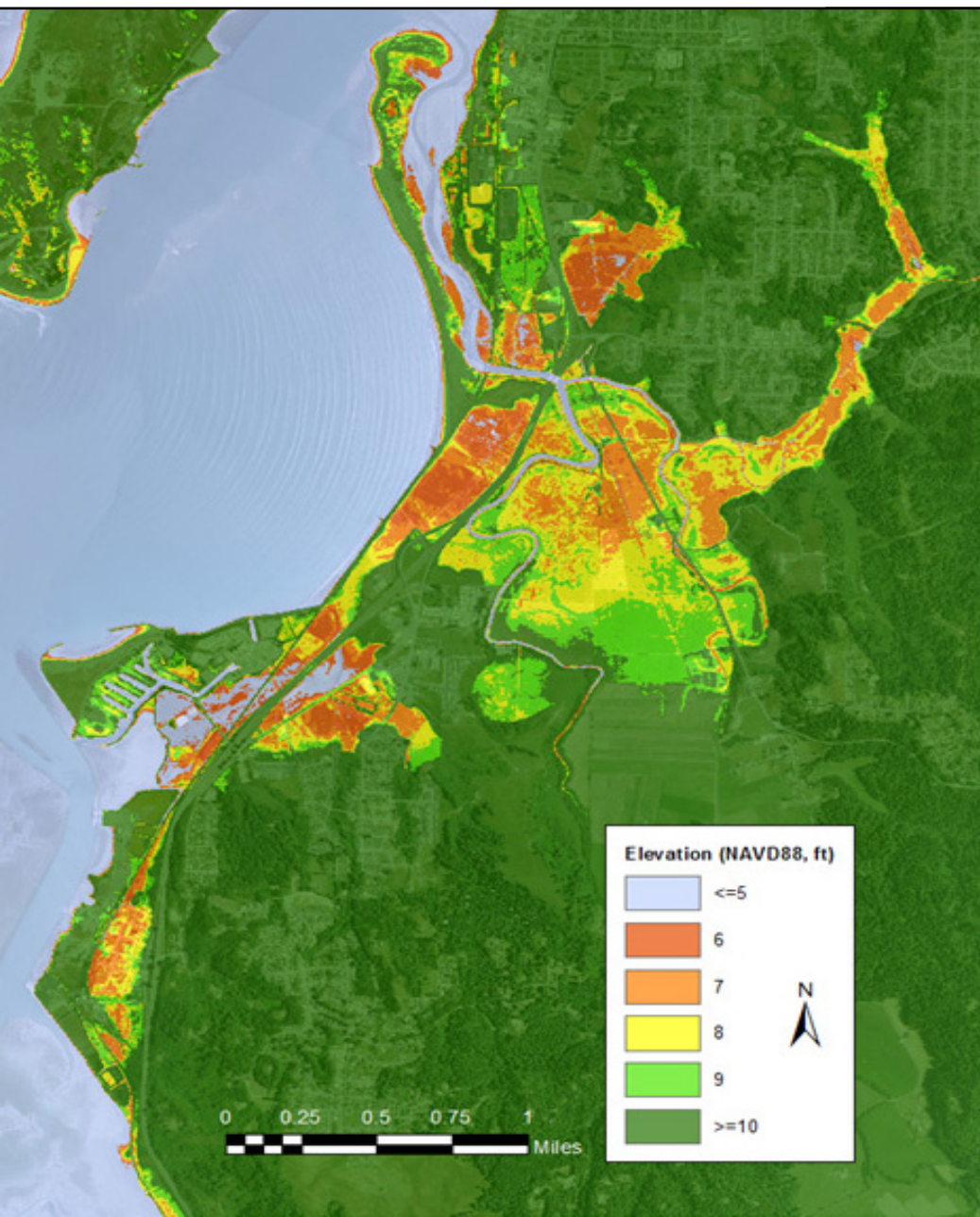
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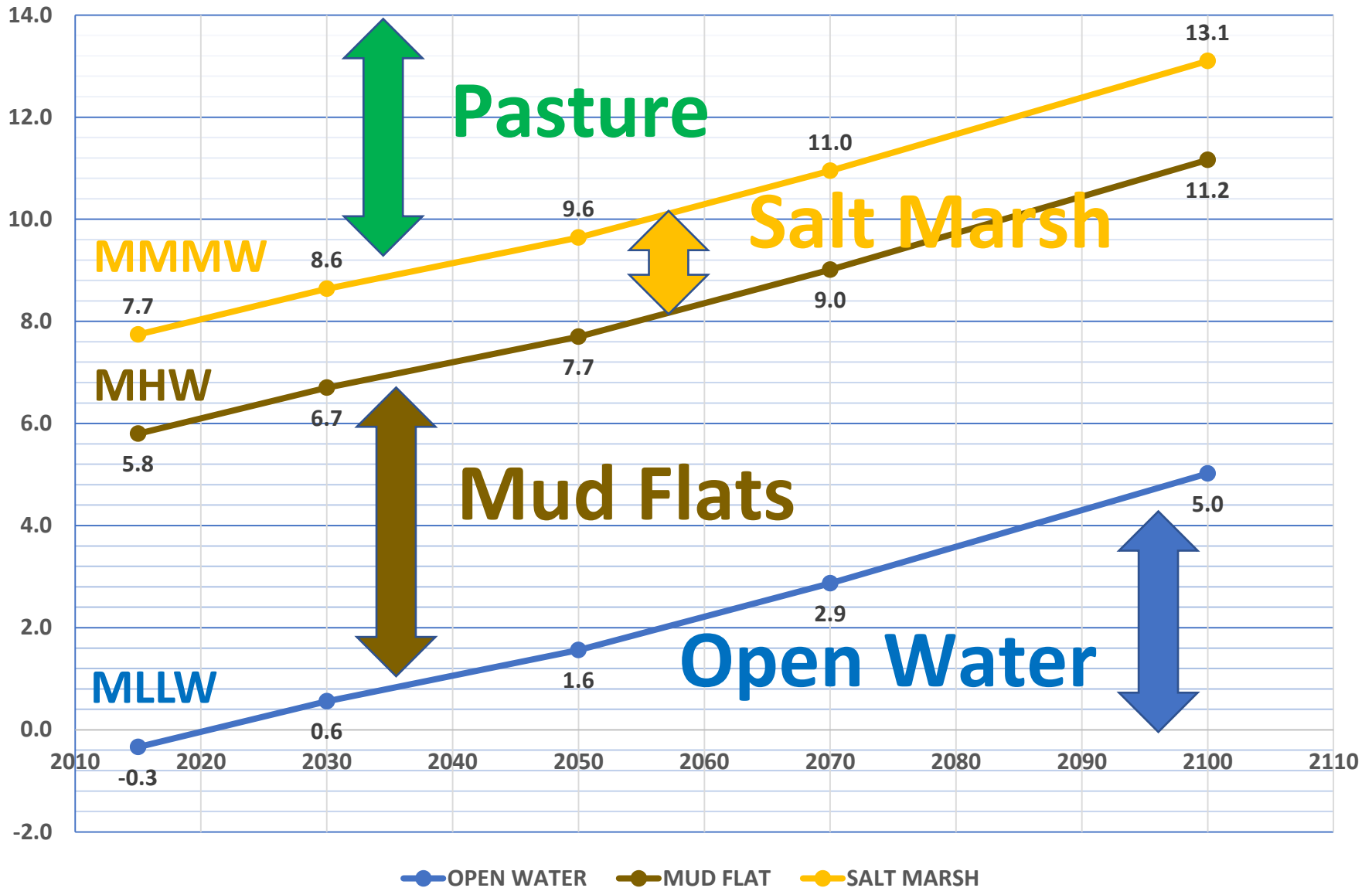
DRAINAGE, FLOODING, AND SURFACE ELEVATION



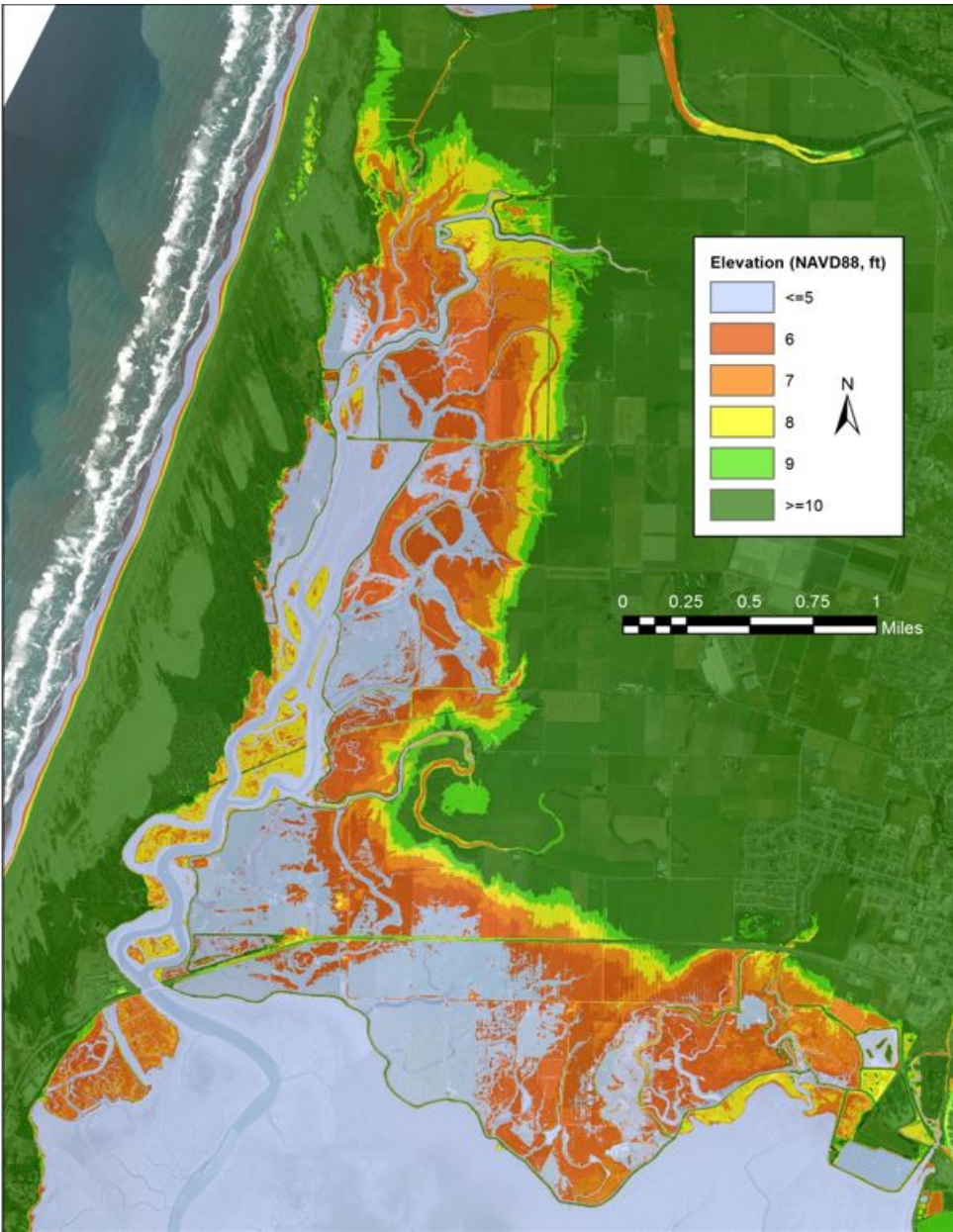
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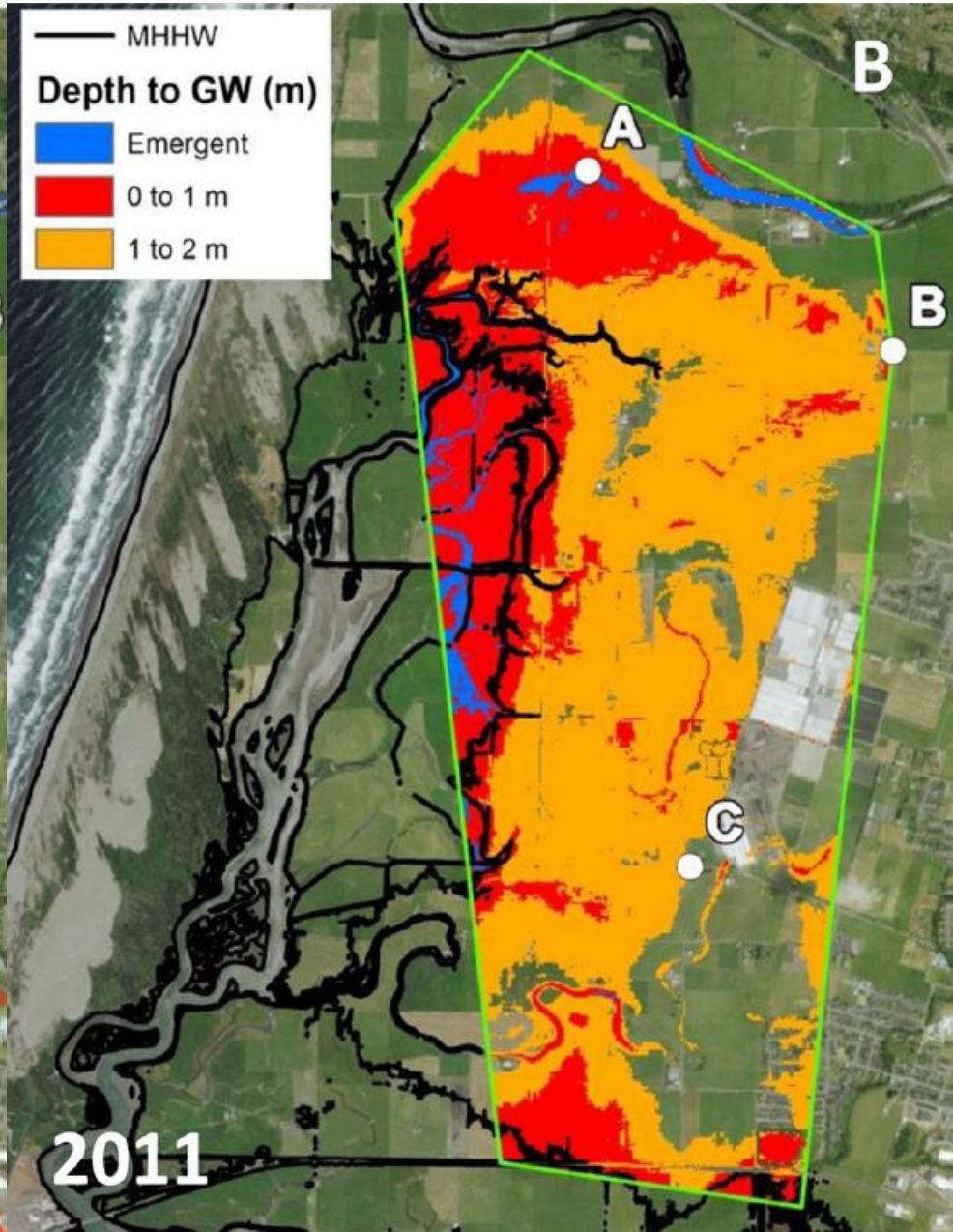
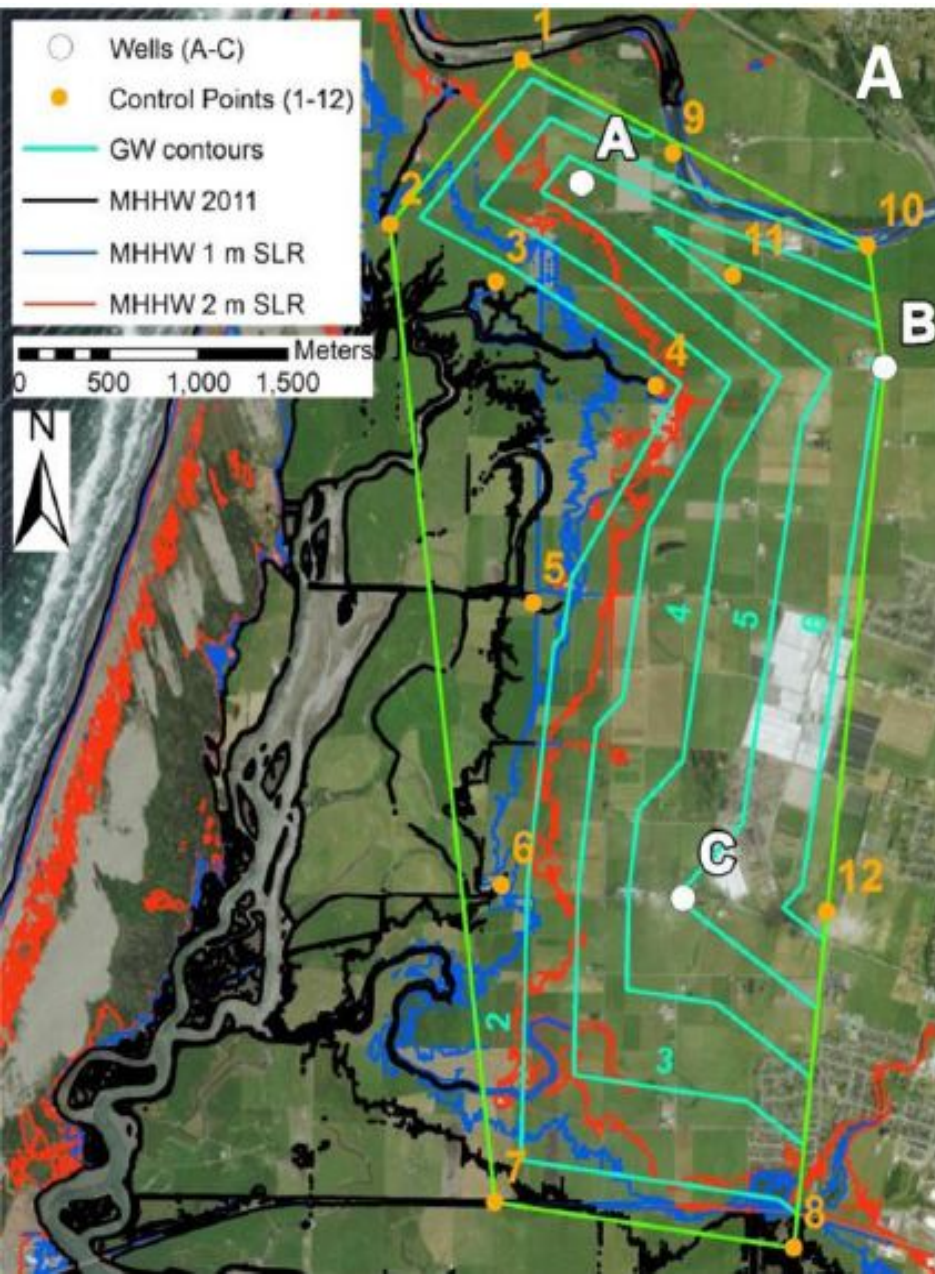
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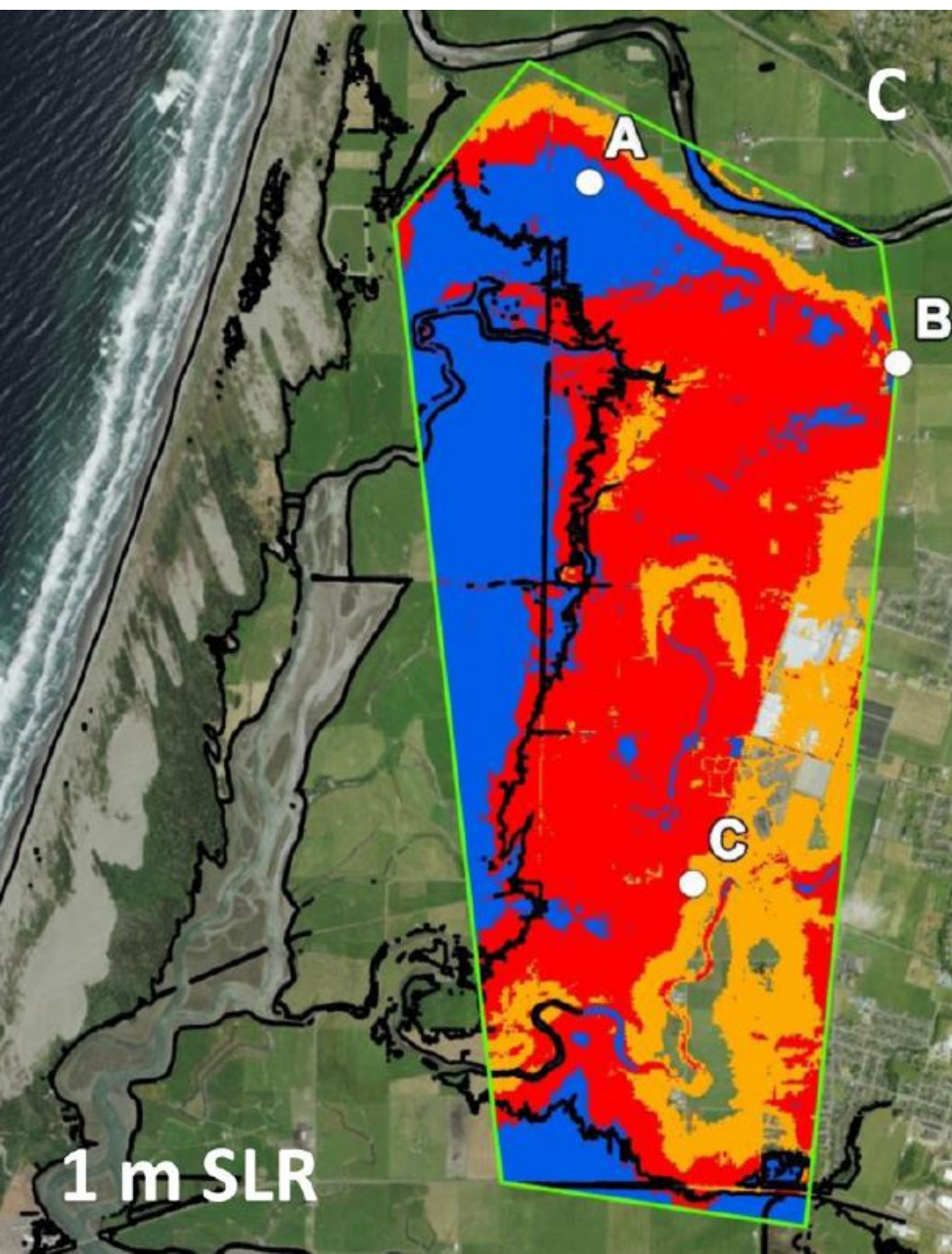
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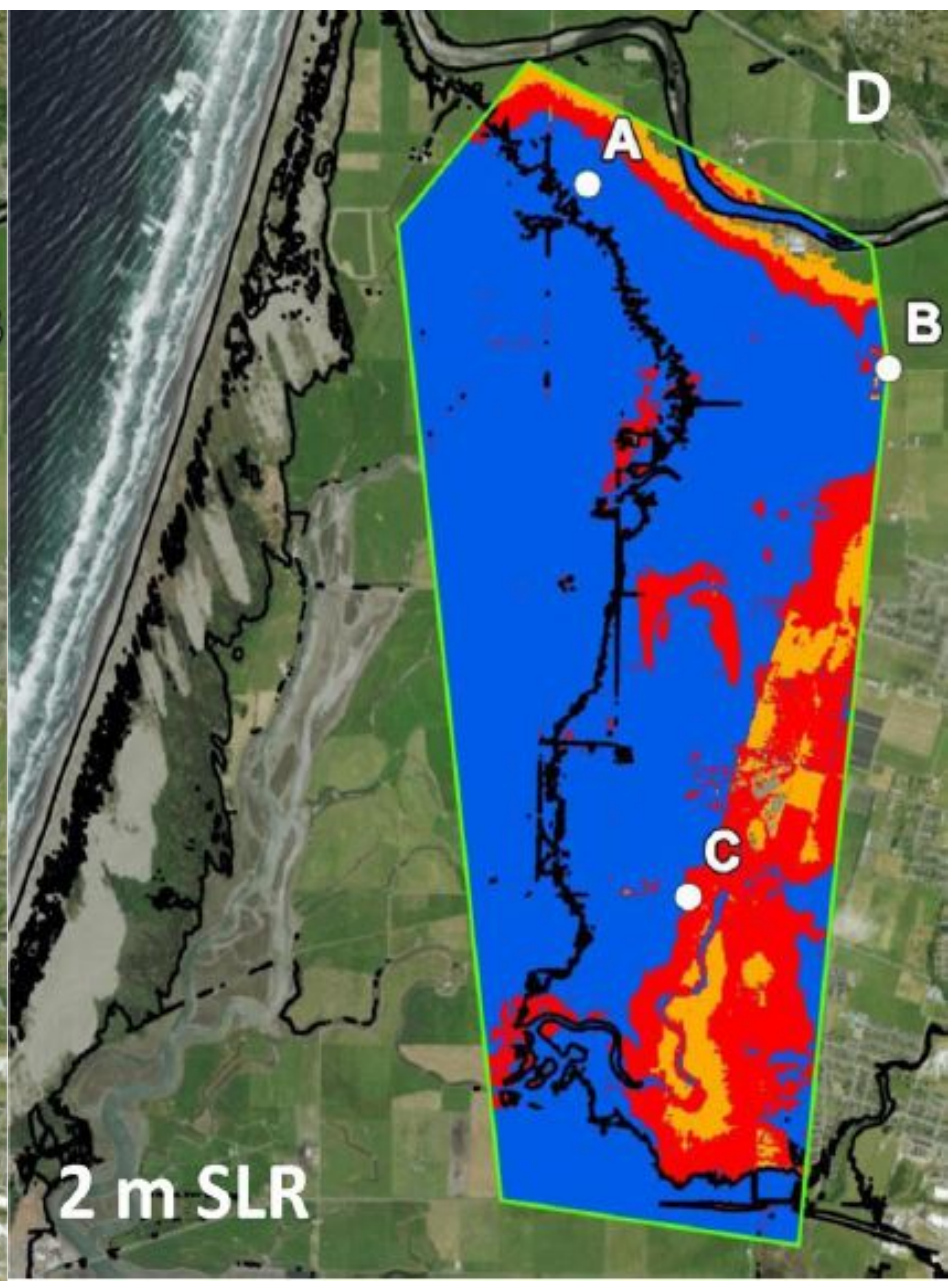
GROUND WATER 2011



GROUND WATER 1.0 M SLR



GROUND WATER 2.0 M SLR

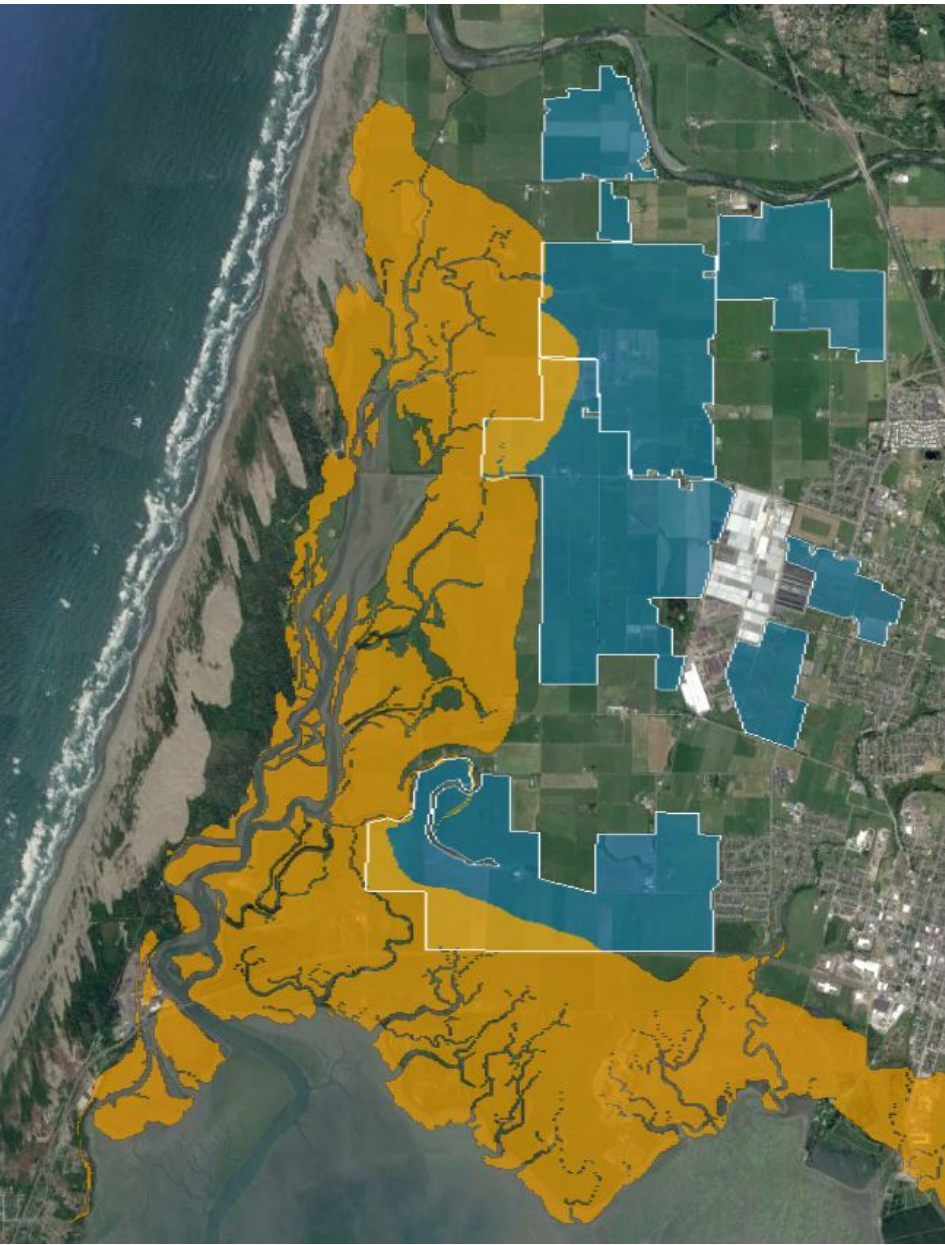


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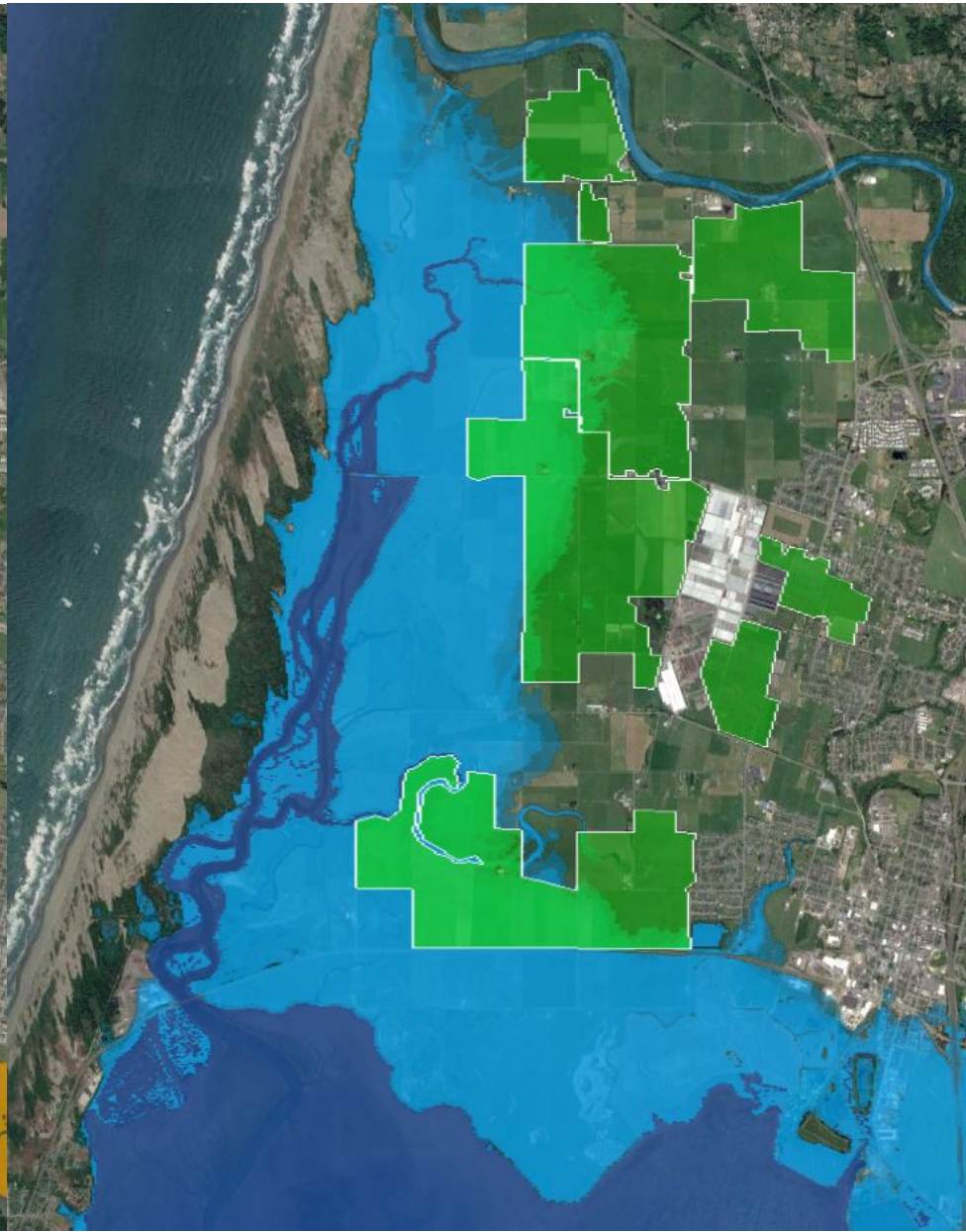
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**Former Tidelands
Irrigated Lands**



**Tidal Inundation 6'
Irrigated Lands**



DIKED LANDS ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO SEA LEVEL RISE



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WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADAPT TO SEA LEVEL RISE IMPACTS AND WHO WILL DO IT??

