Jeffrey's Ledge Sampling Bold Aug. 2011

Doug Grout's idea

EPA doing water quality work in GOM, had a few extra cruise days. Agreed to support Army Corps studies of offshore disposal sites (not on Jeff Ledge) and NEFMC Jeff Ledge sampling

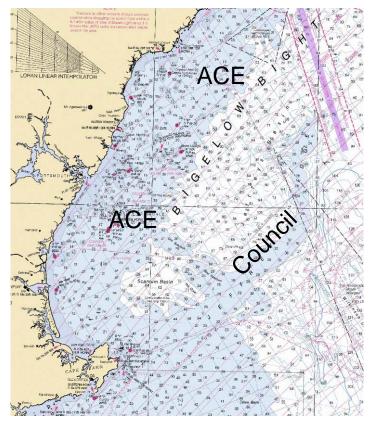
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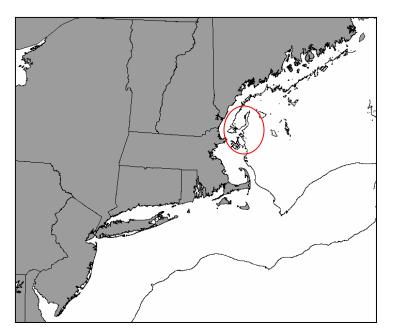
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EPA, Corps and NOAA staff





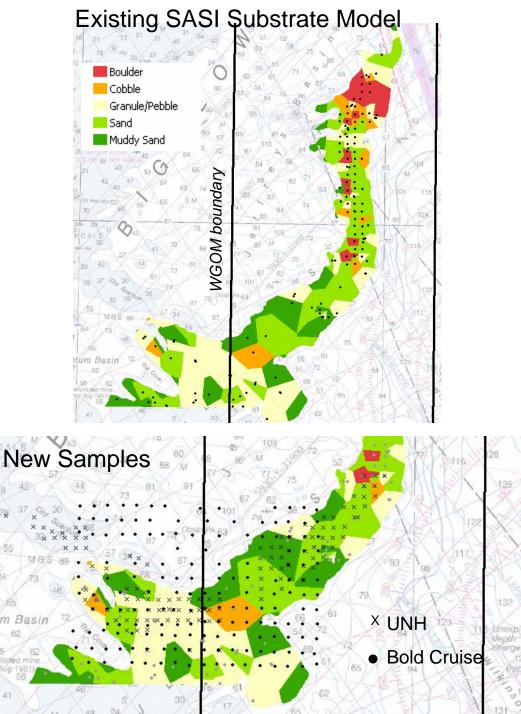




Sampling in central portion of the ledge is sparse.

Area has high value to fishing industry.

Goal: incorporate existing UNH data, take more samples



Method

- SMAST video pyramid with 2 videos and a GoPro still camera
- Processed by MA DMF with SASI substrate method (most frequently occurring largest grain size from 4 images per station)

Total of 126 stations sampled, 504 images analyzed.

UNH has an additional 169 stations (not incorporated yet).



Frame, video camera, and lights borrowed from UMass Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology



Off-the-shelf action camera used in interval shooting mode for still images

