# Welcome Participants!

# Portsmouth Harbor Response Initiative

# Coastal Response Research Center June 27, 2007





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### Packet Contents

- Agenda
- Participant List
- CRRC 2006 Annual Report
- CRRC Information Sheet
- Other Center Information Sheets



- Other Materials Available:
  - CRRC Projects Information Sheets

# Logistics

- Bathrooms
- Fire Exits
- "Help Desk"
- Parking
- Lunch
- CRRC Website www.crrc.unh.edu





# **Overall CRRC Mission**

- Develop new approaches to spill response and restoration through research/synthesis of information
- Serve as a resource for ORR and NOAA
- Serve as a hub for spill research, development, and technical transfer
  - Oil spill community (e.g., national, international)





# Specific CRRC Missions

- Conduct and oversee <u>basic</u> and <u>applied</u> research and outreach on spill response and restoration
- Transform research <u>results into practice</u>
- Encourage strategic <u>partnerships</u> to achieve mission
- Conduct <u>outreach</u> to improve preparedness and response
- Create a <u>learning center</u> for new approaches to spill response and restoration



## Specific CRRC Missions: Portsmouth Harbor Response Initiative

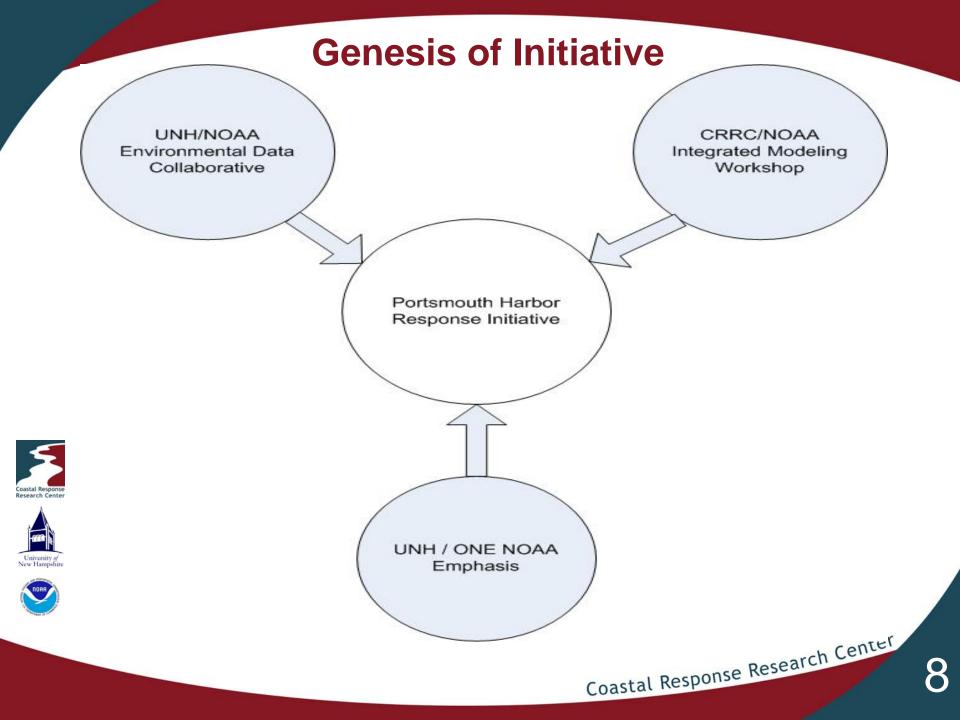
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### Portsmouth Harbor Response Initiative

- Web-Based GIS platform
- "One Stop" Source of Information
- Easy to Use, Fast, Flexible
- Uses:
  - Response
  - Damage Assessment and Restoration
  - Tabletop Exercises and Planning
- Example of Integrated Data Management to Solve Coastal Problems





# Why Portsmouth Harbor?

- Oil/Chemical Activity
- National Estuarine Research Reserve Site and Socioeconomic Interests
- UNH Marine Program Long-Term Research Activity
- Two States Involved / Cooperative
- Local Cooperation Strong

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- Piscataqua River Cooperative
- Active / Cooperative Regional Response Team

# Today's Meeting

- Gather Potential Users
- Introduce Platform Concept to Users
- Show Example of Platform Potential Content
- Gather User Feedback



 Form "Working Group" to Decide Platform Content / Features



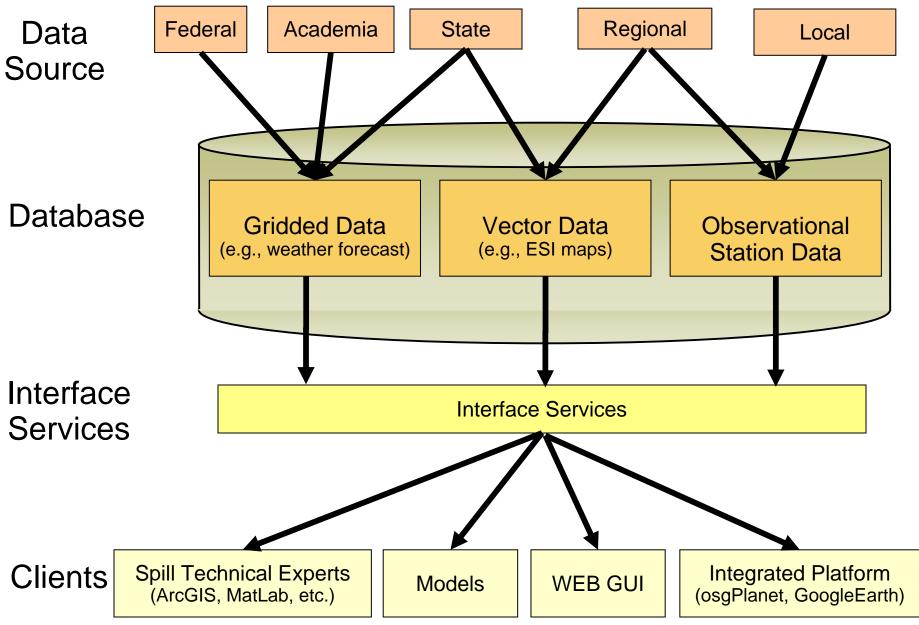
### Portsmouth Harbor Response Initiative - Background

- 1. Data Collaborative UNH Complex Systems Research Center
  - Regional scale data integration and delivery

- Real-time and static data sets
- High impact visualization
- High resolution
- Fast and flexible zoom feature



#### **Platform Concept**



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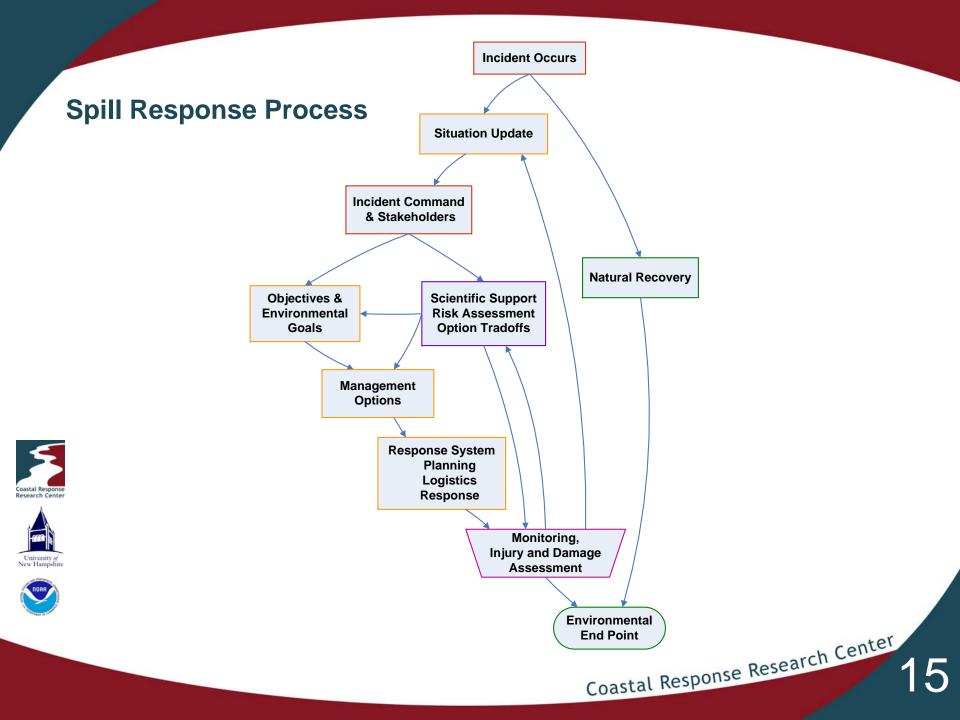
#### 2. Integrated Modeling Workshop - Fall 2006

- Response framework
- Modeling/assessment framework
  - Connect time and length scales
  - Connect physical, chemical and biological parameters



Improve decision making across time scales





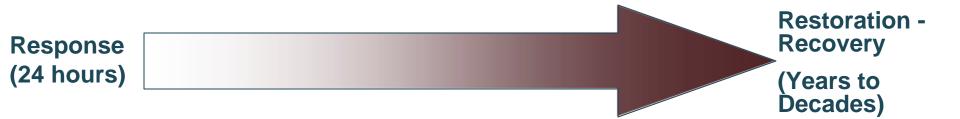
#### Continuum of "Response" for Natural and Technological Disasters



- Multiple stakeholders and resources
- Information management/information sharing: visualization and transparency
- Complexity of datasets/data needs
- Seamless across time scales
- Fast and flexible
- Ability to build complete picture to improve future response

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#### Continuum of "Response" for Natural and Technological Disasters



- Factors that affect recovery endpoints:
  - Response times, efficiencies in decision-making, and response options
  - Habitat and community resiliencies
  - Environmental controls, including other stressors

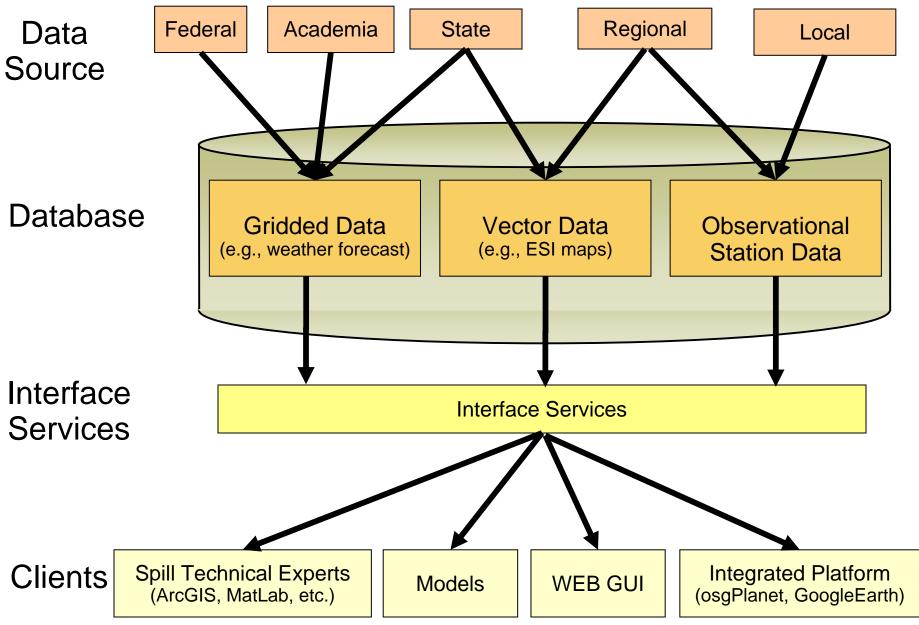


## Can we use state-of-the-art technologies to speed the time from spill incident to response decision making?





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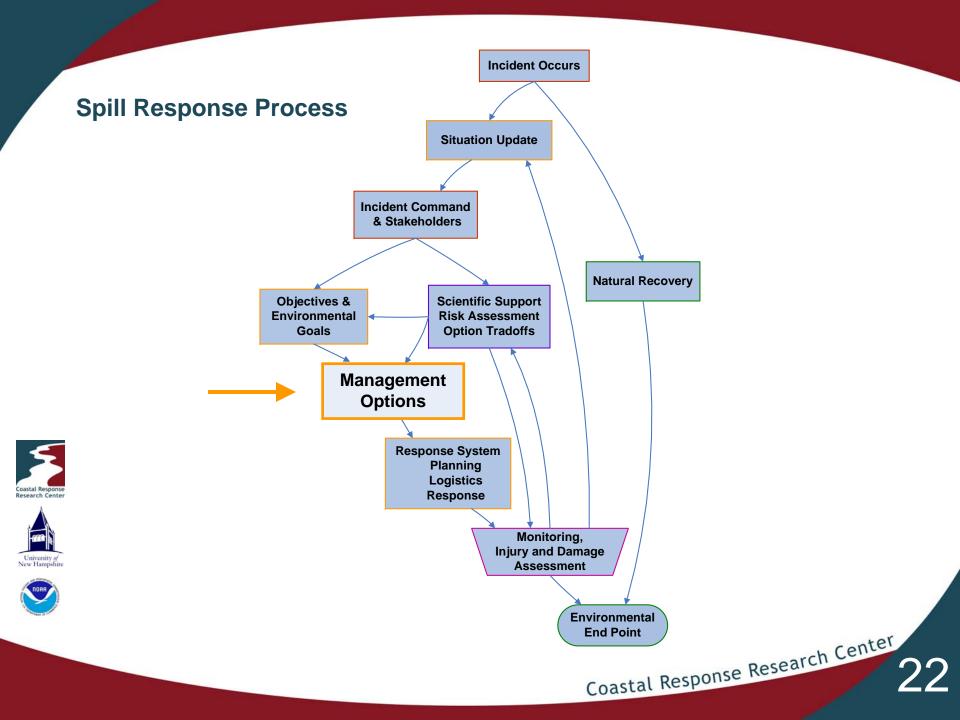
- 3. UNH NOAA Centers Working to Collectively Solve Common Management Challenge
  - Can we apply the 'data collaborative' technology to improve response capabilities?
  - Use Portsmouth Harbor as a test case
    - Data-rich
    - Critical mass of capabilities UNH NOAA Centers

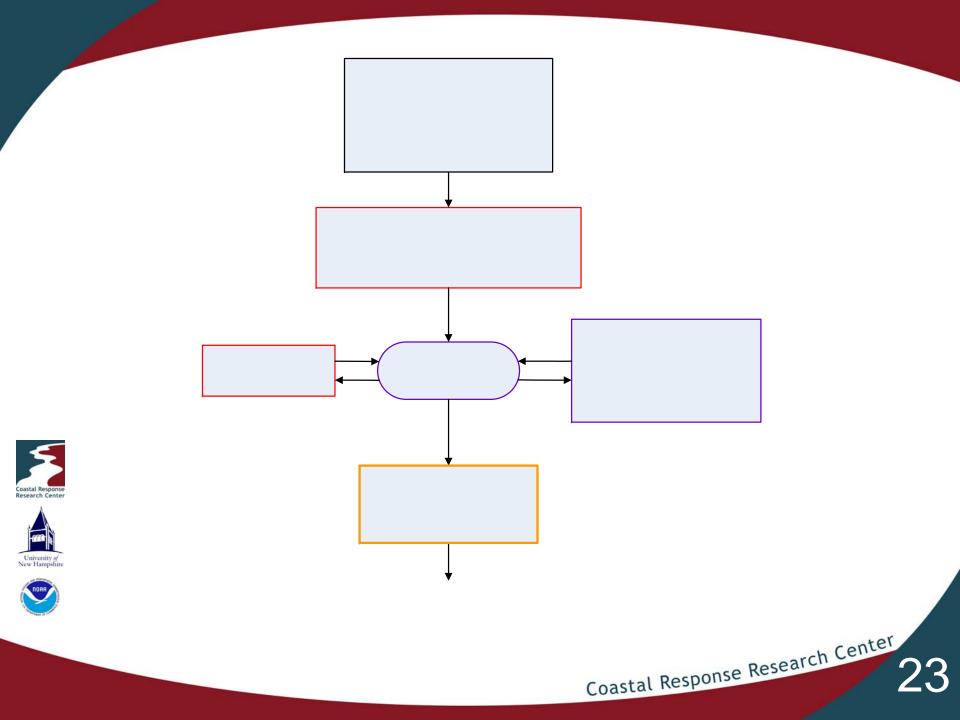




#### **PROGRAM ALIGNMENT WITH NOAA STRATEGIC PLANS**







Baseline Environmental Info (Georeferenced) Static & Real-Time Physical Chemical Biological

Information Needs:	Potential Sources:	
Electronic nautical charts	CCOM/JHC	
Bathymetric data	CCOM/JHC	
Coastal/ocean observations	NowCOAST, COOA, CICEET	
Environmental Sensitivity Index data	NOAA OR&R	
Weather conditions	NOAA Weather, NowCOAST	
Regionally specific info	States agencies, NOAA Weather, GOM Ocean Data Partnership, NERACOOS	
Vessel traffic data	CCOM/JHC, NowCOAST	enter
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Spill Incident Info Volume & Chemistry of Spill Hydrodynamic and Shoreline Data Resources at Risk

Information Needs:	Potential Sources:
Incident specifics	State agencies, USCG
Environmental Sensitivity Index data	NOAA OR&R
Community vulnerability info	NOAA CSC
Coastal/ocean observations	NowCOAST, COOA, CICEET, NERACOOS
Scientific support	NOAA OR&R, EPA
Coastal infrastructure at risk	Municipal officials/planners







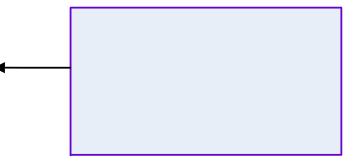
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Data management	NOAA OR&R, COOA, EDSC, GOM Ocean Data Partnership
Mapping & visualization tools	NOAA CSC, COOA, CCOM/JHC, NOAA OR&R, NowCOAST, RCC, EDSC, CRRC

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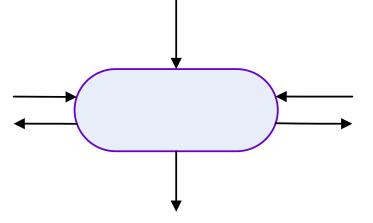
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Real-time site-specific data	NowCOAST, CCOM/JHC, COOA, CICEET, NOAA CSC
Scientific support	CRRC, NOAA OR&R

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**Potential Sources:** 

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NOAA OR&R

COOA

EDSC

RCC

**NowCOAST** 

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# **Outcomes for Today**

- Develop user-designed concept of a response visualization, data sharing, decision-making platform
- Define possible uses
- Define data needs and identify datasets



- Define/refine next steps:
  - Work Group participation
- Time commitment:
  - 3 conference calls between now and December '07
  - Roll out product to this group Winter '07/'08
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#### Today's Activities

- Demonstration M. Jacobi & B. Braswell
- User-Identified Needs
- Discussion







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# **Discussion and Demonstration**





## **Presentation Outline**

- Introduction to Geospatial Information Systems (GIS)
- Discuss of how <u>web based</u> GIS technology can assist in a response effort
  - Static and real-time
- Demo prototype using Portsmouth Harbor

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Questions and next steps





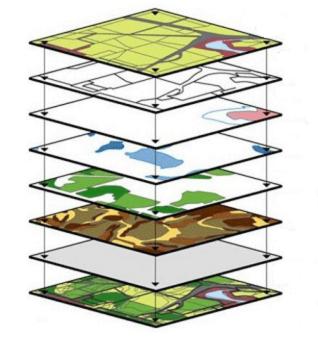
### What is GIS?

 Computer hardware and software system designed to collect, manipulate, analyze, and display spatially referenced data for solving complex resource issues.





#### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...



 Diverse datasets can be interlaced on a single map to better visualize a the complex nature of an area







### What Can GIS Do for You?

 By combining data together one can see the full spectrum of an incident and how one piece of data may impact or relate to another.





#### How Has the Technology Advanced?

#### In the past...

- Software and hardware were cost prohibitive
- Difficult to obtain accurate data
- Advanced training to produce products
- Data limited to working desktop computer
- Limited product output hard copy maps





#### How Has the Technology Advanced?

#### Today...

- Increased software options available
- Compact and inexpensive data acquisition
- Easy to use interfaces
- Systems are portable and flexible <u>network</u> <u>interface</u>



- Products are more complex
- Web accessible (ArcIMS, Google Maps, Google Earth)



# Why Use a Web Based GIS Platform during a Response?

- Integrate and synthesize various types of info
- Provide a common operational picture for situation awareness
- Improve communication and coordination among responders and stakeholders
  - Visualization of a complex situation



 Provide resource managers with the information they need to make better informed decisions

#### Leveraging Existing Data Resources

- Environmental contaminant datasets, water quality monitoring sites, protected areas, restoration sites, etc.
- Habitat classifications and species
   distributions data



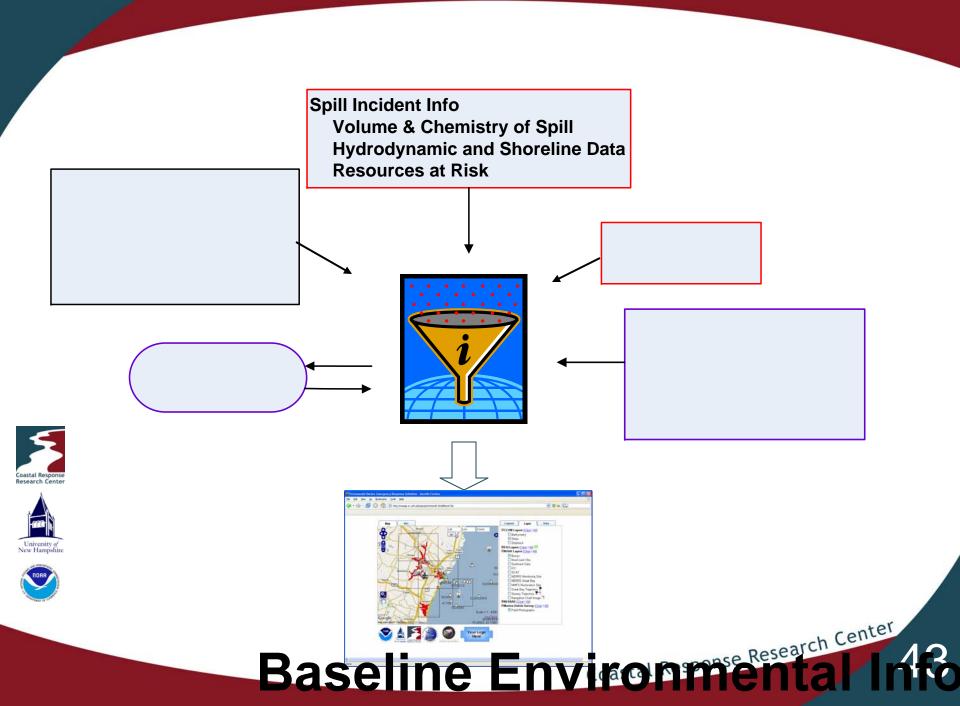
- Navigational electronic navigation charts & scanned paper charts
- Meteorological observations
- Models trajectories/forecasts

#### Functional Web GIS Platform for Response

 Package data in a well-designed management, visualization, and analysis tool:

- Easily accessible field and command
- User friendly
- Quick to display
- Capable of real-time data display
- Simple to update/ download from
- Secure





#### Portsmouth Harbor Response Prototype

- Designed using readily available software
  - Can be programmed to meet a variety of user needs
- Google maps-type interface serves as the base
  - Familiar and easy to manipulate
- Based on a limited set of easily available data from UNH and NOAA to demonstrate capabilities



To Fully Develop the Prototype, We Need Your Input and Feedback!

# What Has Been Compiled?

- Library of background data
  - Base maps shoreline data, roads, etc.
  - Imagery
  - Navigational charts
  - Bathymetry surveys
  - Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI)

- Environmental monitoring sites
- Weather observation buoys
- Restoration sites





# What Can be Displayed?

#### Real-time observations and monitoring data

- Observation buoys What is being collected?
- Re-direct to the data source
- Data links to documents and websites
  - Restoration Project
    - Summary PDFs
    - Websites
- Field data & georeferenced photos
  - International Coastal Clean-up Surveys
    - Specific data marine debris items

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Photos collected during survey

#### How Does This Help in Spill Response?

- Hypothetical Spill in Great Bay
  - Uploaded trajectory movie display
  - Where did it hit relative to ESI layer?
     See exact classification or download and print map
     View data sources

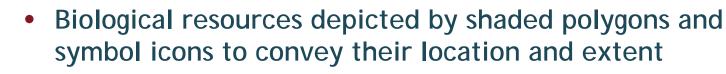
- Where are the marine protected areas?
- Show results of Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team (SCAT) work
  - -Field photo display
  - -Field sheets
  - -SCAT maps and diagrams





#### Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) Maps

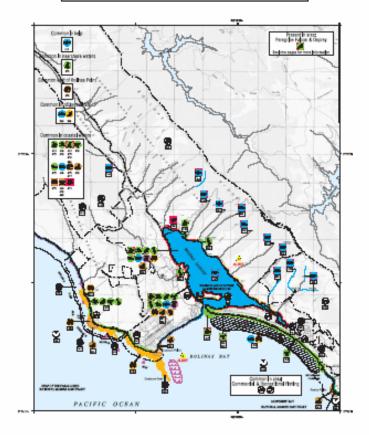
- Serve as quick references for spill responders and coastal zone managers
- Identify vulnerable coastal locations so protection priorities can be established and cleanup strategies identified
  - Shorelines color-coded to indicate their sensitivity



 Socio-economic resources are mapped (water intakes, marinas, and swimming beaches)



#### ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX MAP



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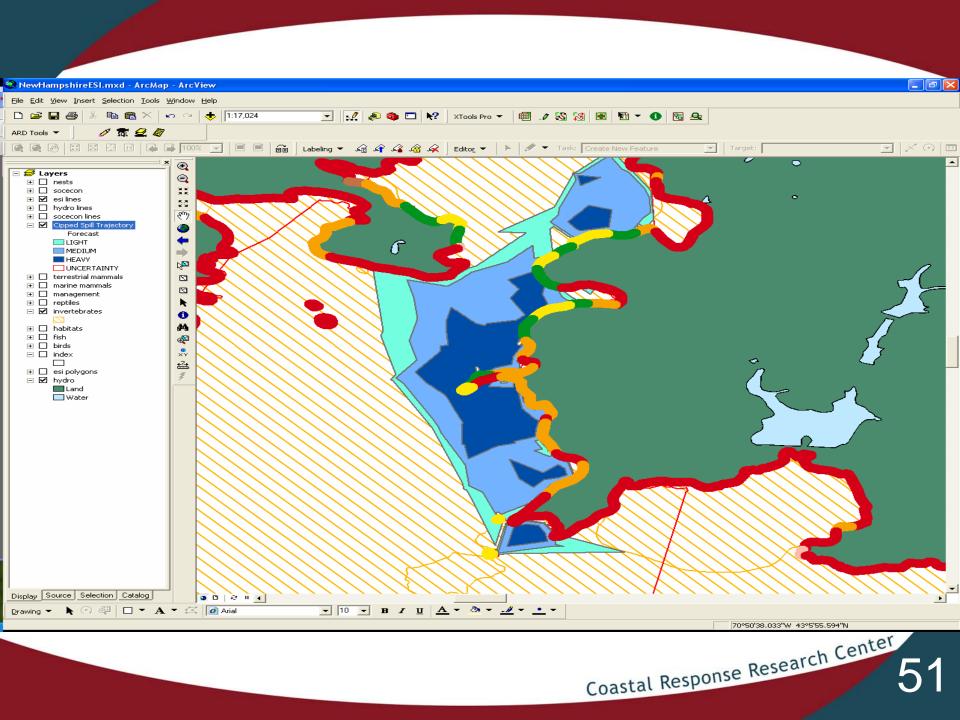
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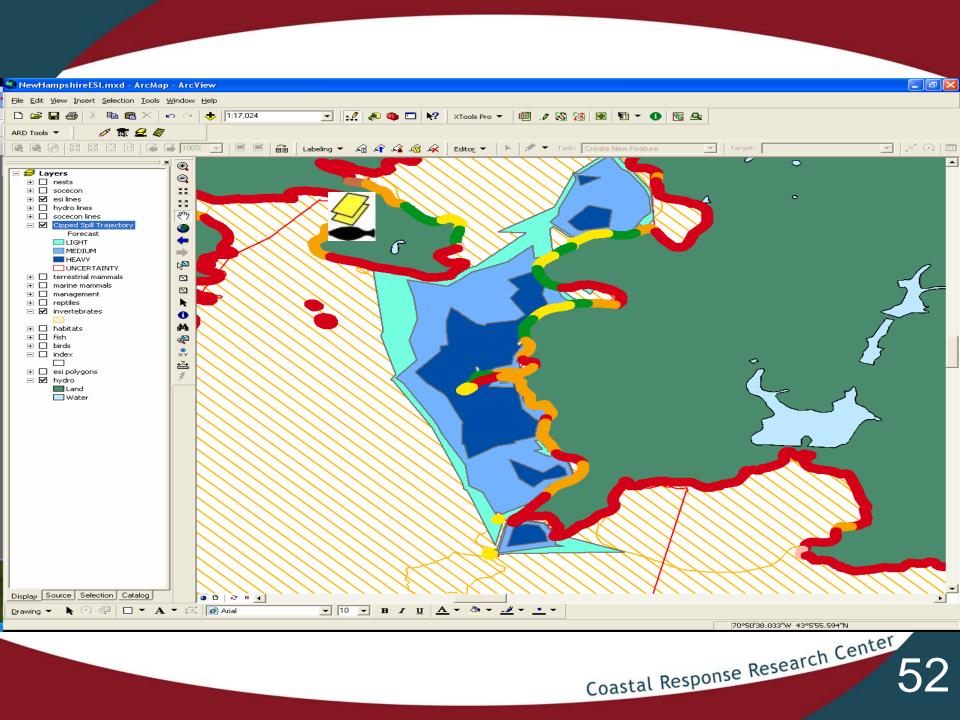
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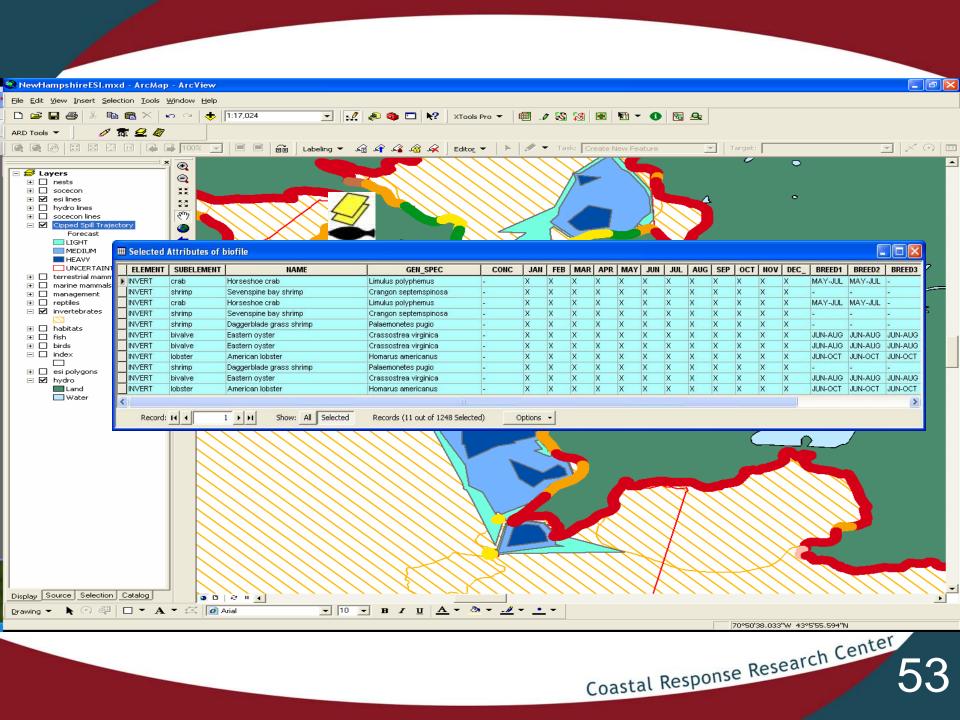
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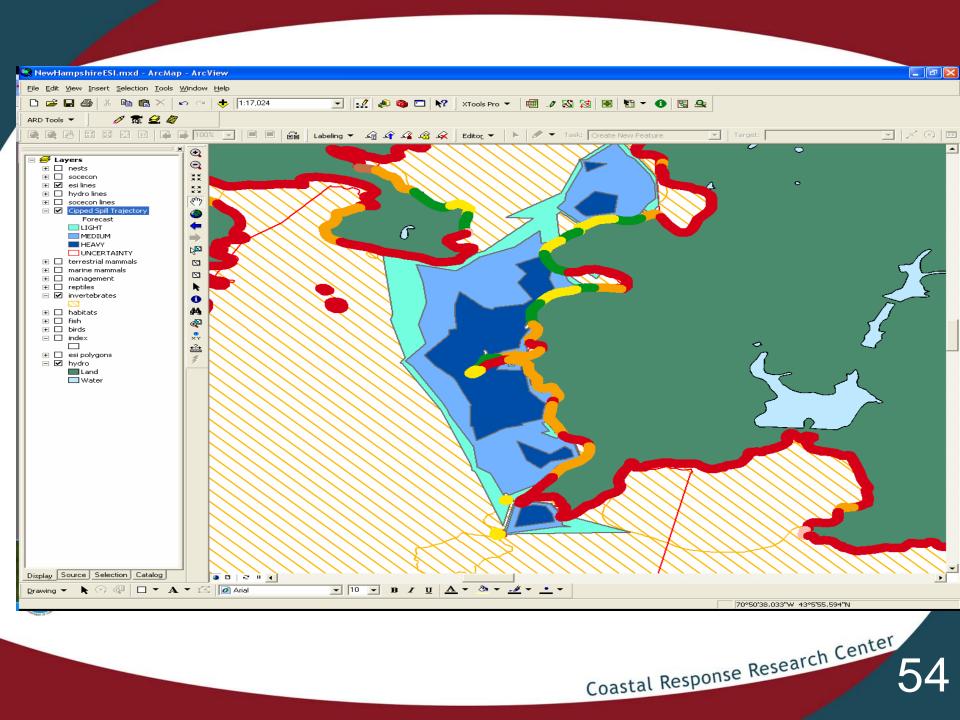
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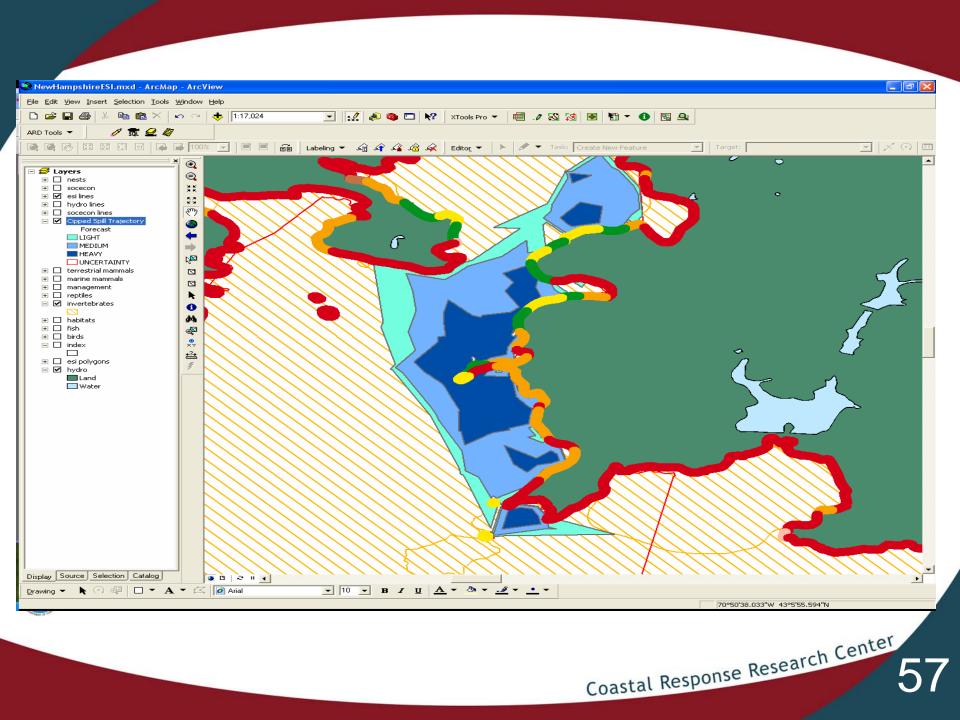


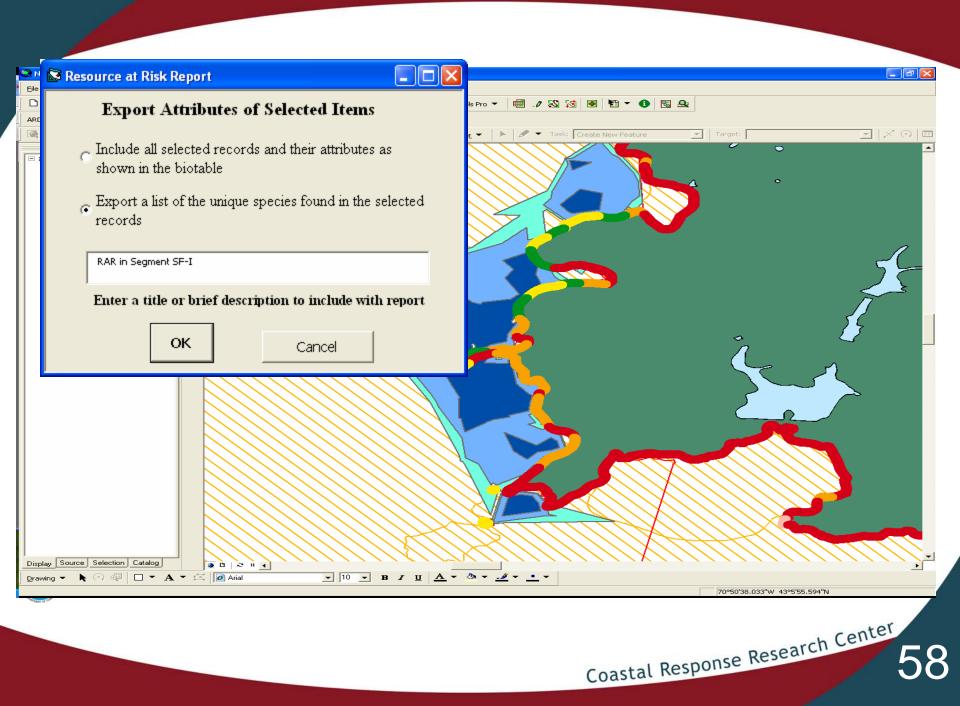




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## How Does This Aid Spill Response?

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  - -SCAT maps and diagrams





#### How does this Help in Spill Response?

- Hypothetical spill near Seavey Point
  - Zoom to point feature
  - Display or download trajectory map
  - Open Responder Chart for the area
  - Visualize spill relative to ship traffic
  - Gather current weather observations from buoys
  - Display existing environmental contaminant data





- Assist with spill preparedness
  - Display jurisdictional boundaries, specially regulated areas, areas of socio-economic importance



- Access points for cleanup
- Staging areas and command centers
- Regional documentation, points of contact, etc.



- Assist in coordinating response efforts
  - Visualize magnitude and extent
  - Triage sites for action
  - Track progress of clean-up
  - Access real-time data
  - Upload data from the field and access forms

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Increase communication



- Define the extent of potential impacts
  - General habitat and land use information
  - Areas of biological significance haul outs, rookeries, nesting grounds, essential or critical habitat

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• Where is there current monitoring data

- Assist in Recovery and Restoration
  - Access existing environmental monitoring sites

- Assist with sampling design
- Inventory restoration projects
- Locate long-term monitoring sites
- Coordinate with regional projects





## Discussion

 Develop user-designed concept of a response visualization, data sharing, decision making platform

- Define possible uses
- Define data needs and identify datasets





## Access the Prototype Online at:

#### www.crrc.unh.edu/workshops/PHRI/index.htm





