Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.

Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)

As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

1. General Description of Data to be Managed

1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:
Sonoma County Hydro-flattened 2013 Bare Earth Ground Surface Model

1.2. Summary description of the data:
A bare earth digital elevation model (DEM) represents the earth’s surface with all vegetation and human-made structures removed. The bare earth DEMs were derived from LiDAR data using triangulated irregular network (TIN) processing of the ground point returns. Hydro-flattened Bare Earth DEMs represent water bodies in a cartographically and aesthetically pleasing manner, and are not intended to accurately map water surface elevations. In a Hydro-flattened DEM, water surfaces are flat and level for lakes with a greater area than two acres, and gradated for rivers or other long impoundments (e.g., reservoirs) that are wider than 100 feet, and tidal areas. Any existing island larger than one acre was be delineated. Water surface edge elevations were at or below the immediately surrounding terrain. Each image corresponds to a 37, 800-square-foot tile. Each pixel is 3 feet and represents an average elevation for that area. The specified coordinate system for this dataset is California State Plane Zone II (FIPS 0402), NAD83 (2011), with units in US Survey Feet for horizontal, and vertical units are NAVD88 (12A) US Survey Feet. The dataset encompasses all of Sonoma County and parts of Mendocino County. WSI collected the LiDAR and created this data set for the Sonoma County Vegetation Mapping and LiDAR Program.

1.3. Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements?
One-time data collection

1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:
2013-09-28 to 2013-11-26

1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:
W: -123.238581, E: -122.390681, N: 38.511668, S: 38.298129

1.6. Type(s) of data:
(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.) raster digital data
1.7. Data collection method(s):
(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys, enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)

1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:

1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:

2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)

2.1. Name:
NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

2.2. Title:
Metadata Contact

2.3. Affiliation or facility:
NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

2.4. E-mail address:
coastal.info@noaa.gov

2.5. Phone number:
(843) 740-1202

3. Responsible Party for Data Management
Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.

3.1. Name:

3.2. Title:
Data Steward

4. Resources
Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.

4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?

4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management (specify percentage or "unknown"):

5. Data Lineage and Quality
NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.

5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible
(describe or provide URL of description):

Process Steps:
- 2014-02-19 00:00:00 - Acquisition. LiDAR data acquisition was started September 28, 2013 and was completed on November 26, 2013. The survey is utilizing a Leica ALS50 or ALS70 laser system mounted in a Piper Navajo PA-31-325 or Cessna Caravan 208B. Near nadir scan angles were used to increase penetration of vegetation to ground surfaces. Ground level GPS and aircraft IMU were collected during the flight.
- 2014-02-19 00:00:00 - Hydro-Flattening. The bare-earth DEMs were created by triangulating all ground classified points and inserting 3-D breaklines by utilizing Terra-Solid's TerraScan and TerraModeler software. Any ground points within one meter of the breaklines were reclassified to “ignored-ground” (ASPRS code: 10) before triangulation. The highest-hit DEMs were generated from “ground” and “default” classified points. In instances where “water” classified points had the highest elevation value, the water surface elevation from the bare-earth raster were used.
- 2014-02-19 00:00:00 - LiDAR Data Processing. Flight lines and data were reviewed to ensure complete coverage of the study area and positional accuracy of the laser points. Laser point return coordinates were computed using ALS Post Processor software and IPAS Pro GPS/INS software, based on independent data from the LiDAR system, IMU, and aircraft. The raw LiDAR file was assembled into flight lines per return with each point having an associated x, y, and z coordinate. Visual inspection of swath to swath laser point consistencies within the study area were used to perform manual refinements of system alignment. Custom algorithms were designed to evaluate points between adjacent flight lines. Automated system alignment was computed based upon randomly selected swath to swath accuracy measurements that consider elevation, slope, and intensities. Specifically, refinement in the combination of system pitch, roll and yaw offset parameters optimize internal consistency. Noise (e.g., pits and birds) was filtered using ALS post-processing software, based on known elevation ranges and included the removal of any cycle slips. Using TerraScan and MicroStation, ground classifications utilized custom settings appropriate to the study area. The corrected and filtered return points were compared to the RTK ground survey points collected to verify the vertical and horizontal accuracies. Points were output as laser points, TINed and GRIDed surfaces.
- 2019-07-08 00:00:00 - NOAA Office for Coastal Management received the DEMs in imagine format with img and ige files. Data were converted to GeoTiff format with deflate compression using gdal_translate. Vertical georeferencing was also added. (Citation: Hydro-flattened DEMs)
5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:

5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):

6. Data Documentation
The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides links to resources and tools for metadata creation and validation.

6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive? 
No

6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:
Missing/invalid information:
- 1.7. Data collection method(s)
- 3.1. Responsible Party for Data Management
- 4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?
- 4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management
- 5.2. Quality control procedures employed
- 7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?
- 7.1.1. If data are not available or has limitations, has a Waiver been filed?
- 7.1.2. If there are limitations to data access, describe how data are protected
- 7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination
- 8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location
- 8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility
- 8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?

6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:
NMFS Office of Science and Technology

6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:

6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:
https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/inport/item/56824

6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata
(describe or provide URL of description):
Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NOAA Data Documentation Procedural Directive: https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC_PD-Data_Documentation_v1.pdf
7. Data Access
NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance, recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.

7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?

7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?

7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:

7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:
NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:

7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:
https://coast.noaa.gov/dataviewer/#/lidar/search/where:ID=8783
https://coast.noaa.gov/htdata/raster2/elevation/Sonoma_CA_DEM_2013_8783

7.3. Data access methods or services offered:
Data is available online for custom downloads

7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:

7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:

8. Data Preservation and Protection
The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.

8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:
(Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)
8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:

8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:

8.2. Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any):
   Office for Coastal Management - Charleston, SC

8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:

8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?
   Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection

9. Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions
   Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.