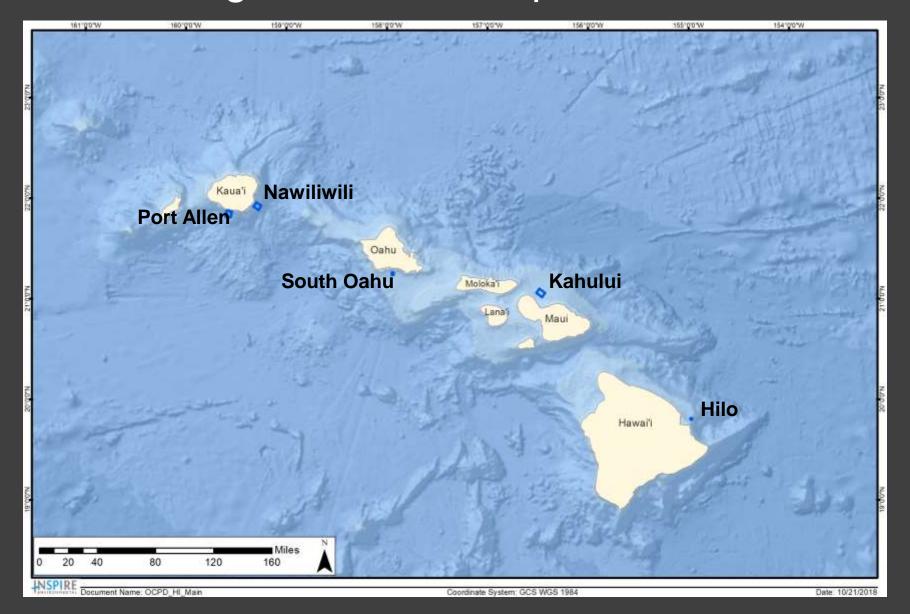
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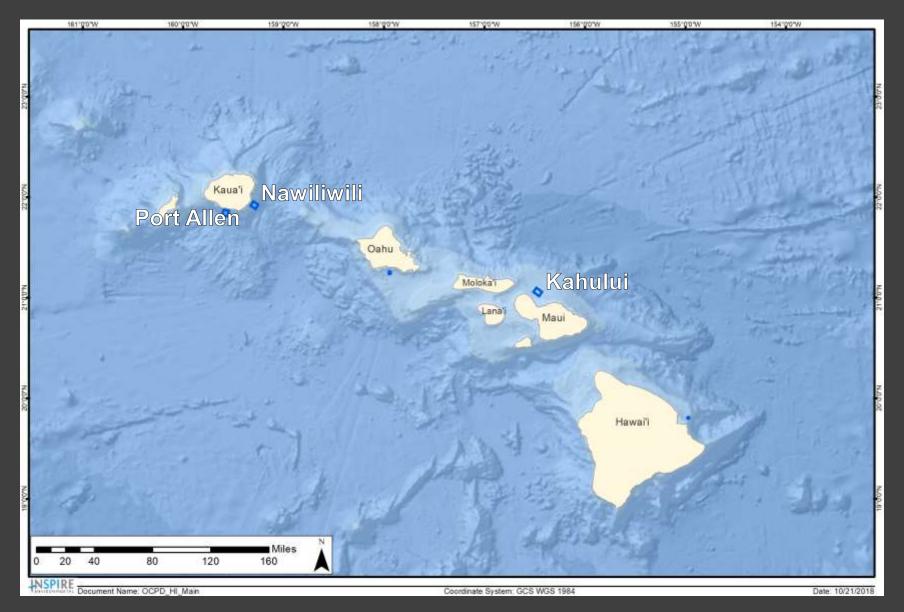


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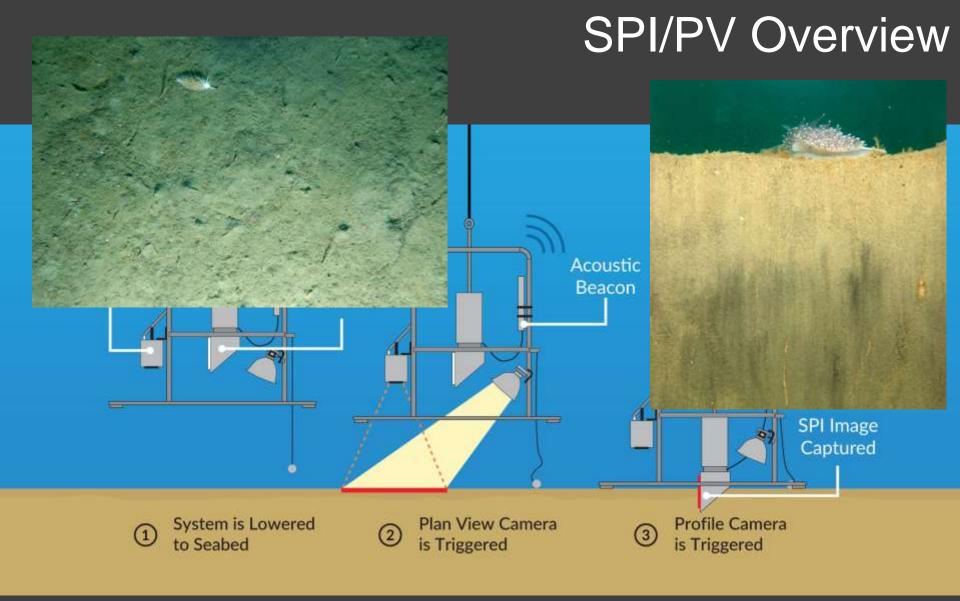


Data Collection

- Acoustic multibeam echo sounder survey to map topography and sediment textures of seafloor
- Sediment Profile and Plan View Imagery to map dredged material footprint and evaluate status of benthic community
- Grab samples for sediment, chemistry, benthic community analyses

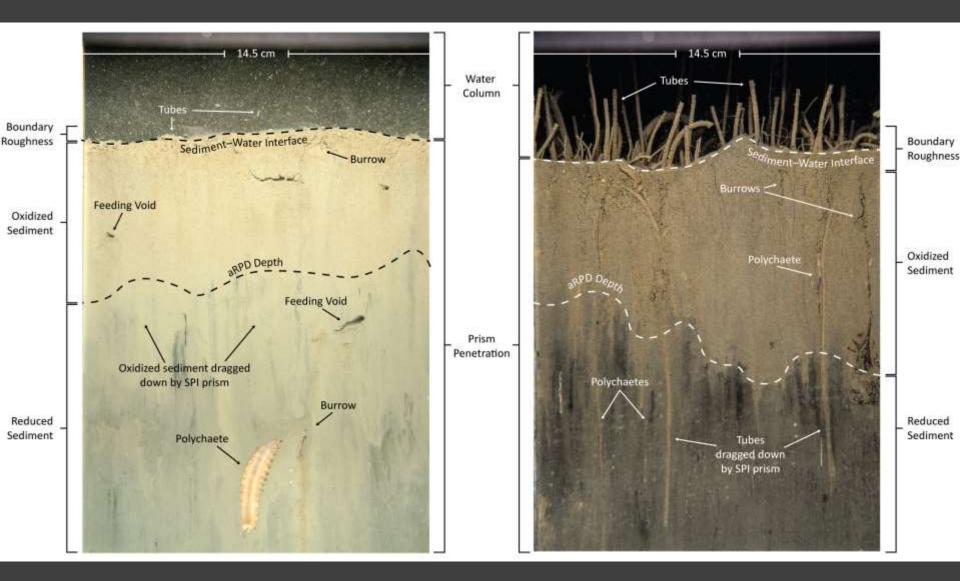






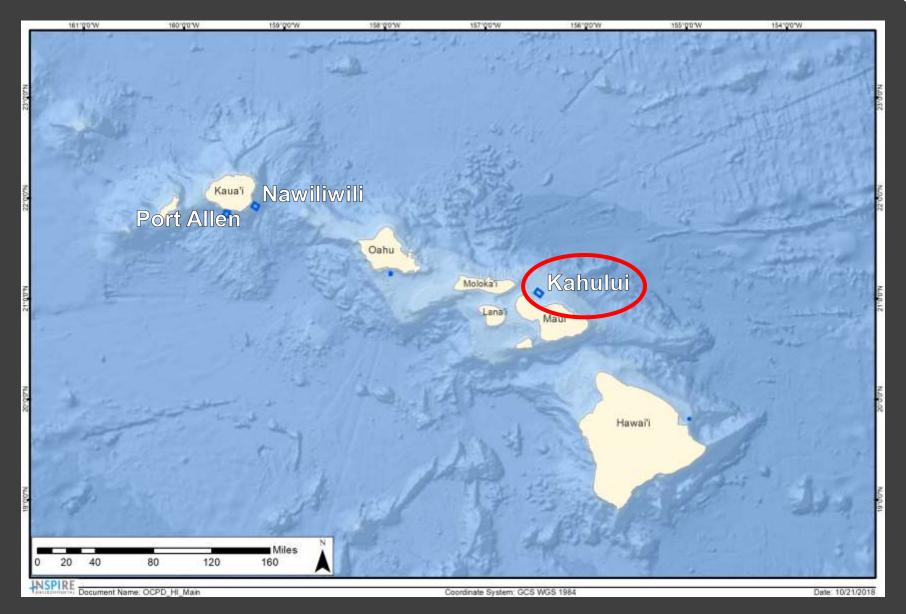


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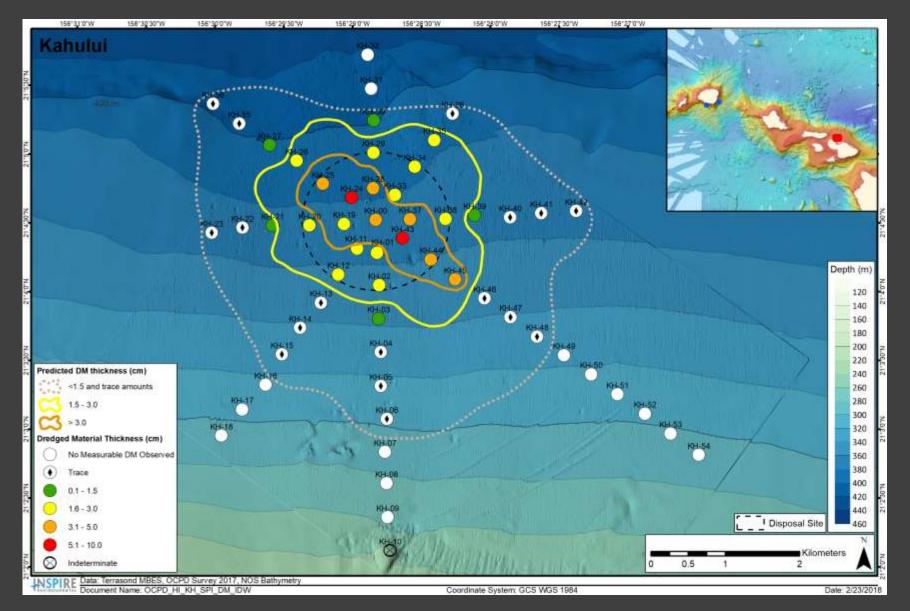


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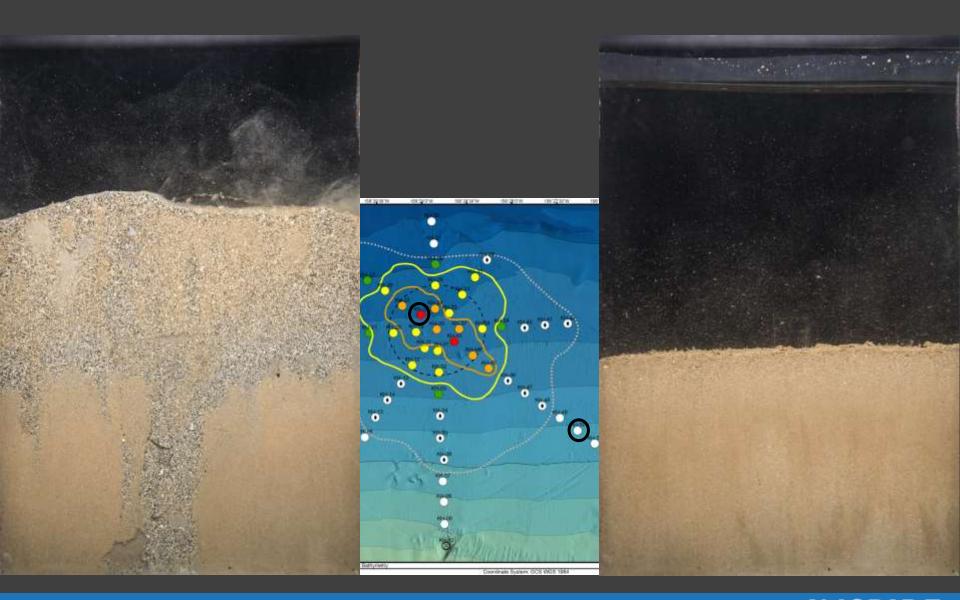


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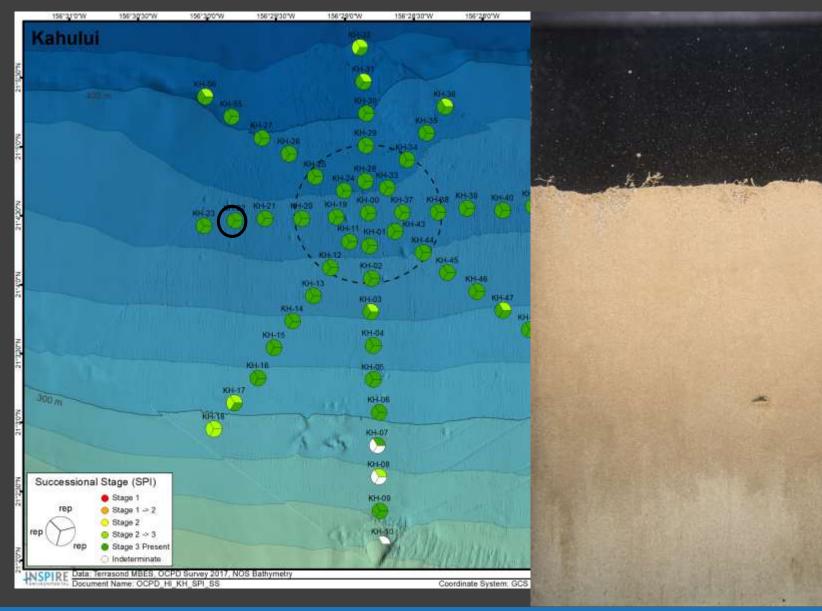


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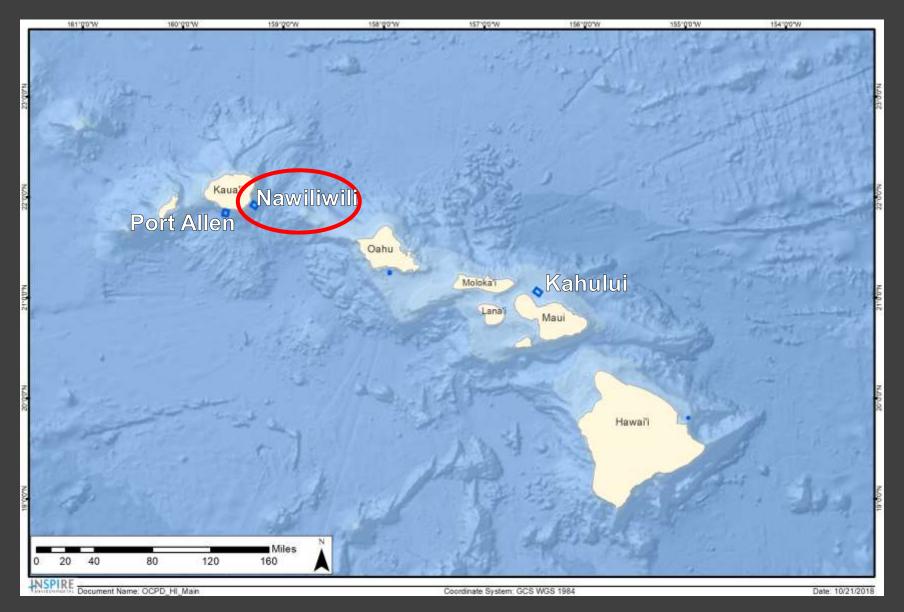


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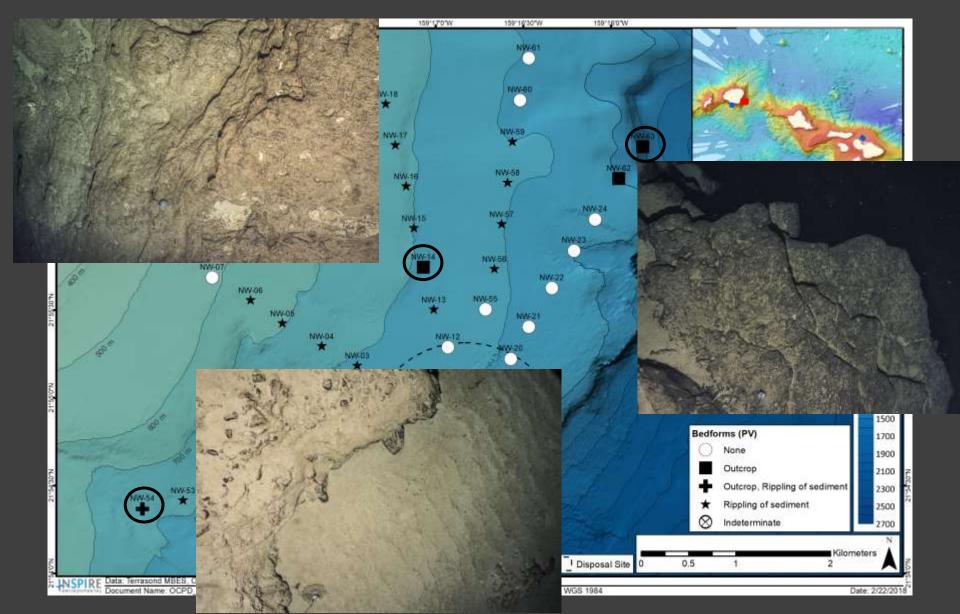


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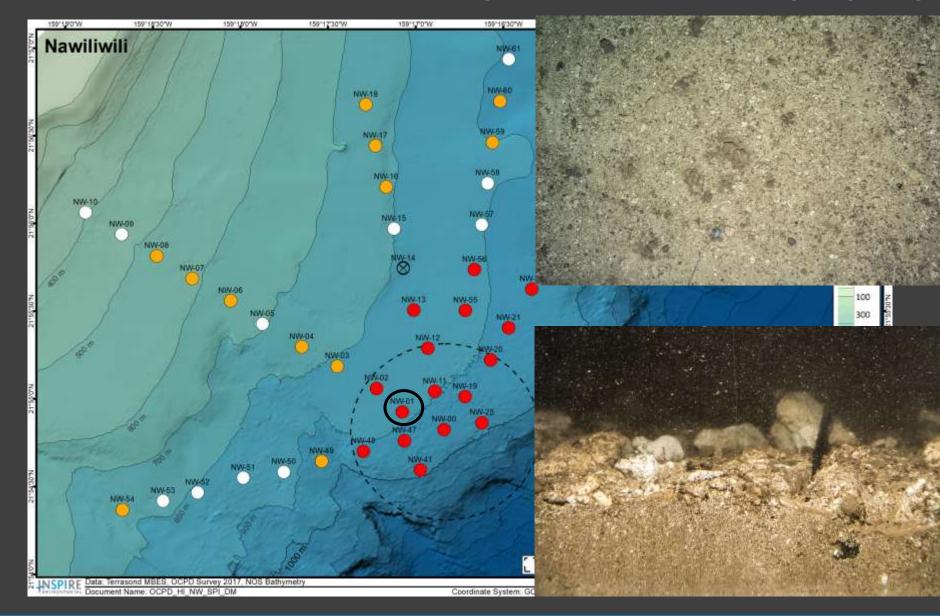


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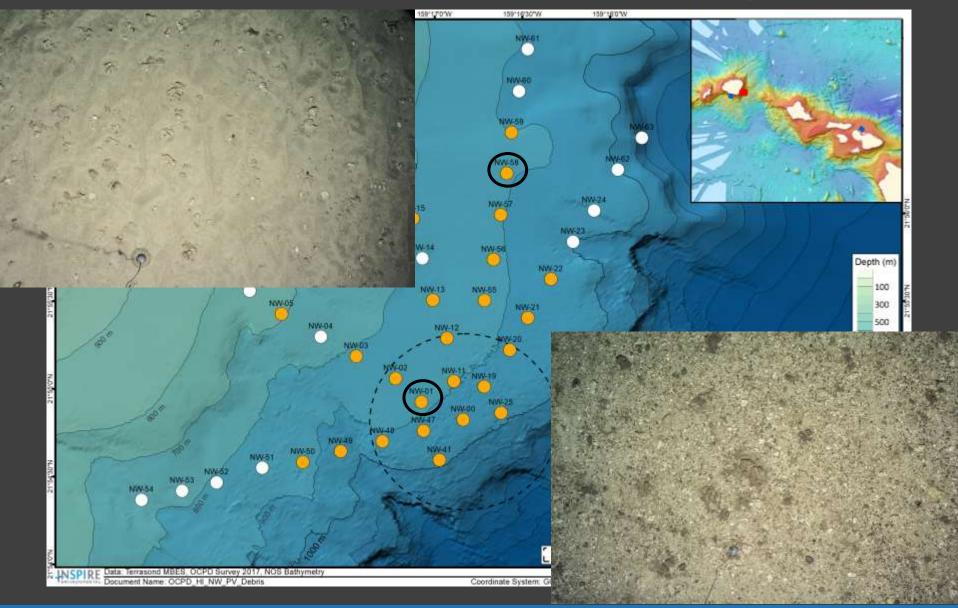


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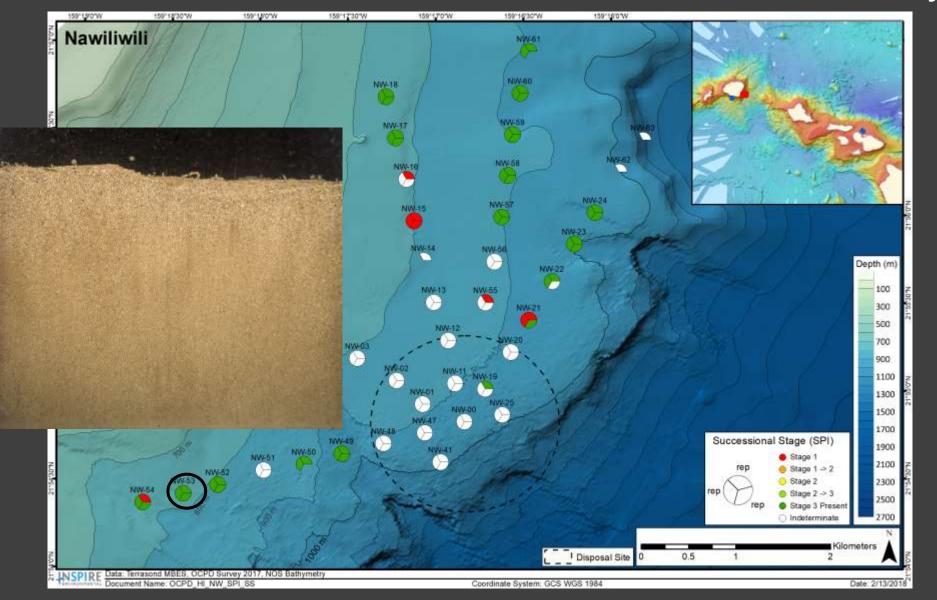


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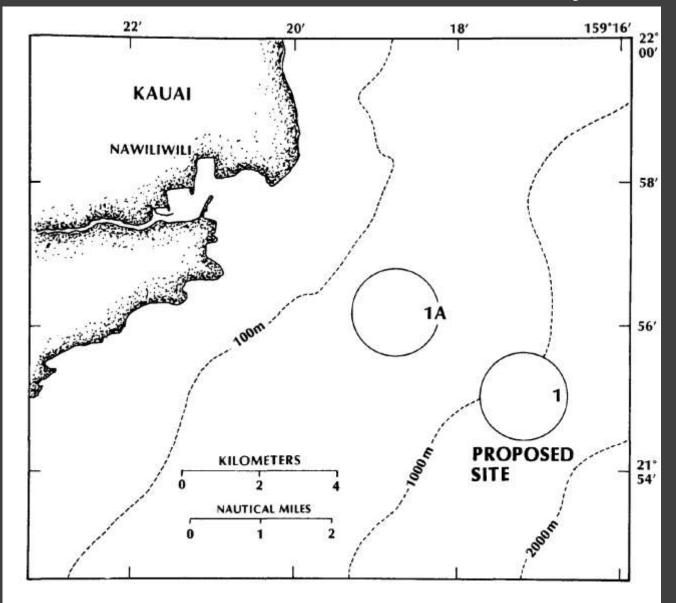


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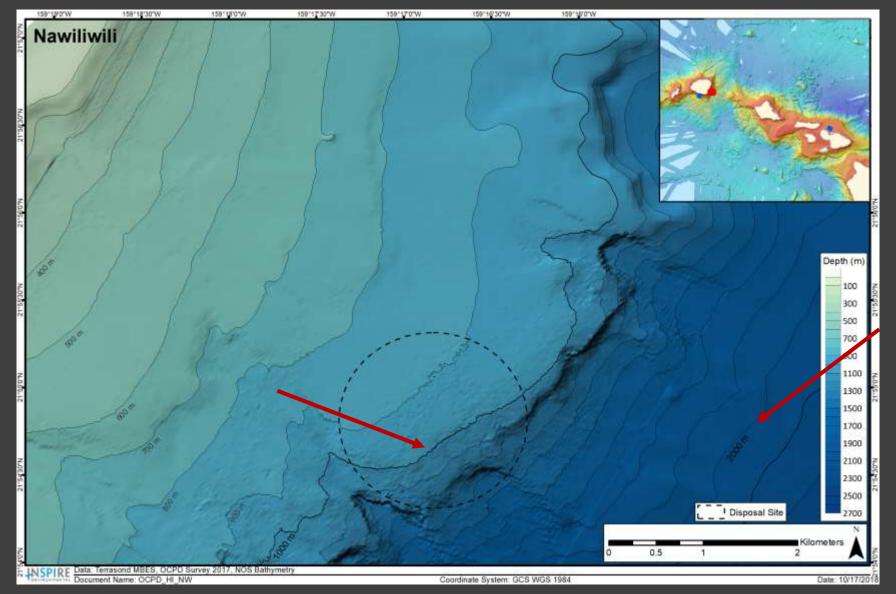


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Take-aways

SPI/PV are useful for mapping DM footprint and assessing effects to benthic community

High resolution seafloor mapping is highly valuable in assessing disposal site and in directing SPI/PV and grab sampling

Results from Nawiliwili are being used by EPA to plan what is next for this site – e.g., changing disposal target, designating an alternate site, sending all Kauai DM to the Port Allen site



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