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Seismic Data Quality

The data quality of the G03A Tuskfish 3D seismic survey is significantly better than pre-existing 2D and 3D surveys acquired in this area of the Gippsland Basin. The area covered by the survey is particularly challenging from an acquisition and processing perspective with the rugose seafloor topography and present day shelf edge create significant imaging artefacts. Utilization of a hybrid (single layer) depth migration algorithm during processing has improved data coherence and fault resolution. Despite these improvements, interpretation at depth remains difficult and significant seafloor channel artefacts remain in the data. Data quality in the portion of the survey under the present day shelf is of only poor-moderate quality. Further west, on the present day shelf, and in the east, beyond the present day slope, data quality is fair-good.

Time Structure Mapping

Synthetic seismograms were generated at all wells within the 3D area to allow the transfer of significant geological surfaces to the seismic data. Wells tied include Albacore-1, Angler-1, Athene-1, Ayu-1, Billfish-1, Blackback-1,2,3, Gudgeon-1, Hapuku-1, Helios-1, Hermes-1, Selene-1 and Terakihi-1. Interpreted seismic lines XL3869 and IL1870 have been included with this report (Enclosures 3A and 3B).

The following surfaces have been mapped :

Base High Velocity Channel

Mapped across the full survey extent this surface represents the base of the interval containing Miocene carbonates. This surface represents an important depth conversion constraint.

Lakes Entrance Fm

Mapped across the full survey extent this surface marks the top of the marls and shales of the Lakes Entrance Fm. It is also an important depth conversion constraint.

Top of Latrobe Group

Mapped across the full survey extent this surface represents the ultimate top of porosity for the Latrobe Gp play. A time structure map (Enclosure 1), an average velocity map (Enclosure 4) and a depth structure map (Enclosure 5) have been included with this report.

Smalt Blue SB

The Smalt Blue SB marker has been mapped across the full survey extent and is representative of the intra-Latrobe Gp structural form. The limited biostratigraphic control at this level suggests a lower *L. T. longus* age, close to near top *T. lilliei*, for this marker. A time structure map (Enclosure 2) and a depth structure map (Enclosure 6) have been included with this report.

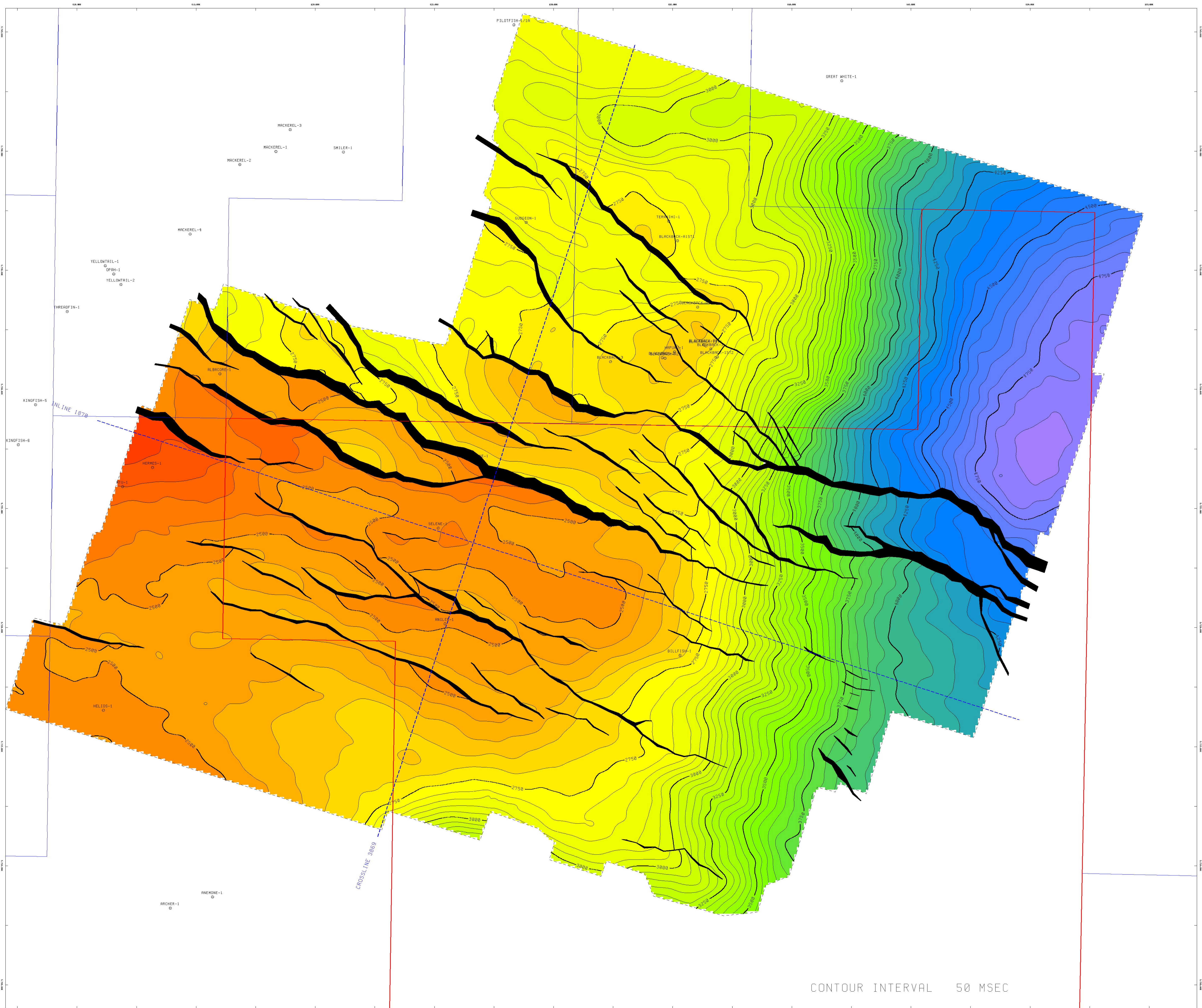
Depth Conversion

Depth conversion of seismic markers utilised the available well and seismic control. Velocity across the survey area is dependent on the thickness of the water layer as well as the carbonate content of the overburden. Seismic velocities are distorted in many locations by the complex overburden.

Depth conversion was accomplished by applying Dix-corrected seismic velocities to the time maps and carefully editing the anomalous data. Cross-plot relationships between seismic velocity and the structure maps from the shallow horizons were utilised to establish appropriate smoothing functions.

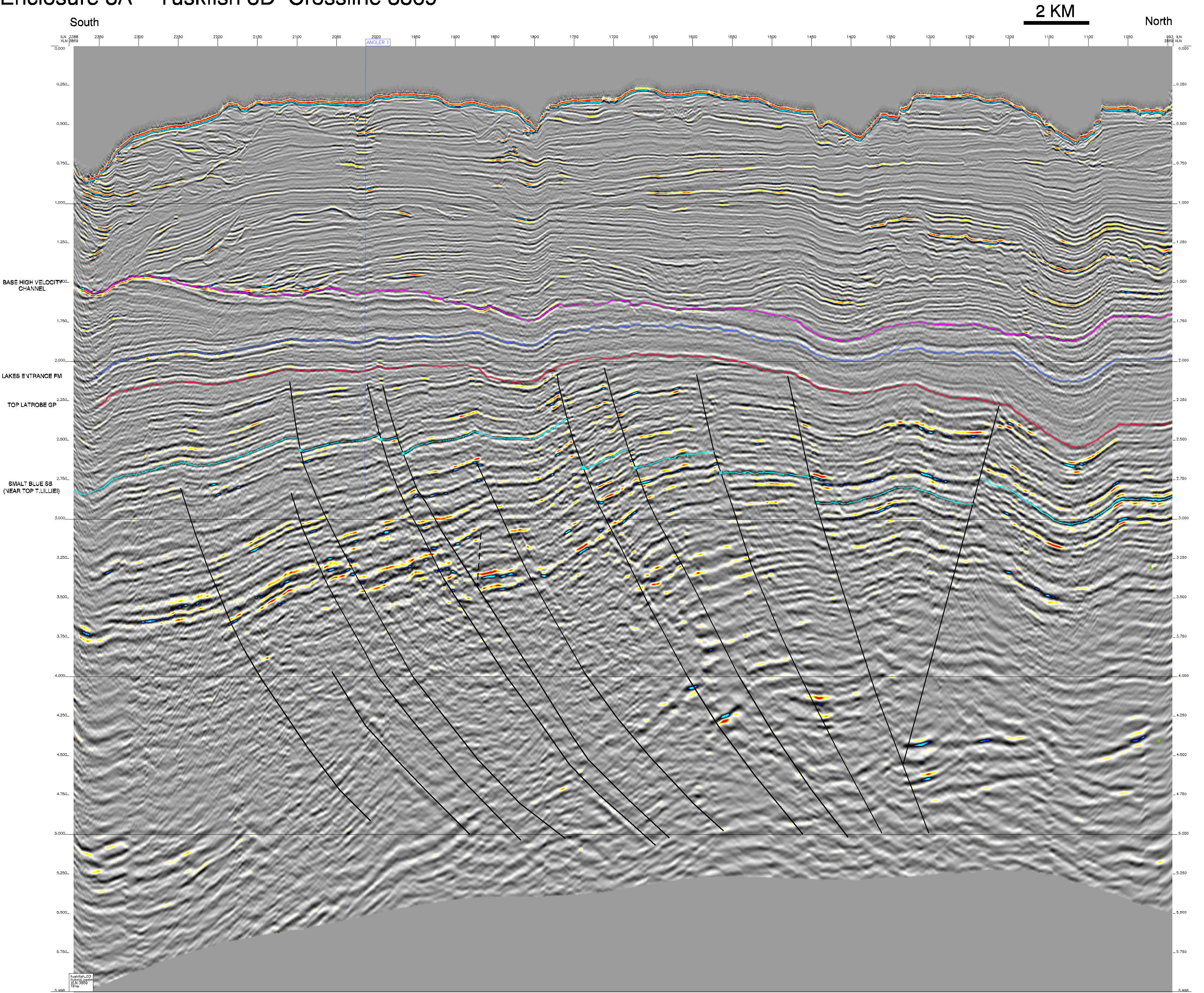
Seismic maps at the Lakes Entrance Fm and Top of Latrobe Gp were edited and then tied to the well control by adjusting to match the well depths.

The depth conversion of the deeper Smalt Blue SB horizon was accomplished by using an isopach method. Interval velocities were constructed using a Vo and gradient method. A smoothed Vo map was constructed relative to a control surface at the Lakes Entrance Fm, which provided a suitable reference surface because of the relative smoothness expected at this stratigraphic level, compared to the highly eroded Top of Latrobe surface.

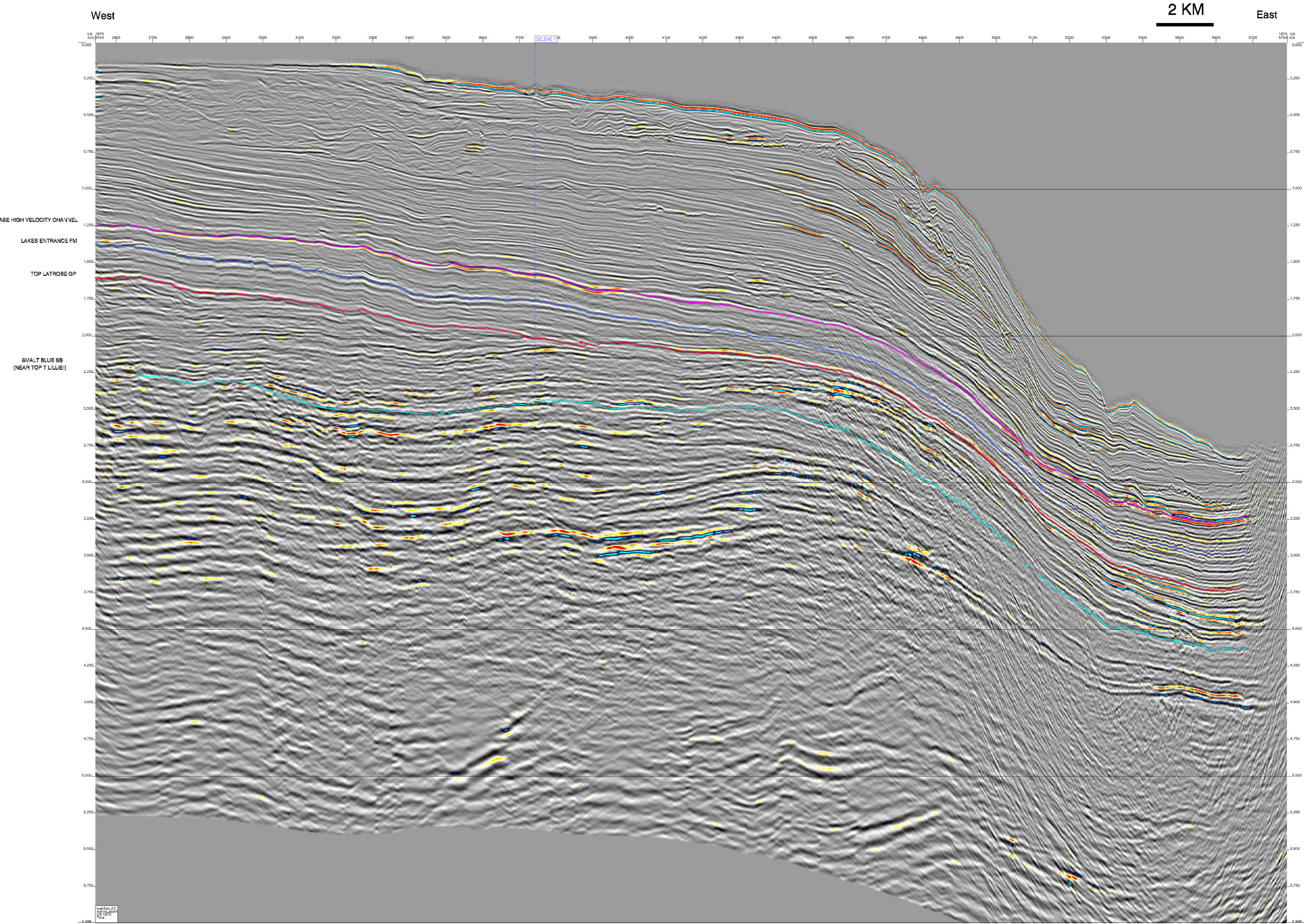


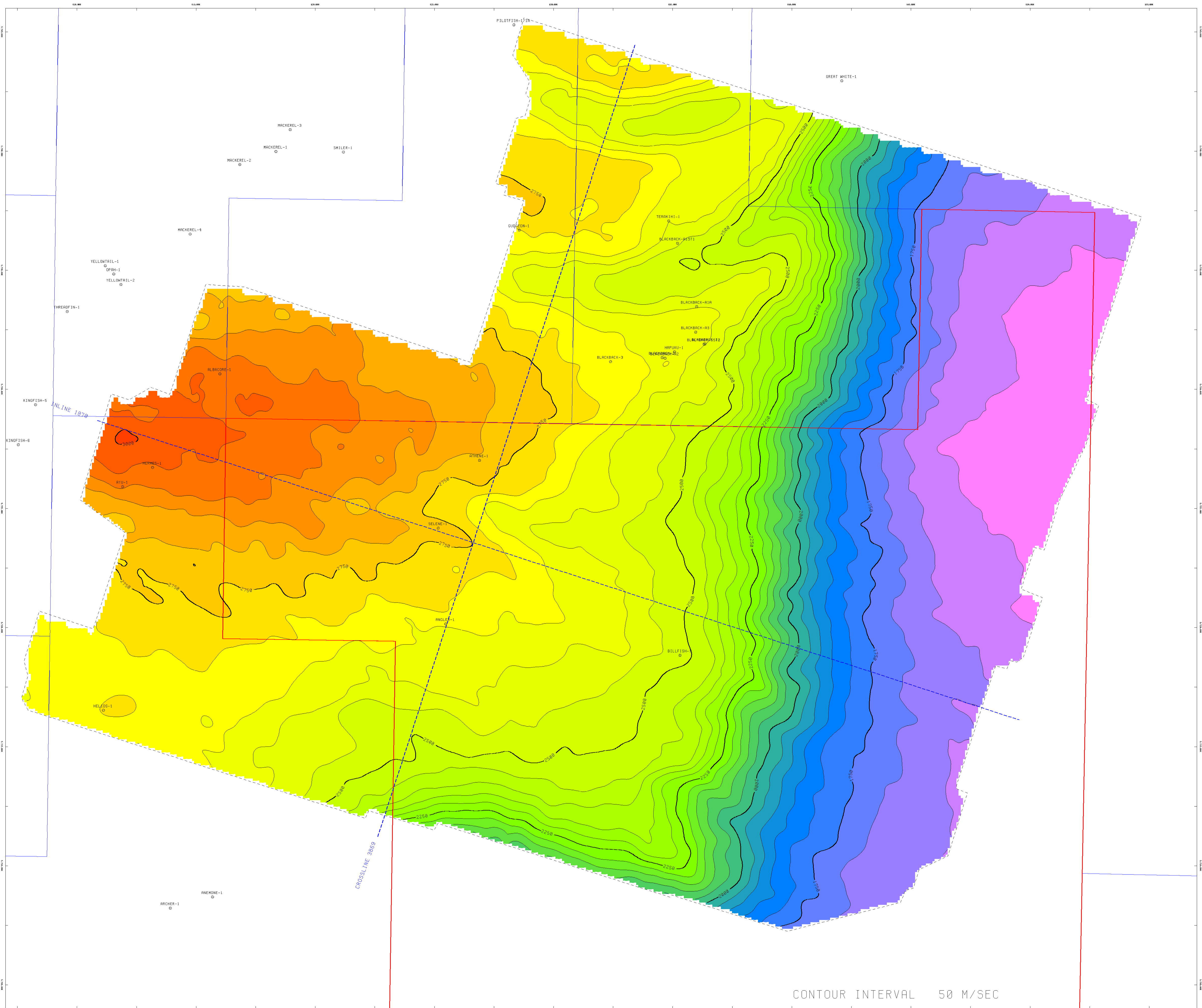
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Enclosure 3A Tuskfish 3D Crossline 3869

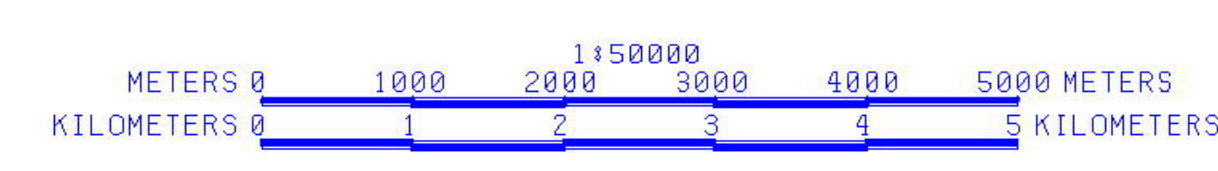


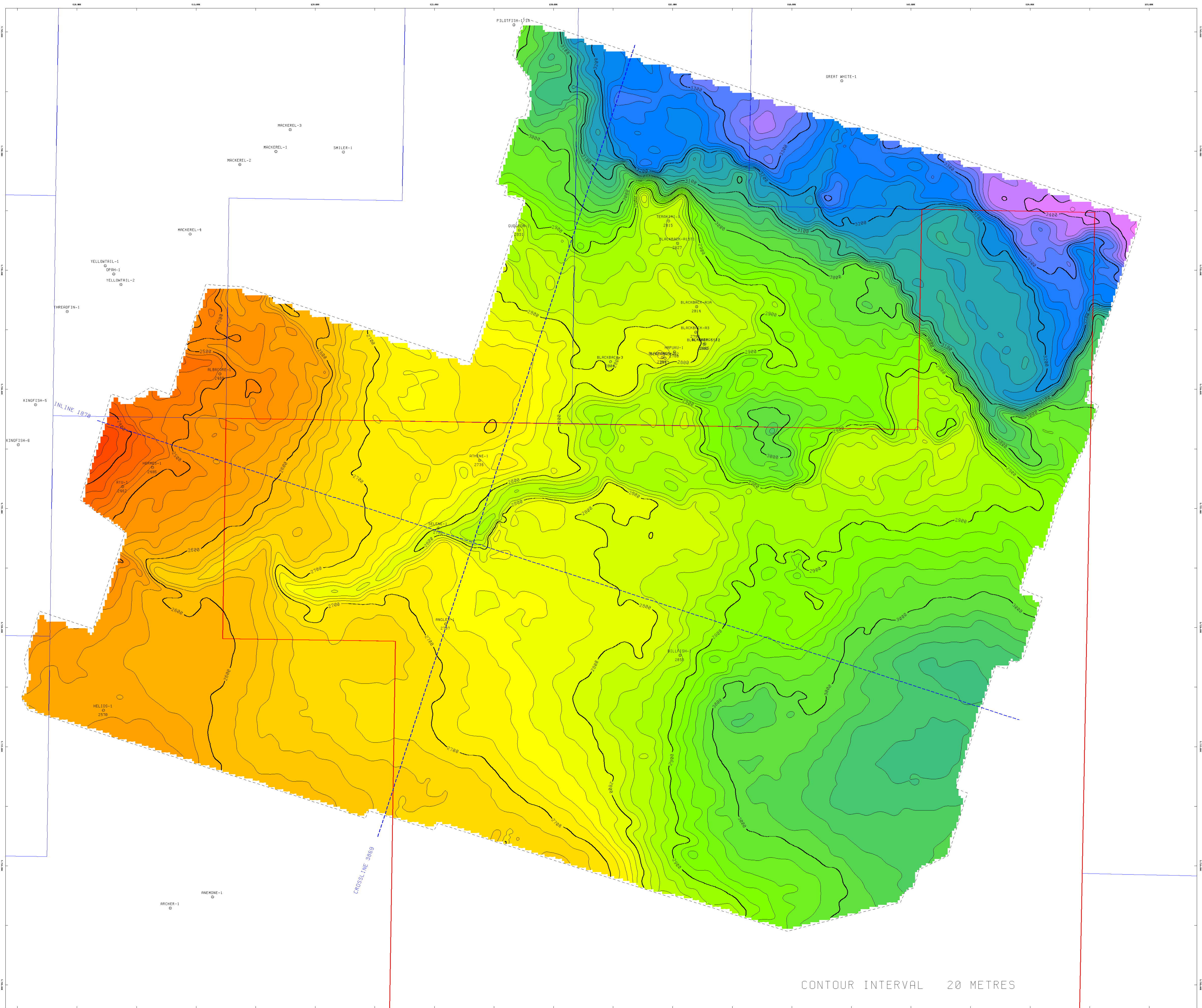
Enclosure 3B Tuskfish 3D Inline 1870





CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 M/SEC





CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 METRES

