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Dear Mr. Campbell,

RE: VESSEL DATA WATER DEPTH ANALYSIS IN KOOTENAY LAKE WEST ARM

Thank you for the opportunity to review the depth data provided by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) from the MV Osprey 2000. Please find herein our water depth analysis summary as related to the underkeel clearance of the vessel in the West Arm of Kootenay Lake, traveling to and from the Balfour Ferry Terminal.

In general, the results of our analysis indicate that the vessel underkeel clearance was less than 1 m in two areas of the West Arm during the low lake level period in March 2017.

Given Information (by MoTI)

- Depth data from VDR Explorer 3.10 Software, data files in .NAS, extracted to .csv file.
- Data was collected from the MV Osprey 2000 from February 8 to May 9, 2017. The data logger was mounted to the underside of the vessel, and recorded the water depth from bottom of vessel to lake bed surface (underkeel clearance).
- The lowest recorded water level was noted to be from March 11–13, 2017.
- Underkeel clearances less than 1 m are to be highlighted.
- Vessel was loaded approximately 24% on average during the data collection period, corresponding to a draught of approximately 2.74 m based on the 'Deadweight Scale' (see Attachment 1).
- FortisBC provides lake level data and posts to the website:
 http://webapp.fortisbc.com/lakelevel/lakes.jsp#KootenayLakeLevel31Days

Assumptions

- FortisBC lake level data is from the Queens Bay station and is reasonably representative of the conditions along the ferry route.
- The MoTI recording device was mounted on the lowest point of the vessel, including consideration of trim, such that the device records the minimum underkeel clearance at each data point.
- Vessel draught will have varied throughout the data collection period based on vessel loading, but this analysis considers only the average loaded draught provided (approximately 2.74 m).



Other Information Considered

- Conceptual design parameters for the navigation route in the West Arm (Advisian, 2017)¹:
 - Water depths of 4.1 m (13.5 ft.) to 4.7 m (15.4 ft.) for the MV Osprey 2000 vessel, depending on the channel conditions.
 - Maximum loaded draught of the MV Osprey is 3.174 m + 0.085 m trim/heel = 3.259 m
 - Allowable underkeel clearance would be 0.841 m to 1.441 m, depending on channel conditions, for maximum loaded draught of the MV Osprey. This analysis considers 1 m underkeel clearance as requested by MoTI.
 - Conversion from Geodetic Datum (GD) to Chart Datum (CD) is 529.44 m GD = 0.0 CD in the
 West Arm
 - 'Design' water depth for the Navigation Study is considered to be at 529.71 m GD (0.27 m CD).
- Terminology herein is depicted in Figure 1.

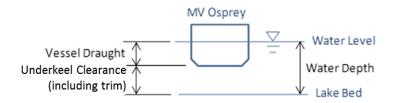


Figure 1 Dimension References

Depth Analysis Summary

- Data was analysed from March 9 to 15, 2017 and are shown graphically in sketches 307071-01156-00-CX-SK-0001 to 0007, provided in Attachment 2.
- The data on March 11, 2017 (SK-0003) show two areas (Area A and Area B) where underkeel clearance was less than 1 m, a snapshot of SK-0003, as shown in Figure 2.
- The worst case underkeel clearances (minimum underkeel depth recordings) from March 9 to 15, 2017 that occurred in Areas A and B are shown on sketch 307071-01156-00-CX-SK-0008, provided in Attachment 3.
- The water levels to Geodetic Datum (GD) from March 9–15, 2017 according to Fortis BC's website are shown in Table 1 (the conversion to CD is by Advisian and is based on 529.44 m GD = 0.0 CD in the West Arm).

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¹ Advisian, 2017. Improvements to Navigation – Study Report Draft – Balfour Terminal. Burnaby, BC.



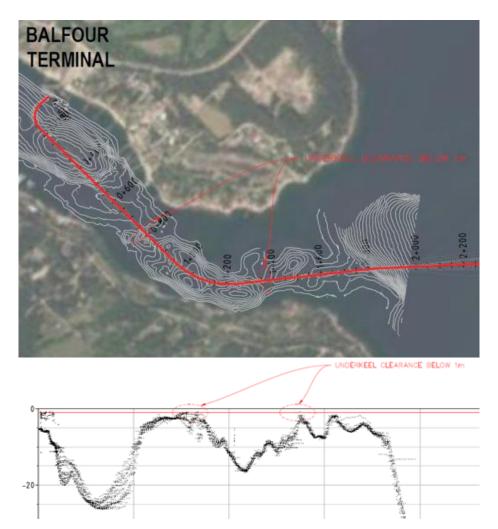


Figure 2 Underkeel Clearance Data from March 11, 2017 (see SK-0003 for more details)

Table 1 Lowest Water Level Elevations during Data Collection Period

Date	Water Level Elevation (m, GD) – Fortis BC	Water Level Elevation (m, CD) – Calculated
09-Mar-2017	530.11	0.67
10-Mar-2017	530.08	0.64
11-Mar-2017	530.05	0.61
12-Mar-2017	530.02	0.58
13-Mar-2017	530.02	0.58
14-Mar-2017	530.02	0.58
15-Mar-2017	530.05	0.61

Note: Water levels above are approximately 0.3m higher than the 'design' water depth considered in the Navigation Study.



To approximately back check the depth data provided, an estimated contour was developed from the 2017 vessel data. The contour was calculated by taking the Fortis BC water level elevation for each day and subtracting the 24% loaded vessel draught (2.74 m) and subtracting the recorded underkeel clearance. The result provides the approximate elevation of the lake bed at each data point (estimated contour). The resulting estimated contour was compared to the 2016 bathymetric contour data as shown in sketches 307071-01156-00-CX-SK-0010 to SK-0013 provided in Attachment 4. Figure 3 shows a snapshot of SK-0010.

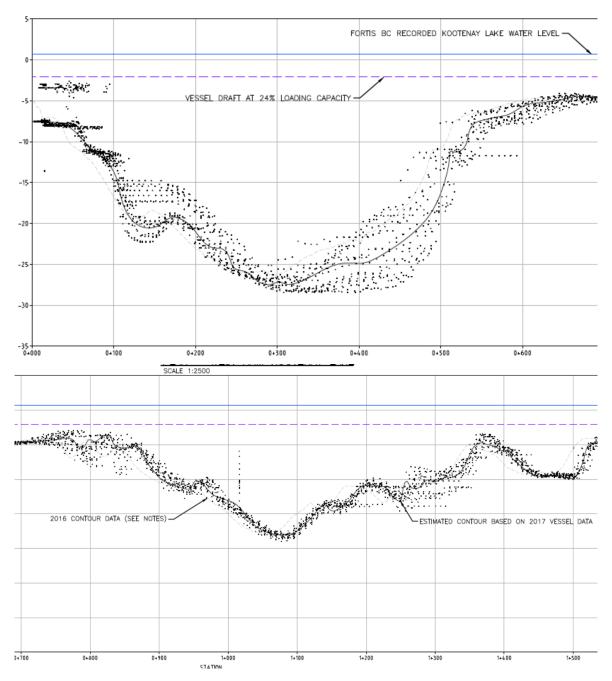


Figure 3 Snapshots of Sketch No. 307071-01156-00-CX-SK-0010



 The contours are in reasonable alignment to validate the recorded underkeel clearance and water level data. It is noted that the estimated contour is offset from the 2016 sounding contour, which is likely due to vessel speed at the time of the GPS coordinate recording.

Further Considerations

- Vessel draught is affected by the loading. As stated in the assumptions, the analysis herein is based on a constant draught of 2.74 m based on an average vessel load of 24%. Additional loading information would help to refine the analysis.
- Vessel draught will have varied throughout the data collection period.
- Vessel loading during seasons of higher or lower water level would help to refine the analysis.
- Water level at Queens Bay is not perfectly representative of the water levels in the West Arm.
- Location of recorder may not have been at the location of worst trim.
- Additional dates could be investigated / analyzed.

Conclusion

Based on the review herein of the MV Osprey vessel data provided by MoTI, underkeel clearances less than 1 m occurred in Areas A and B during the noted period of low lake levels. Thus, water depths are considered insufficient in Areas A and B for the safe navigation of the MV Osprey, especially if the vessel were to be fully loaded.

Closing

Thank you for this opportunity to provide MoTI with continued support in improving navigational conditions in the West Arm. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, either by email at daiva.seavey@advisian.com or by phone at 604-298-1616.

Yours sincerely,

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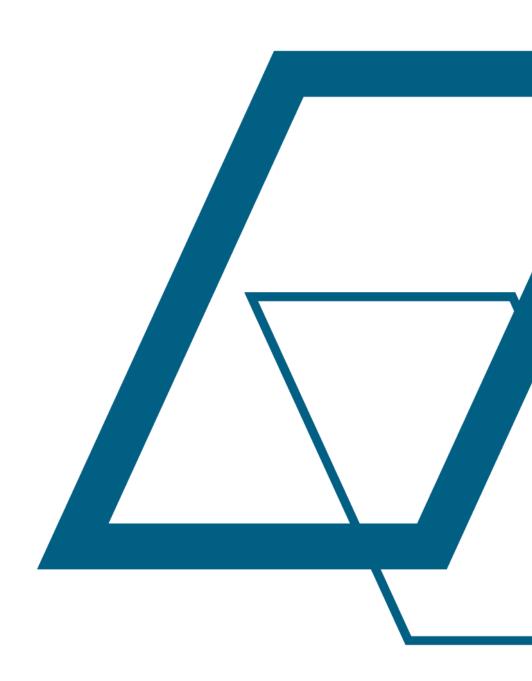
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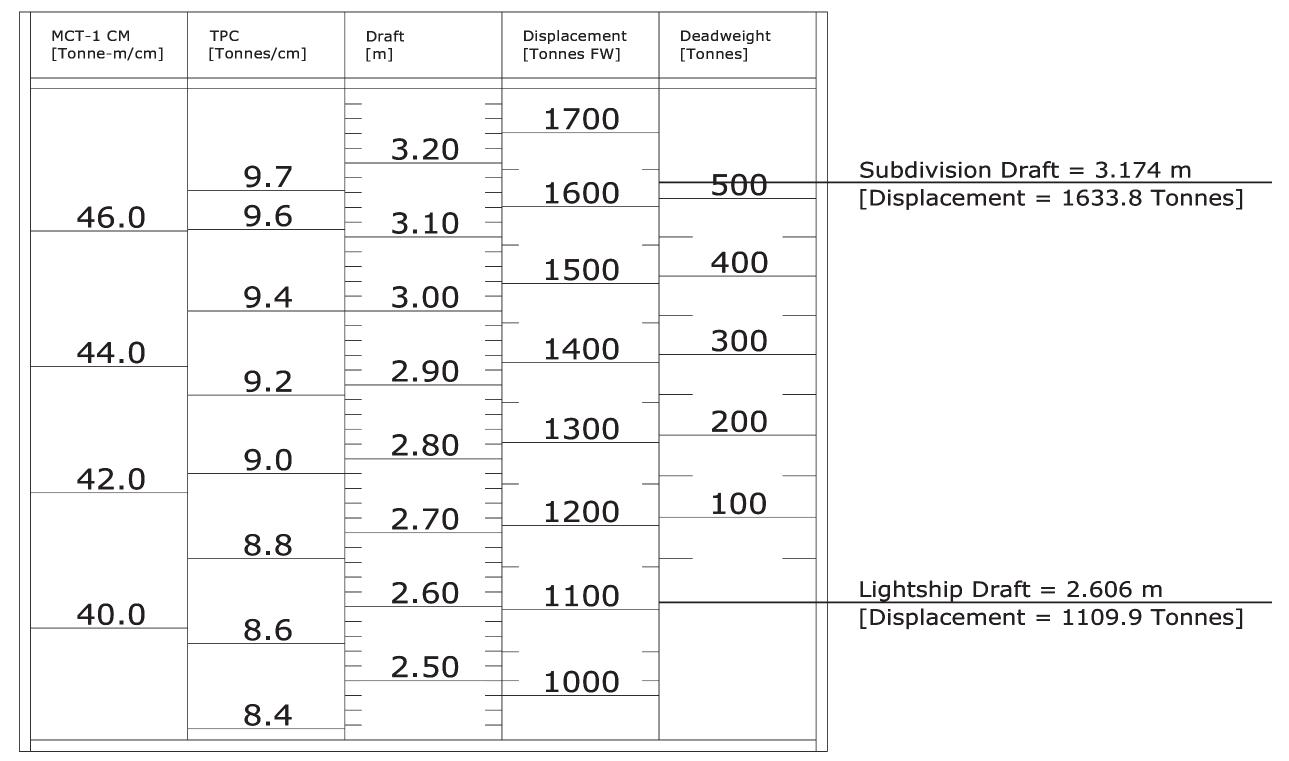
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Attachment 1 Deadweight Scale



Deadweight Scale

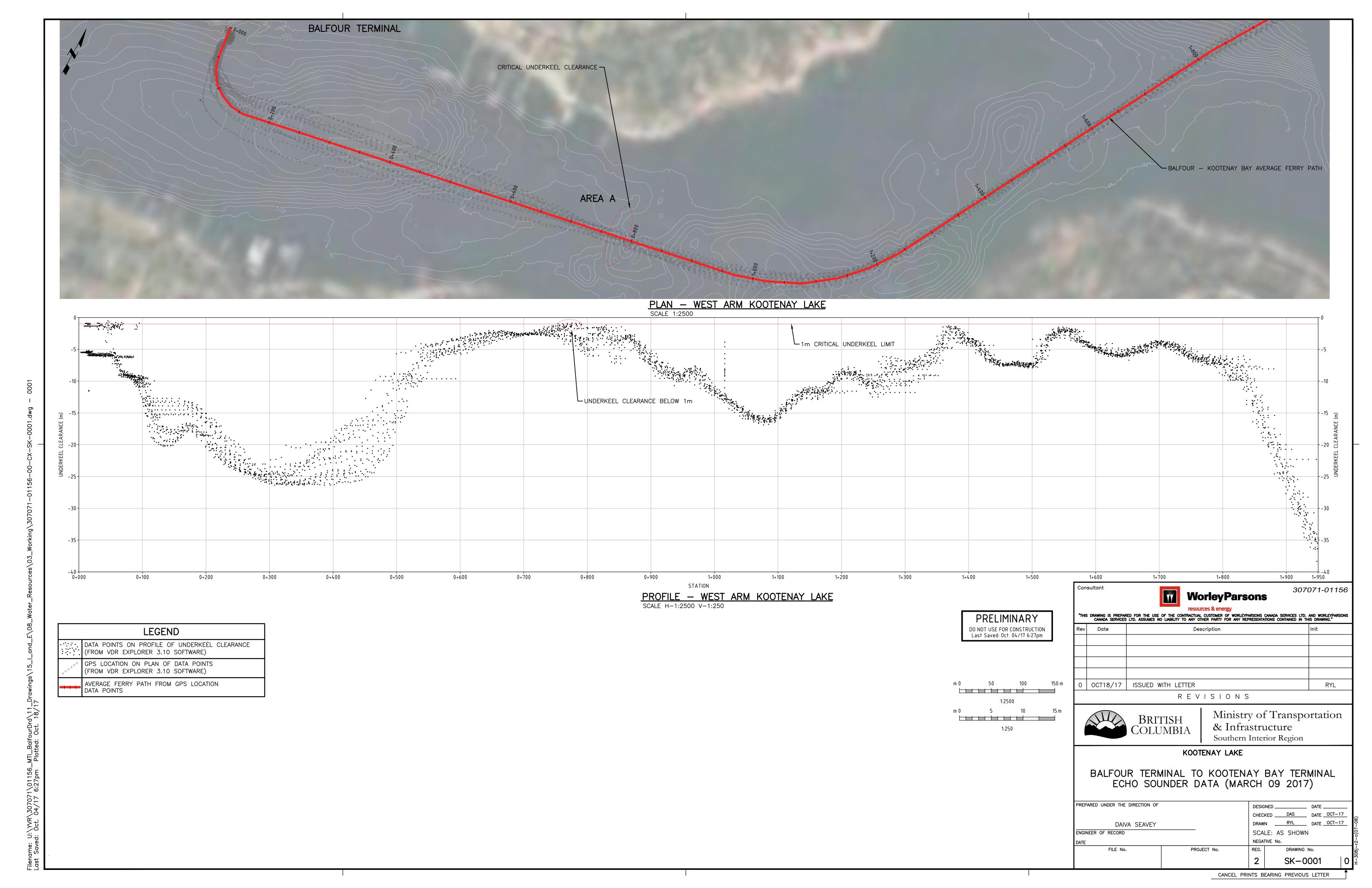


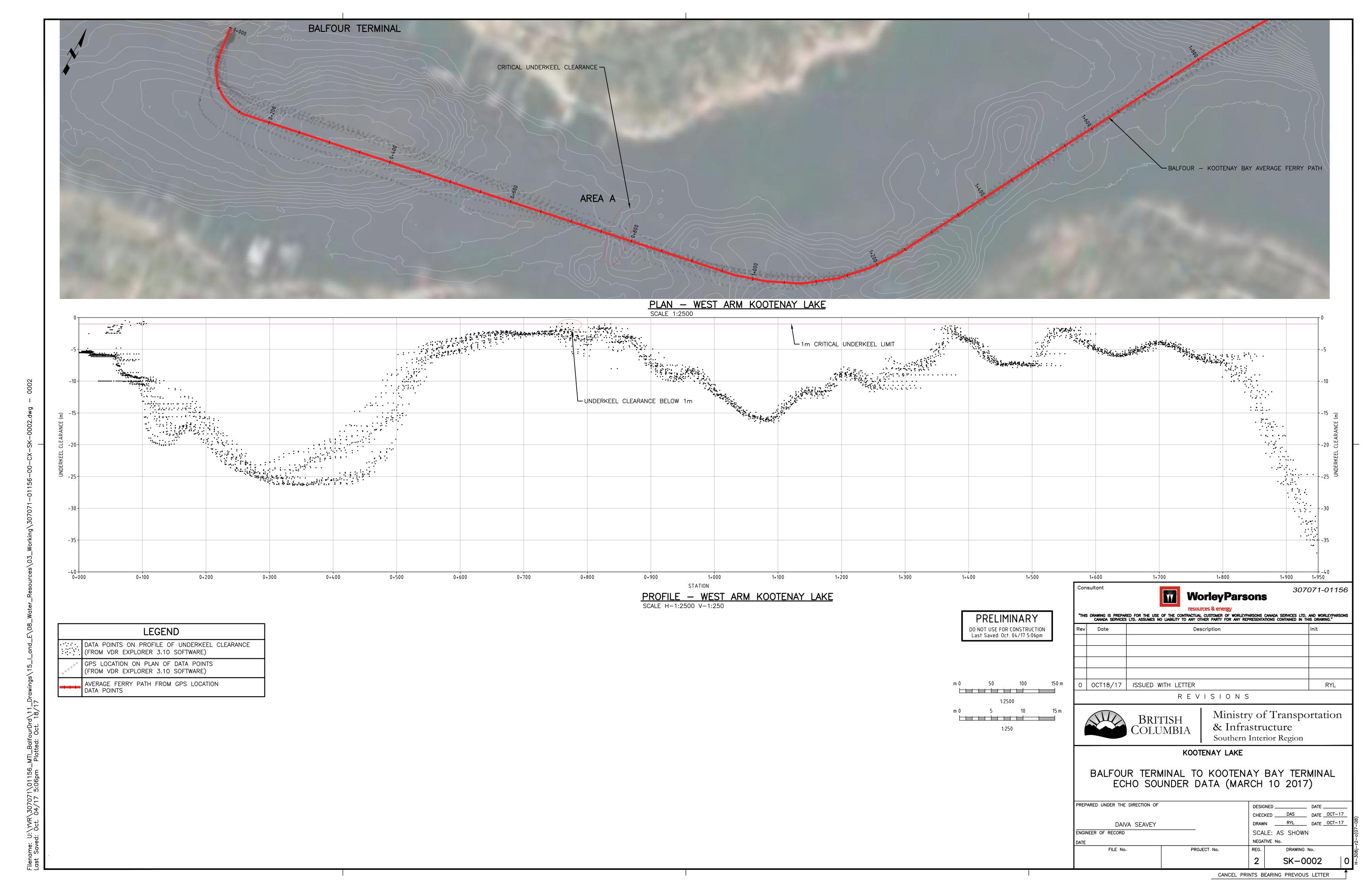
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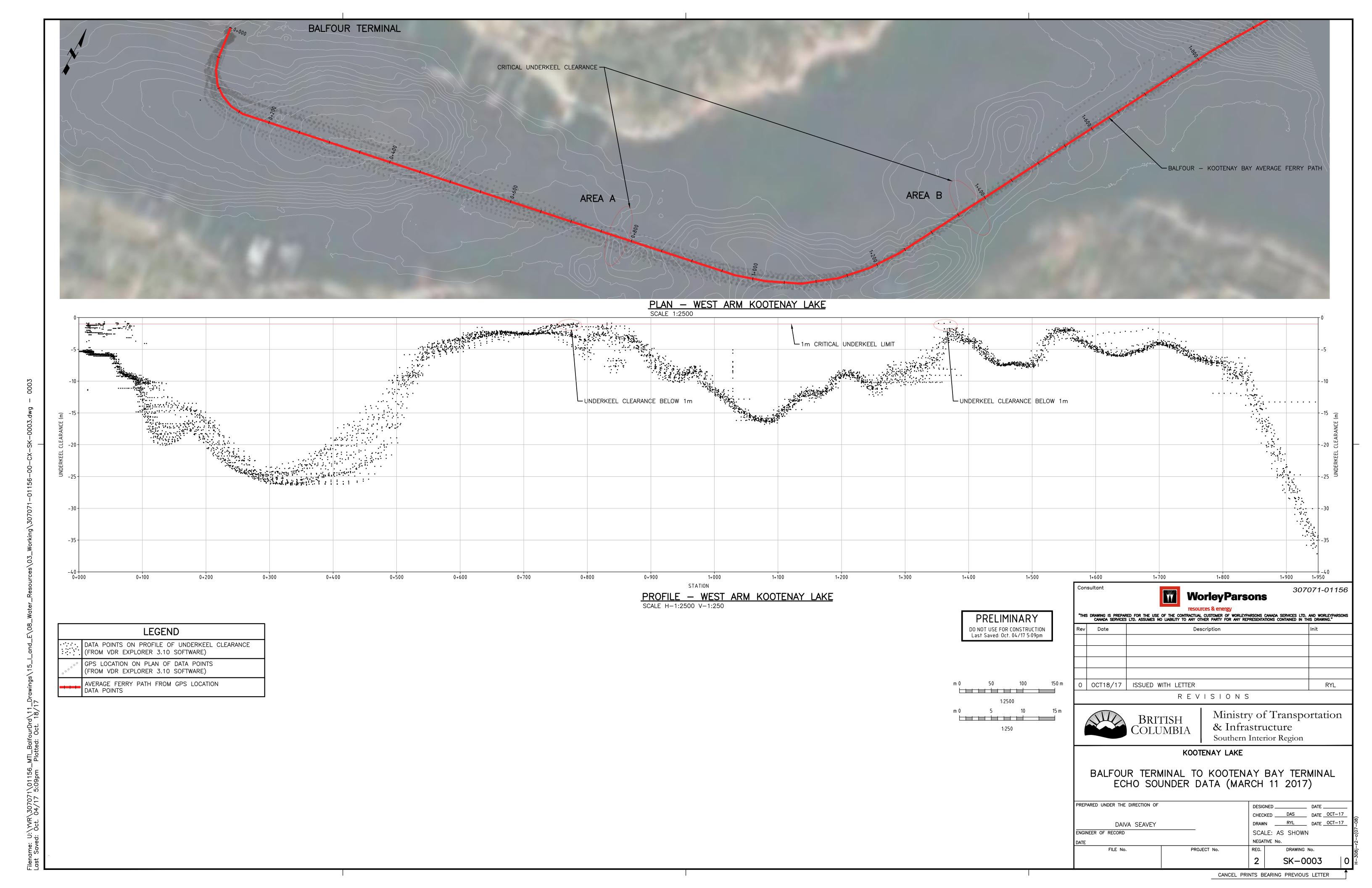


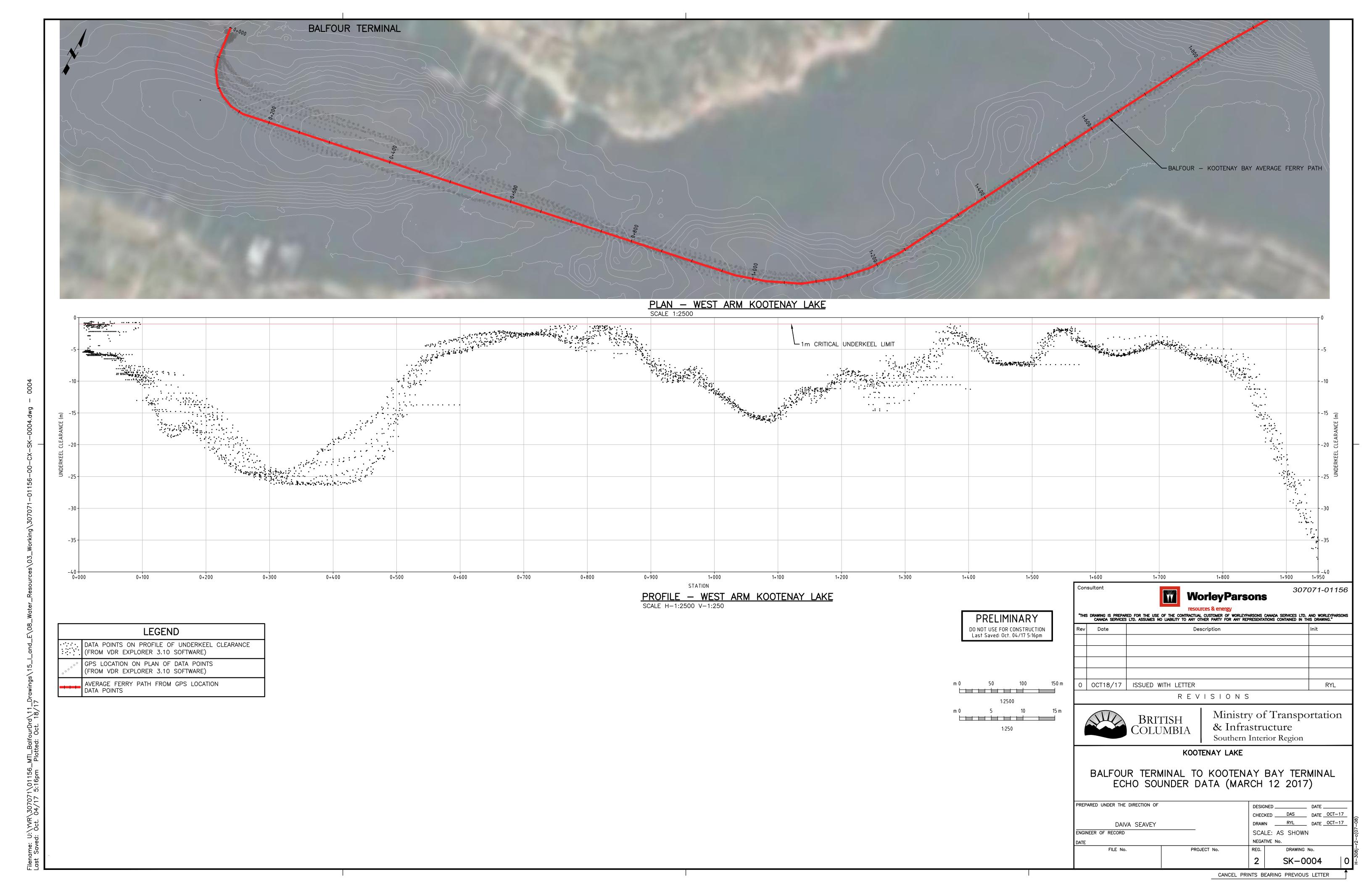
Attachment 2 Echo Sounder Data Sketches

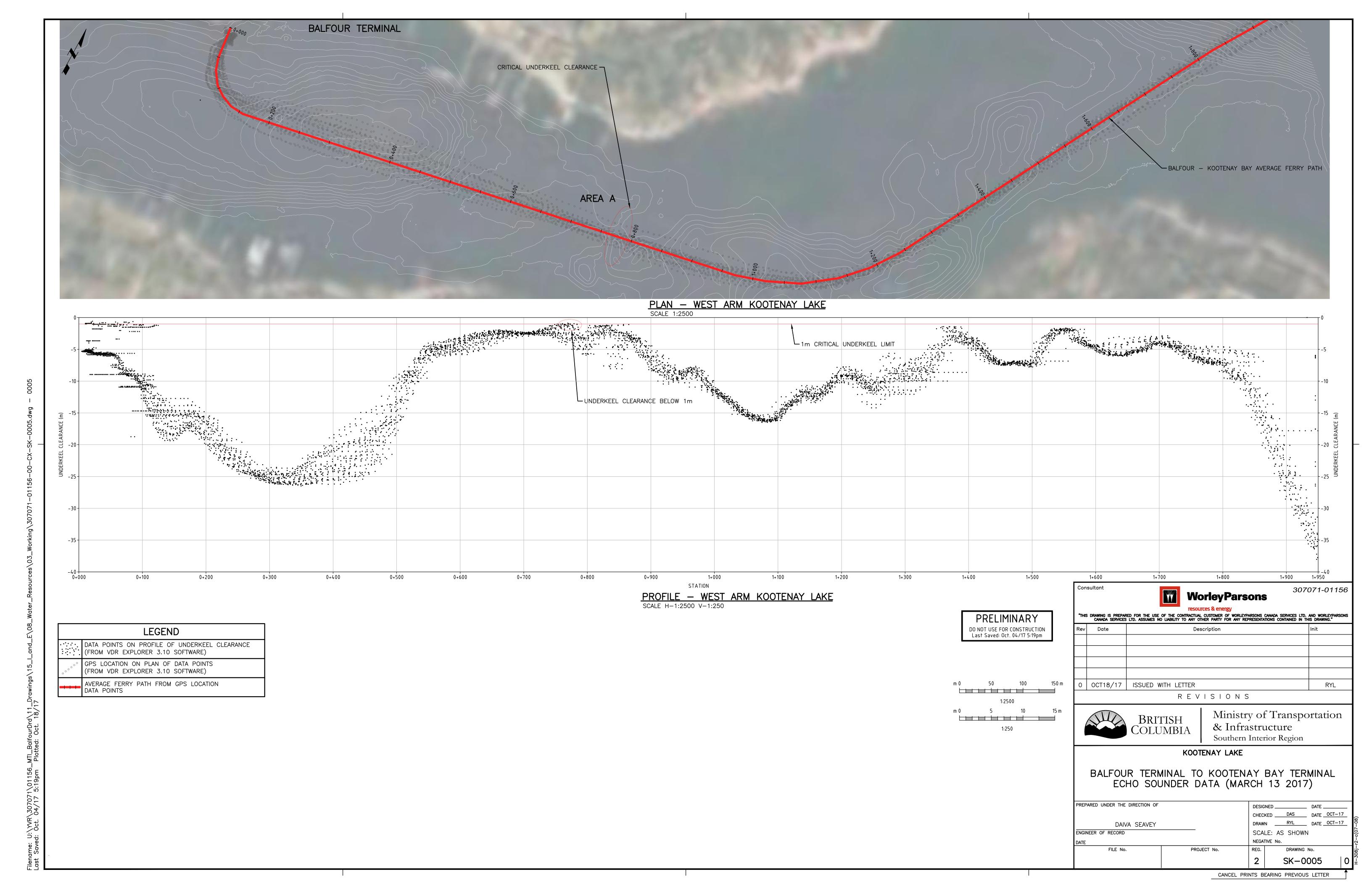


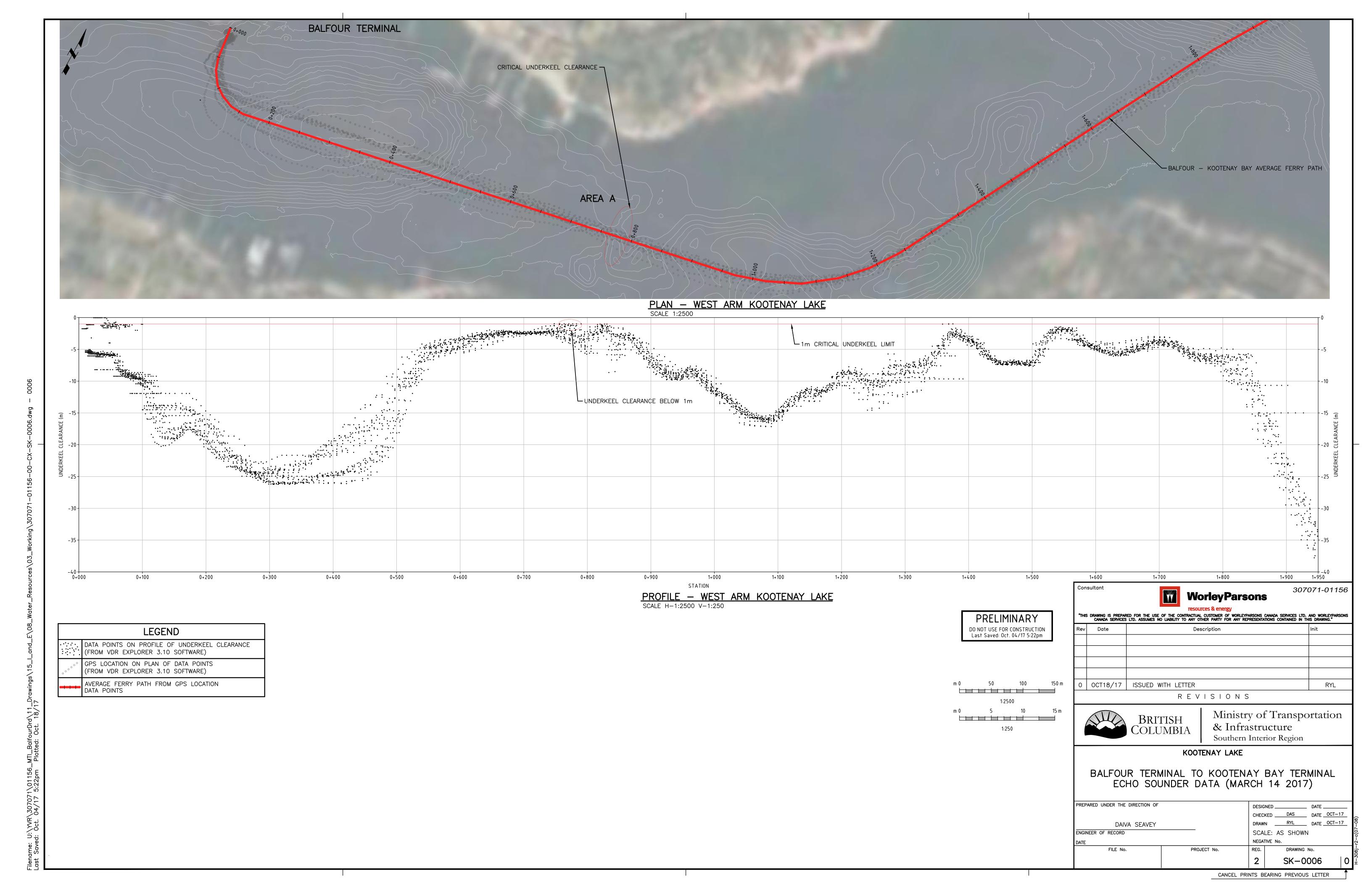


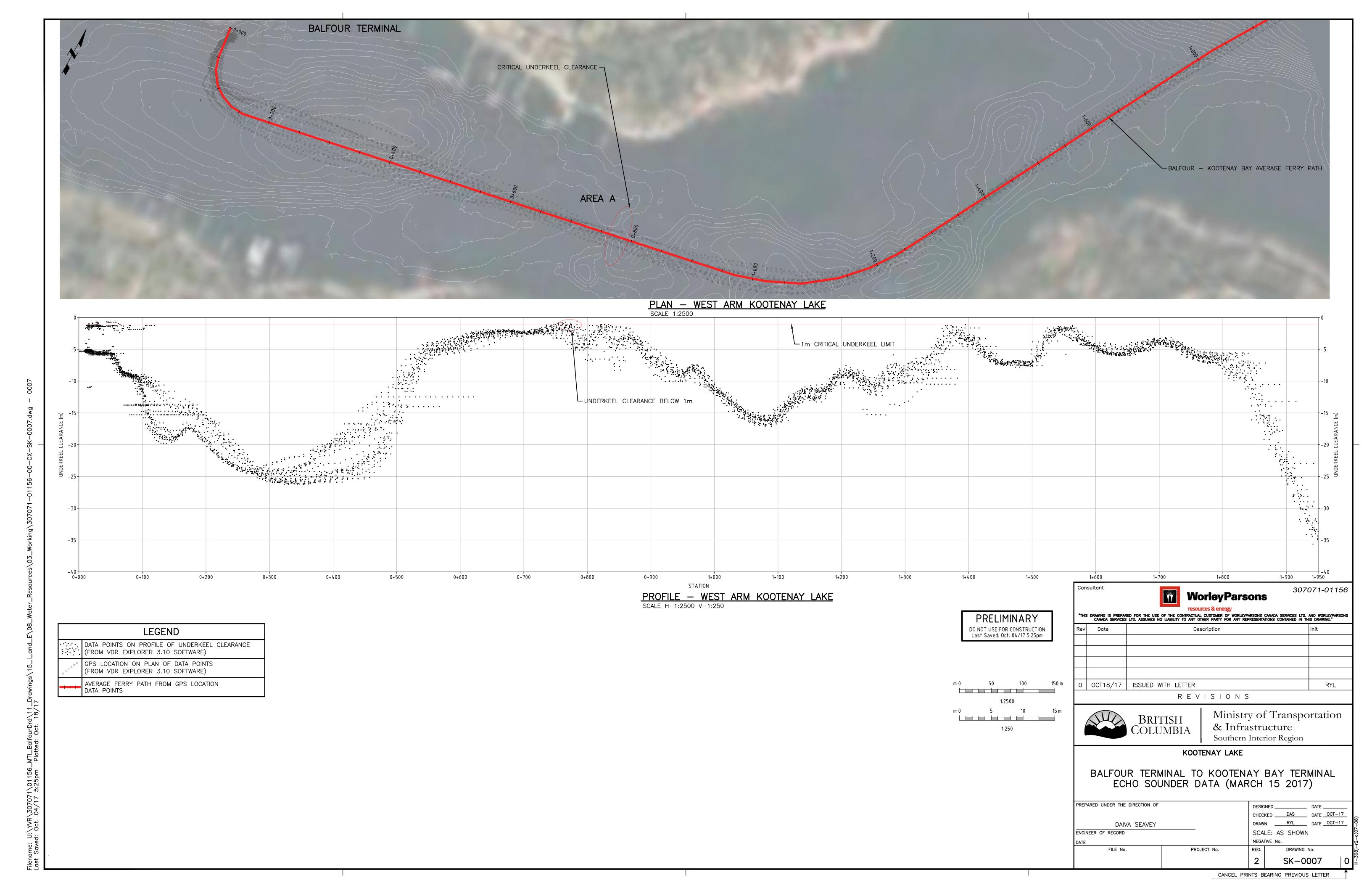








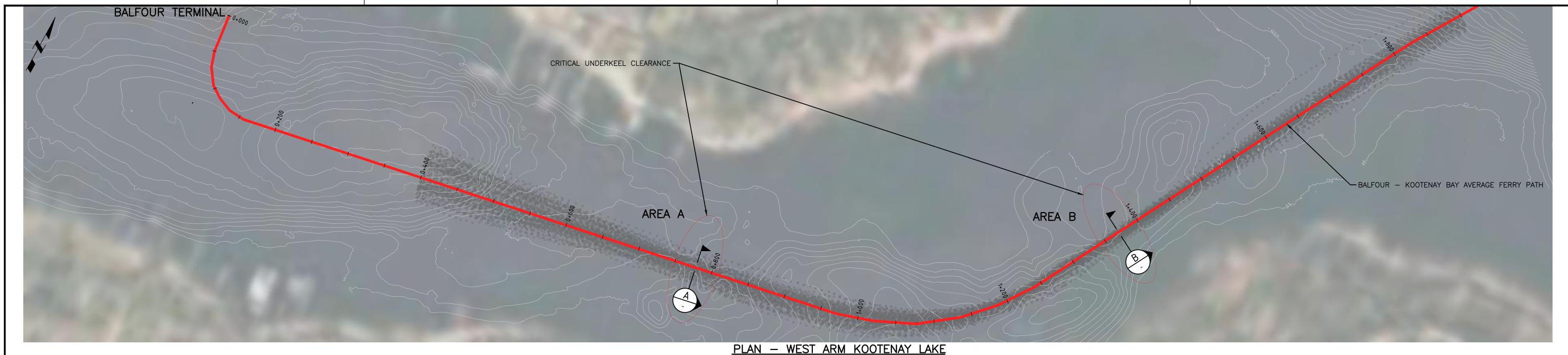






Attachment 3 Minimum Depth Results





PLAN — WEST ARM KOOTENAY LAKE
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MINIMUM RECORDED UNDERKEEL CENTRELINE OF AVERAGE
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Attachment 4 Bathymetric Contour Comparison Sketches



