



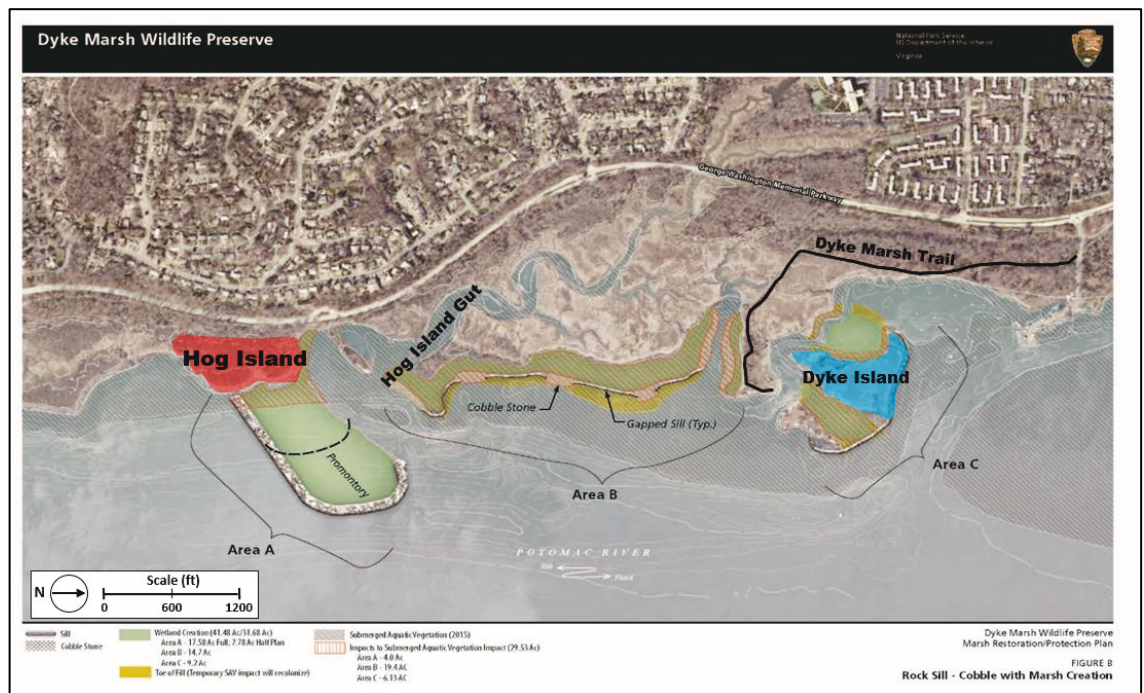
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Abstract

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (NAB), is currently engaged in the Dyke Marsh Project for the National Park Service. Dyke Marsh is located along the Potomac River south of Alexandria, VA. The U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, conducted a numerical modeling study to compute differences in hydrodynamic conditions (water surface elevations, depth-averaged water velocities, and wave heights, periods, and directions) between existing conditions and seven alternative with-project conditions for Dyke Marsh. Modeling results suggested that several of the alternative with-project condition designs were viable in terms of the NAB goals to provide protection to the marsh from damaging waves and currents. All the designs decreased wave heights in the shadow zones of the structures, and none significantly altered water levels. The shorter-length project designs provided reasonable levels of protection to the marsh while not significantly increasing water velocities on the opposite (eastern) shoreline of the Potomac River. Detailed model results from each of the alternative with-project condition designs are presented herein.

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Unit Conversion Factors

Multiply	By	To Obtain
cubic feet	0.02831685	cubic meters
degrees (angle)	0.01745329	radians
feet	0.3048	meters
inches	0.0254	meters
miles per hour	0.44704	meters per second
square feet	0.09290304	square meters

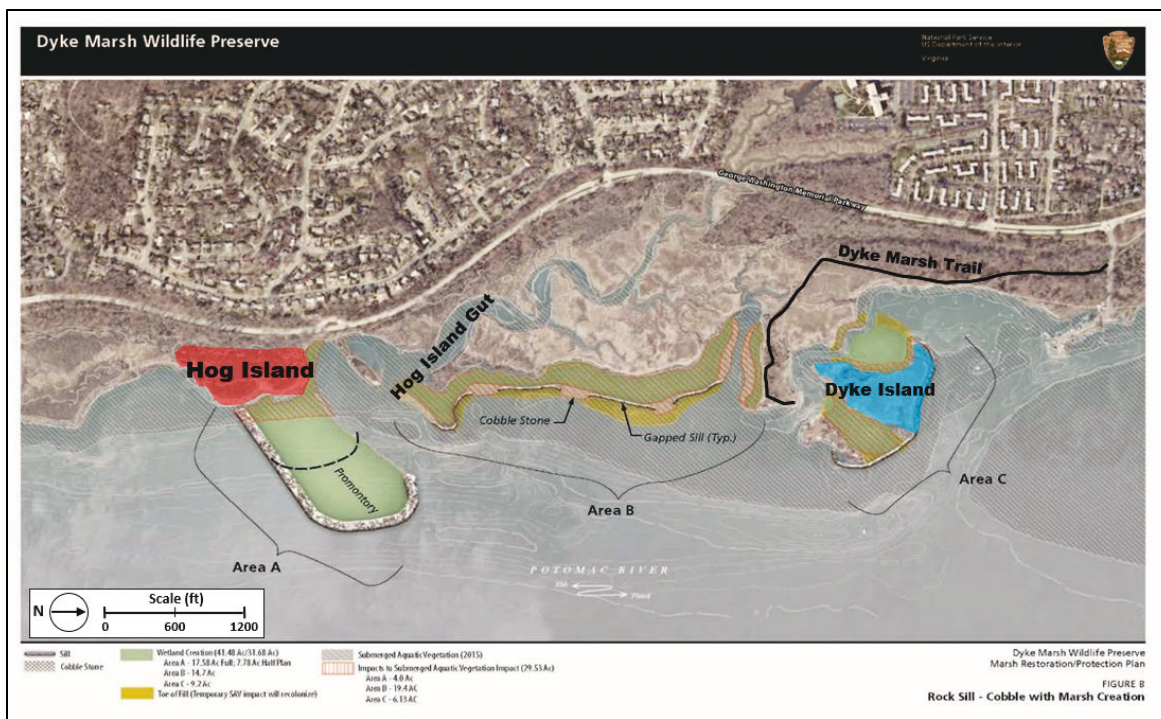
1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The National Park Service (NPS) is sponsoring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District (NAB), to evaluate seven alternative with-project conditions intended to partially restore Dyke Marsh to pre-1940s/1950s conditions and prevent further loss of marsh. Dyke Marsh is located between Mount Vernon, VA, and Alexandria, VA, on the Potomac River. Historically, there was a natural promontory structure located at Dyke Marsh, but in the 1940s/1950s, it was mined for gravels and sands. Since that time, the adjacent wetland areas have been degrading. The intent of the NPS project is (1) to rebuild a promontory structure that protects the existing wetlands from further degradation and (2) to investigate the potential to expand the wetland area and associated protective measures identified in the seven alternatives. Figure 1-1 shows a diagram map of Dyke Marsh and concept renderings of potential with-project alternatives.

To evaluate the alternatives, the hydrodynamic modeling needed to include a riverine and coastal component along with a wave fetch analysis as major storms have been known to propagate up the Potomac to this location. Existing model results from a Finite Element Surface Water Modeling System (FESWMS) (Froehlich 1989; FESWMS 2017) application that was available to the NAB is now defunct and only considered the riverine and coastal cases without wave fetch. However, the FESWMS model data were used as reference information. The only wave fetch analysis available to NAB was conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Open File Report 2010-1269 (Litwin et al. 2011), which utilized the fetch net analysis equations in a desktop study but without any numerical modeling. The North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS) numerical modeling (Cialone et al. 2015) data set produced by the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, included the Dyke Marsh study area. Three save point locations from the NACCS study are within the immediate Dyke Marsh project area. The NACCS statistical data at those locations were used to provide return periods of storm surge water level and significant wave height that were used in the selection of the storm conditions used to perform the present numerical study.

Figure 1-1. Diagram map showing Dyke Marsh and concept renderings of possible project alternatives. The portion in red represents the remainder of the historic promontory, called Hog Island, while Dyke Island is colored blue.



The following study objectives that pertain to the CHL statement of work were extracted from the overall project management plan and Inter Agency Agreement between the USACE and the NPS. The overall goal of the project is to restore the tidal freshwater marsh and other associated wetland habitats that have been lost or impacted in the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve on the Potomac River in Virginia. The NPS project will reconstruct and protect the productive emergent wetlands that were dredged or lost due to erosion. The NPS project also seeks to maintain the integrity and health of the existing marsh. Once completed, restoration will allow the dynamic tidal freshwater Dyke Marsh Preserve to function, provide ecosystem services and wildlife habitat, and offer recreation opportunities.

The involvement of the USACE to provide this assistance is authorized by Section 86(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-251), and Section 5147 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114).

Present-day erosion rates at Dyke Marsh Preserve are estimated to be 1.5 to 2 acres per year (Litwin et al. 2013). Wave action from northerly directed storms is currently eroding the marsh shoreline westward 6 to 8 feet (ft) per year (Litwin et al. 2013). Also, had Hurricane Sandy hit the

Washington, DC, metropolitan area more directly, it likely would have caused devastating erosion to the entire marsh area and shoreline, placing the overall sustainability of the marsh at risk.

The project design is intended to ensure the stability of the remaining 50 acres of emergent marsh within Dyke Marsh Preserve and create emergent wetlands within its historic boundaries, giving the marsh resiliency against high storm surge and tidal events, thus protecting adjacent park and private real estate interests.

1.2 Project objectives

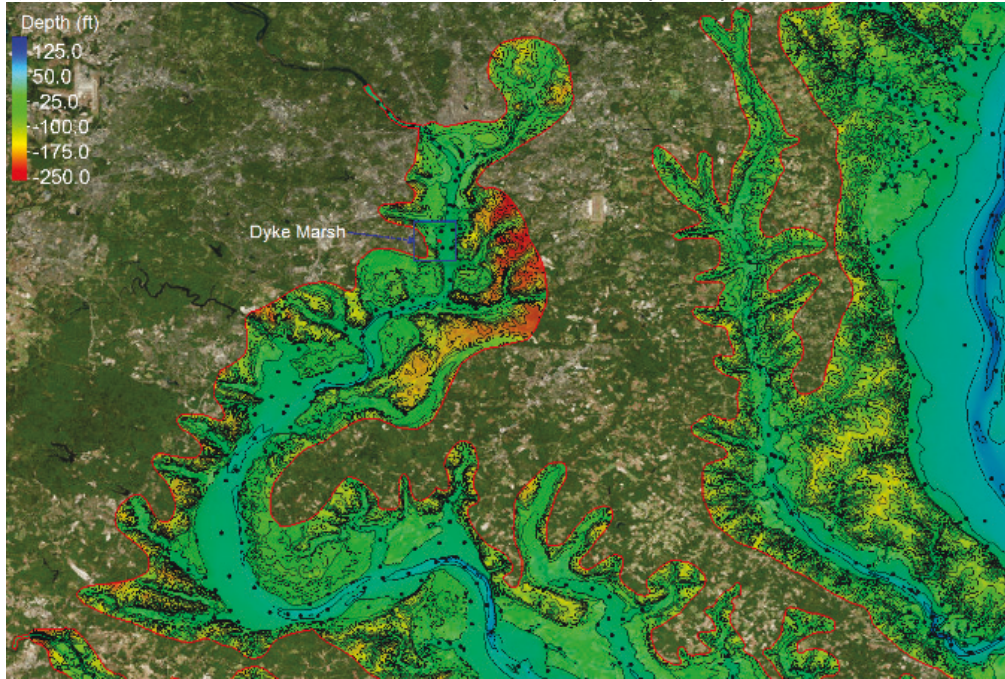
The two primary objectives are to (1) re-establish hydrologic conditions that would protect Hog Island Gut (see Figure 1-1) and (2) redirect erosive flows through the establishment of a breakwater/groin. The marsh would be restored to the historic marsh boundary in a phased approach (including other adjacent areas within NPS jurisdictional boundaries) with the exception of the area immediately around the marina west of Dyke Island (Figure 1-1). Phased restoration would continue until a sustainable marsh is established and meets the overall goals of the project. The historic boundaries lie between the historic promontory and Dyke Island, the triangular island off the end of the Dyke Marsh Trail (Figure 1-1). The outer edges of the containment cell structures would be placed close to the existing shoreline along the Potomac River.

1.3 Study approaches

The Coastal Storm Modeling System (CSTORM-MS) (Massey et al. 2012; Cialone et al. 2015) was used for simulating hydrodynamic variables such as waves, water surface elevations (surges and tides), and currents in the project area (Dyke Marsh including extended computational domain as shown in Figure 1-2). The CSTORM-MS is an integrated numerical simulation system including a suite of high-fidelity storm modeling tools that include the deep water wave model known as WAM (Komen et al. 1994), a circulation and surge model known as ADCIRC (Luettich et al. 1992; Westerink et al. 2008), and a nearshore wave model known as STWAVE (Smith et al. 2001; Smith, 2007; Massey et al. 2011). The CSTORM system allows for ADCIRC and STWAVE to run in coupled model so that each model supplies information to the other during runtime. The CSTORM system as a whole supports a wide range of coastal engineering needs for simulating tropical and extratropical storms, wind, wave, and water levels.

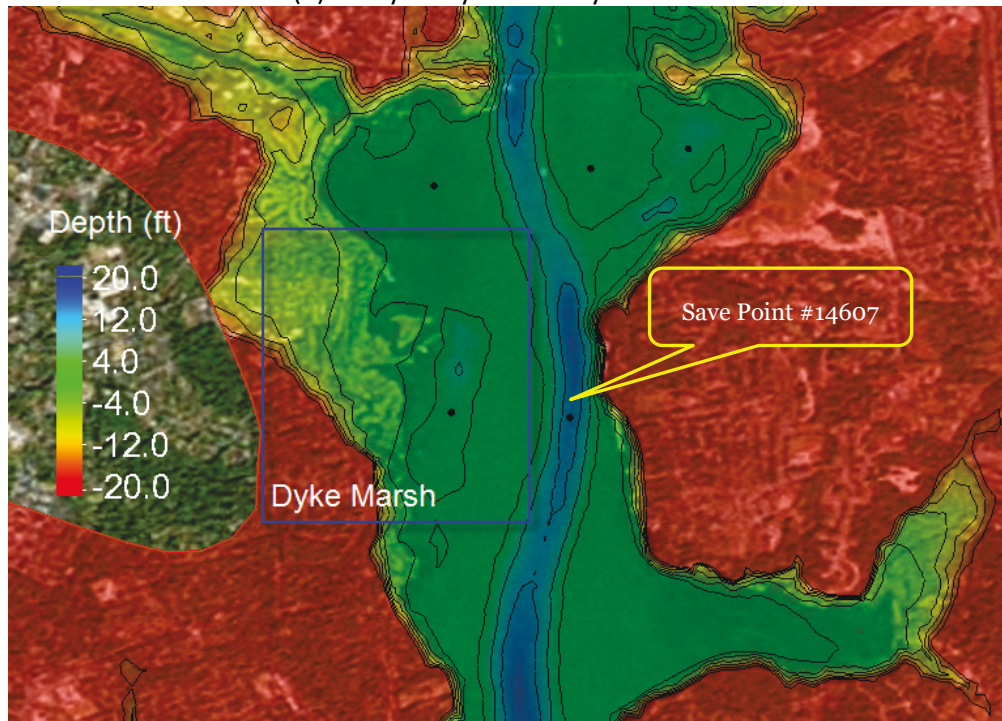
Figure 1-2. Existing NACCS ADCIRC mesh color contours of topography and bathymetry for Potomac River and close-up view around Dyke Marsh. The black dots are the save points used in the NACCS study (Coastal Hazard System [CHS] save points).

(a) Computational domain boundaries and topo-bathymetry for the Potomac River.



Note: Black dots indicate CHS save points.

(b) Bathymetry around Dyke Marsh.



The overall objective of this numerical modeling study is to provide hydrodynamic responses to the existing condition (without-project) and seven alternative with-project conditions that can be used to evaluate potential improvements in hydrodynamic conditions. Of particular importance was determining the magnitude of wave heights and water velocity changes in the marsh areas, as well as any changes to water velocities on the eastern shore of the Potomac River.

The waves and water levels in the present condition (without-project) for this study were initially obtained from the Coastal Hazards System (CHS) (Nadal-Caraballo et al. 2015), a database of storm and water response, and constitute the responses from a collection of synthetic tropical (SYN TP) and historical extratropical (HIS ET) CSTORM storms modeled for the NACCS that span practical probability space. Response statistics included in the CHS are the peak water level and peak wave height, the associated wave period and direction, and mean annual recurrence intervals along with epistemic uncertainty characterized with various confidence levels. Figure 1-2 shows the topography/bathymetry color contours from the NACCS ADCIRC mesh (Cialone et al. 2015) along with the save point locations where CHS data are available, referred to as CHS save points.

For this study, the NACCS ADCIRC mesh and STWAVE grid both needed to be refined to analyze the project level alternatives. The NACCS ADCIRC mesh resolution in the Dyke Marsh area (see Figure 1-3) is approximately 164 to 328 feet (ft) , and the STWAVE grid has a 328 ft cell resolution. To represent the with-project alternatives, the existing ADCIRC mesh was refined for the Dyke Marsh region to an element spacing of approximately 16 ft in some locations. Similarly, the STWAVE grid spacing was refined to a cell spacing of approximately 16 to 33 ft. A second nested STWAVE domain was required due to increased computational demands from the ADCIRC elemental spacing reduction to 16 ft. Once the base without-project mesh and grids were adequately refined, they were used to generate seven additional with-project condition meshes/grids. Care was taken to ensure that the base mesh had enough resolution to represent the seven alternative with-project designs (i.e., four full promontory alternatives and three groins) so that differences between the without-project and with-project meshes are minimized. In this way, when the differences in the hydrodynamic model results are computed, there will be more certainty that the differences are due to inclusion of the project design and not significantly influenced by changes in mesh resolution.

Figure 1-3. Existing NACCS ADCIRC mesh for the Potomac River, with Dyke Marsh region indicated in detail on right. The USGS hydrologic station No. 1646500 is shown in the figure.



A set of six proxy SYN TP storms that directly impact the Dyke Marsh area from the NACCS study were selected to represent the 10-, 15-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 200-year return period values for peak water levels and wave heights that do not necessarily occur in the same storm events. In addition, five HIS ET and two historical tropical (HIS TP) storms from the NACCS study that significantly impact the Dyke Marsh area were also used as proxy storms. The CSTORM-MS was used to tightly couple the ADCIRC and STWAVE simulations. In addition to the 13 proxy storms, two non-storm event scenarios (tide and rivers flow only) were considered based on two selected tide periods, one for a spring tide and the other for a neap tide. These non-storm event simulations were for a 1-month simulation period and included Potomac River discharges as well. The flow rate for the river was set in consultation with NAB to represent typical flow conditions and is discussed in more detail in Section 5.1.7. Initially, the 2-month-long tide/river simulations were performed without wind forcing and thus did not have wave forcing. However, wind wave-induced erosion of the marsh area resulting from winds from the north, north-east, east, south, south-west, and south-east (directions with the greatest fetch lengths) required investigation. Six sets of idealized wind fields, oriented in these six compass directions, were created and used as additional forcing conditions for the tides/river forcing simulations mentioned above so that the effect of typical waves could be examined. Having considered 13 proxy storms and eight non-storm events (two long-term tide periods along with six steady uniform winds), in total over 162 simulations were made (65 runs for proxy storms, 1 for long-term tide, and 96 for combined conditions of steady wind, tide, and river flow). A total of nine ADCIRC grids were generated: two base (existing condition) grids with different resolutions, four full promontory alternatives, and three groin-only alternatives. Analysis of hydrodynamic conditions for these forcing

scenarios were performed, and differences between the base without-project and the seven alternative with-project condition peak water level envelopes, circulation patterns, wave conditions were quantified.

2 Storm Selections

A subset of storms from the NACCS (Cialone et al. 2015) were selected for use in evaluating the project alternatives in this study. This included two HIS TP events: Hurricane Isabel, which occurred in 2003 (HIS TP Storm No. 0003), and Hurricane Sandy (HIS TP Storm No. 0001), which occurred in 2012. Storm tracks for these two events are shown in Figure 2-1. These HIS TP storms were selected because Isabel was a major storm that impacted this area and generated northerly erosive waves at Dyke Marsh (Litwin et al. 2013), and Sandy was a recent storm that caused southerly waves at the project site. In addition, a set of six SYN TP cyclones were selected for simulation from the set of 1050 synthetic storms from the NACCS. These six SYN TP events were selected based on average recurrence interval (ARI) analysis for the Dyke Marsh project site to be surrogate storms that produced the 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100-, and 200-year return period values of storm surges and significant wave heights (Table 2-1). Note that the same storms do not necessarily produce the ARI for both surge and waves. In the table, both the mean and the 90% confidence limit (CL) values are presented for each return period. The SYN TP storms selected were storm numbers 0005, 0146, 0028, 0078, 0110, and 0144 representing the 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100-, and 200-year ARI, respectively (Figure 2-2). Two of these storms (0144 and 0146) have identical tracks but different forward speeds. Storms were segregated into three spatial regions (Regions 1 – 3) and by landfalling and bypassing criterion (see Cialone et al. [2015] for further details). In addition to the tropical cyclone storms, five HIS ET storms from the 100 ET storms simulated in the NACCS were also selected to be surrogate events for the Dyke Marsh area based on significant wave heights. The HIS ET storms in general produce lower surge and wave heights in the Dyke Marsh area than the 5-year mean ARI for significant wave heights. Each of the ET storms were placed into one of five binned bands (Table 2-2) based on their simulated significant wave height at NACCS save point location 14607 (77.033° W, 38.76463° N) (as shown in Figure 1-2(b)) near Dyke Marsh. All the selected HIS, ET, and SYN storms for the present study are listed in Table 2-3.

Figure 2-1. Hurricane tracks of Isabel (2003) and Sandy (2012).

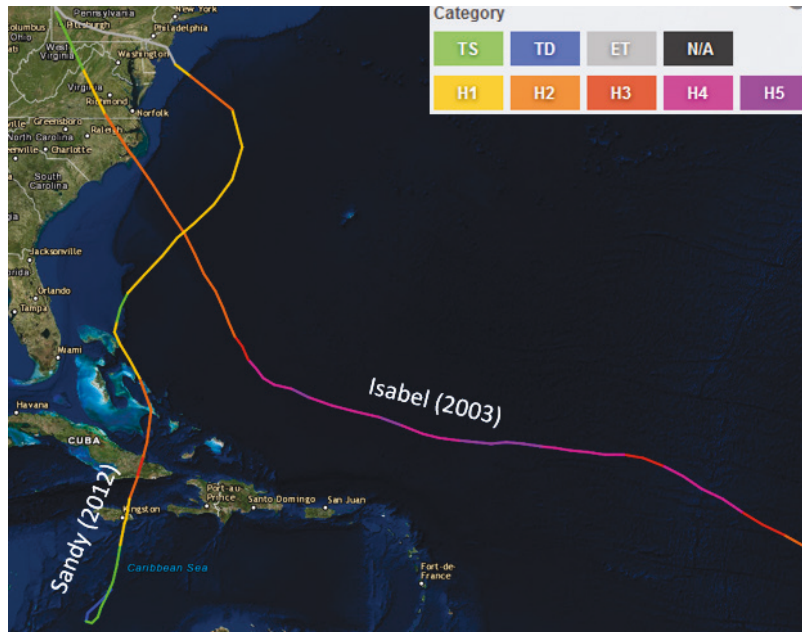


Table 2-1. ARI values for surge and significant wave height (Hs) at NACCS Save Point 14607.

Years	Mean Surge (ft)	90% CL Surge (ft)	Mean Hs (ft)	90% CL Hs (ft)
1	2.0	4.7	2.1	6.2
2	2.7	5.2	2.4	6.6
5	3.7	6.0	2.7	6.9
10	4.4	6.7	2.9	7.0
20	5.2	7.6	3.1	7.2
50	6.2	9.0	3.3	7.4
100	7.2	10.2	3.5	7.6
200	8.5	11.5	3.7	7.8
500	10.3	13.3	4.0	8.1
1000	11.6	14.7	4.2	8.4
2000	12.9	16.0	4.5	8.6
5000	14.4	17.5	4.8	9.0
10000	15.3	18.4	5.1	9.3

Note: CL = confidence limit

Table 2-2. Significant wave height statistics at NACCS station 14607 for the HIS ET storms.

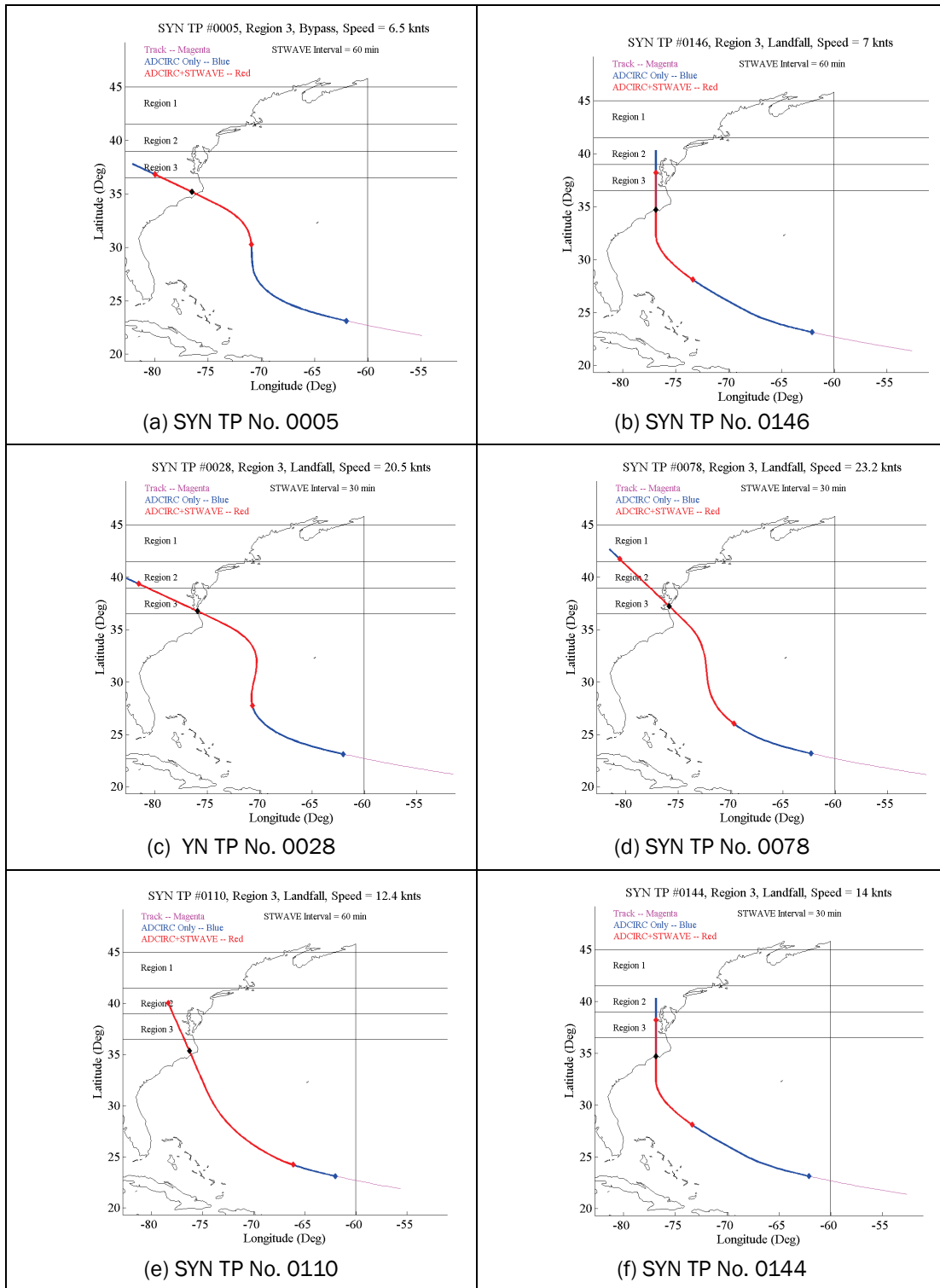
Bin Range (ft)	[0.0, 0.66)	[0.66, 0.98)	[0.98, 1.31)	[1.31, 1.64)	[1.64, 2.3]
Mean (ft)	0.52	0.80	1.08	1.41	1.77
Minimum (ft)	0.33	0.66	0.99	1.32	1.67
Maximum (ft)	0.65	0.98	1.18	1.49	1.88
Selected Storm	0038	0054	0051	0001	0008
Storm Date	04/26/1978	01/23/1987	02/13/1985	01/25/1938	03/11/1952

Table 2-3. Selected HIS storms and SYN storms (abbreviations defined beneath last row of table).

Storm Type	Year/Month	Storm Name	Storm No.
Tropical	2012/09	Sandy	HIS TP-0001
Tropical	2003/07	Isabel	HIS TP-0003
Extratropical	1938/01	ET-0001	HIS ET-0001
Extratropical	1952/03	ET-0008	HIS ET-0008
Extratropical	1978/04	ET-0038	HIS ET-0038
Extratropical	1985/02	ET-0051	HIS ET-0051
Extratropical	1987/01	ET-0054	HIS ET-0054
Synthetic	N/A	SYN-TP-0005	SYN TP-0005
Synthetic	N/A	SYN-TP-0028	SYN TP-0028
Synthetic	N/A	SYN-TP-0078	SYN TP-0078
Synthetic	N/A	SYN-TP-0110	SYN TP-0110
Synthetic	N/A	SYN-TP-0144	SYN TP-0144
Synthetic	N/A	SYN-TP-0146	SYN TP-0146

HIS ET = historical extra-tropical storm
HIS TP = historical tropical storm (hurricane)
SYN TP = synthetic tropical storm

Figure 2-2. Storm tracks for the six SYN TP storms selected as surrogate storms for the 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100-, and 200-year ARI.



3 Coastal Storm Modeling System (CSTORM-MS)

The CSTORM-MS (Massey et al. 2012; Cialone et al. 2015) is a comprehensive methodology and system of highly skilled and highly resolved numerical models used to simulate coastal storms. Analysis of CSTORM-MS model results can be used to assess flood damage risk to coastal communities. With physics-based modeling capabilities, CSTORM-MS integrates a suite of high-fidelity storm modeling tools that can support a wide range of coastal engineering needs for simulating TP and ET storms, wind, wave, and water levels and for representing the coastal response, including erosion, breaching, and accretion due to the storms. CSTORM-MS rigorously represents the underlying physical processes involved in coastal storm modeling and makes use of a powerful and user-friendly graphical user interface (GUI) within the Surface Water Modeling System (SMS). The CSTORM-MS GUIs within SMS allow for efficient configuration of models that are generally applicable to a wide range of modeling scenarios and are required for accurate risk assessment of coastal storms. For the NACCS numerical modeling study, the primary modeling emphasis was to produce wind, surge, and wave frequencies in the coastal zone. Accordingly, the CSTORM-MS was applied with the following models:

- Steady-state Spectral Wave (STWAVE) model (Smith et al. 2001; Smith 2007; Massey et al. 2011) to provide the nearshore wave conditions including local wind-generated waves.
- Advance Circulation (ADCIRC) model (Luettich et al. 1992; Westerink et al. 2008) to simulate the surge and circulation response to the storms. The ADCIRC and STWAVE models were applied in a tightly coupled mode using the CSTORM-MS coupling framework.
- Wave Model (WAM) (Komen et al. 1994) for producing offshore deep-water wave boundary conditions for the nearshore steady-state wave model STWAVE.

Note that for the Dyke Marsh study, WAM was not used as only two STWAVE domains were used, neither of which connected to the open ocean and did not use boundary conditions. Additional details of the STWAVE grids is provided later in the report. The CSTORM-MS coupling framework options used for the Dyke Marsh study are the same as those used in the NACCS numerical modeling study, which tightly linked the

ADCIRC and STWAVE models to allow for dynamic interaction between surge and waves. The ADCIRC model provided the STWAVE model with updated water surface elevations along with wind fields, and in turn, the STWAVE model provided ADCIRC with gradients of wave radiation stresses. The execution of each model and the interchange of information between the models were controlled by the CSTORM-MS coupling framework. This type of coupling system is referred to as being tightly coupled, meaning the information exchange between models takes place via computer memory to allow for fast and efficient sharing of information. In addition, ADCIRC and STWAVE can each produce a file record of the input conditions that were supplied to them by the coupler, which is useful for quality control purposes.

4 ADCIRC Mesh and STWAVE Grid Development

4.1 Configurations of proposed structures

There were two types of project structures proposed for comparative analysis of hydrodynamic conditions in the study area of Dyke Marsh: (1) a fully enclosed promontory and (2) a groin (or breakwater) only. This chapter will describe the details of the project alternatives and the methods of incorporating the features into the ADCIRC and STWAVE model domains.

Each of the four fully enclosed promontory designs contains a hook-shaped structure along with an enclosing sill along the northern portion of the promontory. The northern sills are lower crested than the rest of the structure. Figure 4-1 shows two layouts of the fully enclosed promontory designs: a longer promontory as in Figure 4-1(a) and a shorter one as in Figure 4-1(b). A brief summary on the design parameters that includes crest elevations, lengths, sill heights, and structure layouts (shapefile information) is given in Table 4-1. In particular, for the fully enclosed promontories, two groin crest heights were investigated, one with a crest elevation of 5.00 ft above mean low water (MLW) and the second with a higher crest elevation of 9.55 ft above MLW. Regardless of the groin crest elevations for the fully enclosed promontory designs, the northern sill height was kept at 3.00 ft above MLW. As a result, a total of four fully enclosed promontory layouts were used for the with-project simulations.

The second type of structure studied was a groin, which has a simpler shape to implement in the model than compared to the full promontory designs. Three layouts for the groin-only designs were used in the study. As shown in Figure 4-2, two linear groins with different orientations relative to the shoreline and one curved groin were used for studying their potential ability to alter the hydrodynamics in the wetland of the Dyke Marsh due to storm surge and waves. Detailed design parameters for the groin-only designs are listed in Table 4-2. It can be seen that the length of the groin-only designs are close to the axis length of the longer fully enclosed promontory designs, but the crest is kept at 5.00 ft above MLW for the entire length of the structure. Accordingly, the groin-only designs may provide a similarly sized area of reduced waves to the wetland in the lee of the structure as the full promontory design.

For this study, a total of seven proposed design structure layouts were modeled in addition to the existing conditions (without-project) case.

Table 4-1. Properties of proposed promontories.

No.	Description	Crest Elevation above MLW (ft)	Axis Length (ft)*	Layout	ADCIRC Grid Name	Shape File Name** and Structure Property
1	Existing condition (no structure installed)	N/A	N/A	N/A	DM01E	No Structure
2	Longer promontory with lower crest elevation	5.00 groin and 3.00 low sill	1,602	Figure 4-1(a)	DM01P1	DykeMarsh Breakwater 5_00MLW DykeMarsh Sill 3_00MLW
3	Longer promontory with higher crest elevation	9.55 groin and 3.00 low sill	1,602	Figure 4-1(a)	DM01P2	DykeMarsh Breakwater 9_55MLW DykeMarsh Sill 3_00MLW
4	Shorter promontory with lower crest elevation	5.00 groin and 3.00 low sill	960	Figure 4-1(b)	DM01P3	DykeMarsh Short Breakwater 9_55MLW DykeMarsh ShortSill 3_00MLW
5	Shorter promontory with higher crest elevation	9.55 groin and 3.00 low sill	960	Figure 4-1(b)	DM01P4	DykeMarsh Short Breakwater 9_55MLW DykeMarsh ShortSill 3_00MLW

Note:

* The length was measured from the river bank to the tip of structures based on shape files by ArcMap.

** The shapefiles of promontory layouts were provided by USACE-NAB..

Figure 4-1. Layouts of proposed promontories (sills in yellow; groins in green/blue).

(a) Long promontory.



(b) Short promontory.



(c) Comparison of two promontory layouts.



Table 4-2. Properties of proposed groins.

No.	Structure Name*	Crest Elevation above MLW (ft)	Groin Length** (ft)	Layout	ADCIRC Grid Name	Shape File Name Structure Property
6	Groin Alt 1	5.00	1,500	Figure 4-2 (a)	DM01P6	Breakwater Alt 1_50 degrees
7	Groin Alt 2 (curved)	5.00	1,528	Figure 4-2 (b)	DM01P7	Breakwater Alt 2_curved
8	Groin Alt 3	5.00	1,570	Figure 4-2 (c)	DM01P8	Breakwater Alt 3_75 degrees

Note:

*When associated with a following number, "Alt" = Alternative.

**The length was measured from the river bank to the tip of structures based on shape files by ArcMap.

Figure 4-2. Layouts of proposed groins.

(a) Groin Alt 1 (50 degrees).



(b) Groin Alt 2 (curved).



(c) Groin Alt 3 (75 degrees).



(d) Comparison of the three project structures (groins).



4.2 Computational domains and grids

This section of the report describes details of the ADCIRC mesh and STWAVE grids used for the simulations.

4.2.1 Grids for full promontories with-project alternatives

There are a total of five ADCIRC meshes and five STWAVE grids that represent the (1) existing conditions (without-project) of the Dyke Marsh and is referred to as DM01E; (2) with-project long promontory with lower heights, referred to as DM01P1; (3) with-project long promontory with higher heights, referred to as DM01P2; (4) with-project short promontory with lower heights, referred to as DM01P3; and (5) with-project short promontory with higher heights, referred to as DM01P4. The configurations of the project promontories are depicted in Figure 4-1. As presented in Figure 4-3, the computational domain for this study contains the North Atlantic Coasts, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea, which has the same boundary as the NACCS ADCIRC mesh (Cialone et al. 2015). Two, new without-project ADCIRC meshes were created by refining the NACCS ADCIRC mesh. In the Dyke Marsh area (Figure 4-4), the NACCS ADCIRC mesh was refined to add more detail, with a minimum resolution of approximately 39 ft near the proposed structures for storm surge simulations and a minimum resolution of approximately 20 ft for non-storm event simulations. The 20 ft non-storm meshes were designed to capture more fine details for typical conditions rather than the large-scale event flow features during a storm event. All structures were considered when adding resolution first to the base mesh (DM01E) so that when the with-project conditions were added, differences in mesh node locations between the different alternatives would be kept to a minimum. The structures were all added as “weir-pairs” in the ADCIRC mesh, which allows thin structures to be modeled as sub-grid features. Weir-pair structures in ADCIRC allow for water to flow over the structure when the water elevations exceed the weir elevation, but instead of solving the full set of shallow water equations, a weir flow formula is used. This sub-grid scale formulation for weir-pairs prevents the model from transitioning from sub- to super-critical flows during the course of the simulation, which would cause the ADCIRC model to become unstable. In addition, high-resolution lidar and bathymetric survey data of the study area provided by NAB were incorporated into all the meshes (Figure 4-5) and grid configurations. In comparison with the original bathymetry of the NACCS grid shown in 1-2(b), the new higher-resolution meshes include

more details of bathymetrical features in the area of Dyke marsh (see Figure 4-5b). Three close-up views of meshes in the Dyke Marsh area are presented in Figure 4-6: (a) for the current conditions without proposed structures (DM01E), (b) for a long promontory incorporated (DM01P1 or DM01P2), and (c) for a short promontory incorporated (DM01P3 or DM01P4).

The original STWAVE grid from the NACCS study for the Washington, DC, area was retained for this study with a resolution of approximately 328 ft. In addition, a nested STWAVE grid was created with a smaller extent and cell resolution of approximately 33 ft to more accurately represent the project area.

All storm events were simulated using the CSTORM-MS with coupled ADCIRC and STWAVE models.

Figure 4-3. Outline plot showing the boundary of the ADCIRC mesh.

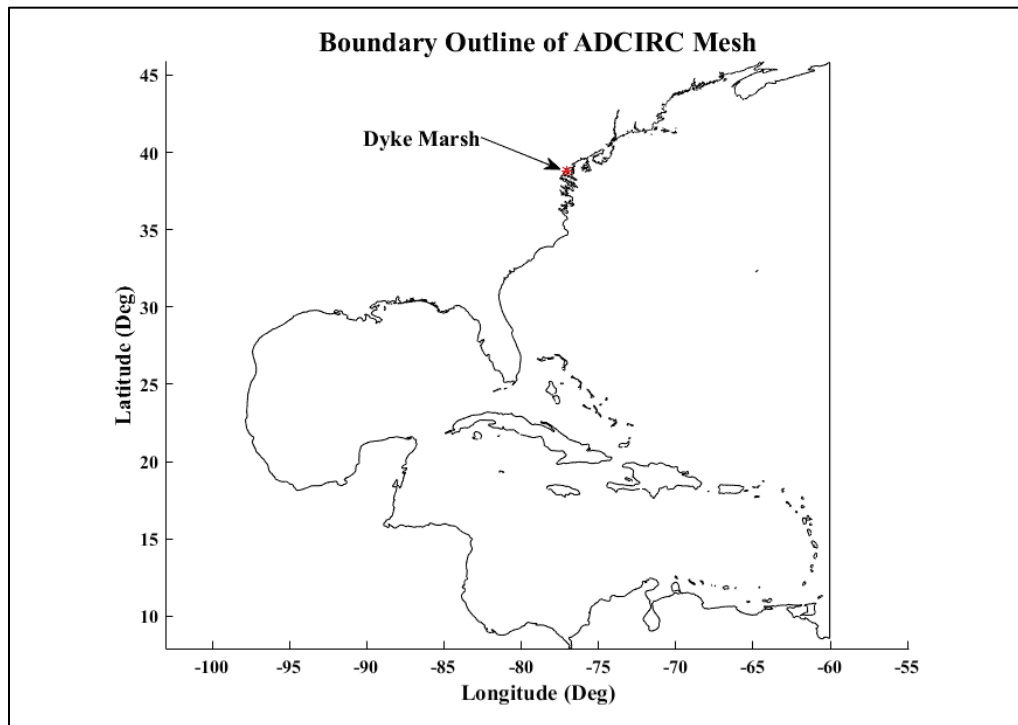


Figure 4-4. Outline plot showing the boundary of the ADCIRC mesh and the high-resolution STWAVE grid box (in red) for the area near Dyke Marsh.

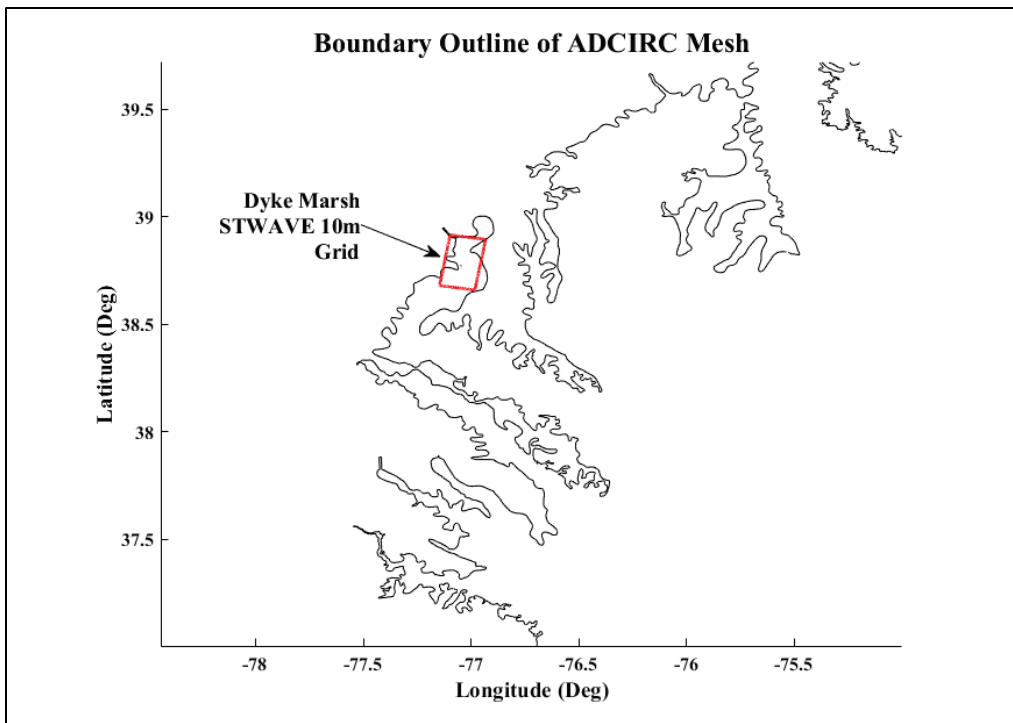
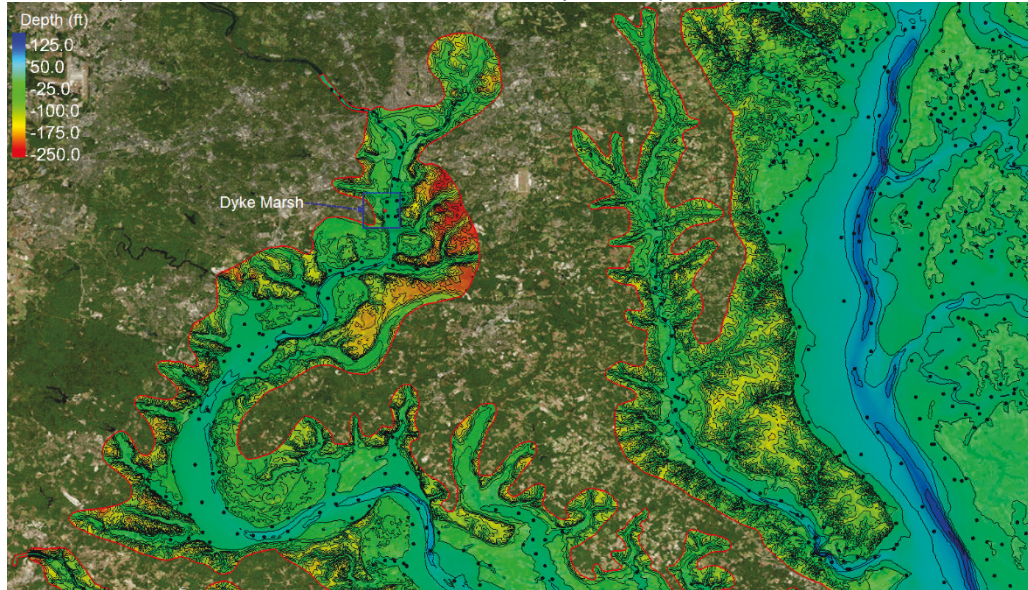


Figure 4-5. Computational domain boundaries and topo-bathymetry for the Potomac River and updated bathymetry around Dyke Marsh.

(a) Computational domain boundaries and topo-bathymetry for the Potomac River.



Note: Black dots indicate locations of NACCS save points.

(b) Updated bathymetry on right shows the area around Dyke Marsh.

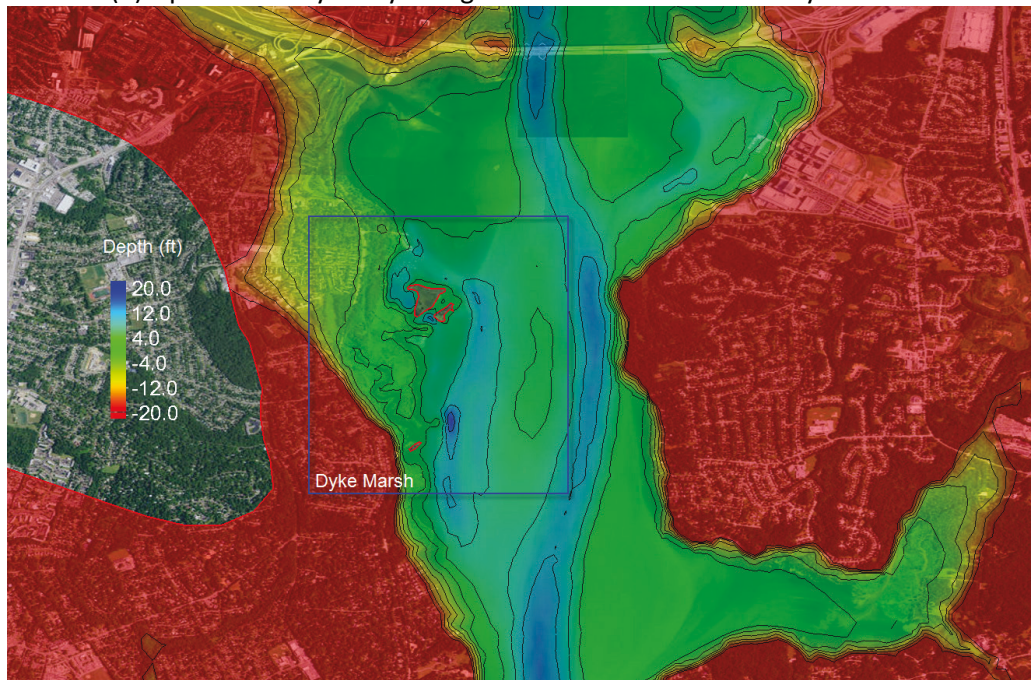
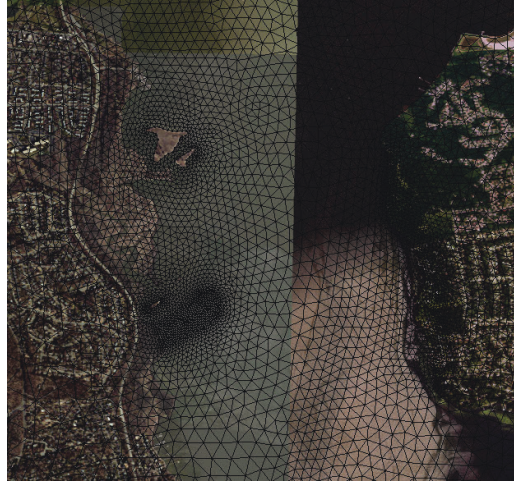
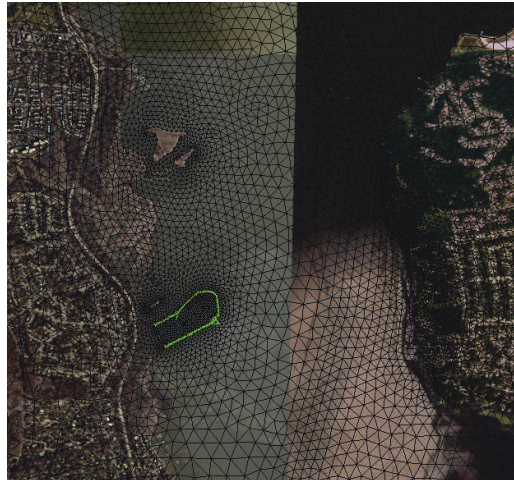


Figure 4-6. Close-up view of grids in Dyke Marsh area with structures.

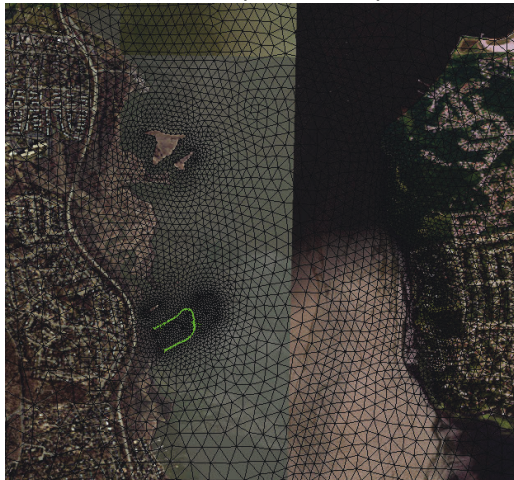
(a) No structure (current conditions).



(b) Long promontory.



(c) Short promontory.



4.2.2 Grids for groin-only with-project alternatives

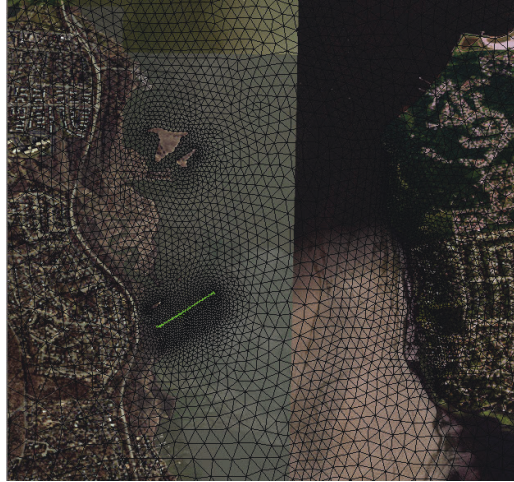
For incorporation of the three proposed groins, the same without-project condition ADCIRC grid (DMO1E) was used, and three additional ADCIRC grids were created by incorporating the three groin structures as weir-pair features. As presented in Table 4-2, the grid DMO1P6 represents the mesh with Groin Alt¹ 1 (50 degrees); DMO1P7 represents the mesh with Groin Alt 2 (curved); and DMO1P8 represents Groin Alt 3 (75 degrees). Close-up views of the three ADCIRC meshes in the Dyke Marsh area with groin structures included (light green color) are shown in Figure 4-7 for (a) Groin Alt 1, (b) Groin Alt 2 (curved), and (c) Groin Alt 3. It can be seen that the lengths of the structures are similar, but the orientation and shapes (straight or curved) of the structure are slightly different.

The depth files in the STWAVE grids were also updated to represent these with-project alternatives as well as the updated lidar and bathymetric survey data from NAB.

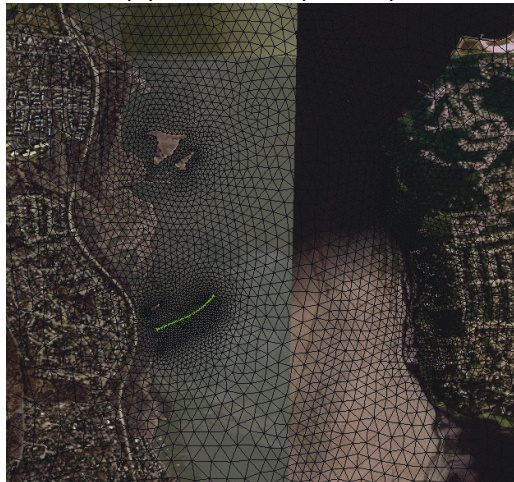
¹ When associated with a following number, "Alt" = Alternative.

Figure 4-7. Close-up view of ADCIRC grids in Dyke Marsh with groins.

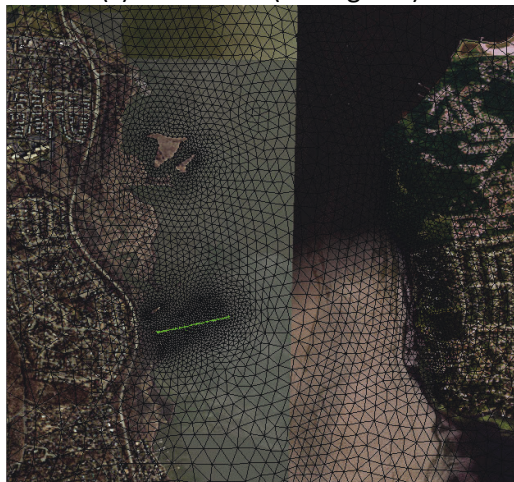
(a) Groin Alt 1 (50 degrees).



(b) Groin Alt 2 (curved).



(c) Groin Alt 3 (75 degrees).



4.3 Bathymetric and topographic data sources

Three topo-bathymetric data sources were used in the study, including (1) the existing NACCS ADCIRC depth grid, (2) bathymetry survey data and lidar data provided by NAB (USACE NAB; NPS 2009; UMCES 2012), and (3) U.S. Geological Survey (USGS-NED 2016) topographic data. The data properties (type, spatial resolution, and datum) of the original datasets are listed in Table 4-3. The NACCS ADCIRC mesh did not have sufficient spatial resolution to represent the shape of the marshland, the channels in the wetland, the river beds, or the proposed alternative projects; therefore, these features were represented by incorporating the second and third data sources.

As shown in Figure 4-8, newly surveyed topo-bathymetric data in the Dyke Marsh area covered the wetland and marsh, the shoreline (edge of the marsh), and nearshore areas and the Potomac River. The USGS-NED (2016) in the area was also used to fill in inland data gaps (Figure 4-9 and Figure 4-10).

The topo-bathymetric survey data and USGS-NED data had various vertical datums and were therefore converted to mean sea level (MSL) using the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Vertical Datum Transformation tool (NOAA 2016) for application to the meshes used in this study.

Table 4-3. Sources of topo-bathymetric data.

Data Name	Data Type	Spatial Resolution	Datum	Reference
NACCS ADCIRC Mesh	Finite elemental mesh	Varying approximately from 33 to 3280 ft	MSL	Cialone et al. (2015)
Survey Point Data (2009-2016)	Point data	Approximately 25 ft	MLW	NPS, USACE NAB (footnote, preceding page)
Survey Point Data (2012)	Lidar data	25 ft	MLW	UMCES (footnote, preceding page)
USGS-NED Topographic Data	Digital elevation model (DEM)	One-third arc-second (approximately 33 ft)	NAVD88	USGS-NED (2016)

Figure 4-8. Topo-bathymetric data points surveyed in 2009, 2012, and 2016.

(a) Zero elevation point (2009).

(b) Nearshore point (2009).



(c) Bathymetry point (2016).

(d) Lidar 25 ft grid point (2012).



Figure 4-9. USGS NED one-third arc-second topographic data.

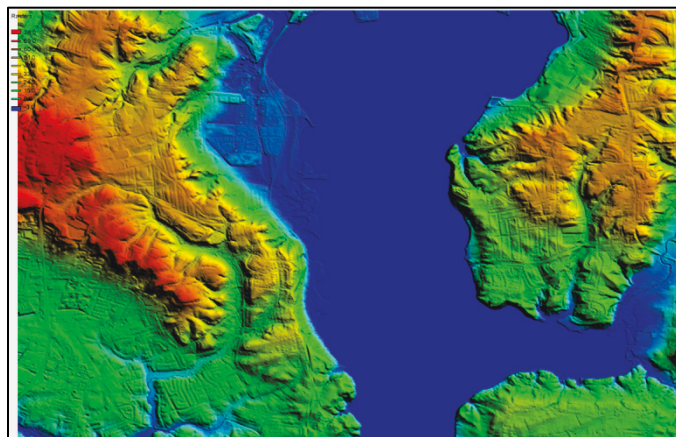
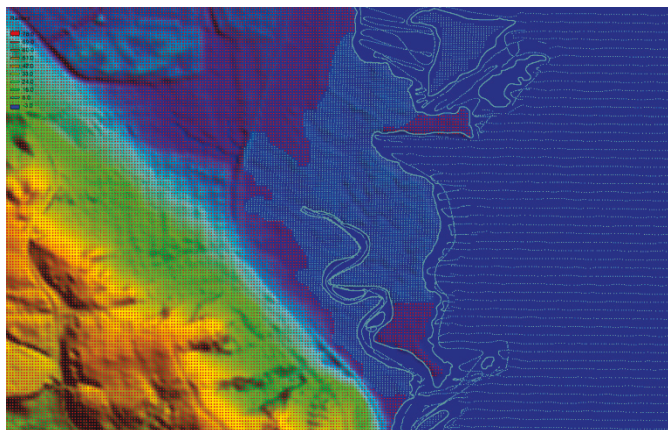


Figure 4-10. Merged scattered topo-bathymetric data points.



Note: light blue for the survey data (2009–2016); red color for USGS-NED data.

4.4 Physical forcing conditions

For all the storm condition simulations, no tidal forcing was applied, and the same statistical river discharges for the rivers (including the Potomac River) used in the NACCS study were retained (Cialone et al. 2015). For example, for production simulations for SYN storms, a production flow discharge rate in the Potomac River of approximately 134,000 ft³/s was used. A Garratt wind drag formulation (Garratt 1977) was applied, and no wind multiplier was used. For all the SYN TP storms, a steric adjustment to the initial water level datum of 0.33 ft was added to represent the average thermal expansion of the water column during hurricane season. For the HIS storms, date-specific steric adjustments were added to the initial water level datum and are the same as those applied in the NACCS study.

4.5 Model parameters for nodal attributes

The bottom friction coefficient or Manning's n is specified at each computational node of the ADCIRC mesh to represent flow resistance due to bed roughness, vegetation, and land cover and land use (LCLU). In this study, the ADCIRC mesh initially used the existing Manning's n values as applied in the NACCS ADCIRC mesh. However, with finer spatial resolution added in the Dyke Marsh area, the Manning's n values were updated based on types of LCLU in the area.

The most recent LCLU data were obtained from the 2011 National Land Cover Database (NLCD) (NLCD 2016; Homer et al. 2015). The types of LCLU for the study area are given in Figure 4-11, where it is shown that the major land cover type in the Dyke Marsh is woody wetland. The new values of Manning's n for the grid are based on the NLCD land classification (Table 4-4). A nodal distribution of Manning's n values around the area of Dyke Marsh is presented in Figure 4-12, where the n value in the river is 0.02 and the values in the Dyke Marsh vary from 0.025 to 0.09, to represent the LCLU data in the area.

Figure 4-11. NLCD 2011.

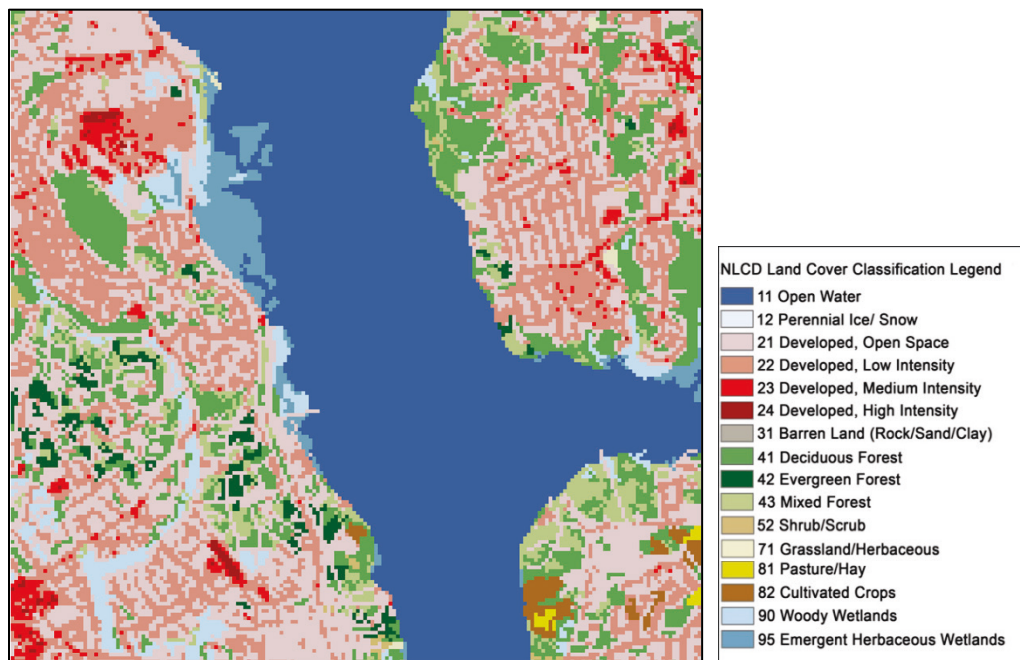
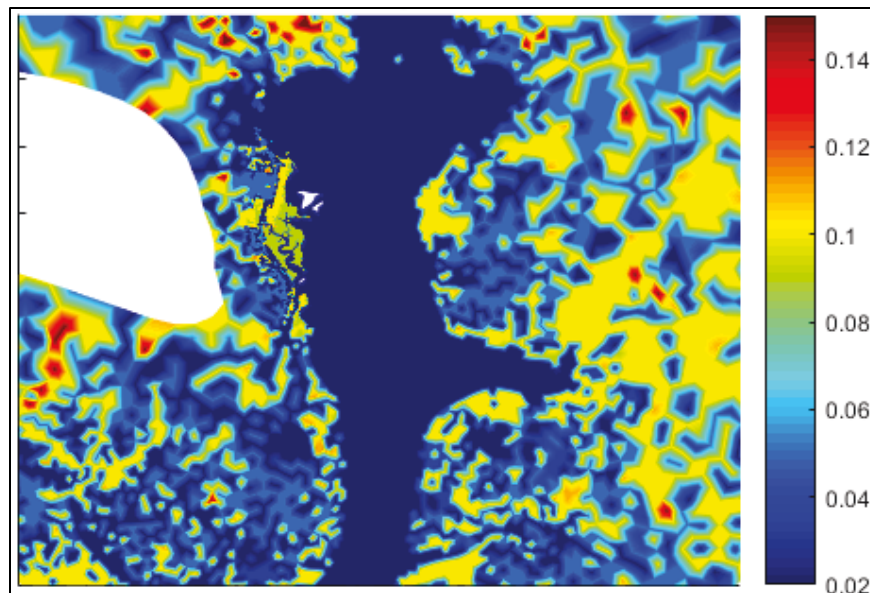


Table 4-4. Manning's n values for NLCD 2011 classification.

NLCD Class	Description	Manning's n
11	Open Water	0.020
12	Perennial Ice/Snow	0.010
21	Developed - Open Space	0.020
22	Developed - Low Intensity	0.050
23	Developed - Medium Intensity	0.100
24	Developed - High Intensity	0.150
31	Barren Land (Rock/Sand/Clay)	0.090
32	Unconsolidated Shore	0.040
41	Deciduous Forest	0.100
42	Evergreen Forest	0.110
43	Mixed Forest	0.100
51	Dwarf Scrub	0.040
52	Shrub/Scrub	0.050
71	Grassland/Herbaceous	0.034
72	Sedge/Herbaceous	0.030
73	Lichens	0.027
74	Moss	0.025
81	Pasture/Hay	0.033
82	Cultivated Crops	0.037
90	Woody Wetlands	0.100
91	Palustrine Forested Wetland	0.100
92	Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland	0.048
93	Estuarine Forested Wetland	0.100
94	Estuarine Scrub/Shrub Wetland	0.048
95	Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	0.045
96	Palustrine Emergent Wetland (Persistent)	0.045
97	Estuarine Emergent Wetland	0.045
98	Palustrine Aquatic Bed	0.015
99	Estuarine Aquatic Bed	0.015

Figure 4-12. Spatial distribution of Manning's n around the area of Dyke Marsh.



In addition to the Manning's n values, the other spatially varying model input parameters used in this study include lateral horizontal eddy viscosity coefficients, primitive weighting coefficients for the Generalized Wave-Continuity Equation (GWCE), canopy coefficients to turn on/off winds over a given region, and directional surface wind reduction factors. These are all standard model input parameters used by the ADCIRC model for storm surge simulations whenever such data are available. Again, the values used in the NACCS study (Cialone et al. 2015) formed the starting point values for these variables.

The lateral horizontal eddy viscosity coefficient and primitive weighting coefficient for the GWCE were variables that were adjusted to account for the finer-resolution meshes and updated bathymetric values required to represent the Dyke Marsh features in the present study. As shown in Figure 4-13, the average horizontal eddy viscosity varies in the area of Dyke Marsh varies from approximately $43 \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$ ($4.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$) in water nodes to approximately $108 \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$ ($10 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$) in land.

The spatial distribution of the surface canopy coefficient around the Dyke Marsh (Figure 4-14) was updated based on the latest LCLU data as shown in Figure 4-11. Only two values were assigned to the surface canopy coefficients: zero and one. Nodes that reside in heavily forested areas are assigned a coefficient of zero indicating no wind energy transfer to the water column whereas a coefficient of one is specified for all other areas.

This has the effect of setting winds to zero in heavily forested areas. The surface directional effective roughness length variable is used to make adjustments to the winds based on aggregate land use types in 12 directional bands around each node. The surface directional effective roughness was also updated according to the change of land cover in the Dyke Marsh area. For the details on calculation of the directional wind reduction, refer to Westerink et al. (2008).

Figure 4-13. Average horizontal eddy viscosity.

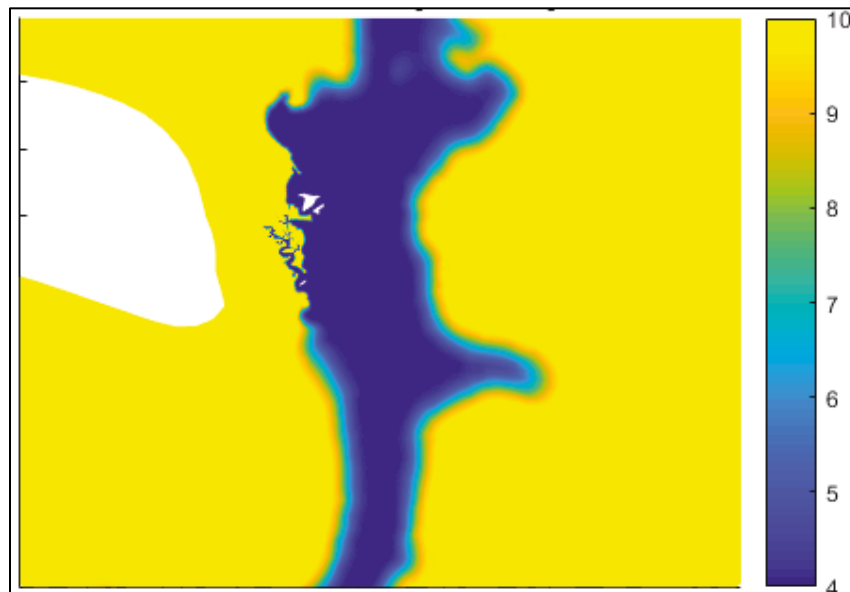
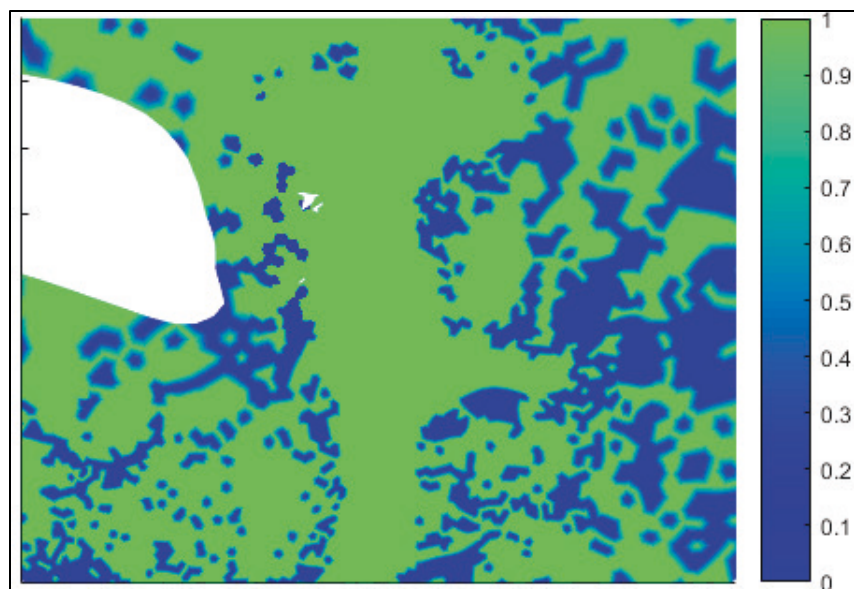


Figure 4-14. Surface canopy coefficient.



5 Simulation Results

5.1 Results for evaluation of the proposed fully enclosed promontories

Model results for each of the storm simulations are presented in this section. In particular, maximum values over the entire simulation period are given for water surface elevations, water velocities, and significant wave heights at every computation node in the grids. Spatial distributions of these maximum variables are presented in Table 5-1 through Table 5-43, focusing on the Dyke Marsh study area. In general, the local gradients of computed maximum water surface elevations along the Potomac River near the Dyke Marsh are relatively small (e.g., see the change of maximum water levels in Table 5-2 for HIS TP storm No. 0001). The main reasons for this minor variation of maximum water levels are (1) the study site is far from the coast so that the flows of storm surges propagating from the ocean will be significantly decelerated, (2) average river slope in the local river reach of the Potomac River near the Dyke Marsh is relatively small (less than 0.1%), and (3) the river discharge is relatively lower in the HIS and SYN storms so that no significant backwater occurs in the study area.

However, because the volume occupied by the structures is relatively small compared to the river cross section, it will not drastically change flow conveyance in the river reach but will alter the near field flows around the structures themselves. It is expected that the velocities around the structures will increase and the main river flows may be redirected toward the opposite river bank. Changes in maximum depth-averaged water velocities show increases around the end of the promontory structures, in addition to decreased flow in the lee of the project structures (e.g., see the changes in Table 5-13 for HIS ET storm No. 0001). The longer structures also cause increased velocities on the eastern side of the Potomac River.

The most significant changes between the existing (without-project) conditions and with-project alternatives are seen in the maximum significant wave heights (Table 5-24 through Table 5-43). In general, storms (e.g., Isabel [2003], HIS ET storm No. 0008) that had peak winds blowing toward the north and northwest showed statistically significant changes (decreases) in wave height in the lee (north) of the promontory structures (see a summary on dominant wind direction in Dyke Marsh in Table 5-23). Similarly, storms that had significant winds blowing toward

the south (e.g., Sandy [2012], HIS ET storm No. 0054) showed reduced waves to the south of the structure, which is beyond the area of interest. These general wave reduction patterns were to be expected, and the differences between the alternative with-project designs are shown in the series of color contour plots. Color contour plots of peak storm surge water levels are shown in Table 5-1 through Table 5-11 for the existing without-project conditions and the four full promontory alternatives. Color contour plots of maximum water velocity for the same five conditions are shown in Table 5-12 through Table 5-22. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots are shown in Table 5-24 through Table 5-33. The plots for differences in maximum significant wave height between the existing conditions and the designs are given in Table 5-34 through Table 5-43. Note that the plots on the right-hand side of the tables are close-up views with a narrower range of color axis scales.

For all the plots, a background image showing the surrounding topography has been added to help with orientation to the project area. The available background image selected for use within the SMS was unfortunately pieced together from two different resolution images with different color shadings (e.g., figures in Table 5-1). This causes the solution color contour plots to appear to have a crease or line running from top to bottom down the middle of the image. That crease does not exist within the solution and is only an artifact of the background image. Color axis labels have been included for each of the images, with the color axis range selected to highlight local differences in the solutions for each of the alternatives. In some cases, the color variation represents a difference of only a few inches, so changes may appear to be more significant than changes that would warrant consideration as a potential significant effect of the alternative.

5.1.1 Maximum storm surge results

Maximum simulated storm surge is used as a representative physical quantity to represent the maximum extent of flooding and inundation due to storms. Comparing maximum storm surges between the present geomorphic conditions in the Dyke Marsh and all of the project conditions will provide a means of evaluating the impacts of each of the project configurations on hydrodynamic conditions.

Based on the simulated results of storm surges driven by the total of 13 storms (2 HIS, 5 ET, and 6 SYN storms), it has been observed that the maximum storm surges are not significantly changed (or the gradients of

maximum surges are close to zero) with the project alternatives in place. For example, as shown in Table 5-1, the maximum surge by storm HIS ET No. 0001 is approximately 4.81 ft near the Dyke Marsh for all five configurations (with- and without-project conditions) and the difference of storm surge between each project condition and the no-project condition is less than 0.5 inch (in.) (Table 5-2). The differences in maximum water levels between the existing and project conditions are small, and plots for the difference in water levels for the storm HIS ET No. 0001 are presented here as an example. Similar patterns of water surfaces with small changes in maximum water level around the study area in response to the other nine storms are shown in Table 5-3 to Table 5-11. Those tables are presented in the order of the storm numbers from HIS ET storms, HIS TP storms, and SYN TP storms. As expected, the maximum storm surges vary with storm conditions. Figure 5-1 presents the average maximum storm surges measured offshore of Dyke Marsh. It indicates that the storm SYN TP No. 0110 can increase the local water level more than 10 ft, but the storm HIS ET No. 0054 only induced 1.38 ft of surge, which is the smallest storm surge of the storms that were simulated. Numerical values of the maximum storm surges and their difference between the project and no-project conditions can be found in Section 5.1.6.

Figure 5-1. Average maximum storm surges at the offshore of Dyke Marsh.

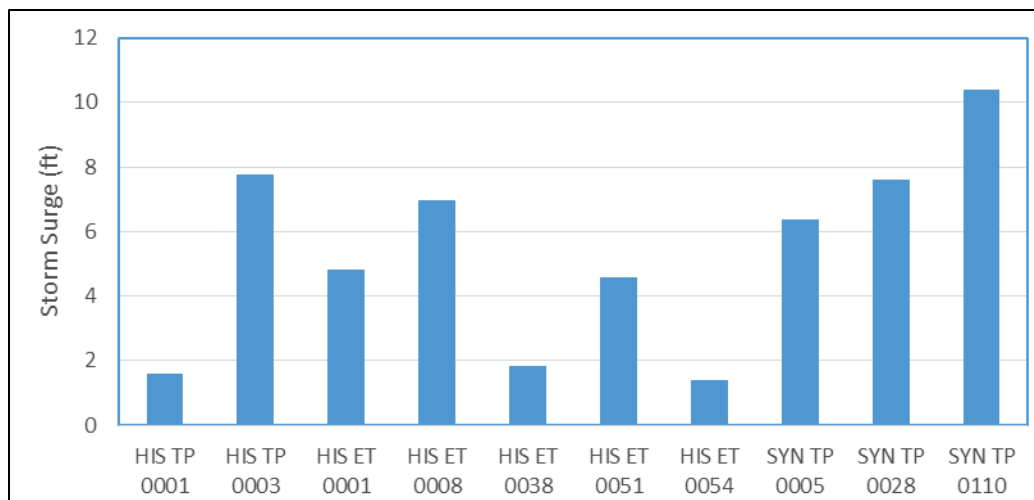


Table 5-1. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for five mesh configurations (with without-project structures).

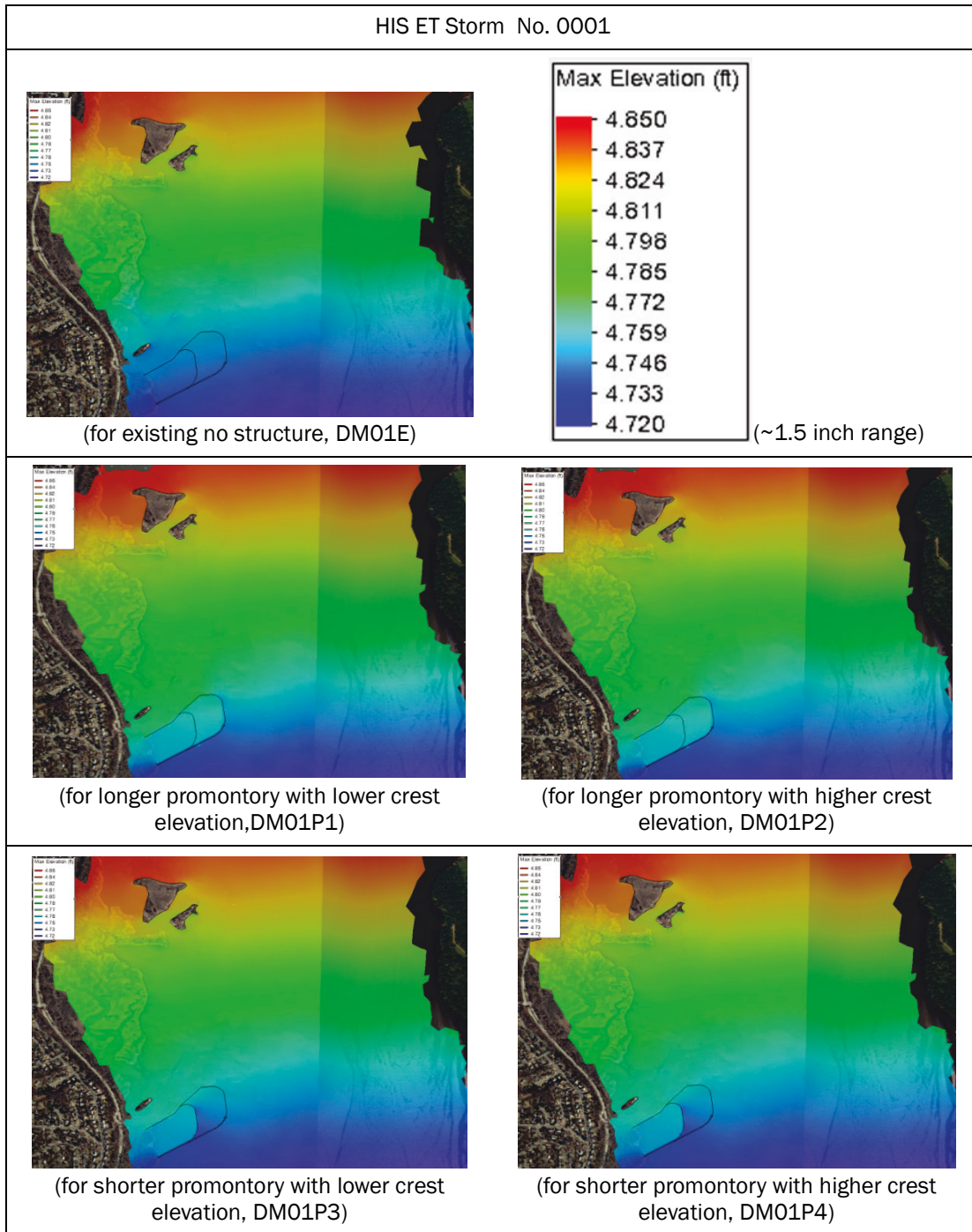


Table 5-2. Difference in maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 between project and existing conditions (Project - Existing).

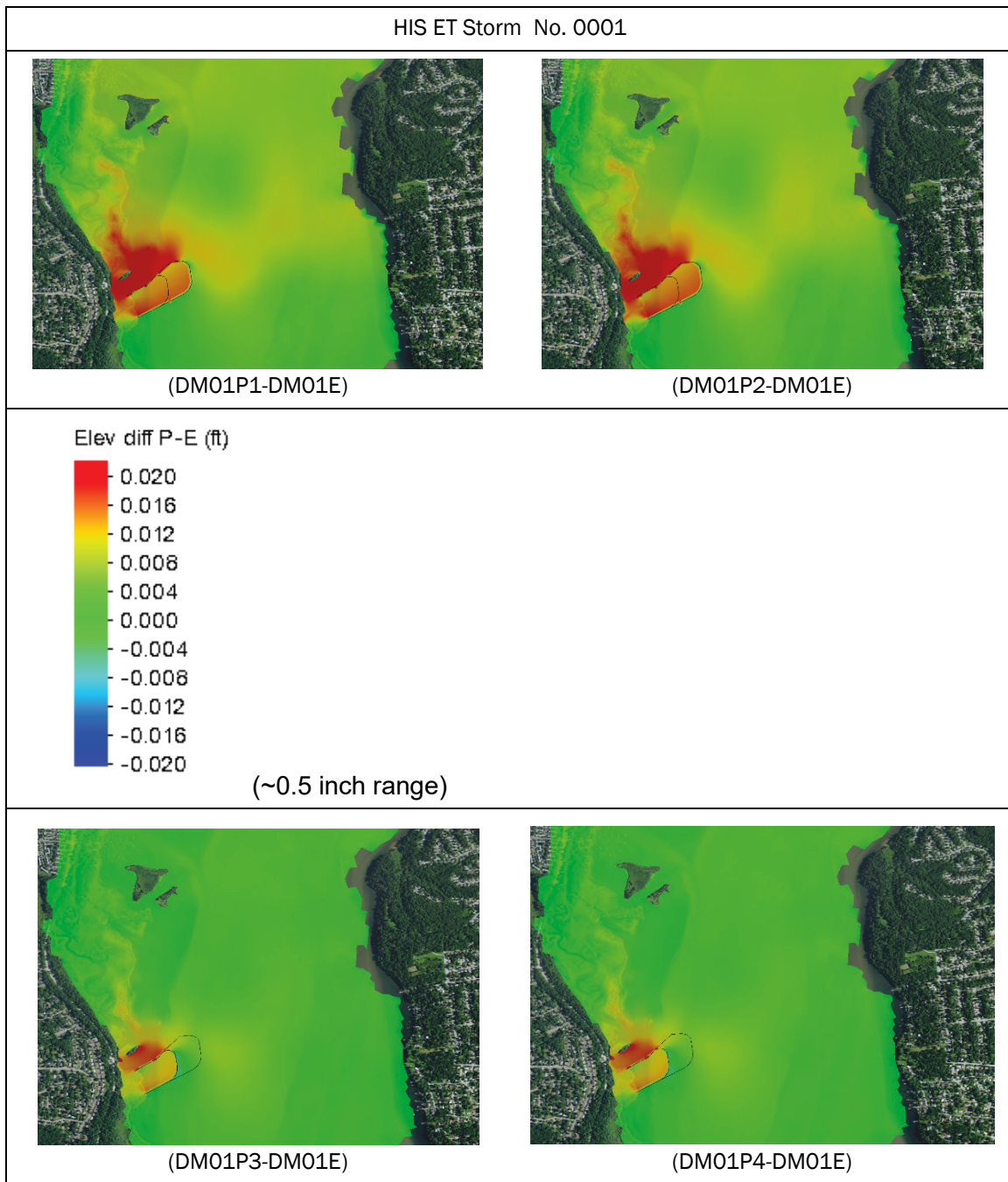


Table 5-3. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for five mesh configurations (with without-project structures).

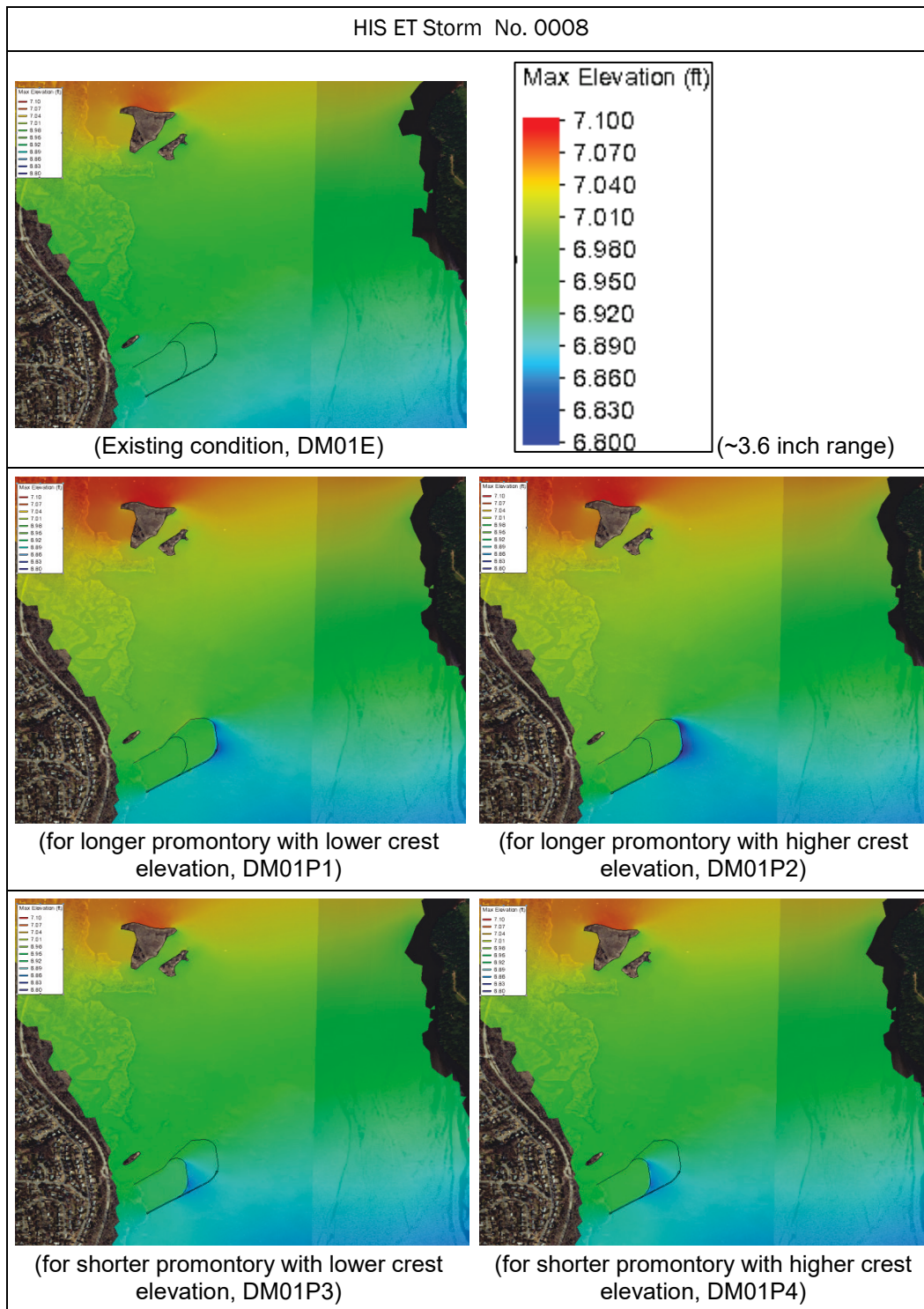


Table 5-4. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 for five mesh configurations (with and without structures).

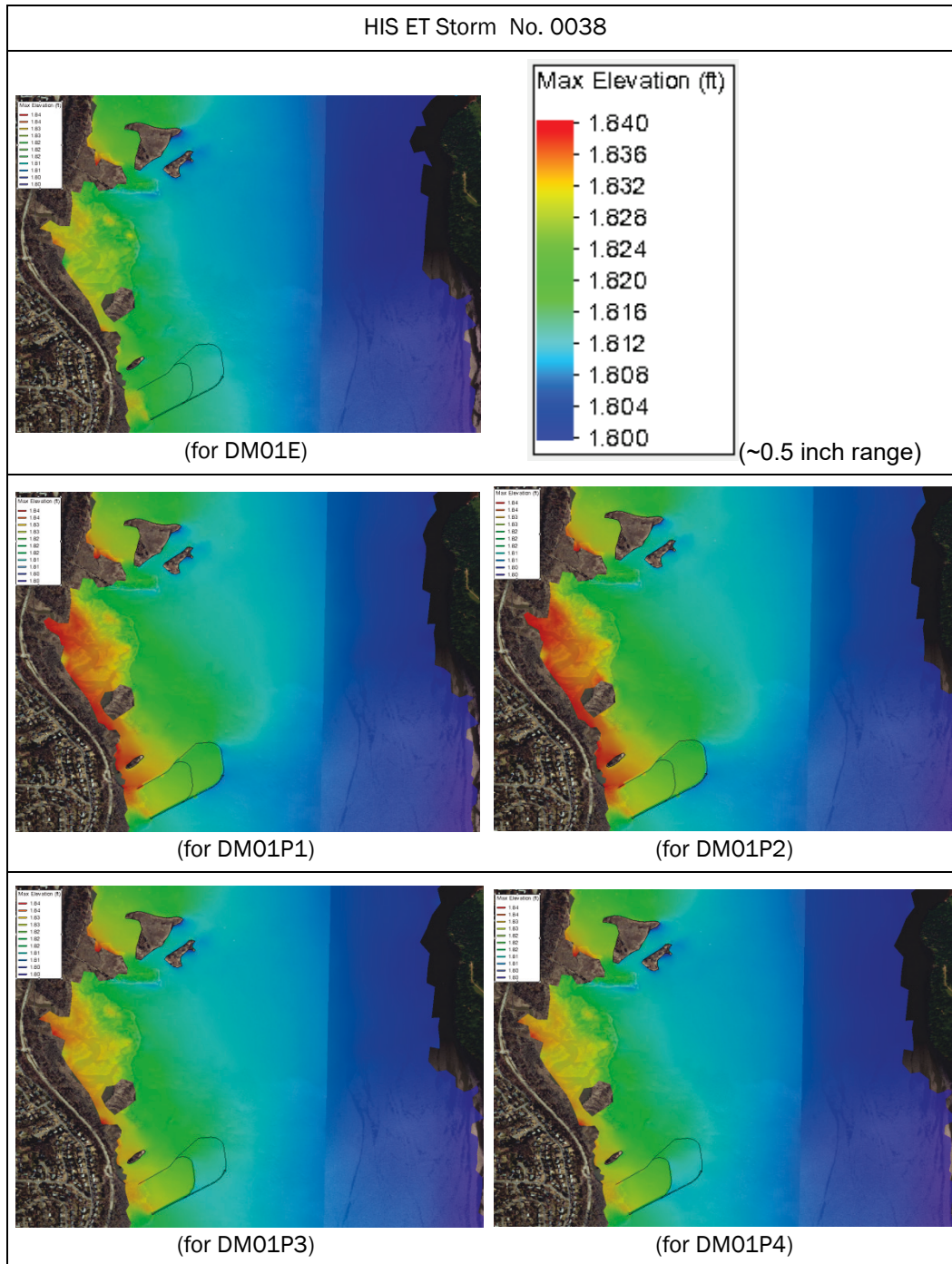


Table 5-5. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 for five mesh configurations.

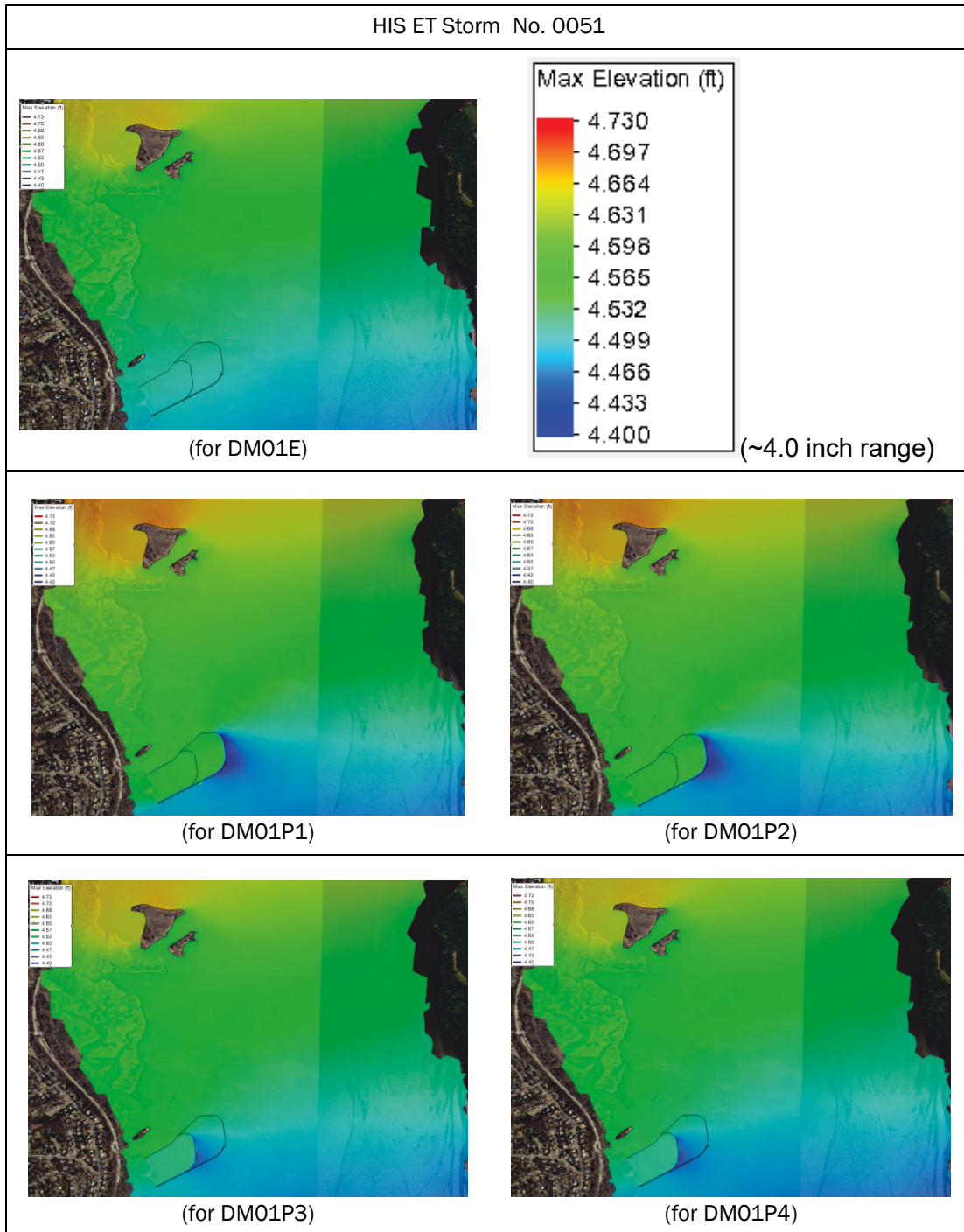


Table 5-6. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 for five mesh configurations.

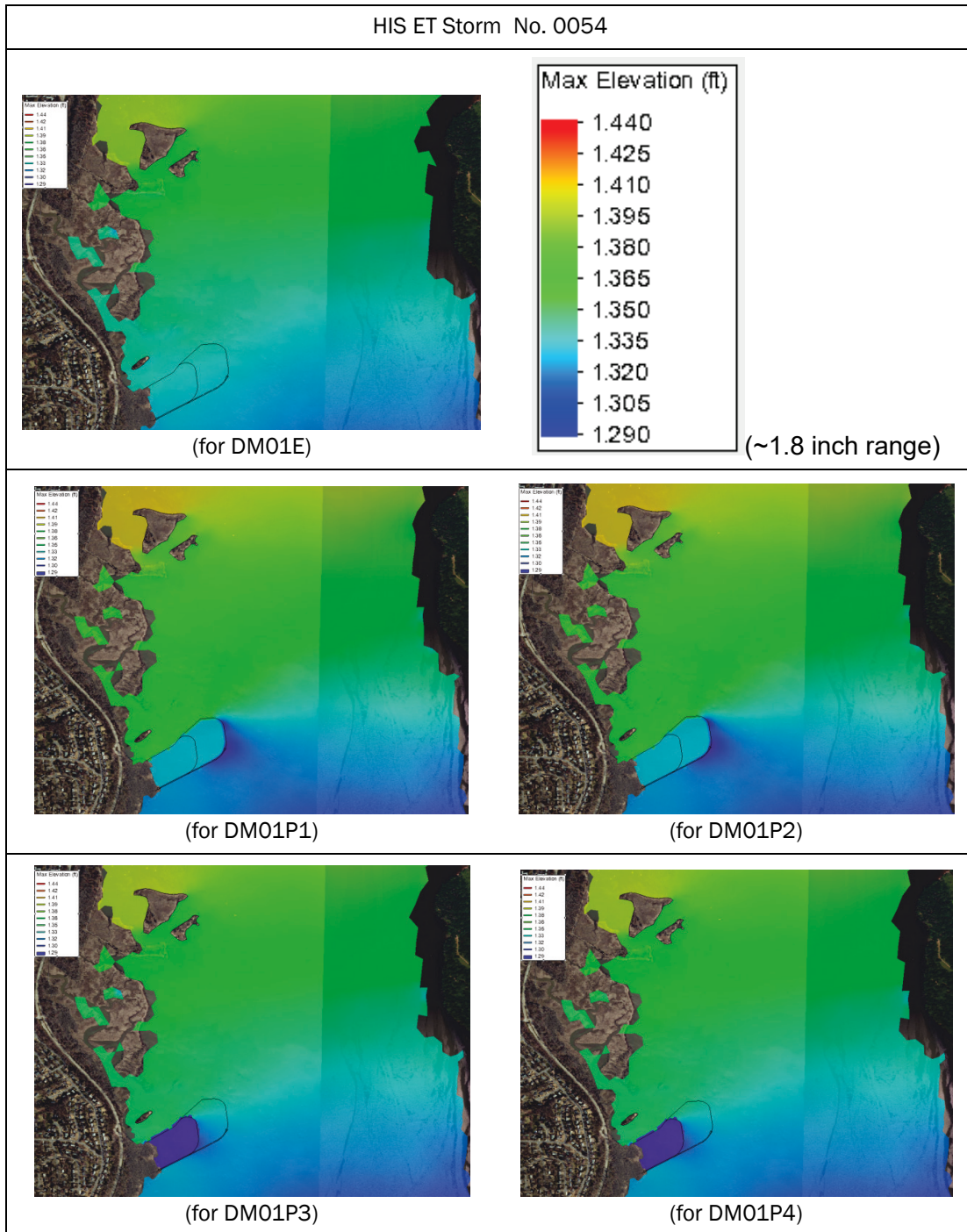


Table 5-7. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for five mesh configurations.

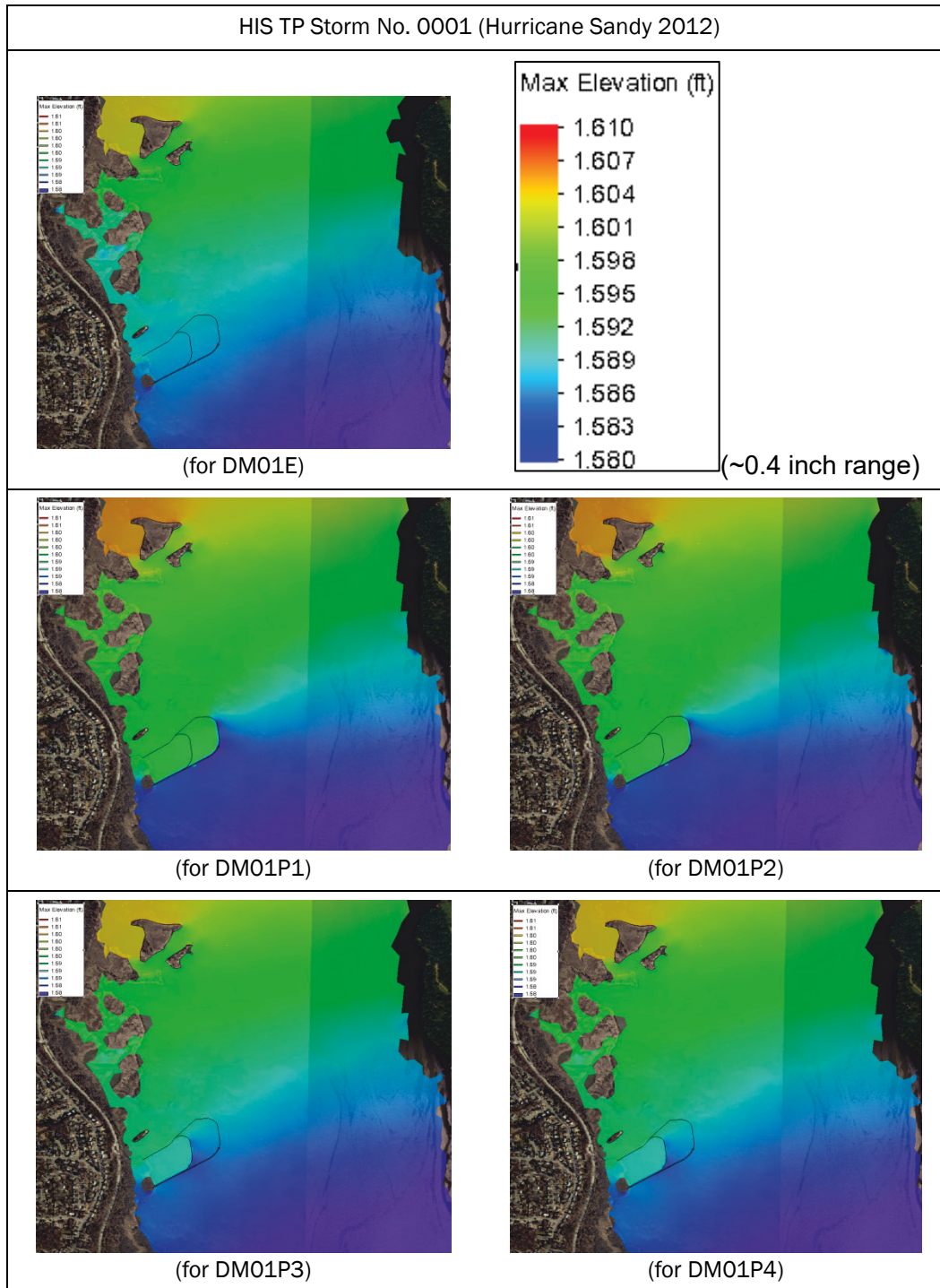


Table 5-8. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for five mesh configurations.

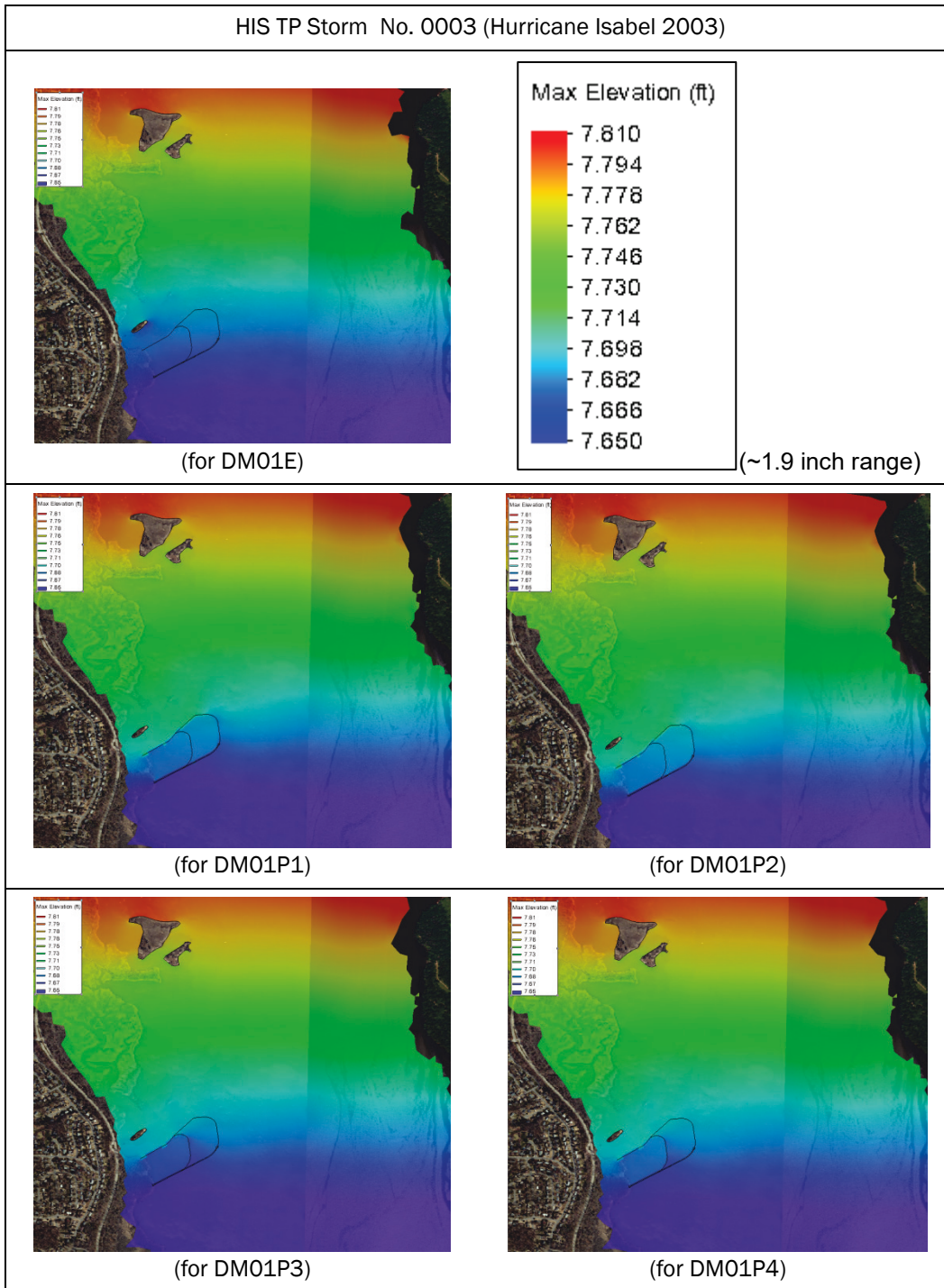


Table 5-9. Maximum water surface elevations for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for five mesh configurations.

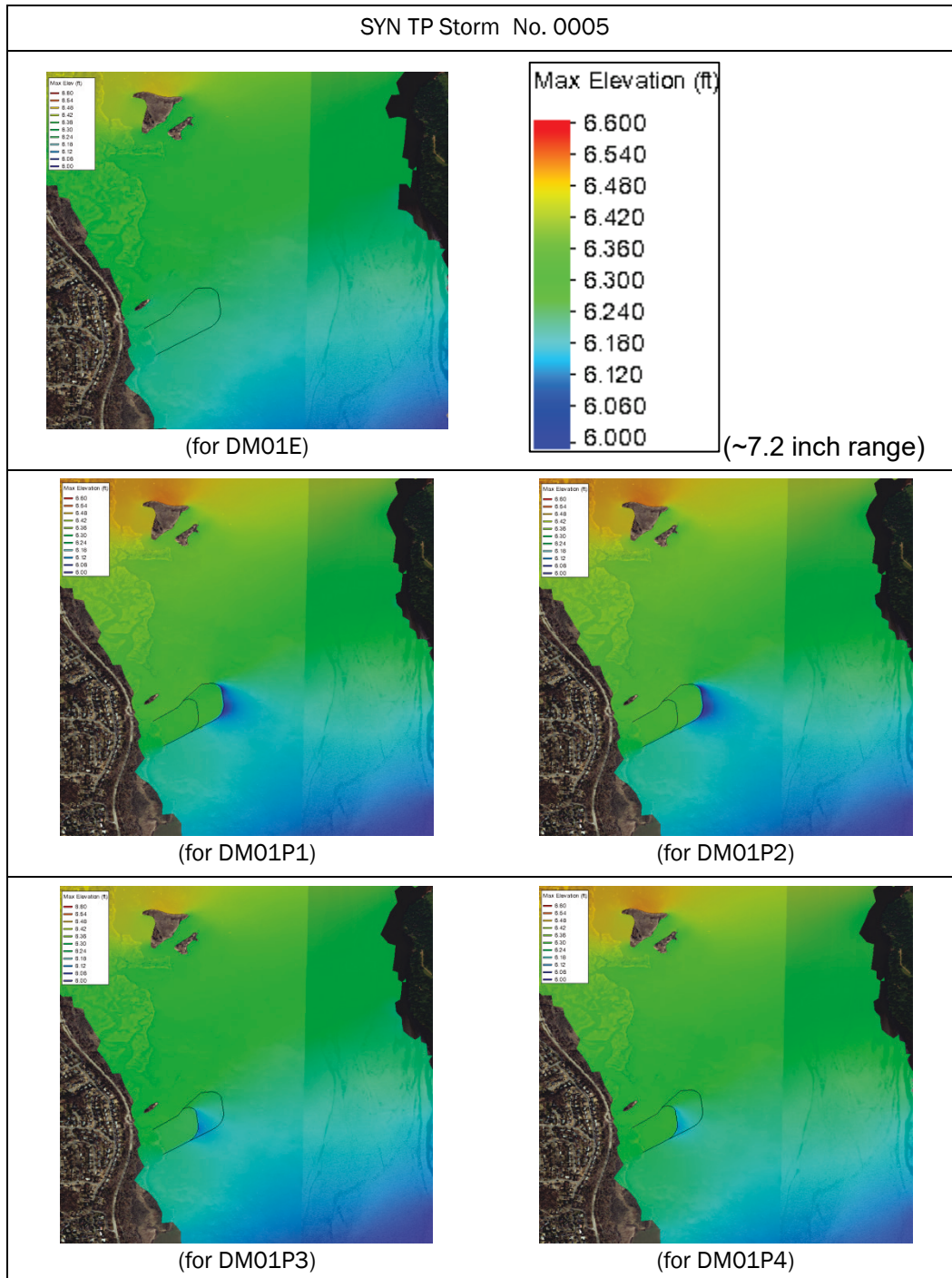


Table 5-10. Maximum water surface elevations for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 for five mesh configurations.

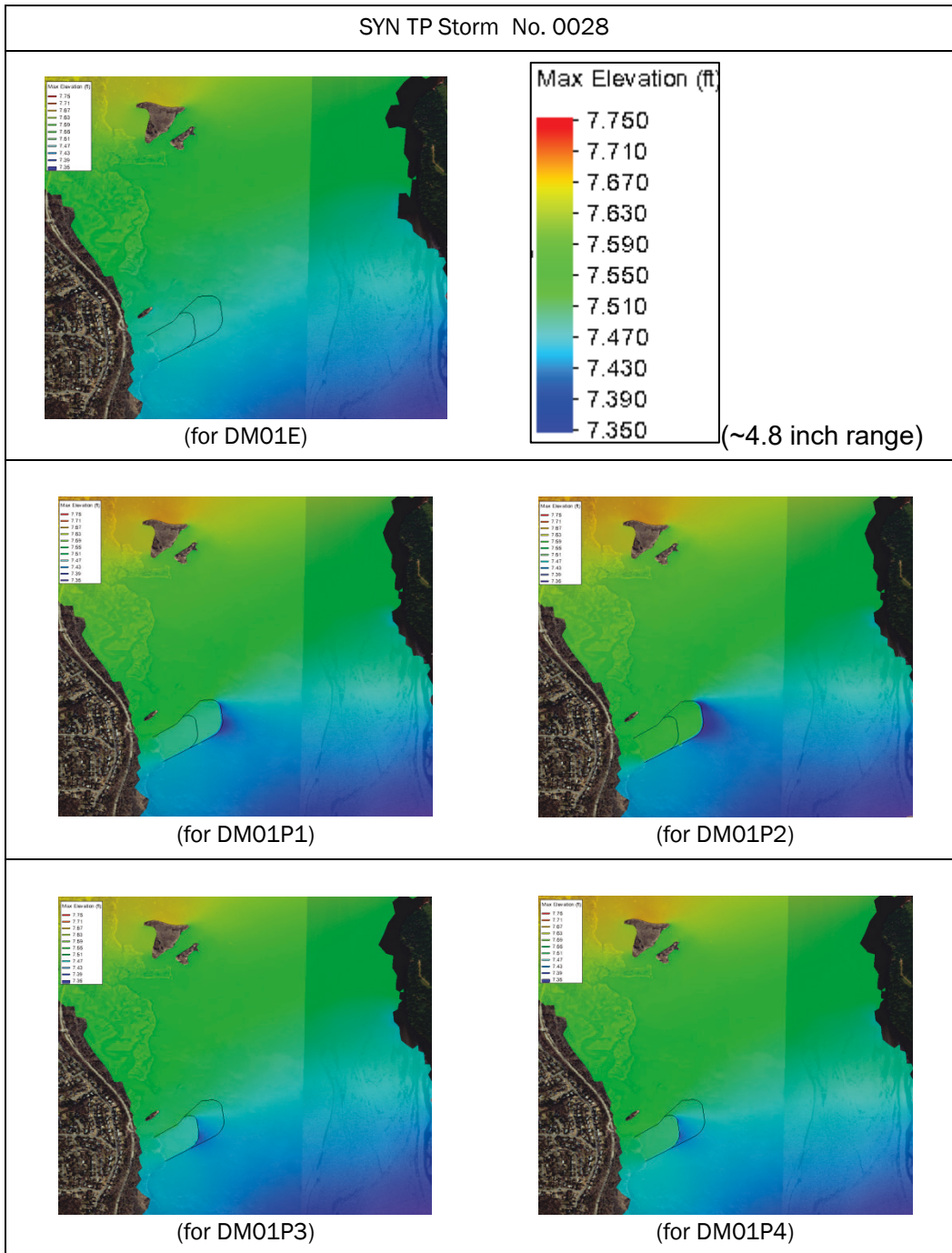
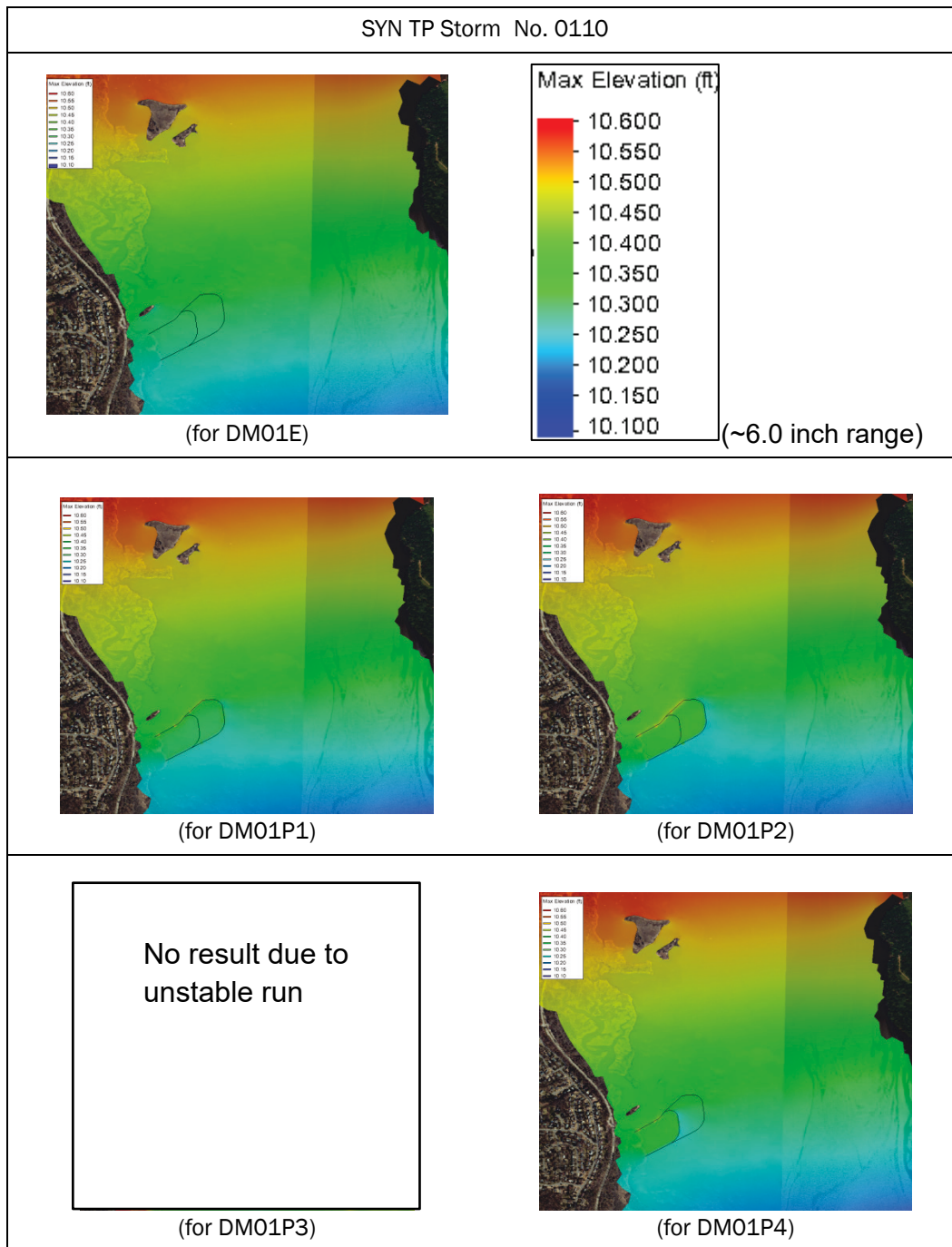


Table 5-11. Maximum water surface elevations for SYN TP Storm No. 0110) for five mesh configurations.



5.1.2 Maximum depth-averaged storm water velocity results for the fully enclosed promontories

Local flow fields will be altered due to installation of the design structures (promontories) and the corresponding changes of the river cross section, with generally faster local flow velocities around the structures than those in the present condition (grid: DM01E). Strong flow velocity is a concern as local scouring around the structures could occur. It is therefore necessary to examine the changes of flow fields and local velocities in the area of Dyke Marsh.

For 10 selected storms (5 HIS ET, 2 HIS TP, and 3 SYN TP; see Figure 5-1 for the storm names), maximum depth-averaged flow velocity magnitudes around the designed promontories are presented in Table 5-12 to Table 5-22. It is noted that 3 storms of the 13 initially selected did not produce stable model results for all with-project conditions. With consultation from NAB, those three storms were not deemed critical to the outcome of the modeling study. By comparing the flow patterns illustrated by spatial distributions from the model results, local water velocities around the ends of the promontories increase, as expected. Conversely, the velocities at the base of the structures (near the shore-connected location) are reduced, due to the promontory sills acting as a breakwater, blocking part of the longitudinal flow through the structures. For example, for HIS ET Storm No. 0001, Table 5-13 presents the differences in the magnitude of existing condition and with-project maximum water velocity, with approximately 0.5 ft/s of velocity increase around the ends of the promontories. The longer promontories (DM01P1 and DM01P2) cause a slightly faster water flow at the tip than the shorter promontories (DM01P3 and DM01P4), but at the upstream side of the promontory base, the velocity magnitude can be 1.5 ft/s faster than that with no structure. Numerical values of the maximum velocity magnitudes and the differences between the project and no-project conditions can be found in Section 5.1.6.

Table 5-12. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for five mesh configurations.

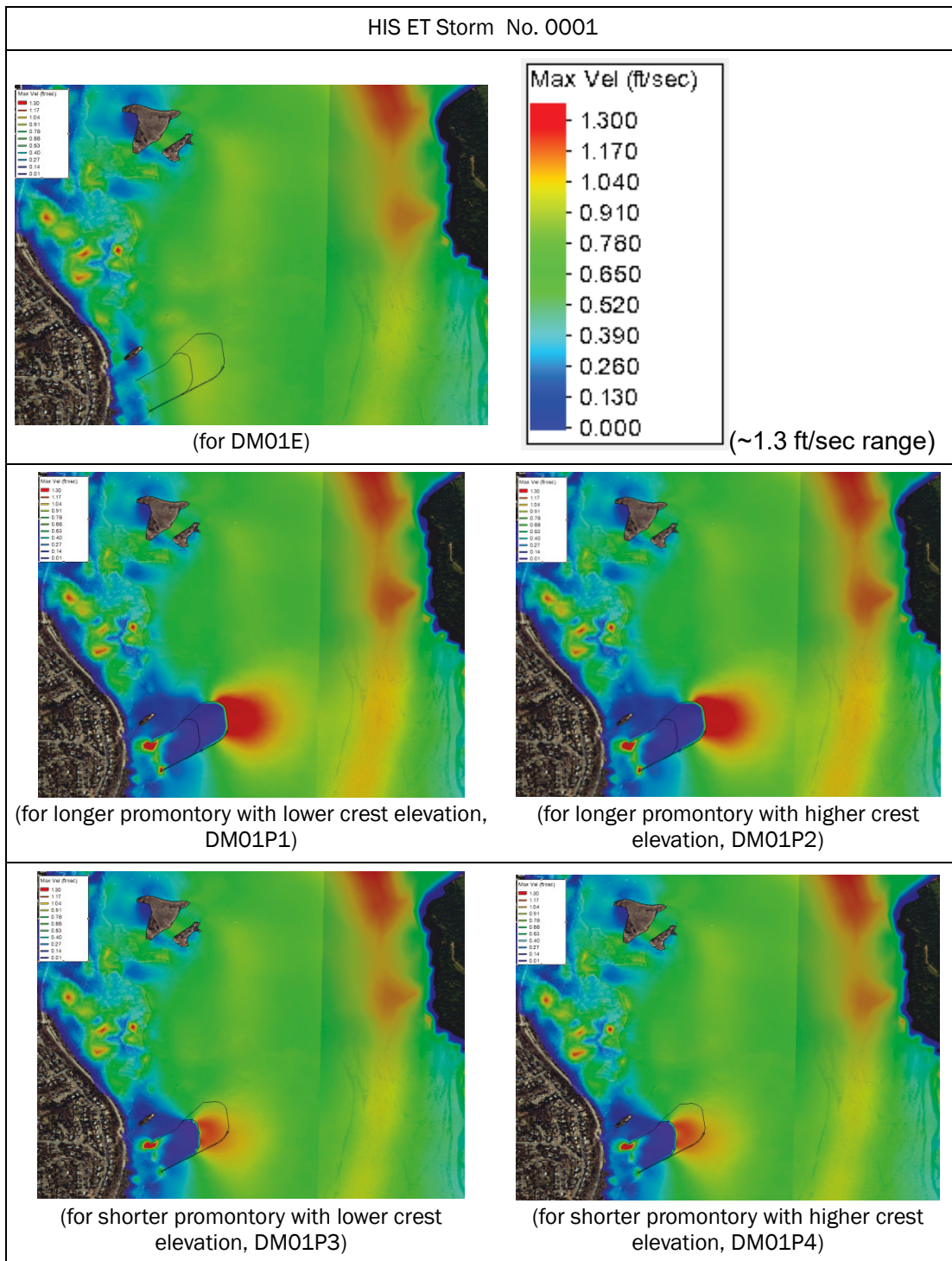


Table 5-13. Difference in maximum water velocity for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 between project and existing conditions (Project - Existing).

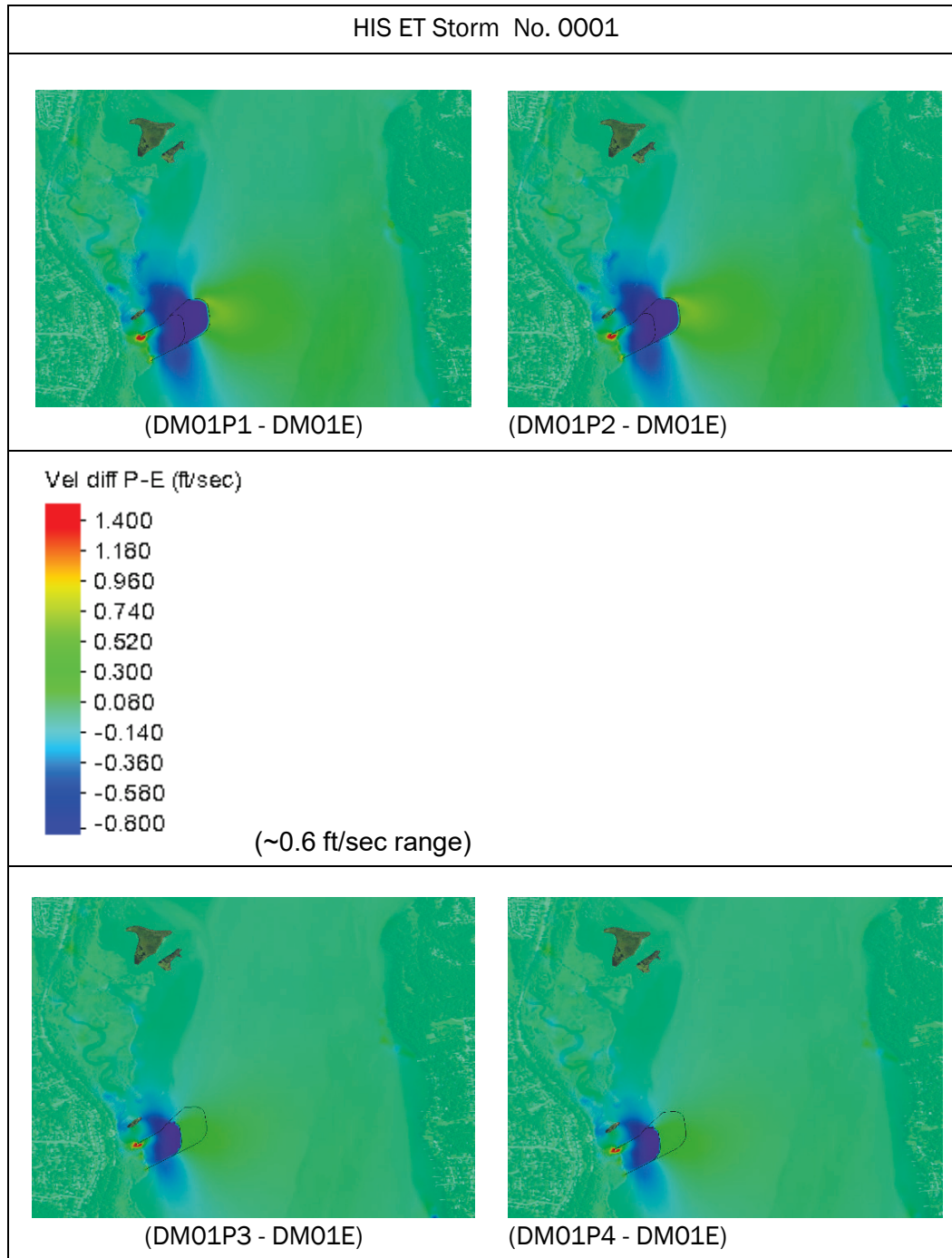


Table 5-14. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for five mesh configurations.

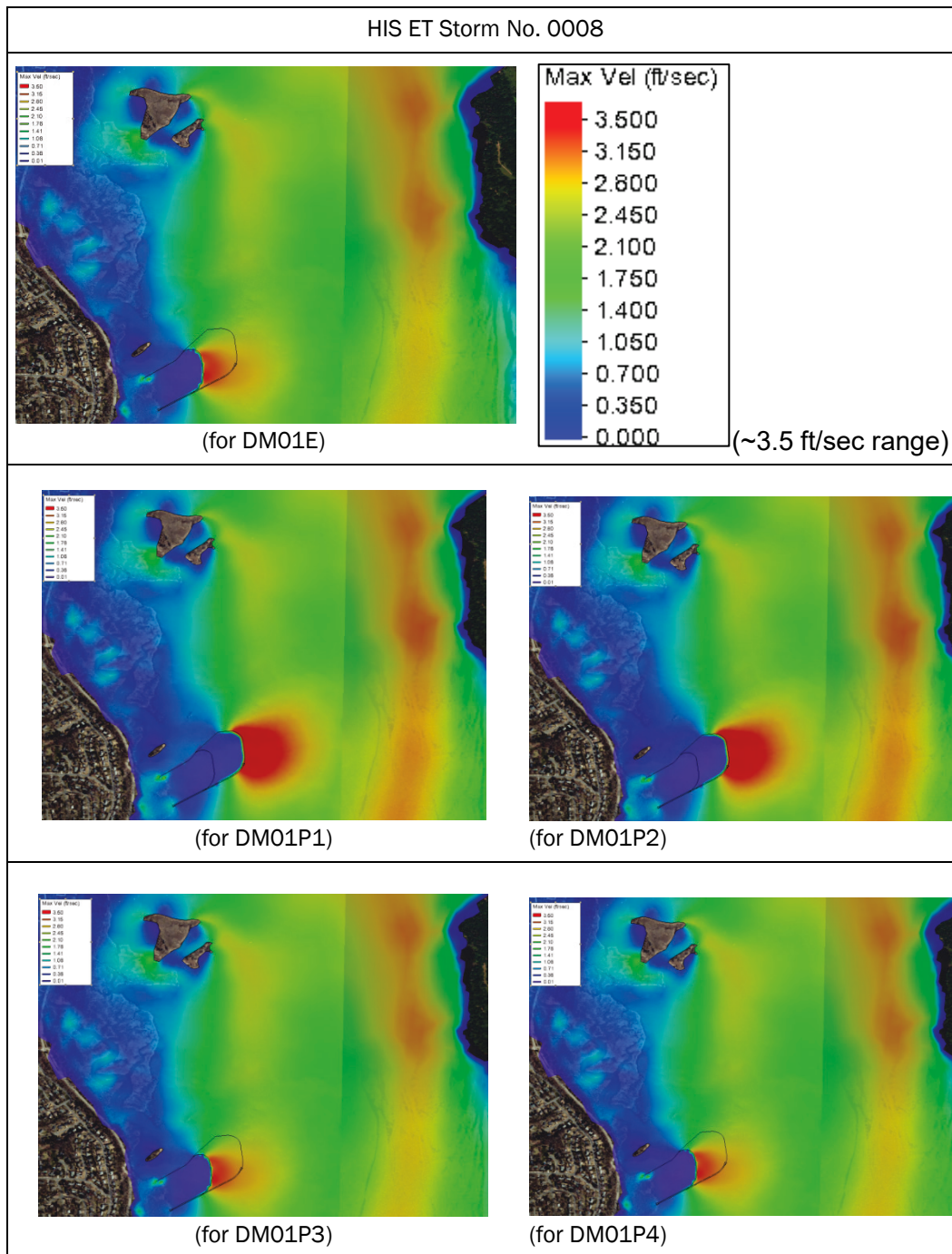


Table 5-15. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 for five mesh configurations.

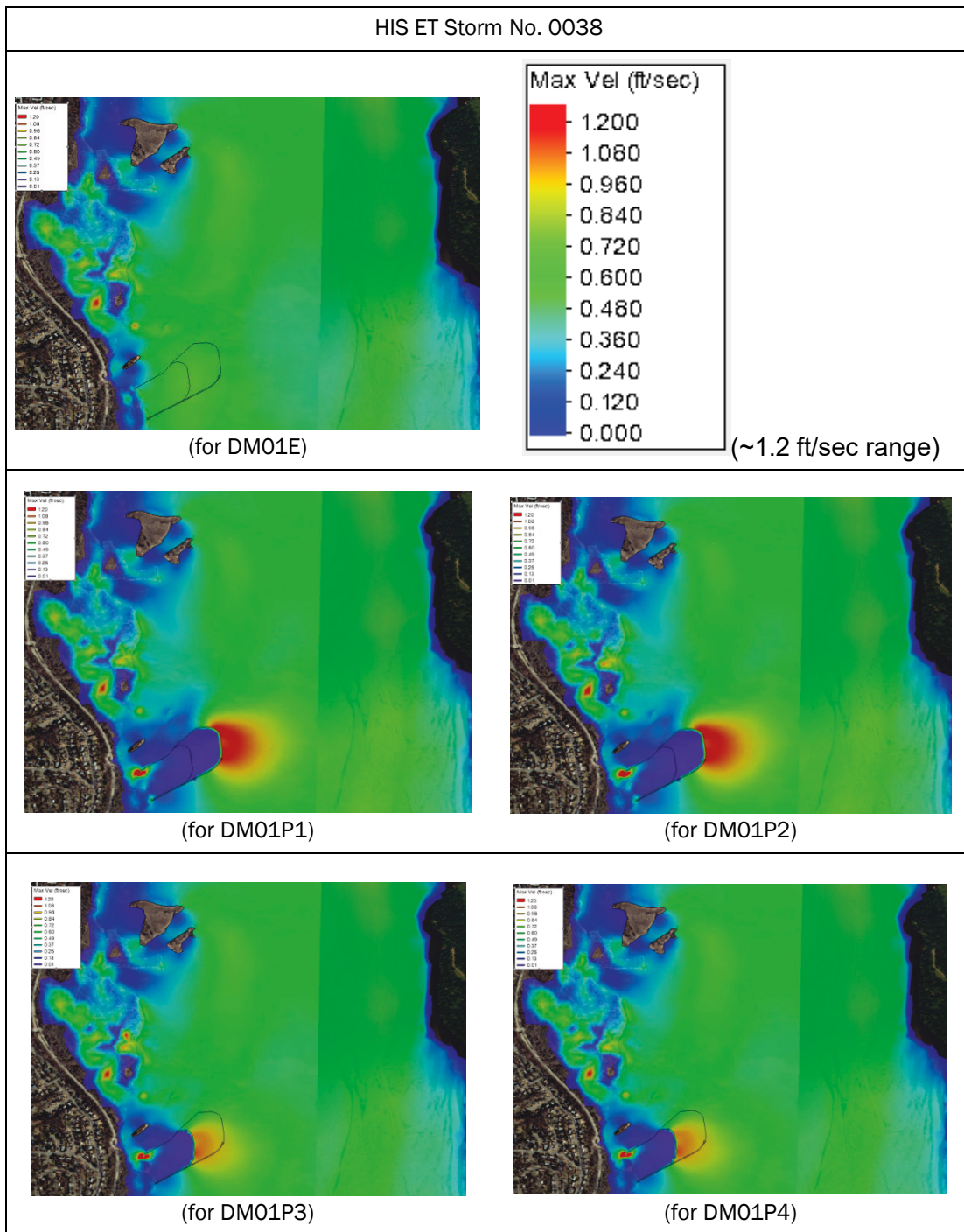


Table 5-16. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 for five mesh configurations.

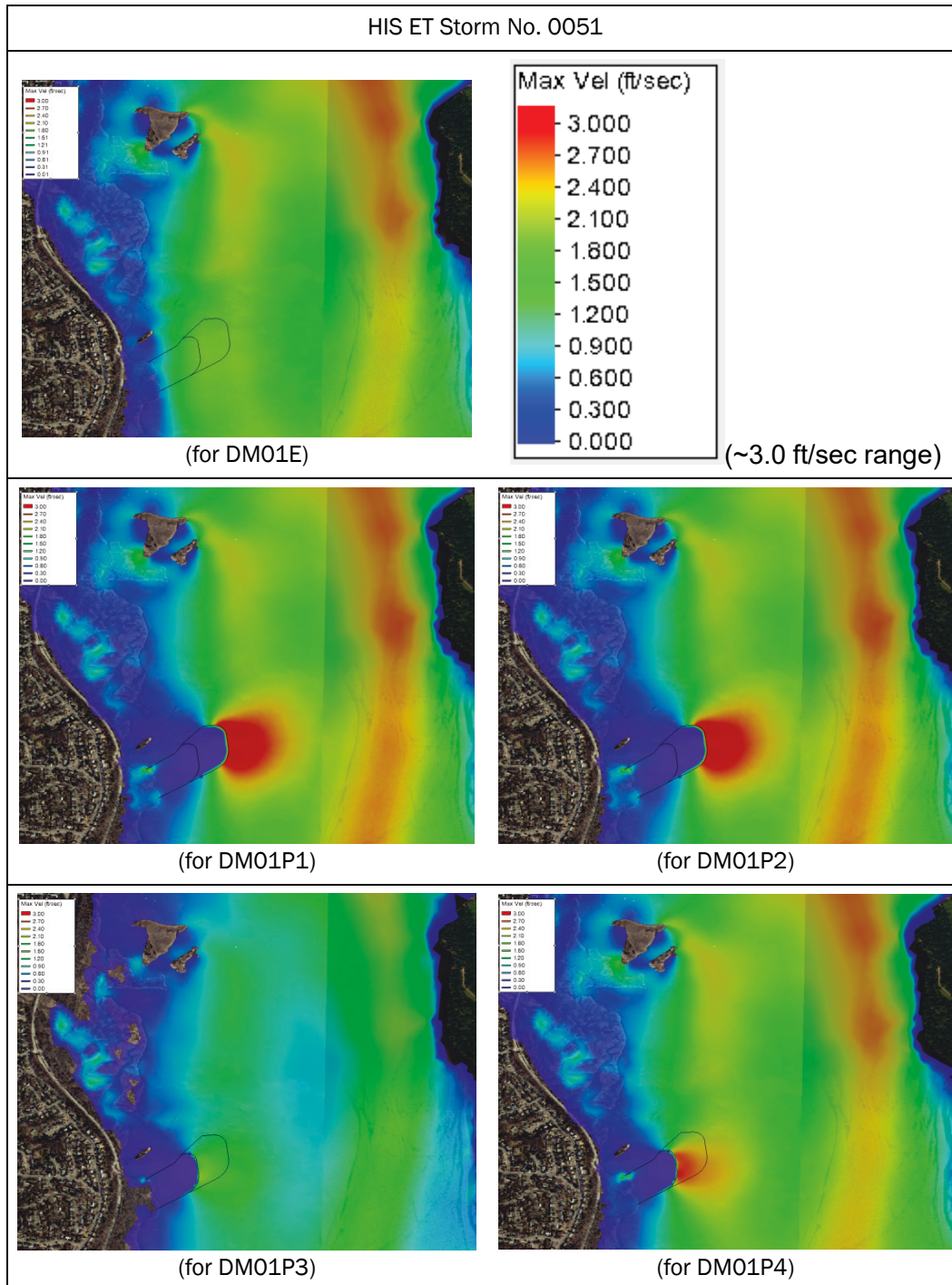


Table 5-17. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 for five mesh configurations.

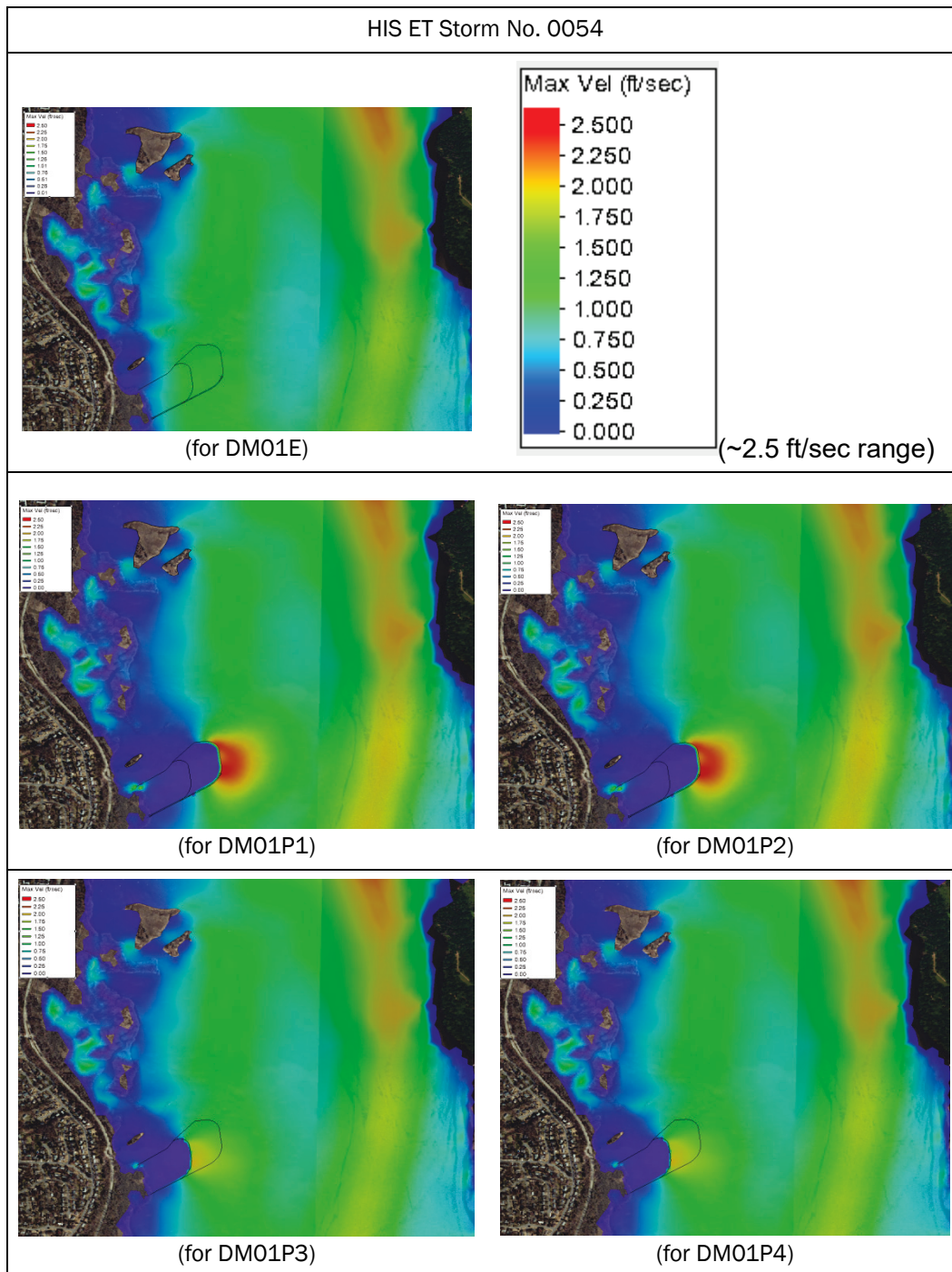


Table 5-18. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for five mesh configurations.

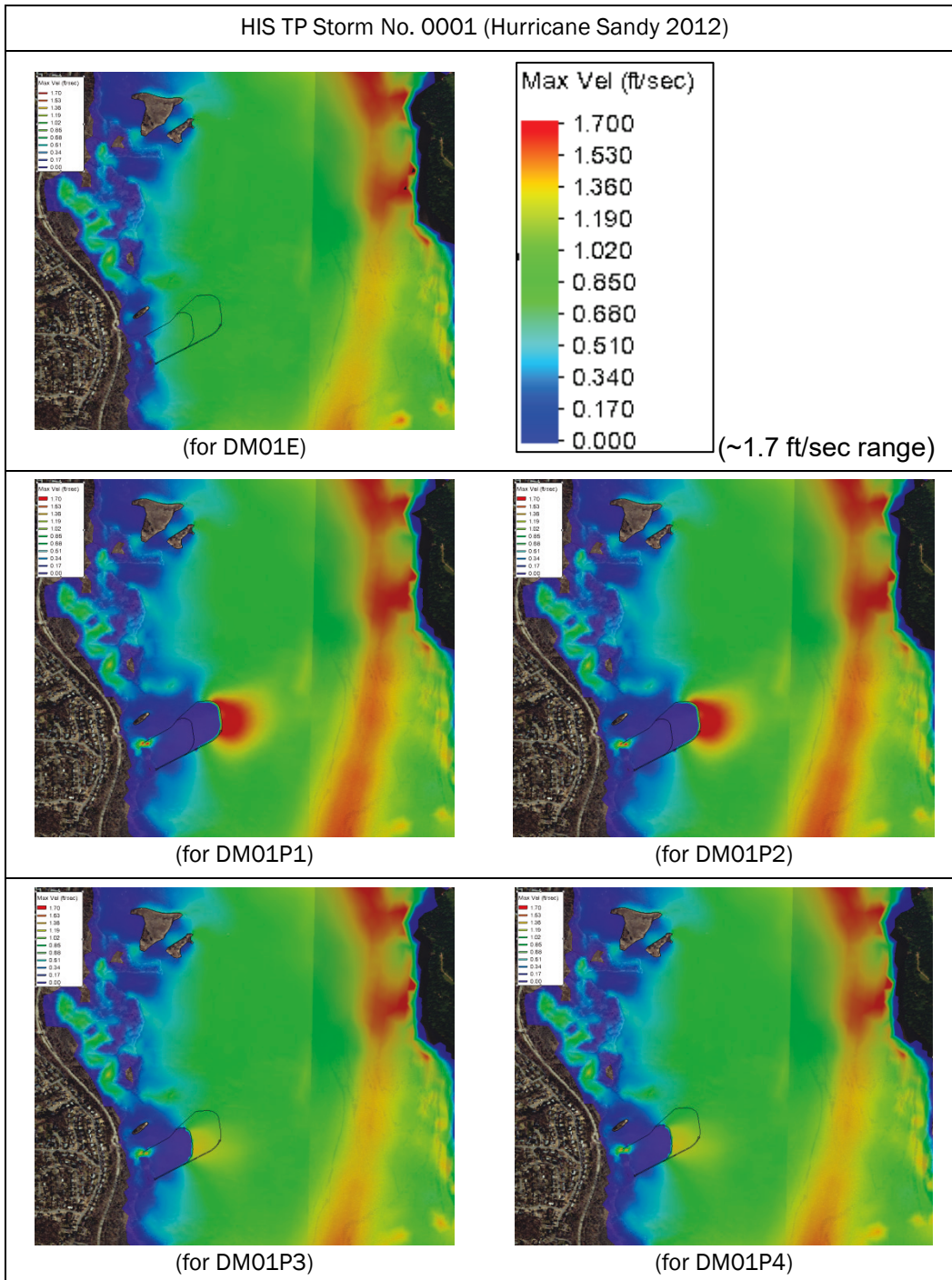


Table 5-19. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for five mesh configurations.

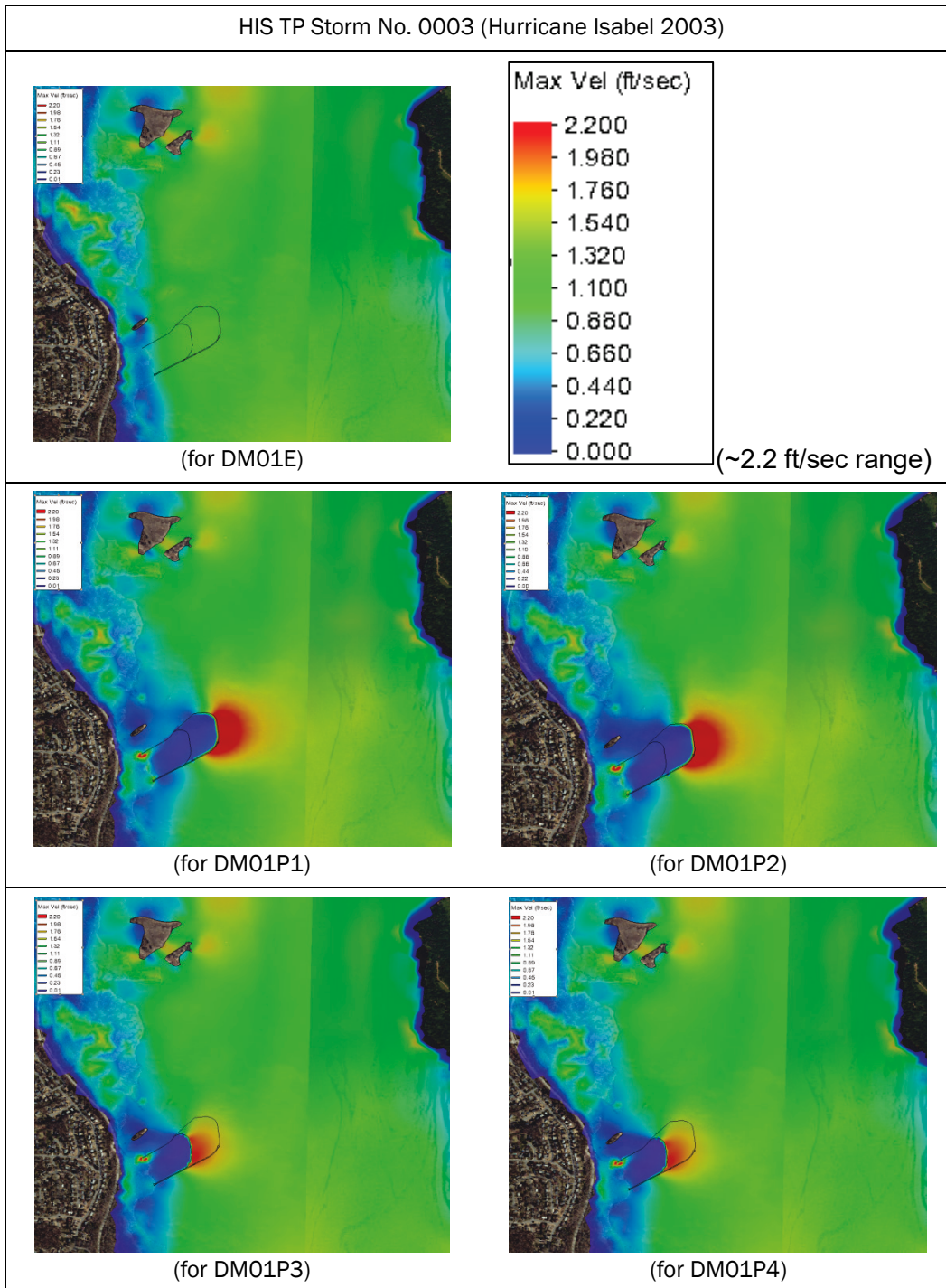


Table 5-20. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for five mesh configurations.

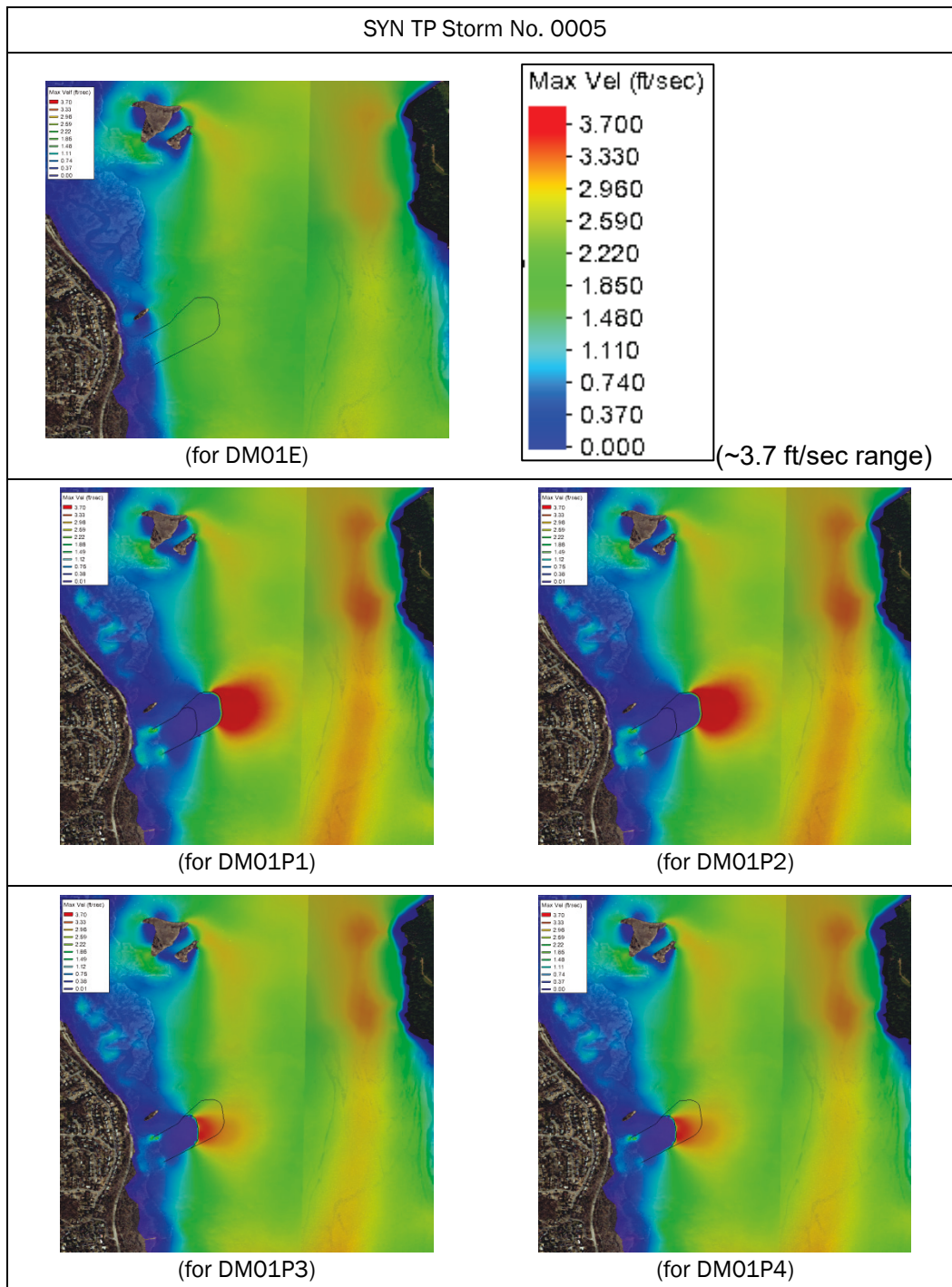


Table 5-21. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 for five mesh configurations.

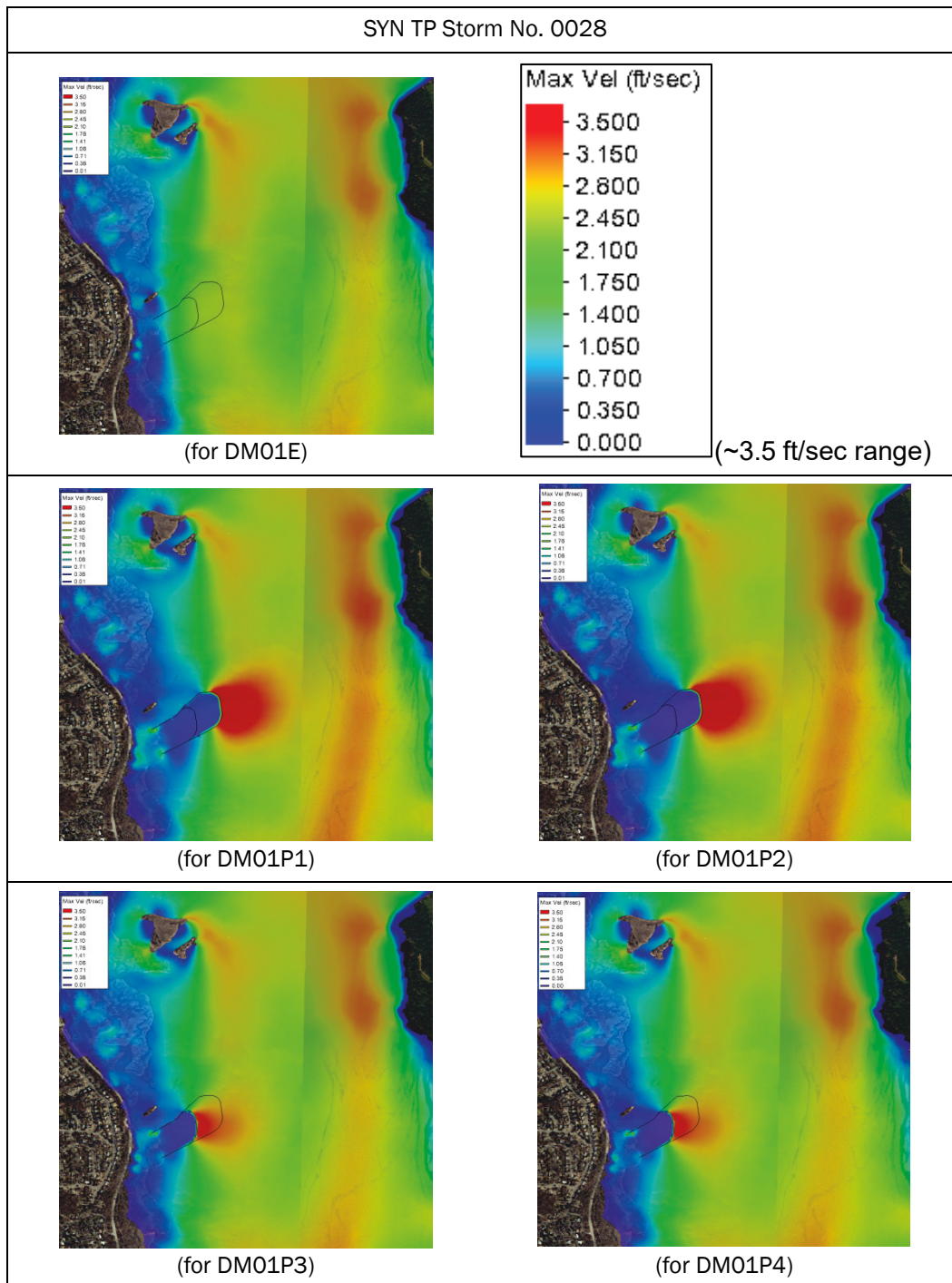
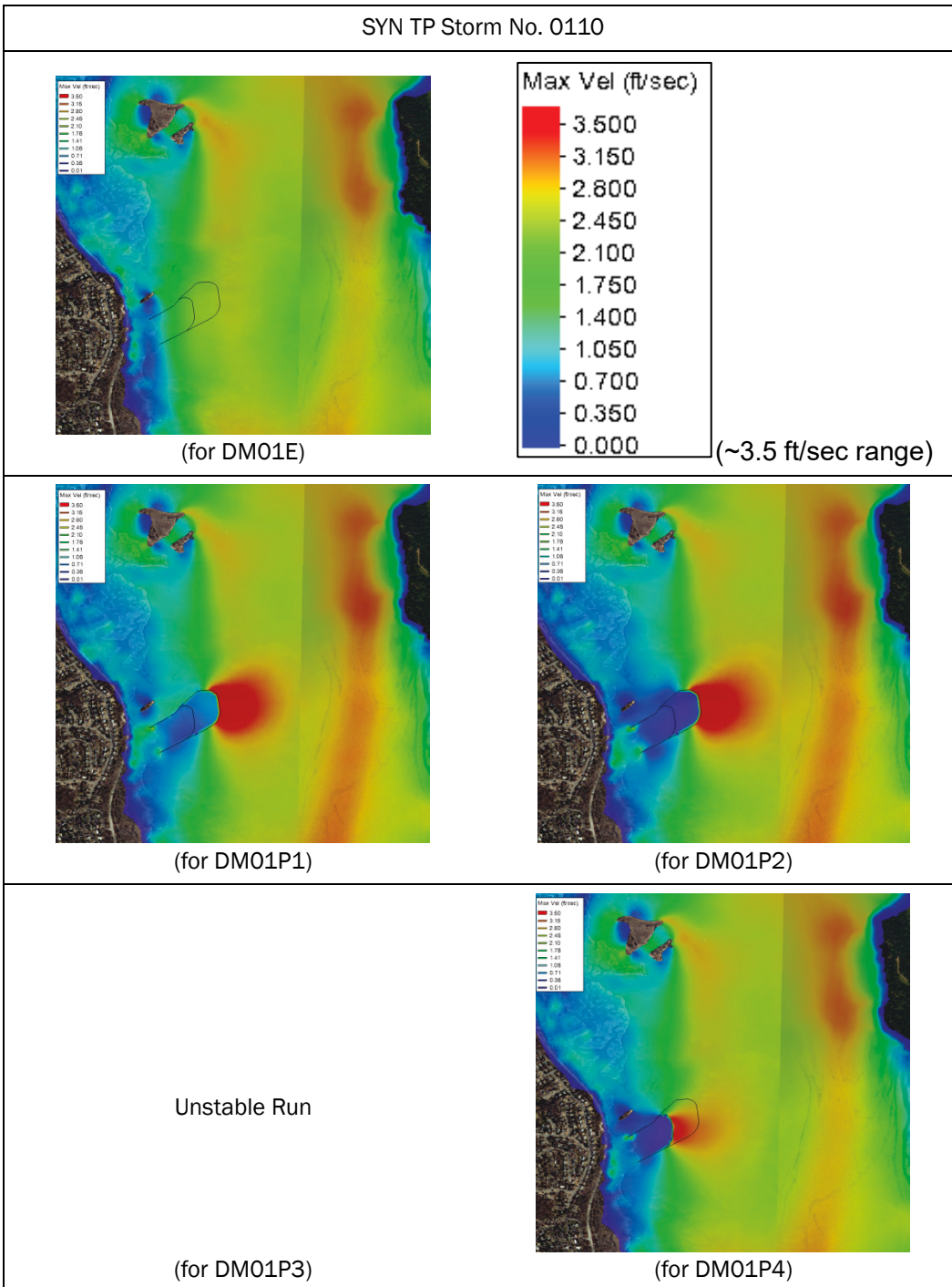


Table 5-22. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for SYN TP Storm 0110 for five mesh configurations.



5.1.3 Maximum significant wave height storm results for the fully enclosed promontories

Hurricane winds induce surface water waves that propagate along the dominant wind direction. Generally, waves in the area of Dyke Marsh are closely correlated with the hurricane wind speed and the dominant direction. Figure 5-2 presents a map for the Dyke Marsh area; notice that winds blowing toward the southwest (red arrow marked by the letter A), northwest (red arrow marked by the letter B), and due north (red arrow marked by the letter C) have the potential of inducing larger wind-waves due to longer fetch lengths from open water leading up to the marsh area. In this section, maximum significant wave heights distributions are presented in Table 5-24 through Table 5-33. A brief summary on wind-dominant directions of the selected storms is given in Table 5-23. Most of the storms generate winds blowing predominantly toward the north in the area. Only three of the storms (HIS ET No. 0038, HIS ET No. 0054, and HIS TP No. 0001) cause winds blowing predominantly toward the south.

Figure 5-2. Map of the Dyke Marsh area. Arrows indicate directions from which winds blowing would have the potential to create larger wind-waves due to larger fetches.



With winds blowing toward the north, waves in the lee of the structure (north of the structure), where the marsh area is desired to be protected, are reduced because of protection from each promontory (e.g., Table 5-24, Table 5-25). The longer promontories (DM01P1 and DM01P2) provide a greater area of protection than the shorter ones (DM01P3 and DM01P4). With winds blowing toward the southwest (e.g., with HIS ET Storm No. 0038, the dominant wind direction was toward the southwest) the wind direction is from the eastern river bank to the west bank and from north to south. Due to the geometry of the Potomac River in that area, there is a large fetch where local wind waves can grow in height and be directed into the shoreline areas of Dyke Marsh (Table 5-26) where the marsh area is located. In these wind direction cases, the promontories are unable to provide protection from the waves. For a wind blowing toward the southeast, such as observed for HIS ET Storm No. 0054, the open water fetch for generating local wind waves is toward the eastern bank. In this case, the marsh area of Dyke Marsh receives much less wave energy. Similarly, a wind blowing toward the south, such as in the case of Hurricane Sandy (2012) (HIS TP No. 0001), generates relatively small waves directed into the marsh shorelines of Dyke Marsh (Table 5-29), and the promontories have little impact.

Table 5-23. Summary of maximum significant wave height (H_s , max) results and dominant wind directions in Dyke Marsh for every storm.

Storm	Dominant Wind Direction Toward	Distributions of H_s , max	Difference in H_s , max between with- and without-structure conditions
HIS ET No. 0001	N	Table 5-24	Table 5-34
HIS ET No. 0008	N	Table 5-25	Table 5-35
HIS ET No. 0038	SW	Table 5-26	Table 5-36
HIS ET No. 0051	N	Table 5-27	Table 5-37
HIS ET No. 0054	SE	Table 5-28	Table 5-38
HIS TP No. 0001 (Sandy 2012)	S	Table 5-29	Table 5-39
HIS TP No. 0003 (Isabel 2003)	N	Table 5-30	Table 5-40
SYN TP No. 0005	NW	Table 5-31	Table 5-41
SYN TP No. 0028	NW	Table 5-32	Table 5-42
SYN TP No. 0110	N	Table 5-33	Table 5-43

Note:

HIS ET = historical extra-tropical storm

HIS TP = historical tropical storm (hurricane)

SYN TP = synthetic tropical storm

Table 5-24. Maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for five mesh configurations (with and without structures).

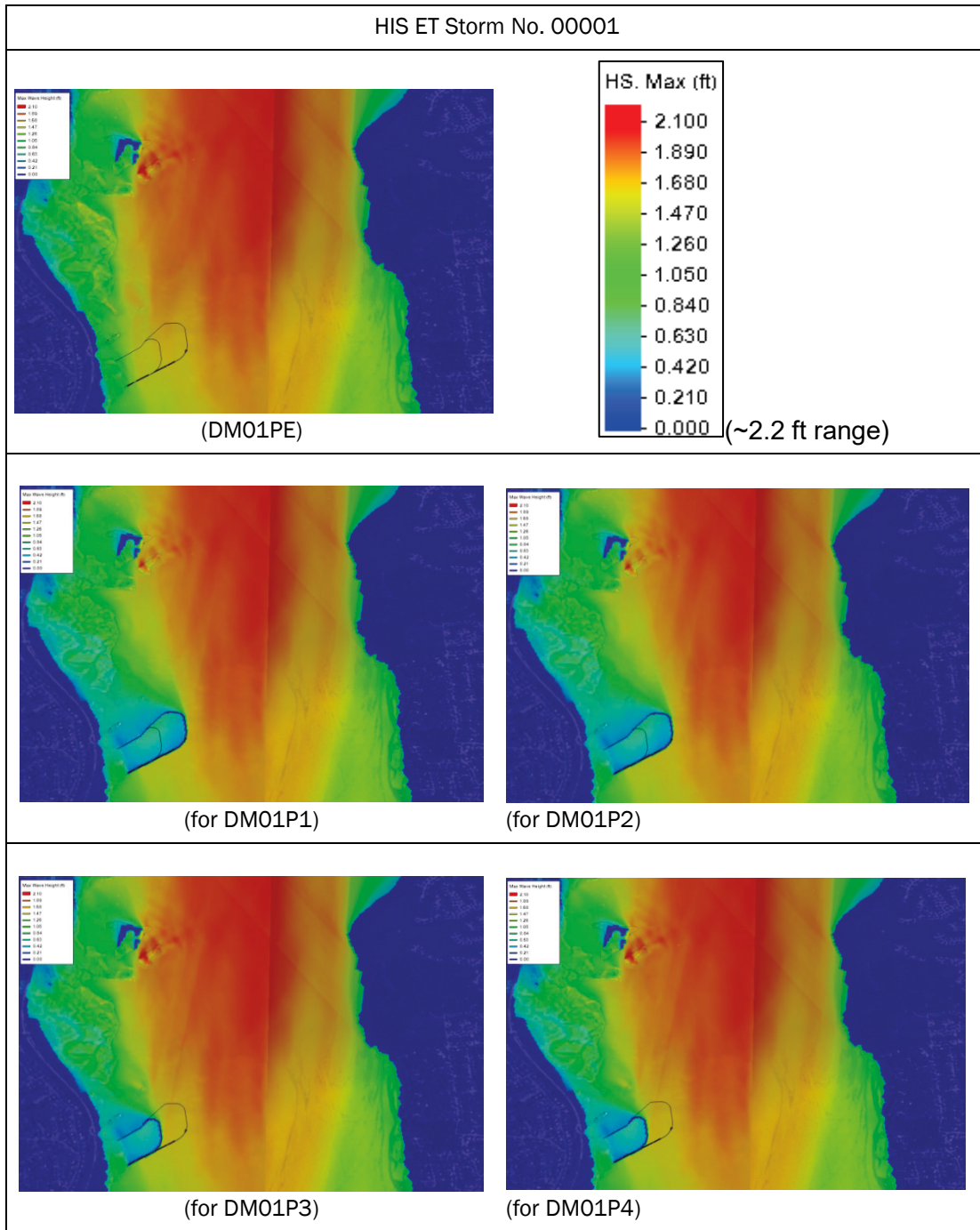


Table 5-25. Maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for five mesh configurations.

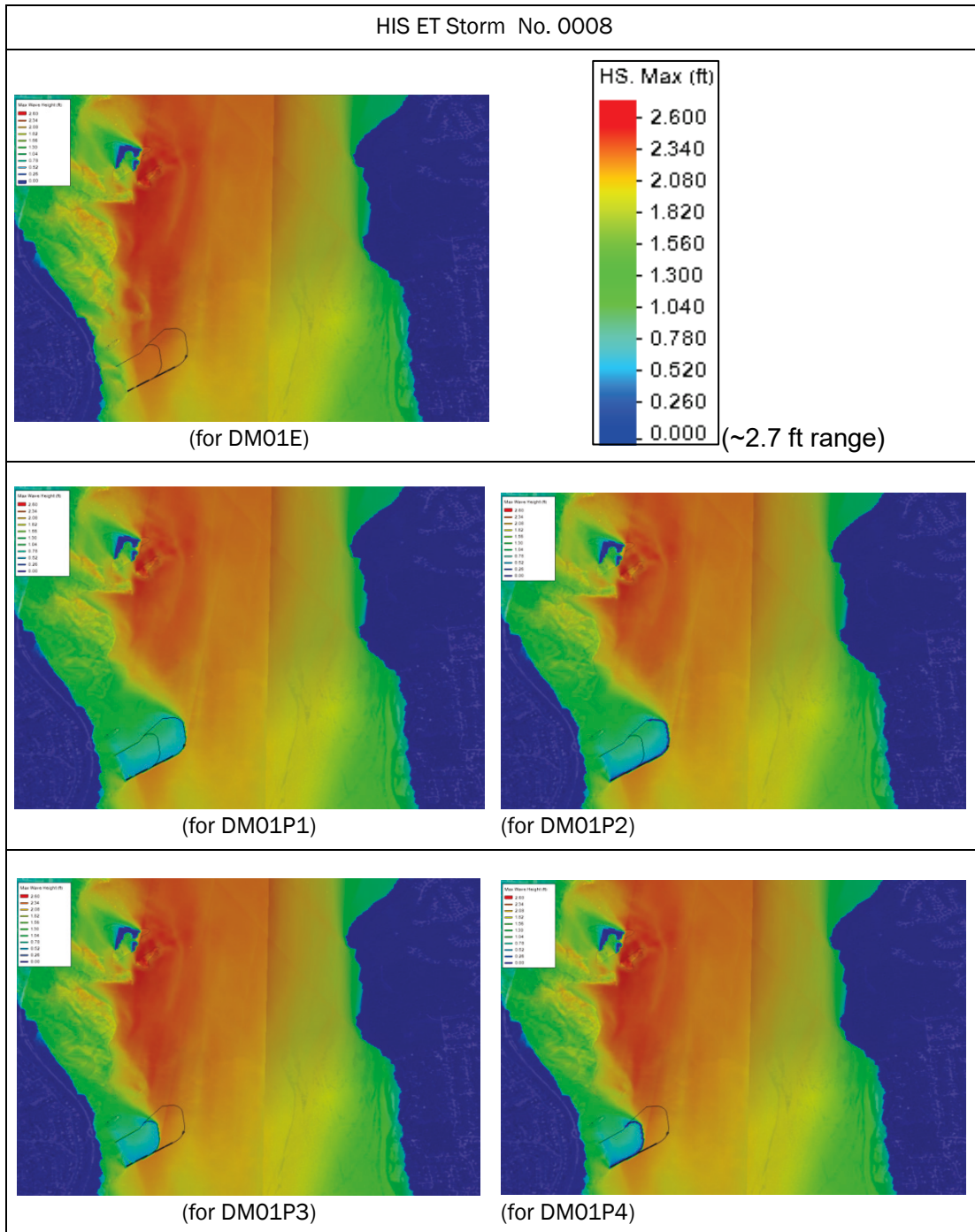


Table 5-26. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 for five mesh configurations.

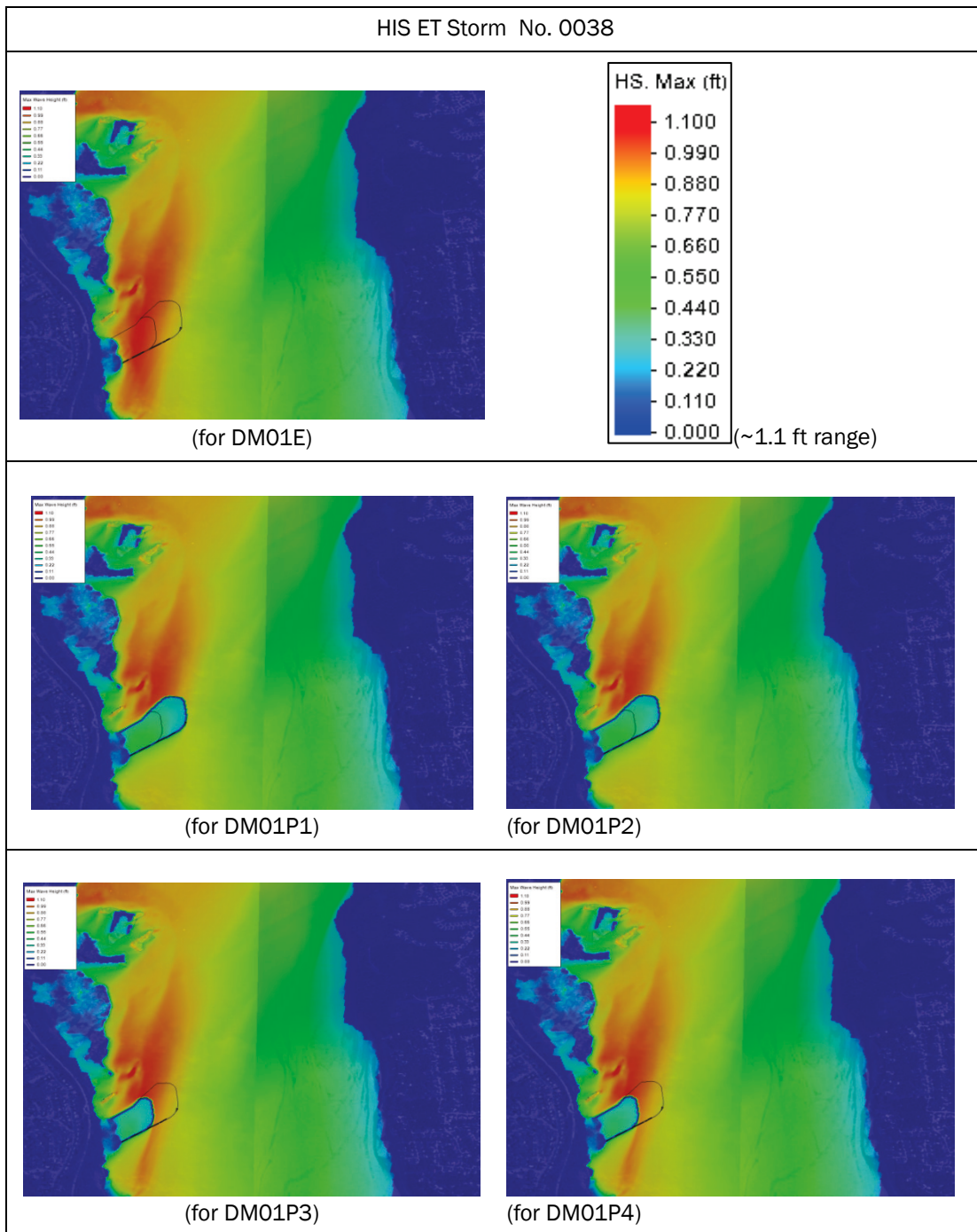


Table 5-27. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 for five mesh configurations.

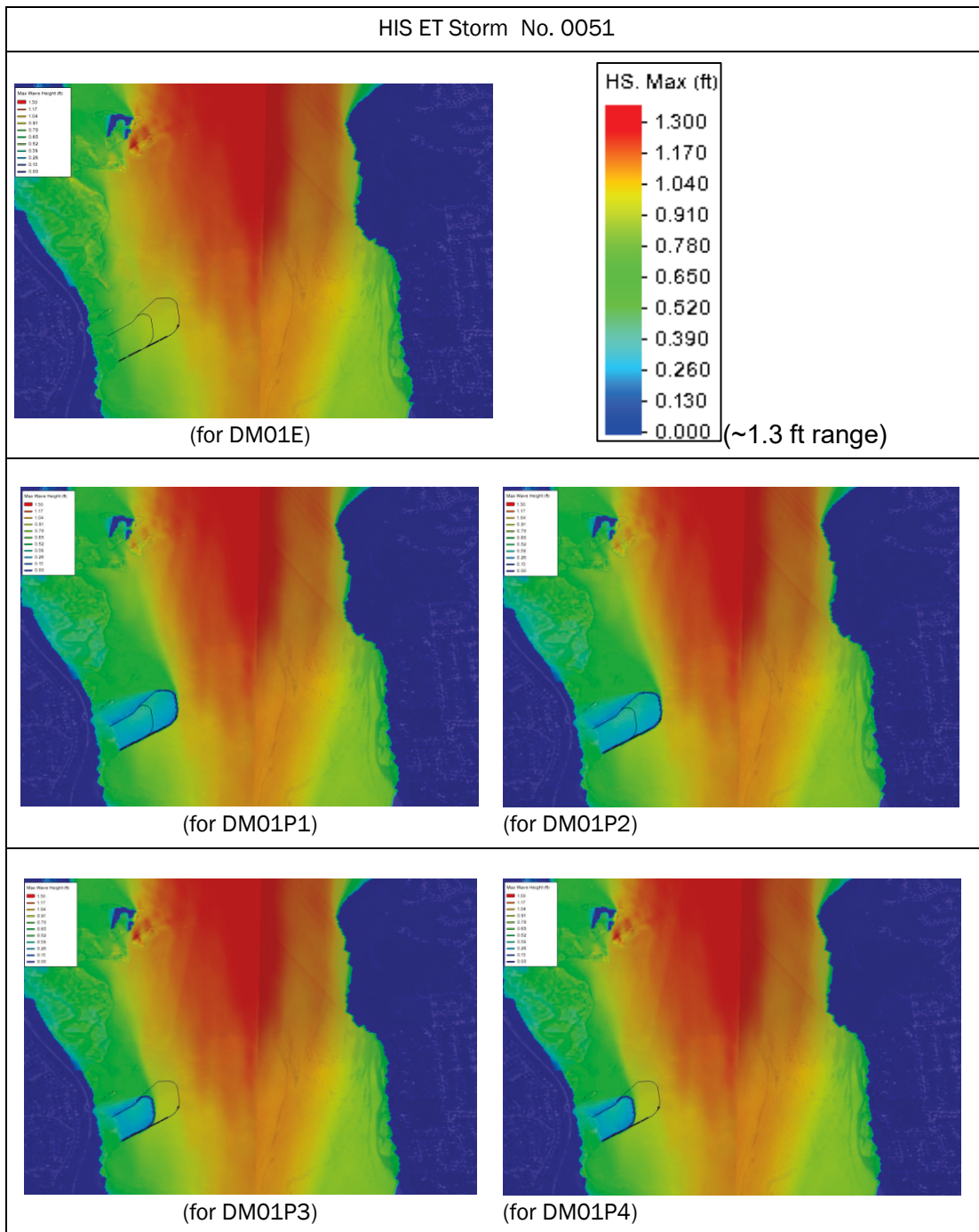


Table 5-28. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 for five mesh configurations.

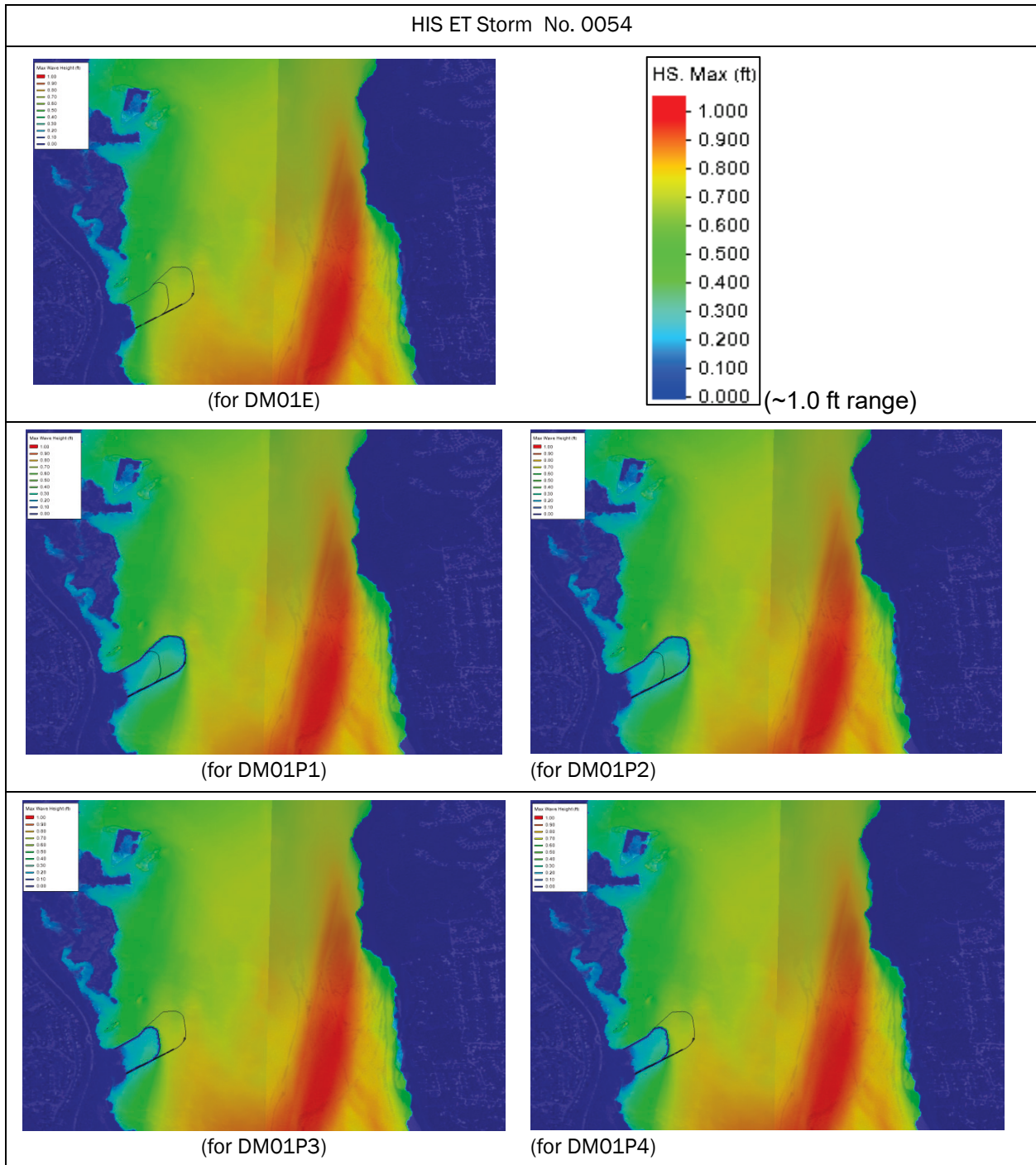


Table 5-29. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for five mesh configurations.

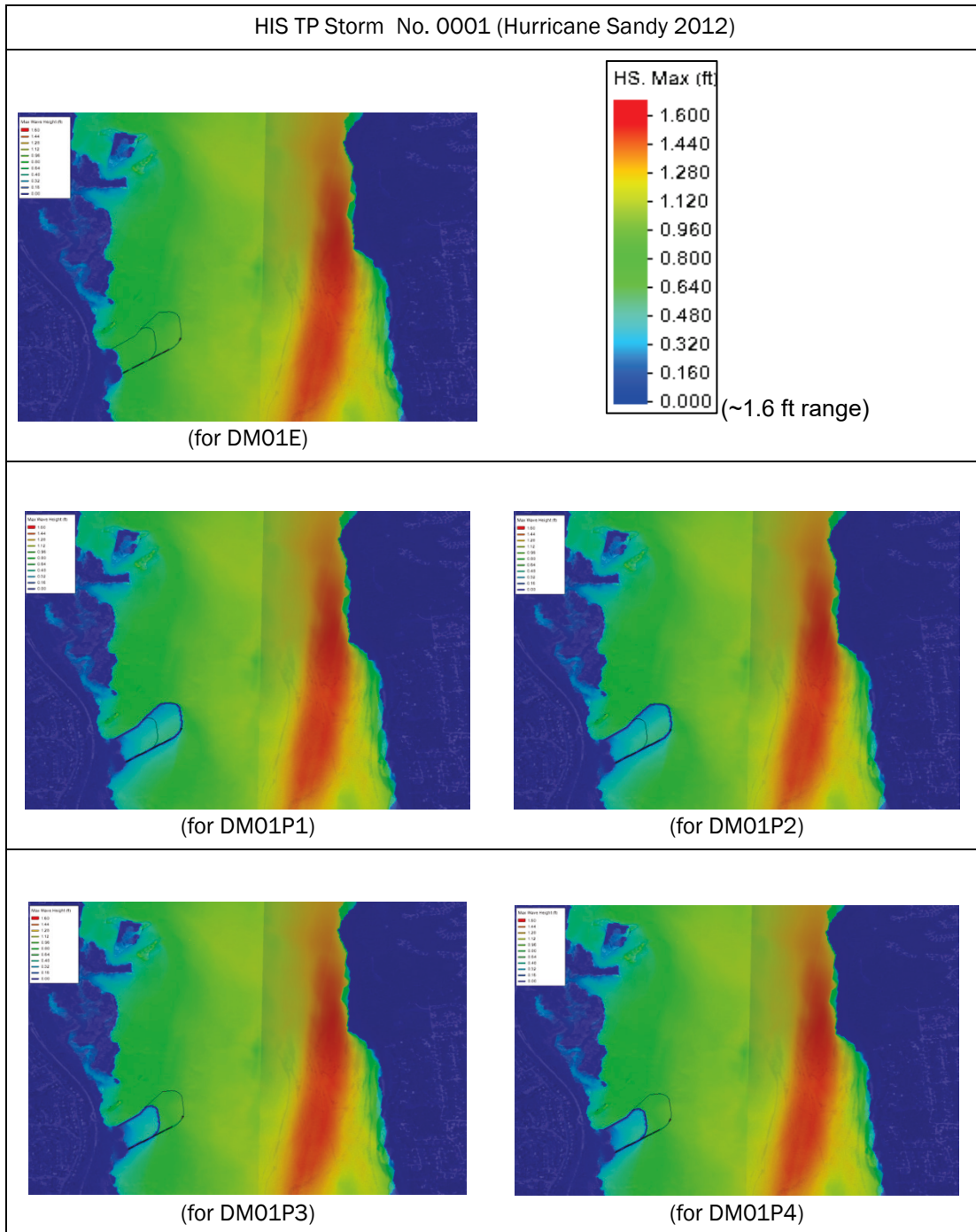


Table 5-30. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for five mesh configurations.

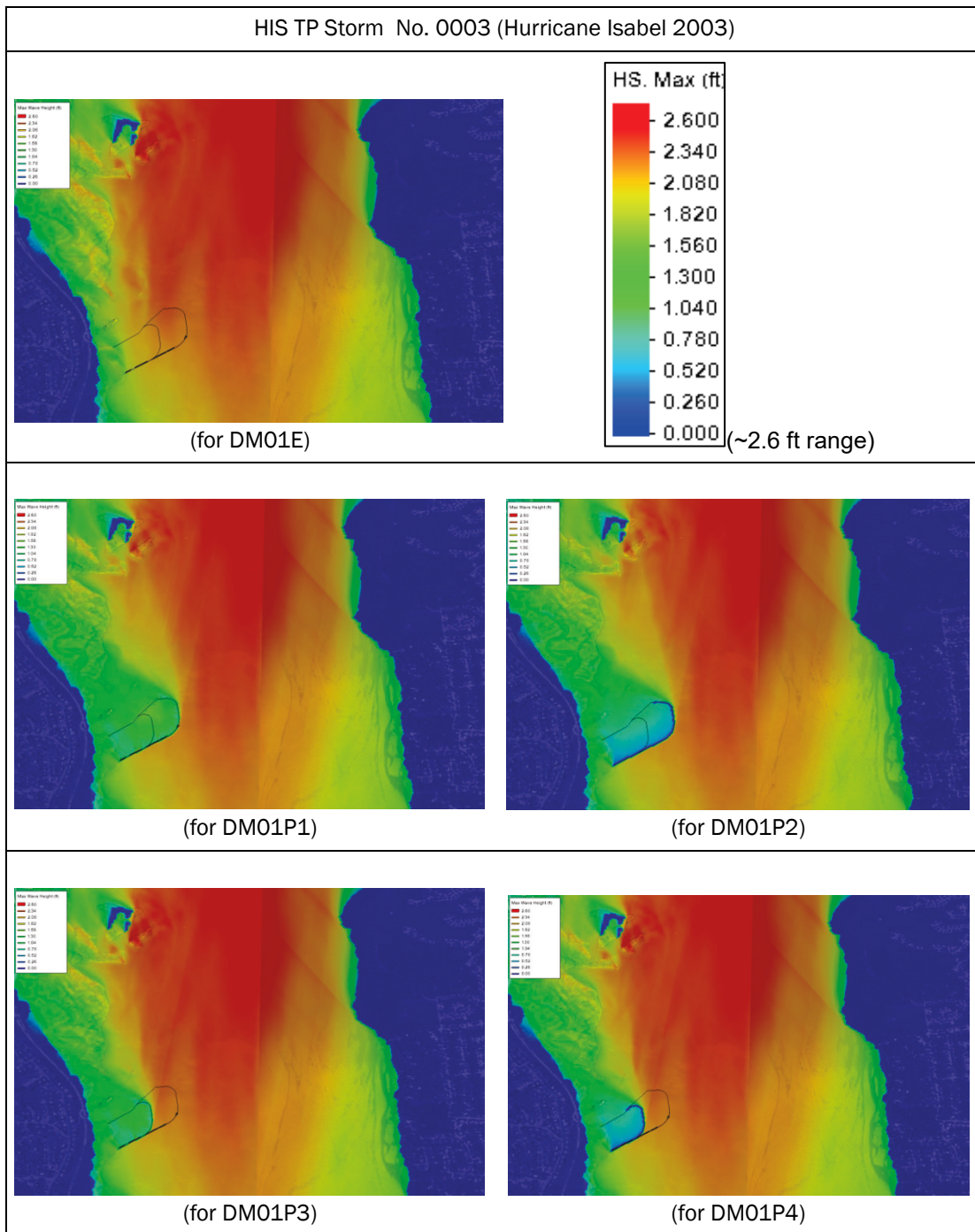


Table 5-31. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for five mesh configurations.

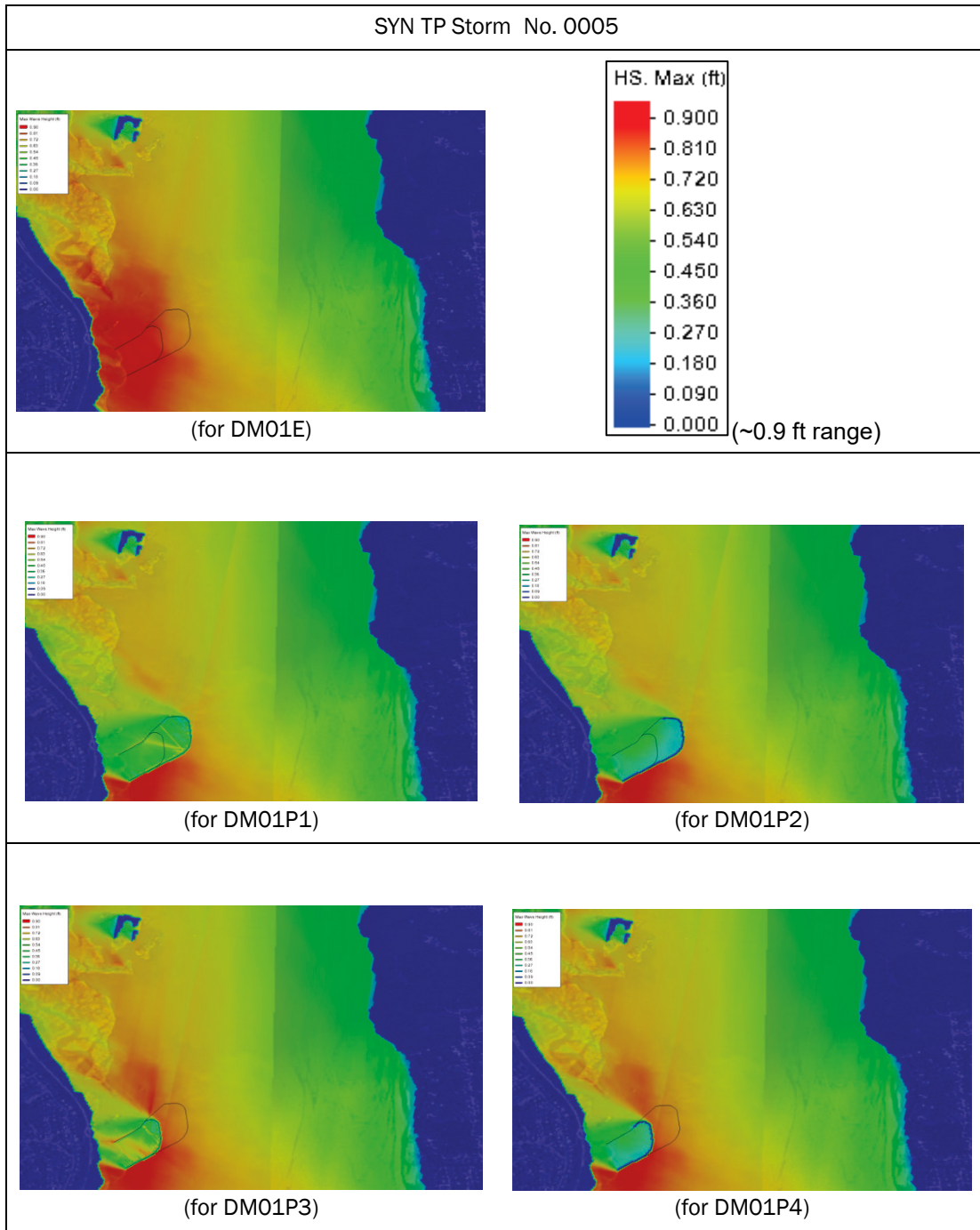


Table 5-32. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 for five mesh configurations.

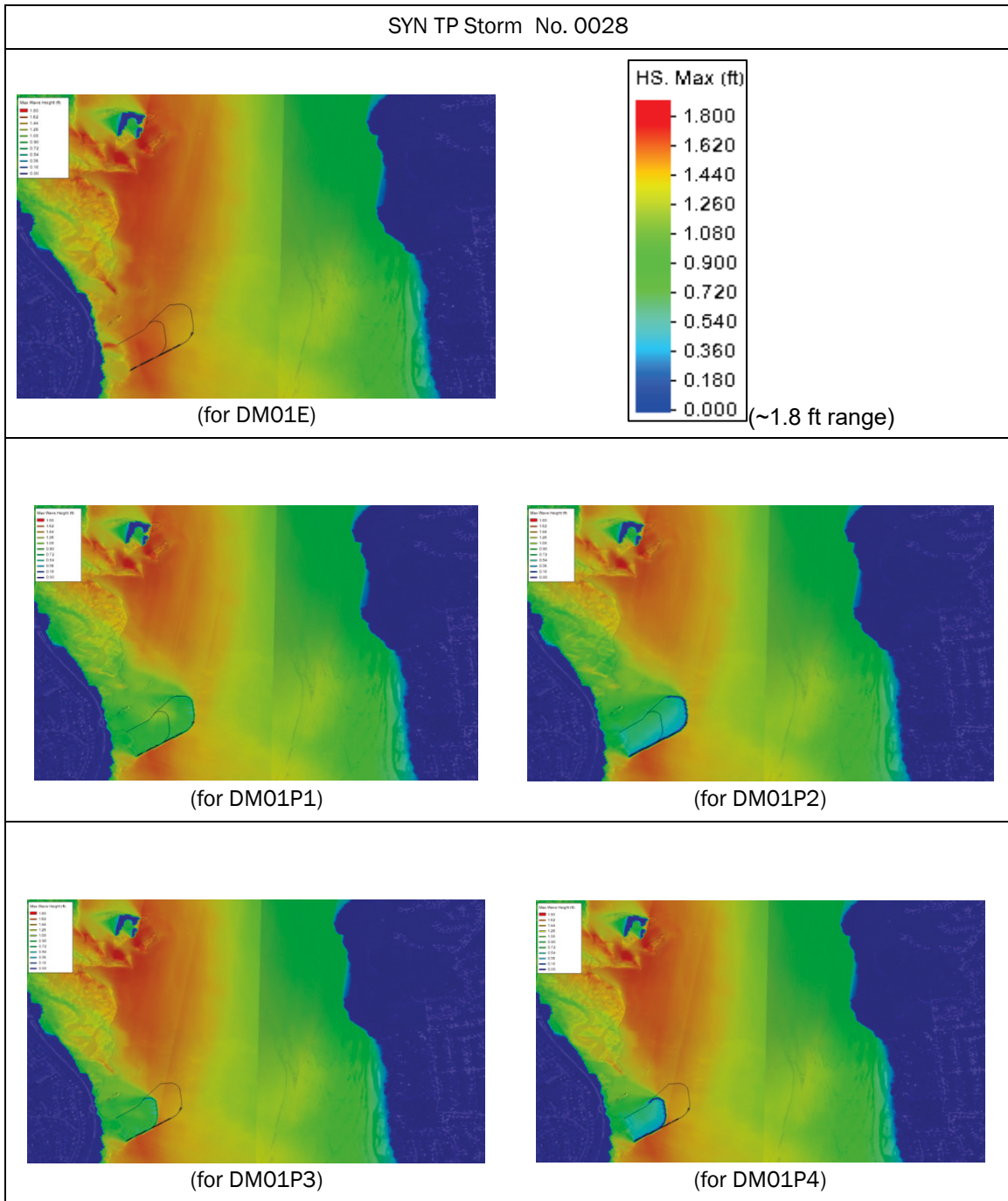
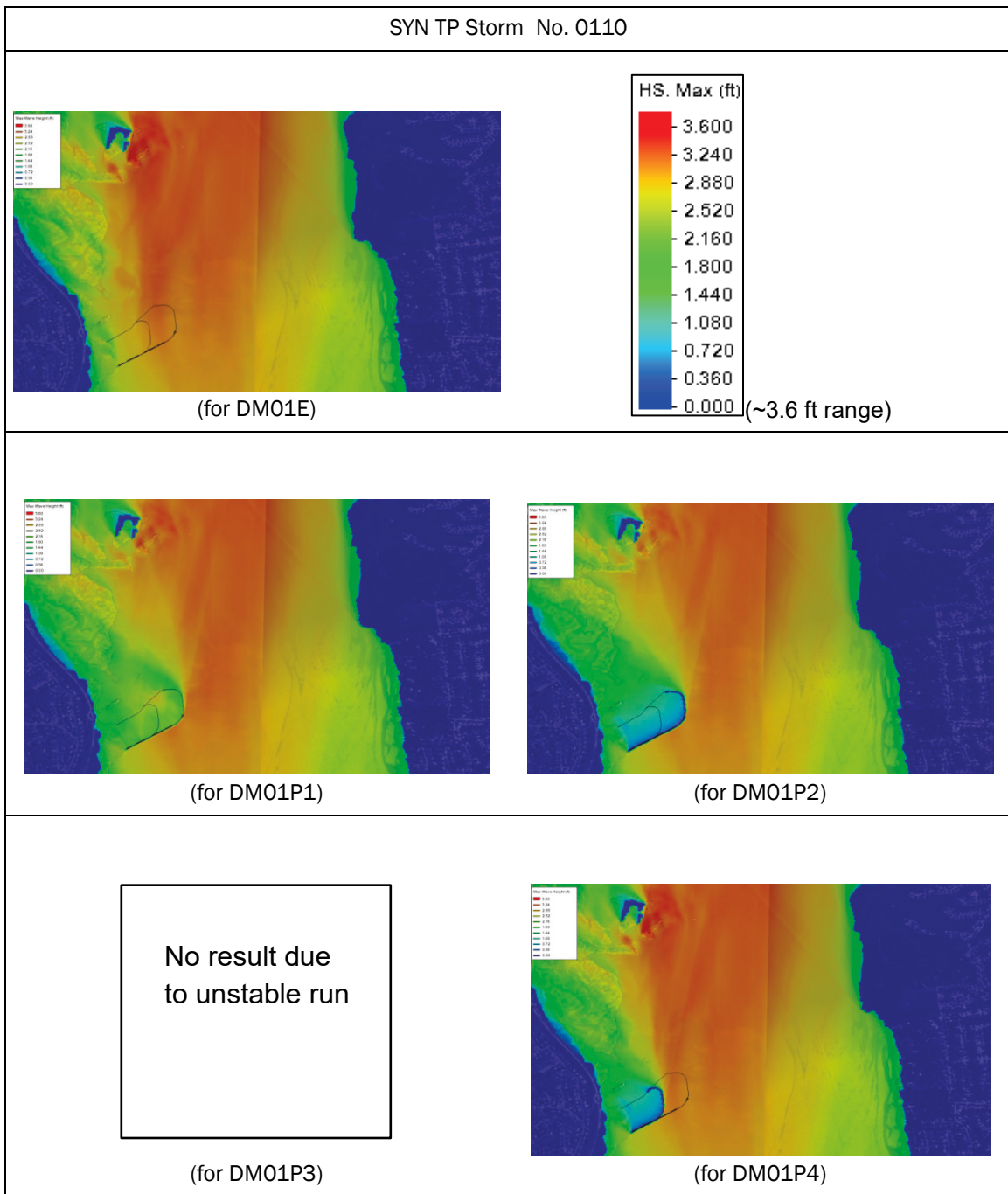


Table 5-33. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0110 for five mesh configurations.

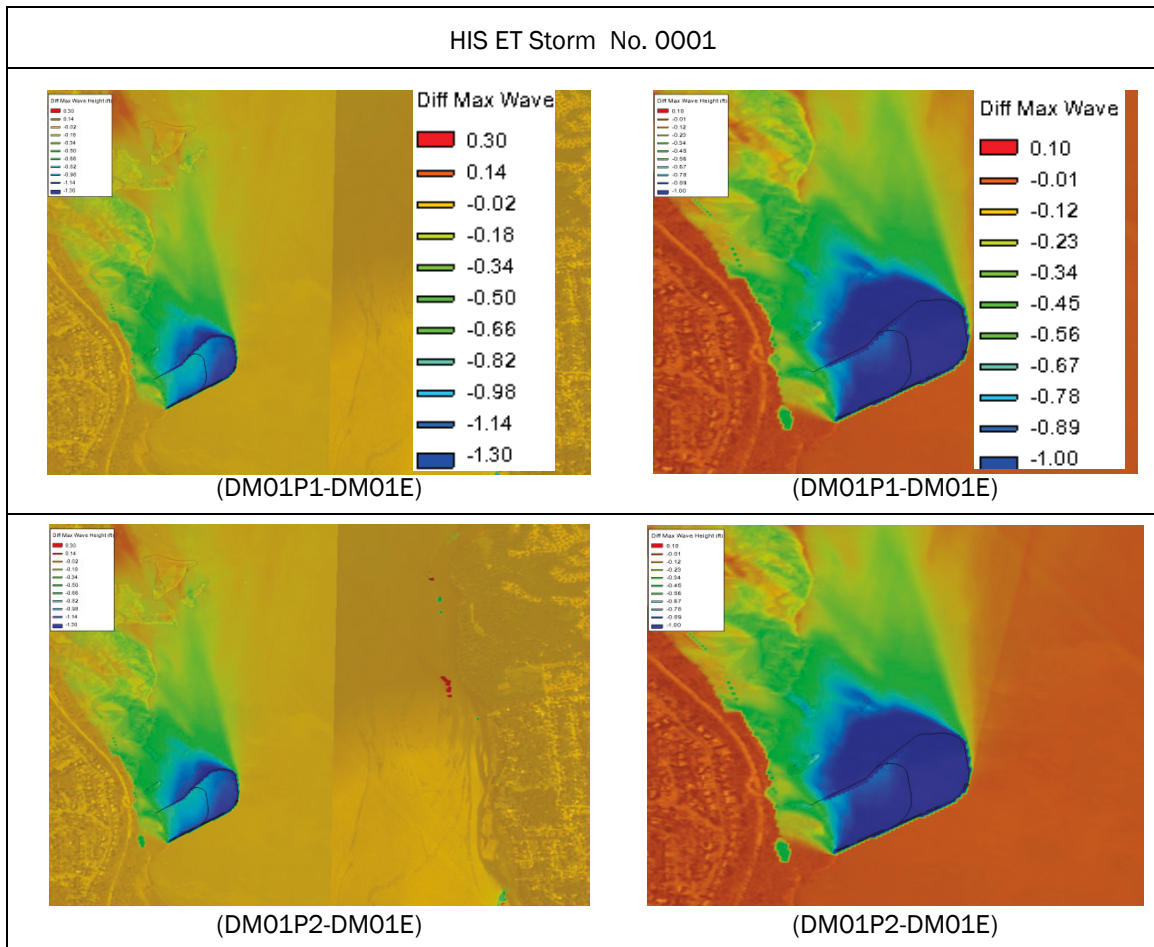


5.1.4 Difference in maximum significant wave height storm results for the fully enclosed promontories

Differences in maximum significant wave heights between project and existing conditions for the selected 10 storms (see Table 5-23 for the storm names) are given in Table 5-34 through Table 5-43. For each storm, the

differences in significant wave height are visualized in two view windows: one shows an area including the structure and Dyke Marsh, and another focuses on a closeup of the promontory. For the northward-directed wind, the promontories are able to reduce wave heights in the lee more than 1.0 ft by HIS ET Storm No. 0001 (Table 5-34) to 2.0 ft by SYN TP No. 0110 (Table 5-43). For the southward wind, waves in the lee of structure (in the south) are decreased up to 0.3 ft by HIS ET Storm No. 0054 (Table 5-38). Some numerical values of the wave heights and the differences are given in Section 5.1.6.

Table 5-34. Difference (ft) in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



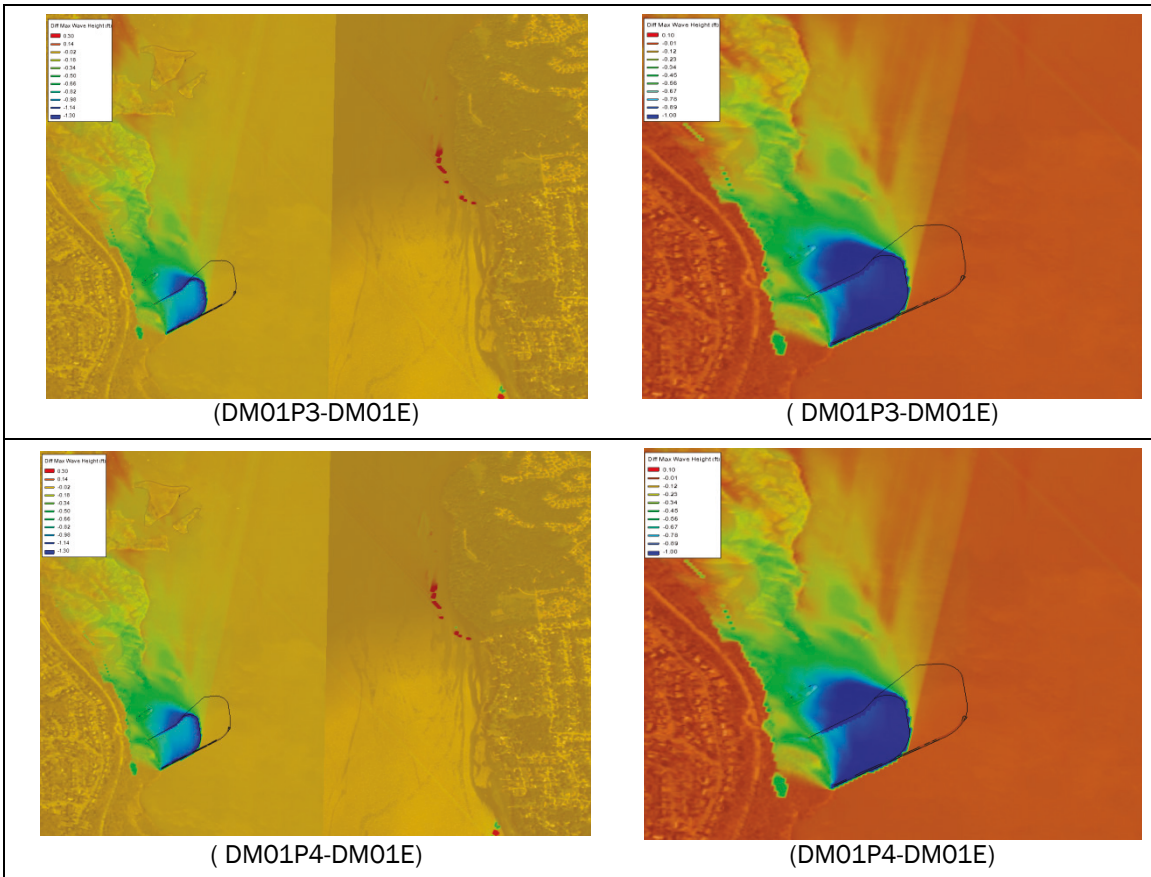
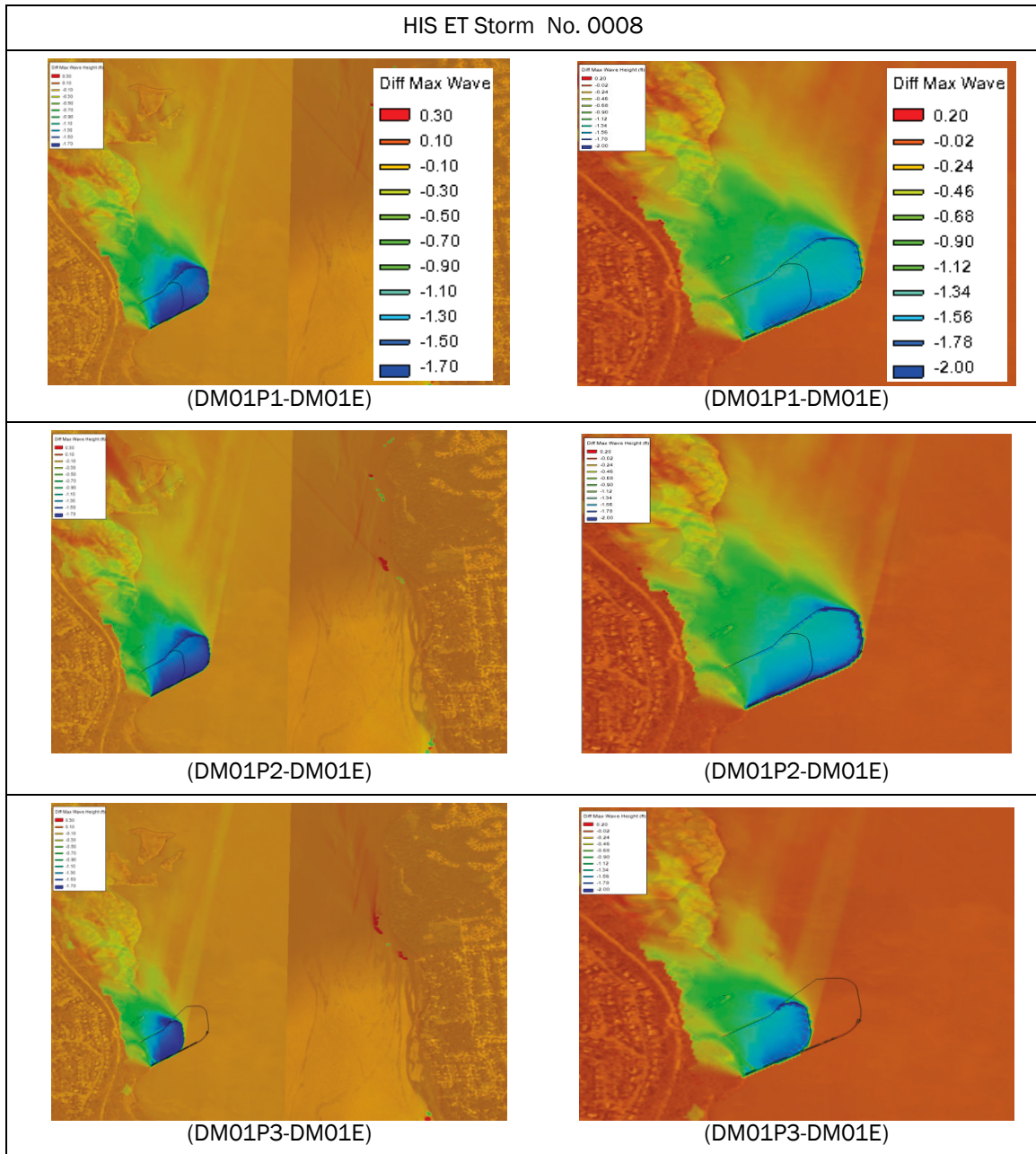


Table 5-35. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



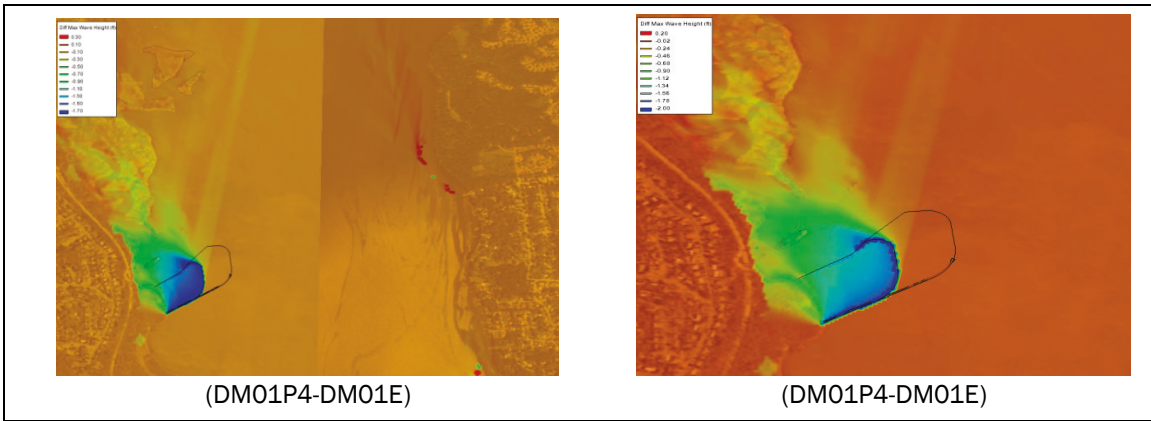
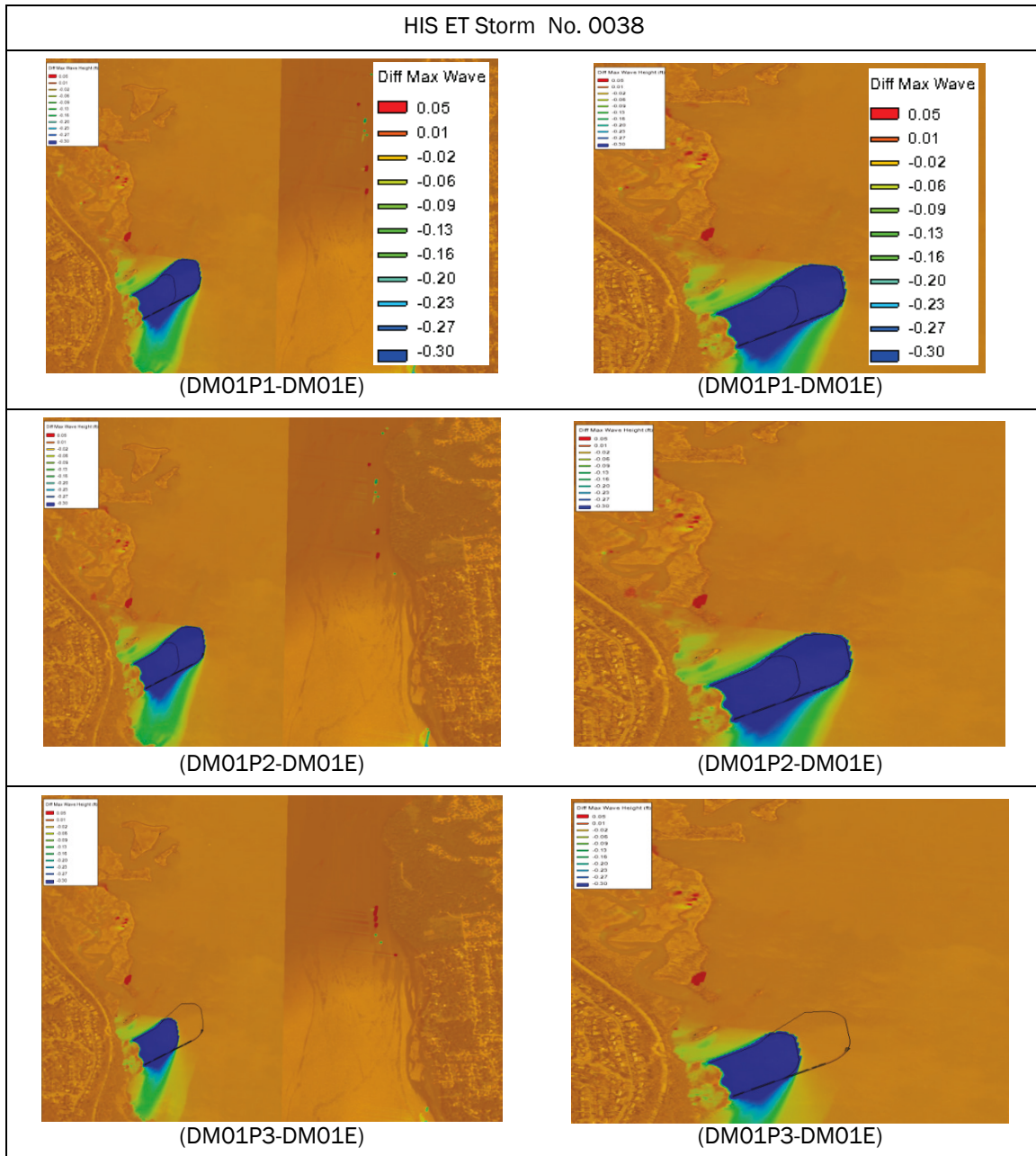


Table 5-36. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



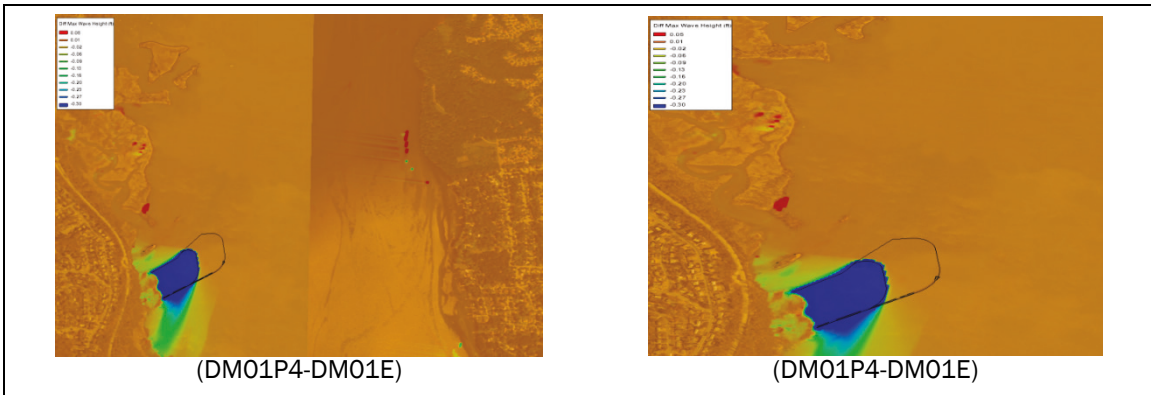
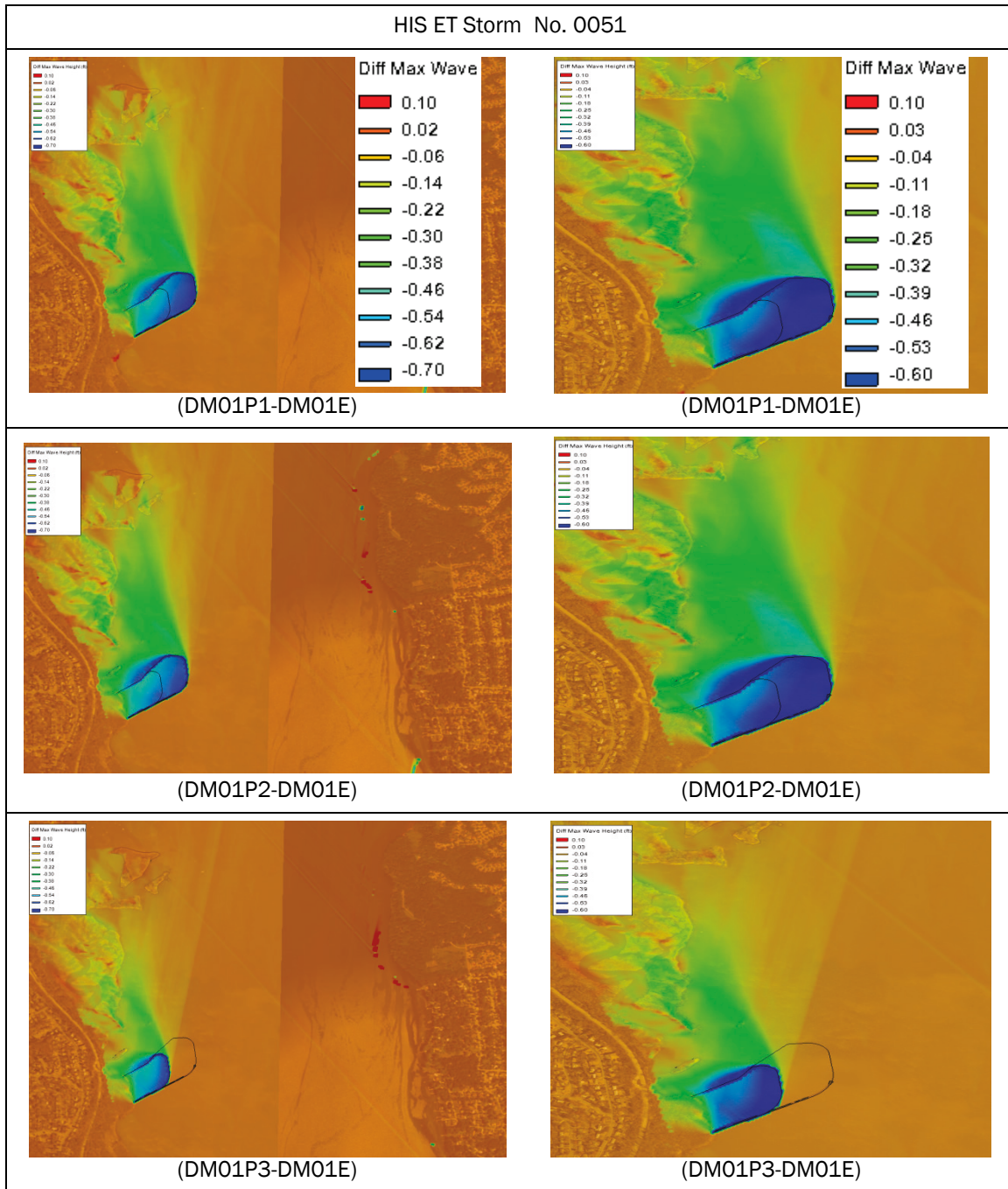


Table 5-37. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



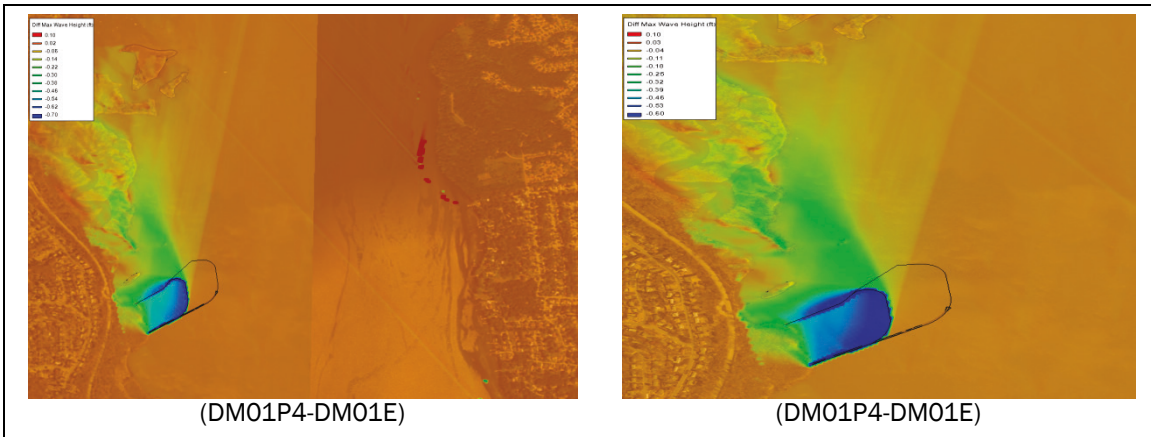
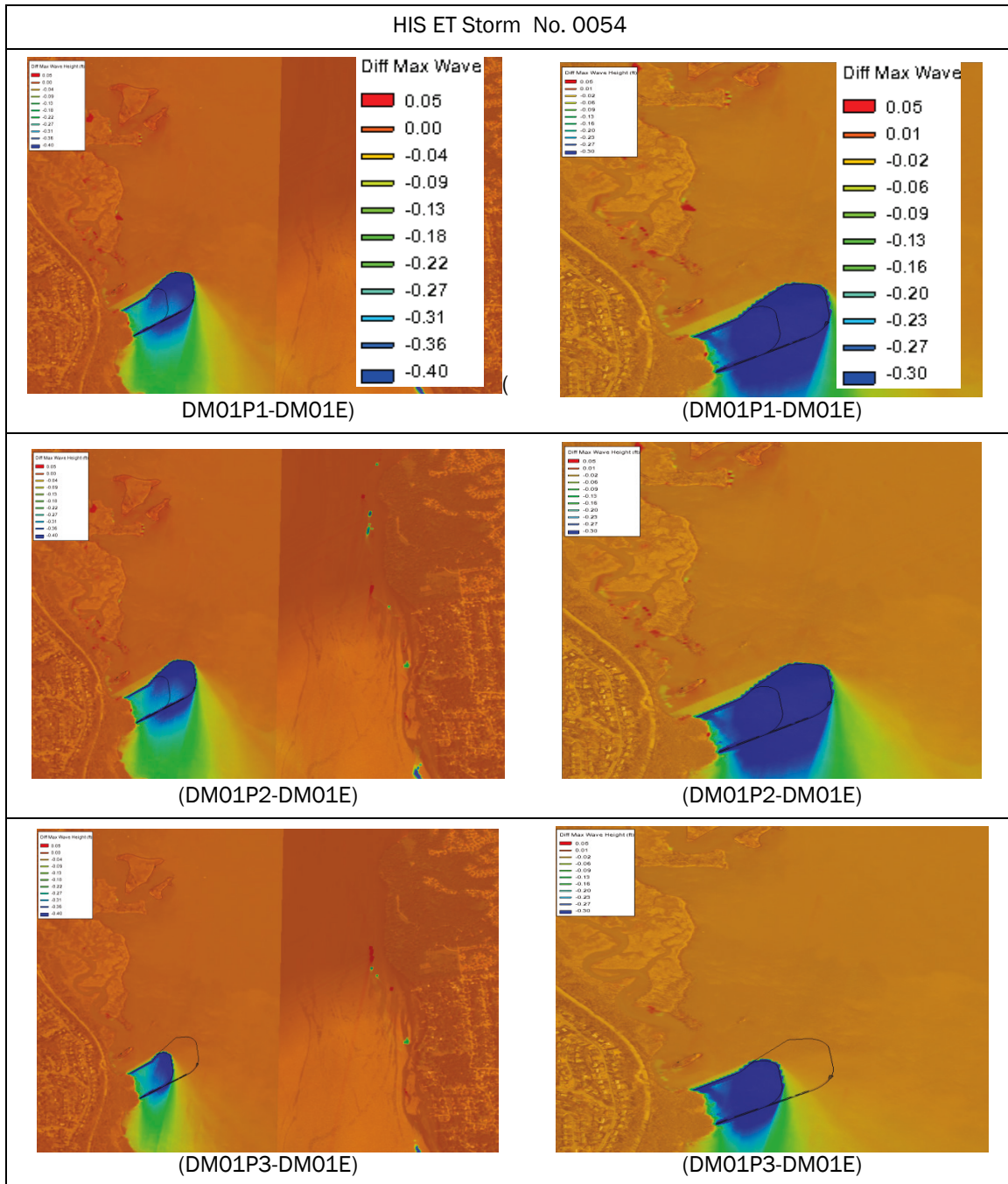


Table 5-38. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



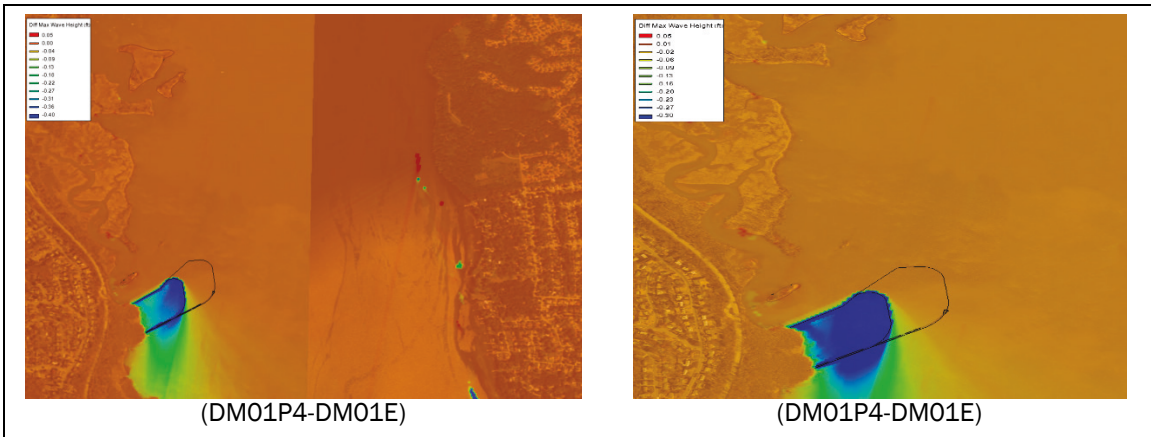
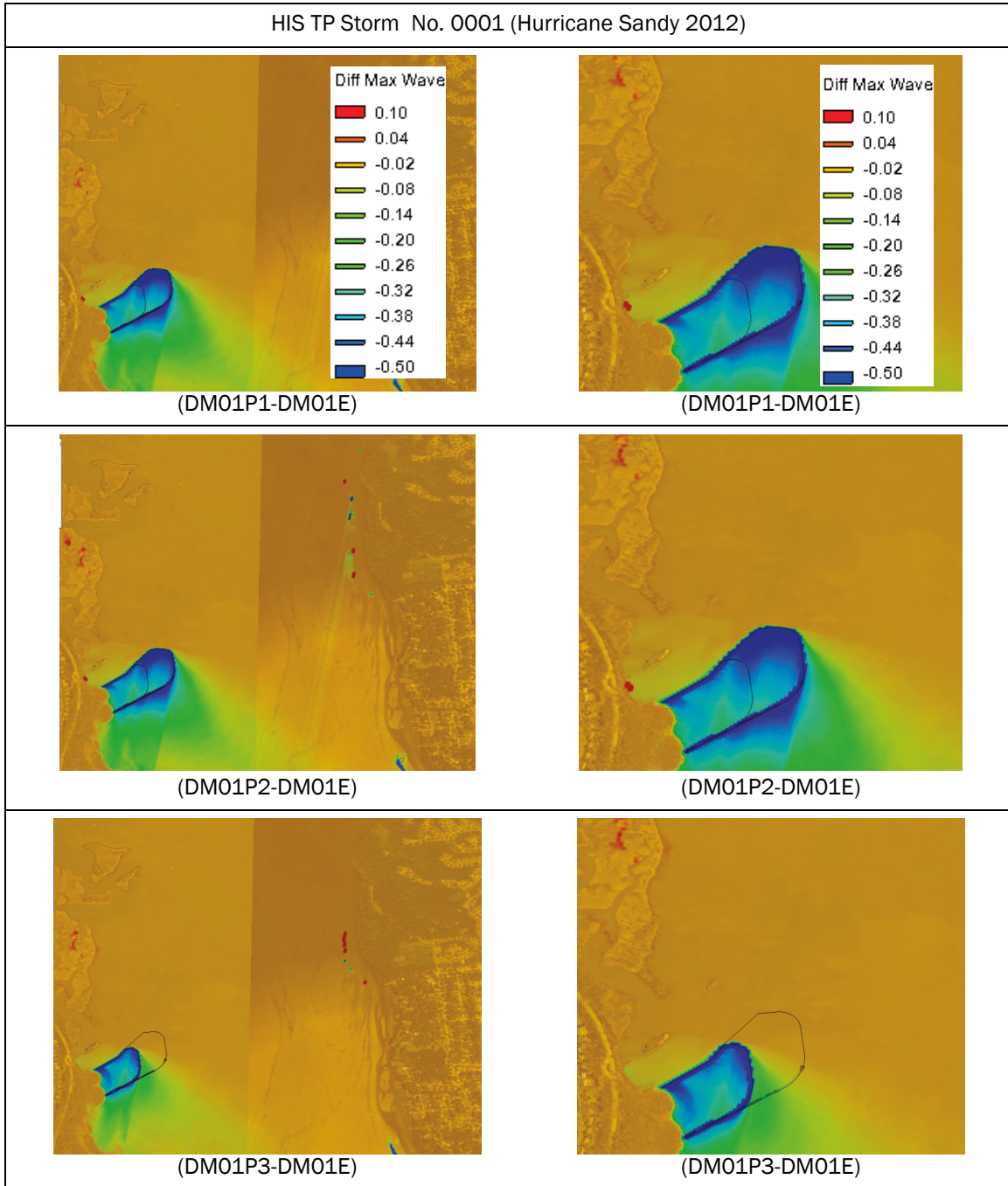


Table 5-39. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Sandy 2012) between project and existing conditions (Project - Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



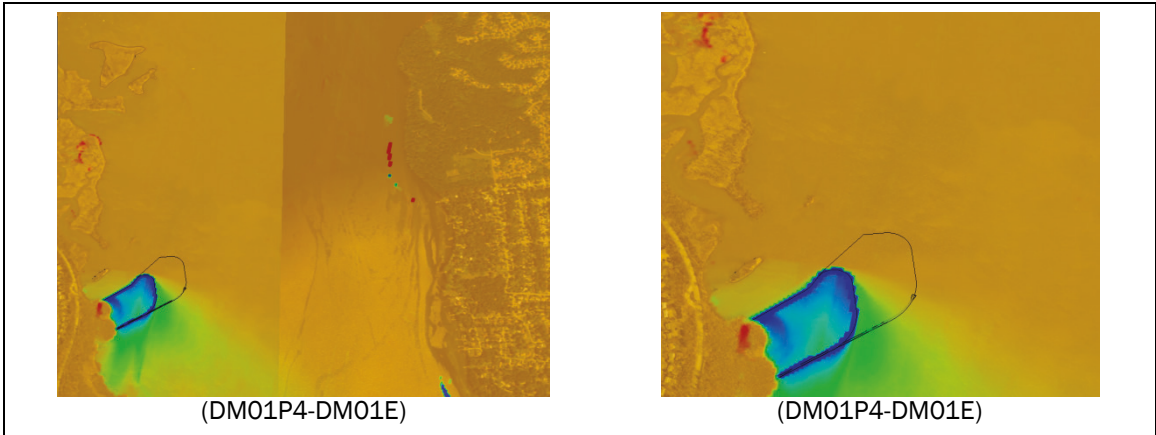
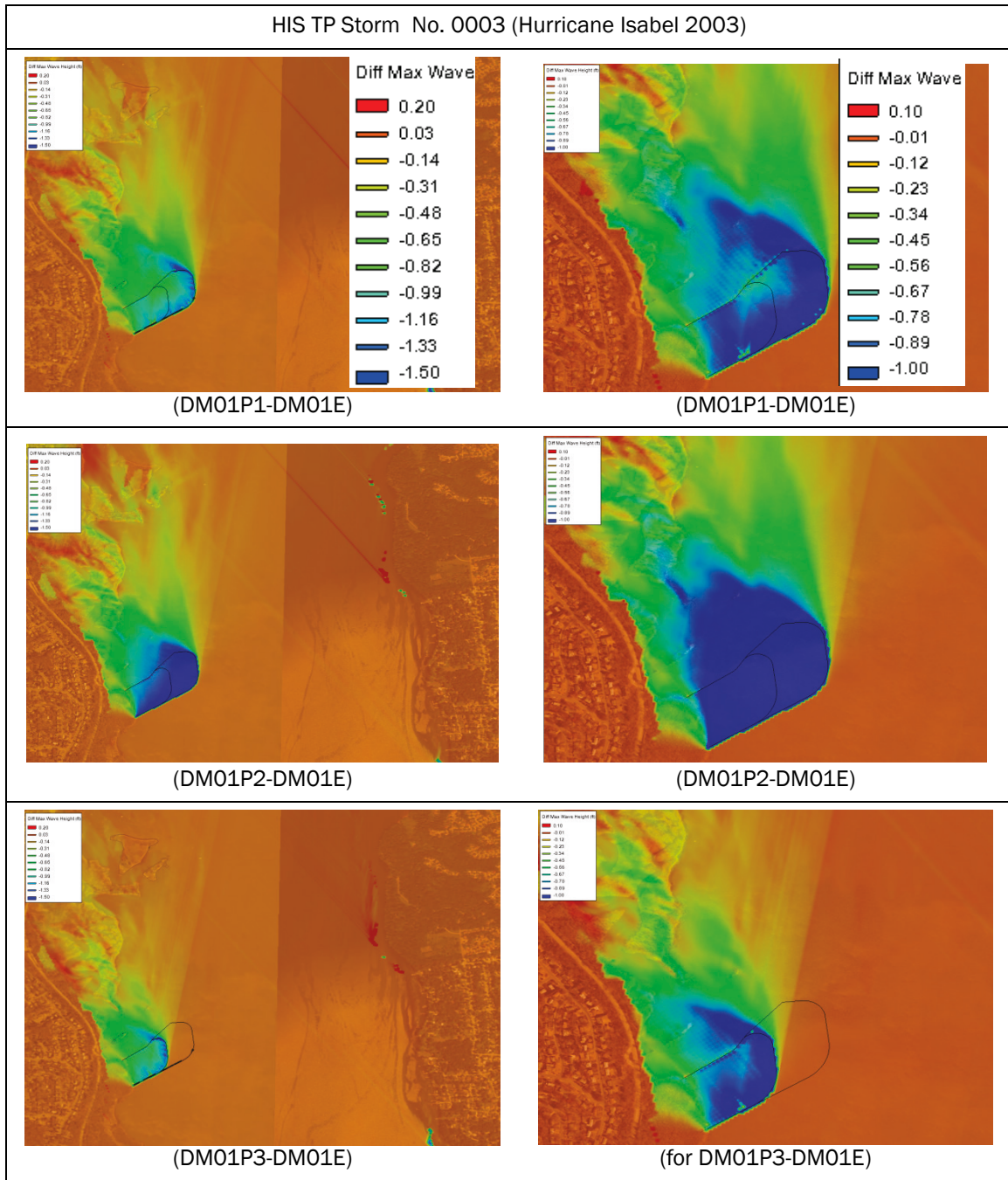


Table 5-40. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Isabel 2003) between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



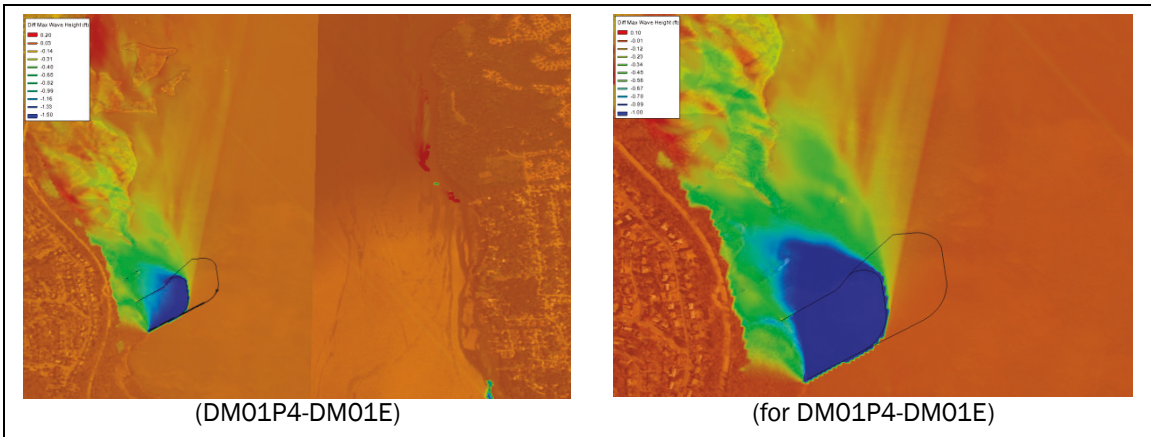
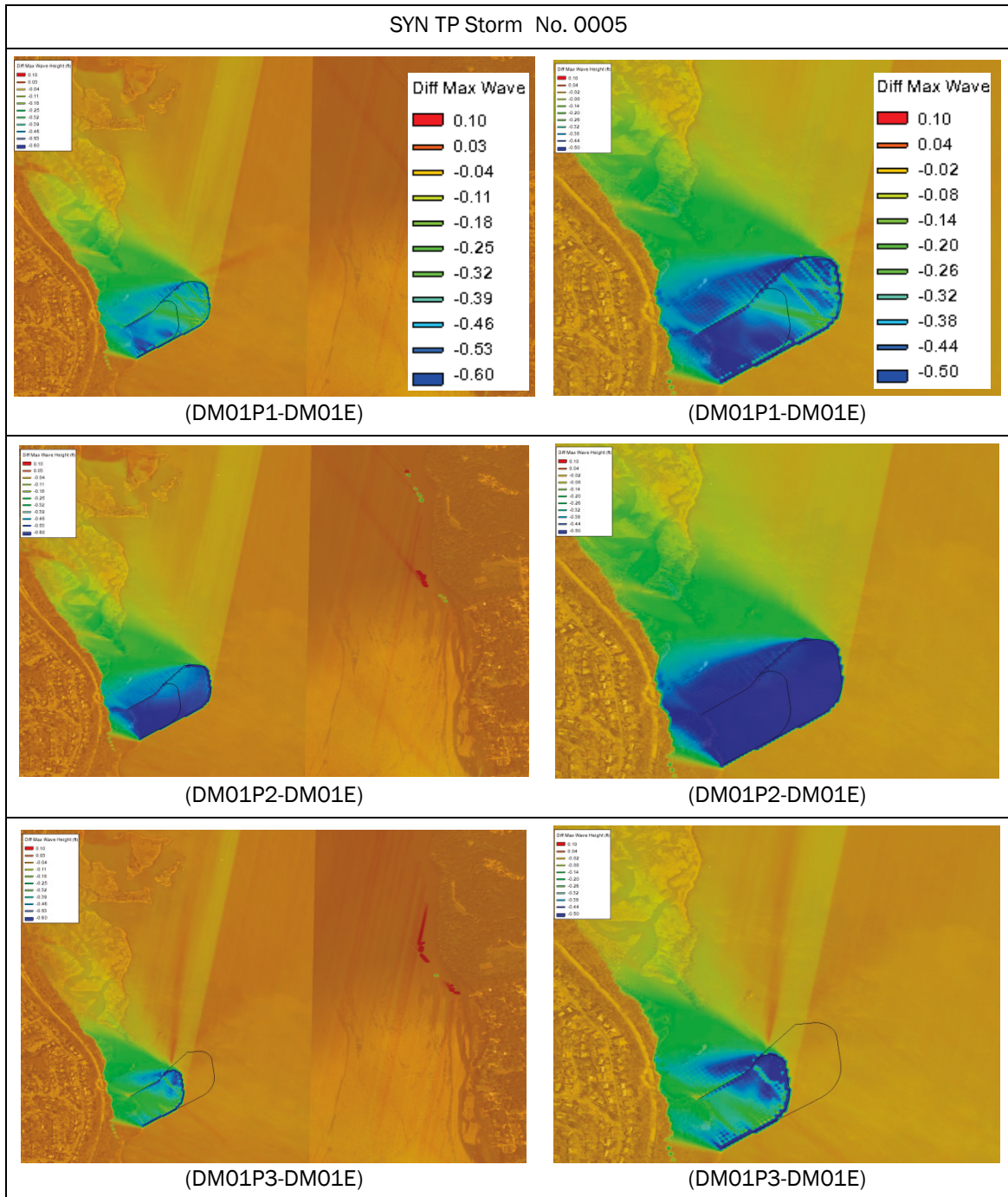


Table 5-41. Difference in maximum significant wave height for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



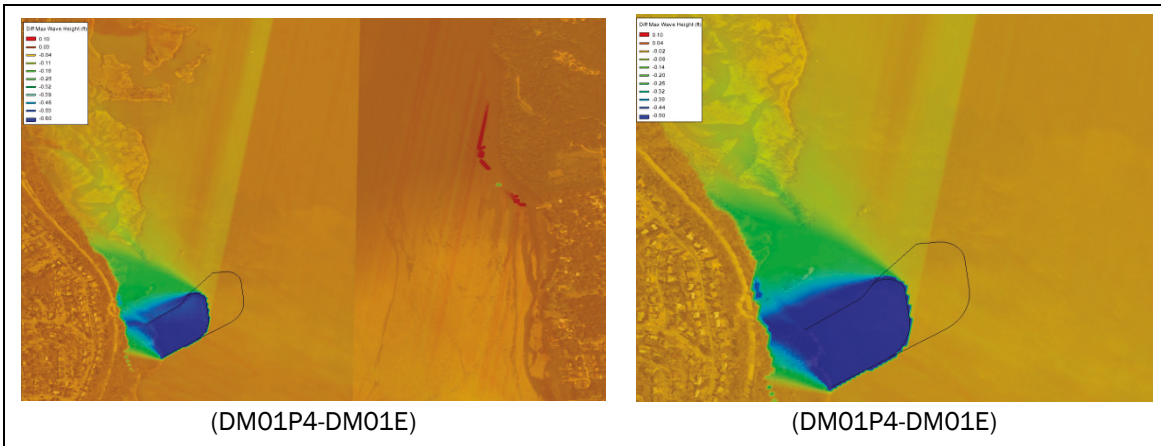
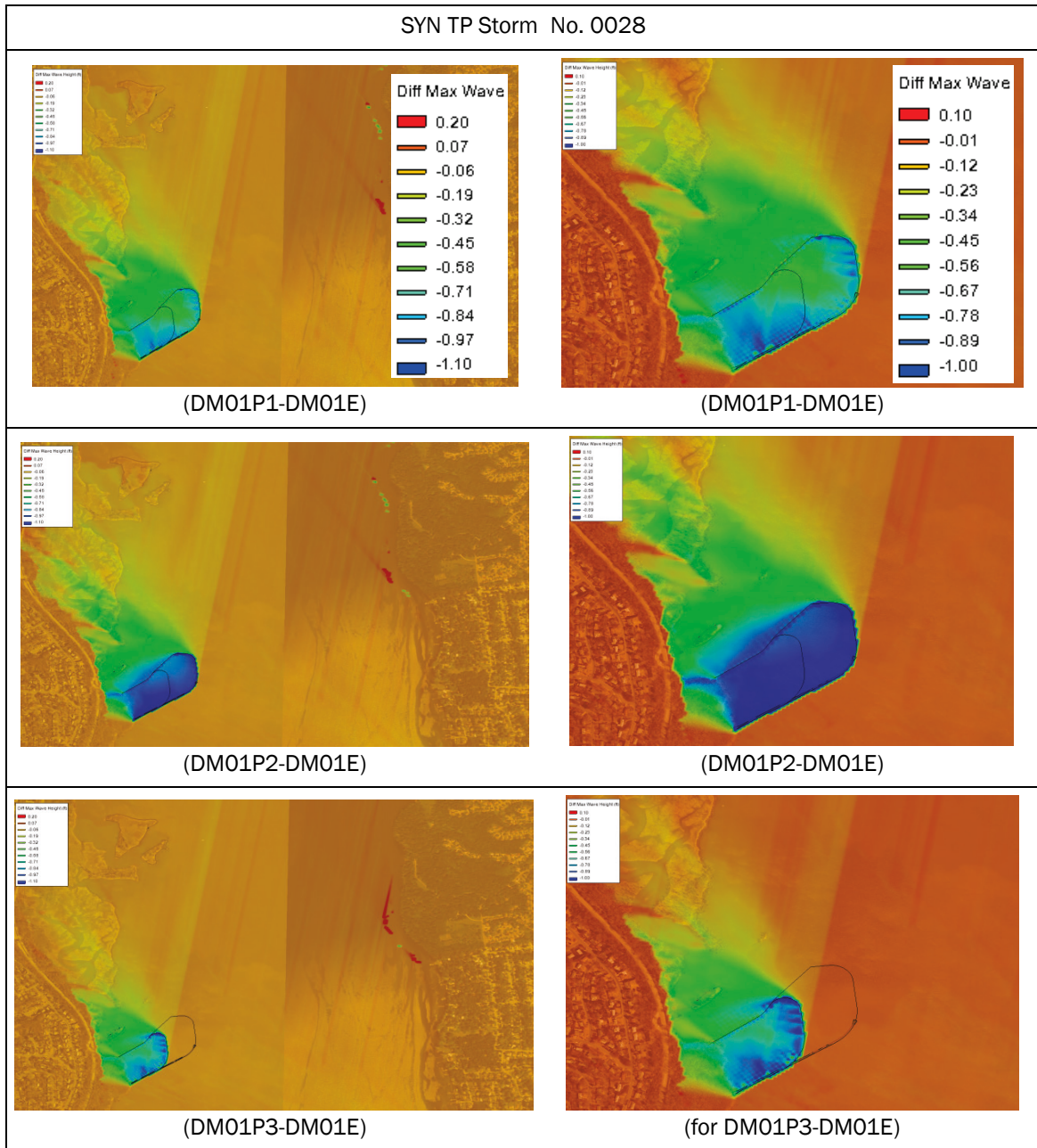


Table 5-42. Difference in maximum significant wave height for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.



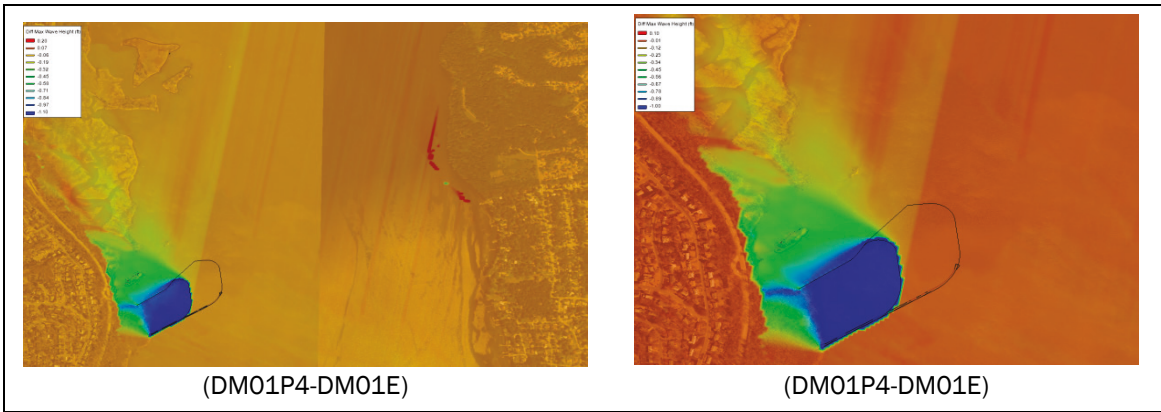
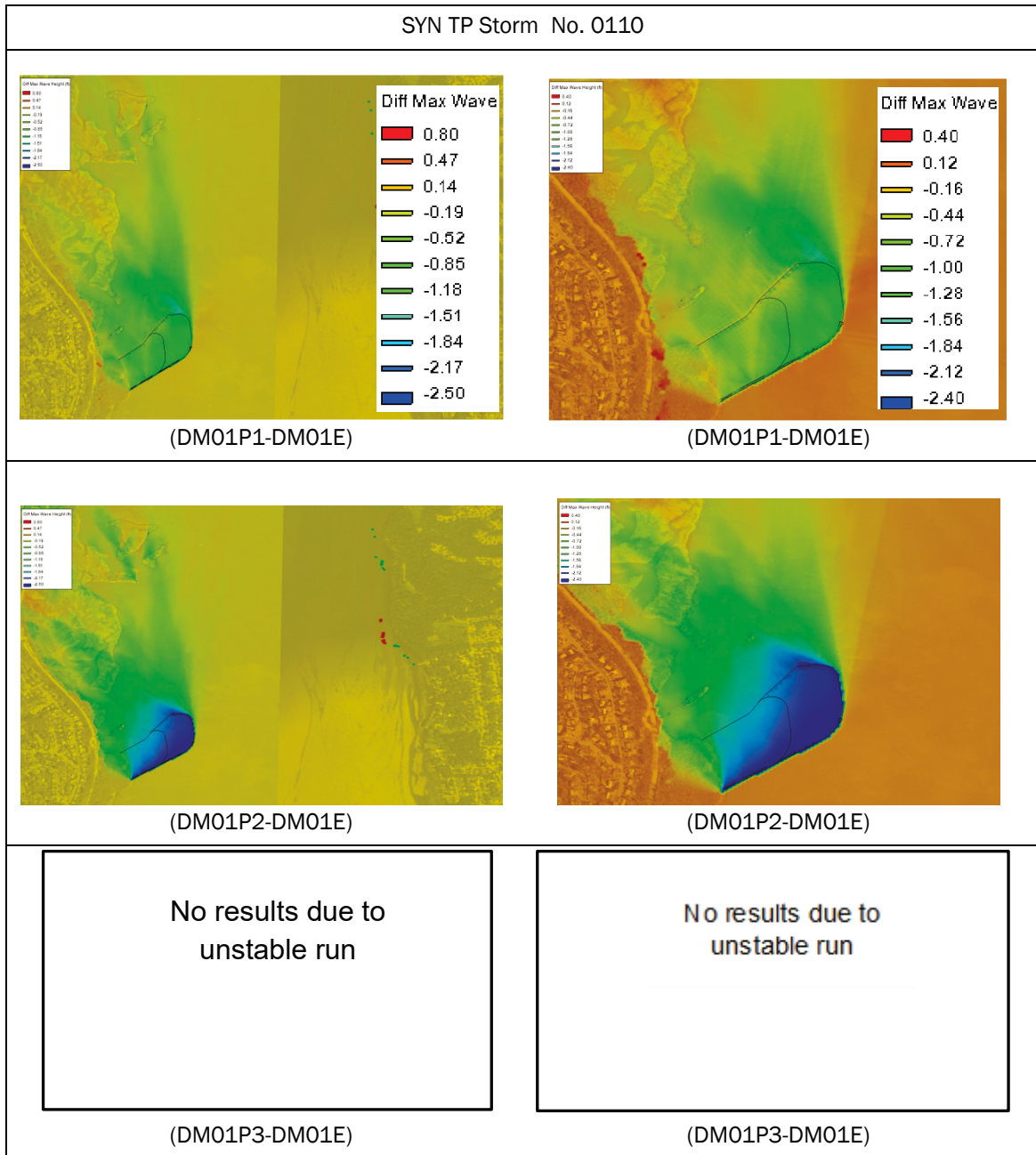
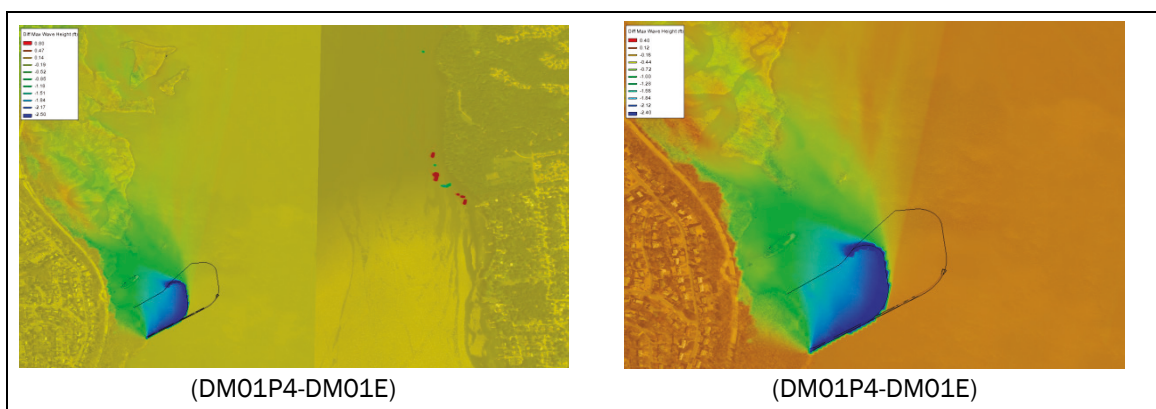


Table 5-43. Difference in maximum significant wave height for SYN TP Storm No. 0110 between project and existing conditions (Project – Existing). Note that the plot at right side is a close-up view with a narrow range of scales.





5.1.5 Time series plots for select locations north of the promontory

In Figure 5-3, a color contour plot of the local bathymetry and topography is shown along with five selected point locations north of the promontory structure. The locations and bed elevations of the selected stations are presented in Table 5-44, in which the still water depths vary from 1.4 ft to 10.1 ft. In Table 5-45 through Table 5-50 a set of time series plots showing water levels, significant wave heights, and wind magnitudes are shown for locations that are near the marsh edge labeled 674 and 792 in Figure 5-3. Note that point location 674 is in shallower water and closer to the western shoreline than point 792. Results are shown for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 and 0008, HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Sandy) and 0003 (Isabel), and SYN TP storms No. 0005 and 0028. Again, the water surface elevations do not change significantly at these two locations for any of the storms shown due to the larger scale nature of the storm surges inundating the structure. Wind magnitudes are included to aid in referencing when the peak of the storm occurs at these locations. Notice that for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Isabel in 2003, shown in Table 50), the significant wave heights not only show a decrease in magnitude but also a decrease in duration for all project alternatives. For SYN TP Storm No. 0028, a reduction in significant wave heights can be seen prior to the arrival of the peak winds as well as during the peak of the wind event.

Table 5-44. Locations and bed elevations of selected stations.

Station No.	Longitude (deg)	Latitude (deg)	Bed Elevation (ft)
674	-77.04745	38.76295	-1.44
733	-77.04687	38.76295	-4.76
792	-77.04629	38.75397	-5.77
851	-77.04571	38.76295	-6.27
910	-77.04513	38.76295	-10.1

Figure 5-3. Color contour plot showing the topography (positive) and bathymetry (negative) values along with an outline of the longest promontory structure and the locations of five selected time series locations.

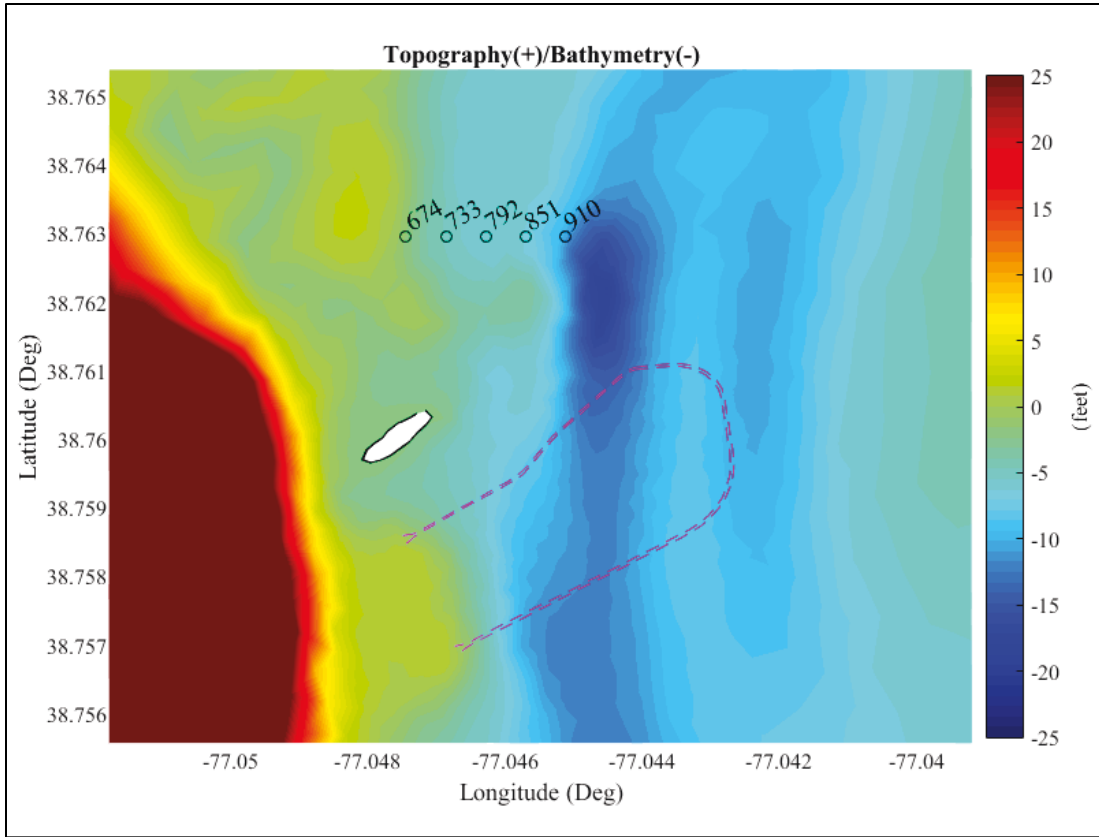


Table 5-45. Time series plots for (a, b) significant wave height, (c, d) water level, and (e, f) wind speed at two selected locations, 674 and 792 for HIS ET Storm No. 0001. Note that wave snap was given once every 30 minutes.

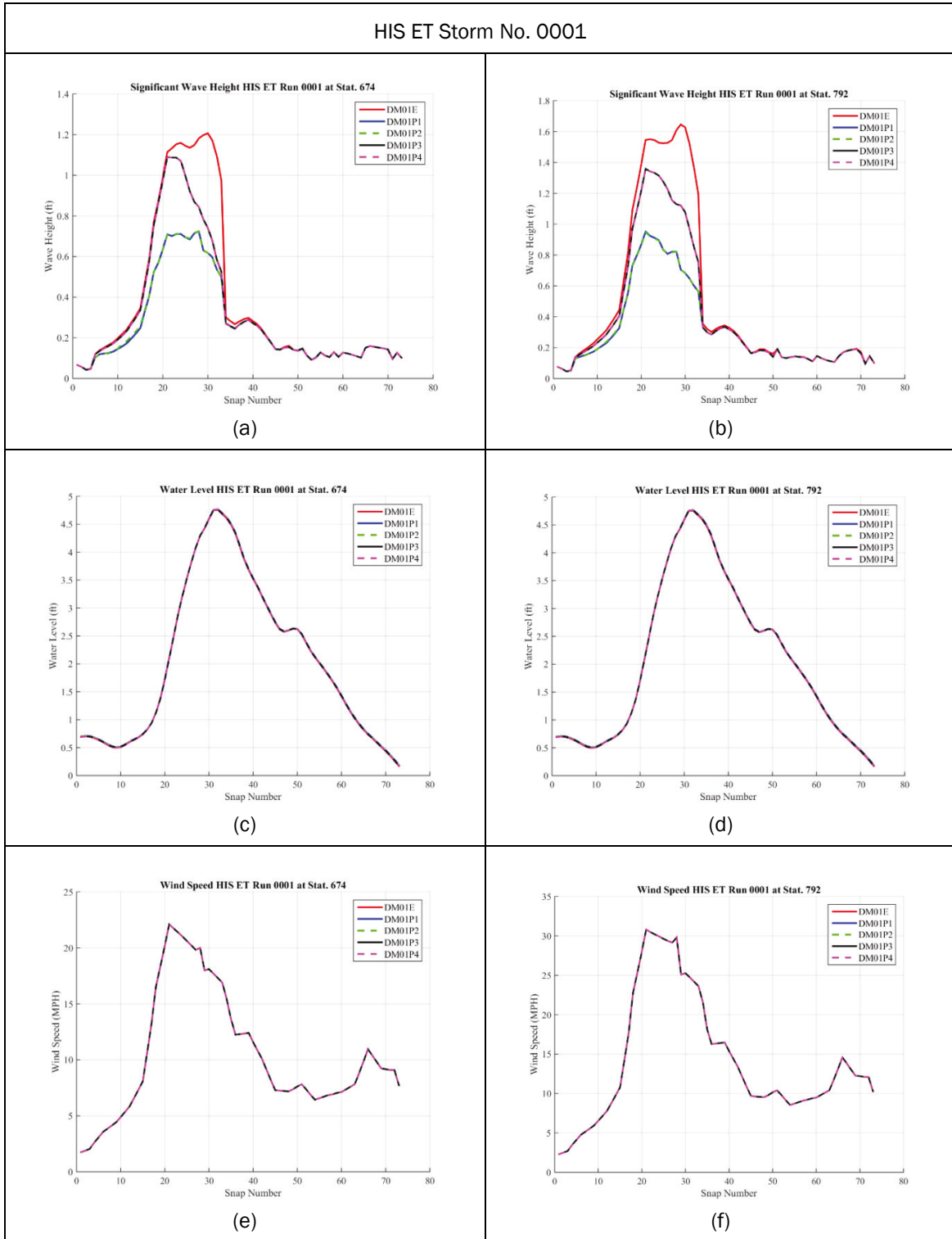


Table 5-46. Time series plots for (a, b) significant wave height, (c, d) water level, and (e, f) wind speed at two selected locations, 674 and 792 for HIS ET Storm No. 0008. Make note of the different ranges on each plot.

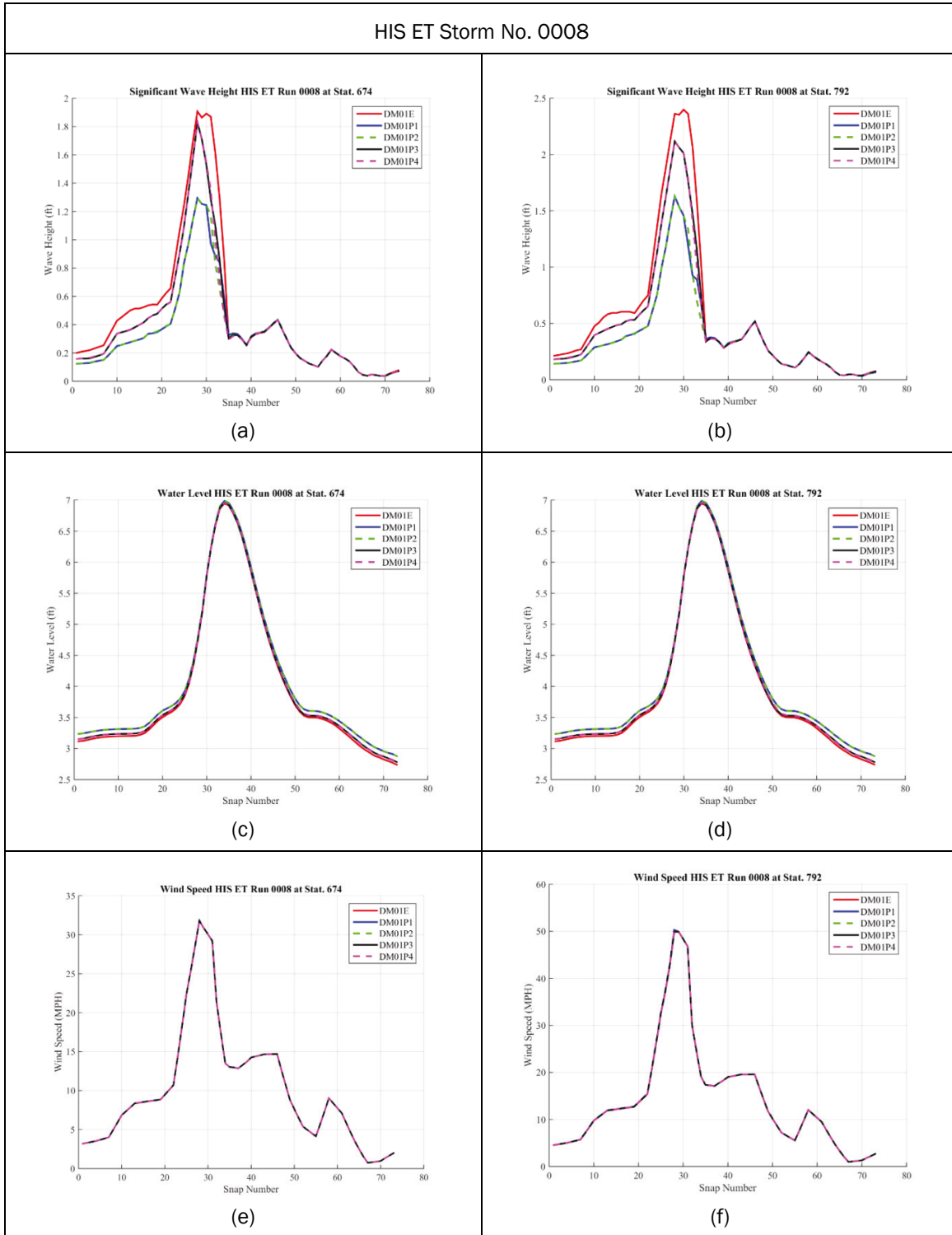


Table 5-47. Time series plots for (a, b) significant wave height, (c, d) water level, and (e, f) wind speed at two selected locations, 674 and 792 for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012). Note that in (c) between snaps 85 and 125, the water levels went dry and are not plotted. Make note of the different ranges on each plot.

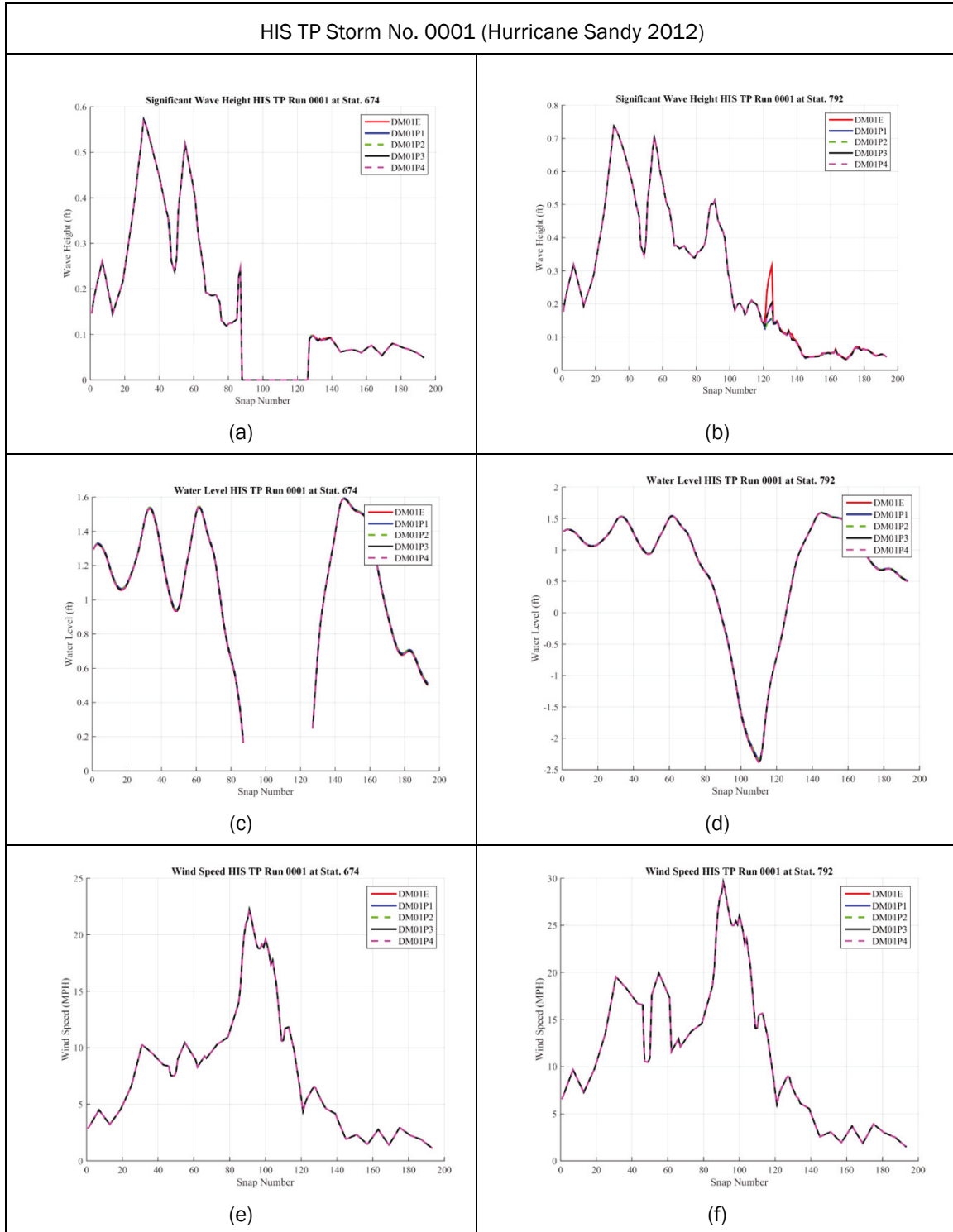


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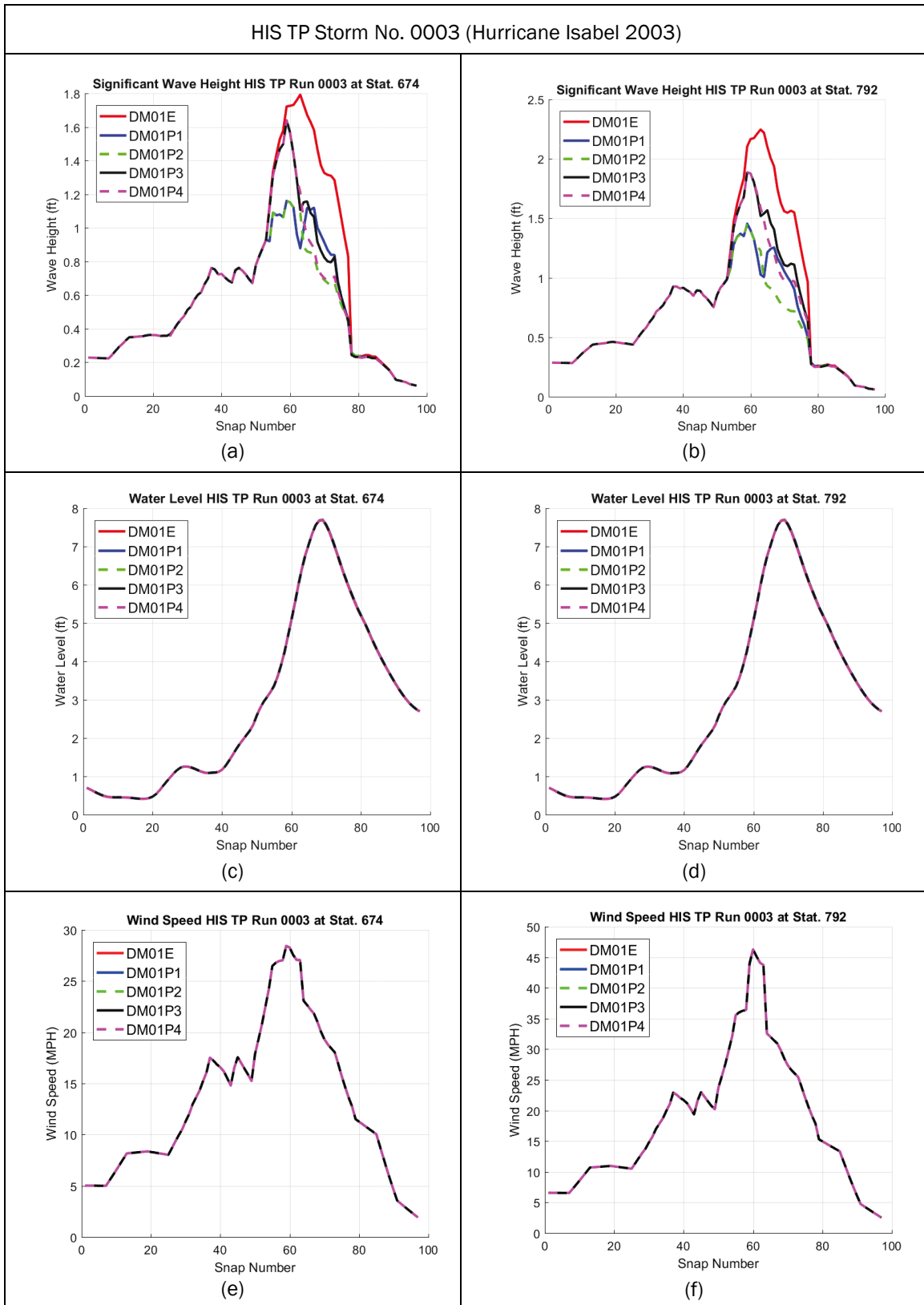


Table 5-49. Time series plots for (a, b) significant wave height, (c, d) water level, and (e, f) wind speed at two selected locations, 674 and 792 for SYN TP Storm No. 0005.

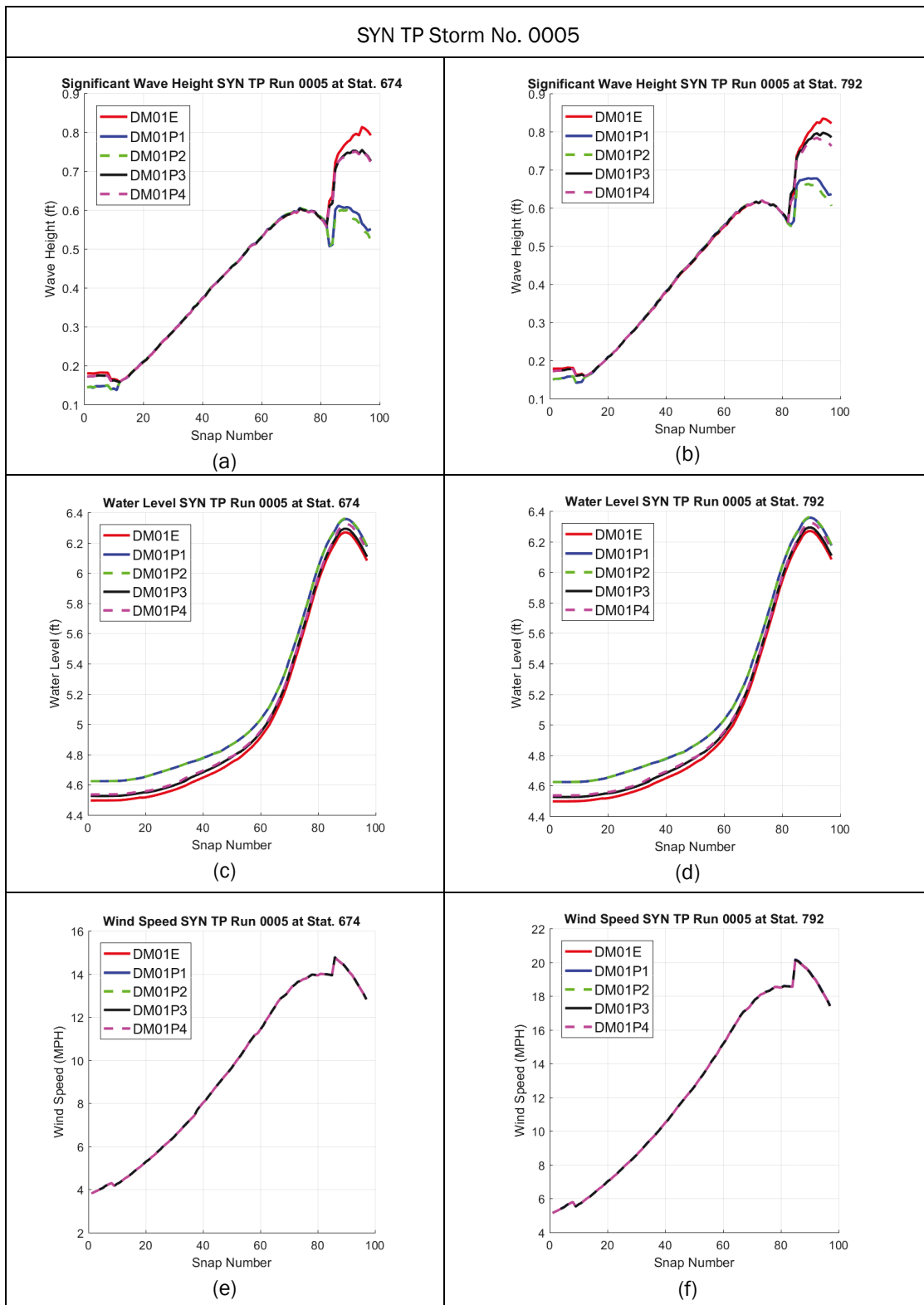
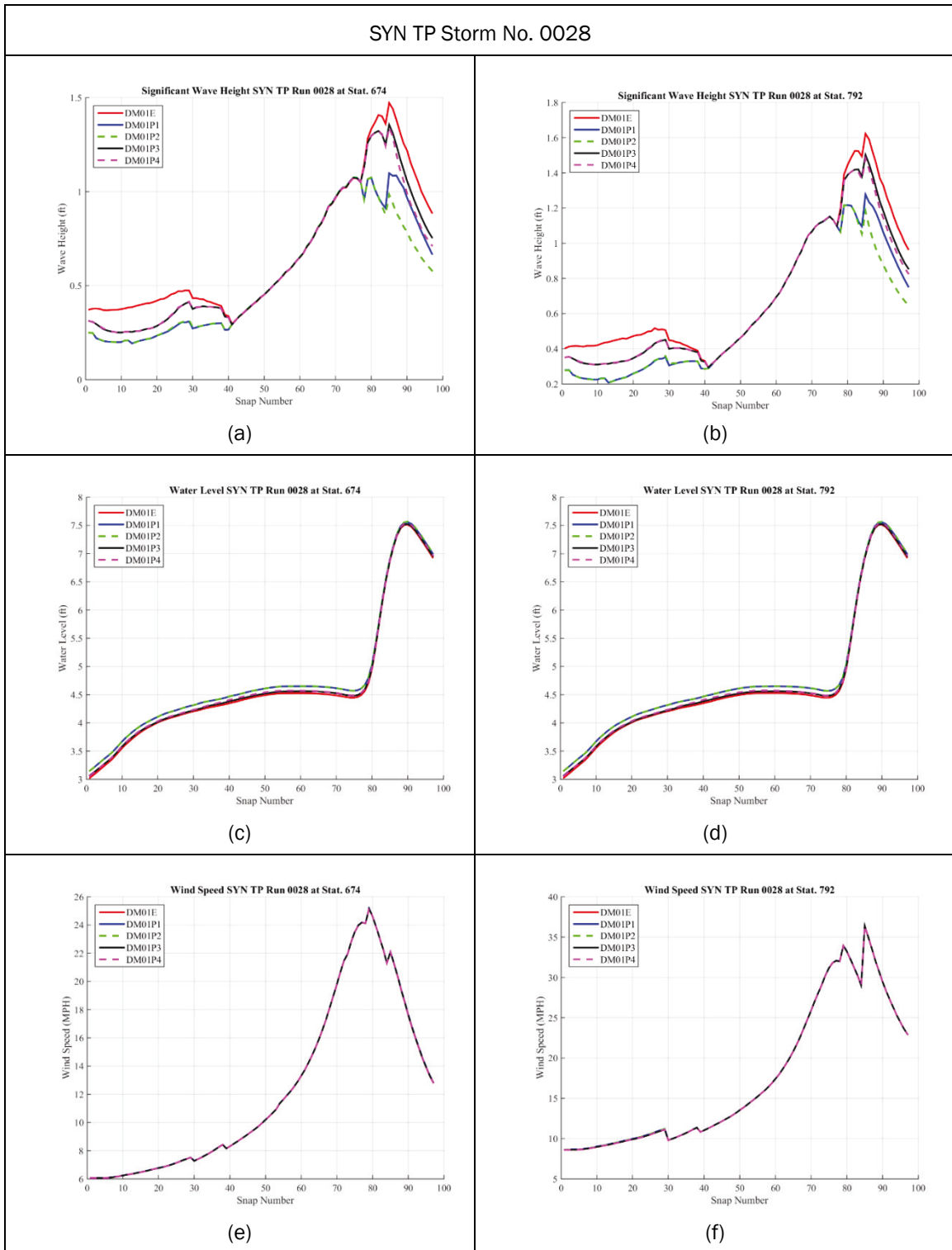


Table 5-50. Time series plots for (a, b) significant wave height, (c, d) water level, and (e, f) wind speed at two selected locations, 674 and 792 for SYN TP Storm No. 0028.



5.1.6 Tables of values at select locations north and east of the promontory with difference plots of maximum significant wave height

An additional set of 18 point locations were selected around the promontory area as well as to the north and to the east of the promontory, as shown in Figure 5-4 and Figure 5-5. At these points, the peak significant wave height values over the course of the simulation are tabulated in Table 5-51 through Table 5-57 for ease of comparison between the different alternatives. Results from three storms are given: HIS TP Storms No. 0001 (Sandy 2012) and No. 0003 (Isabel 2003) and HIS ET Storm No. 0008 from 1952. As shown in Table 5-23, these storms have dominant winds from different directions: the first one (Sandy) has a dominant wind direction toward the south in the area of Dyke Marsh while the dominant wind direction of the latter two is towards the north. This serves to show how changes in flow and waves on either side of the with-project alternatives behave depending on wind direction.

Figure 5-4. Map of the selected station output locations and the proposed promontory structures.

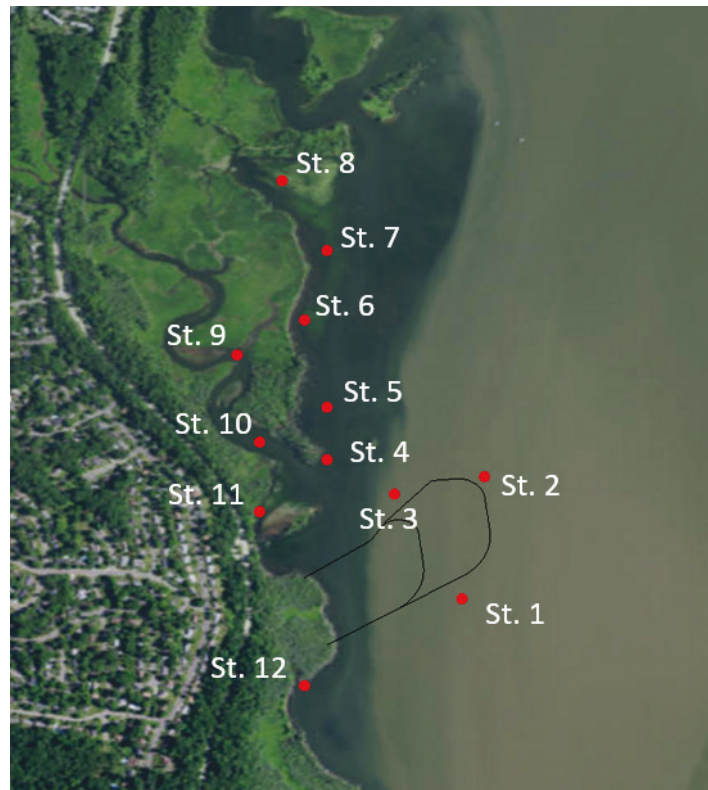


Figure 5-5. Map of selected station output locations east of the Potomac River Channel and the proposed promontory structures.

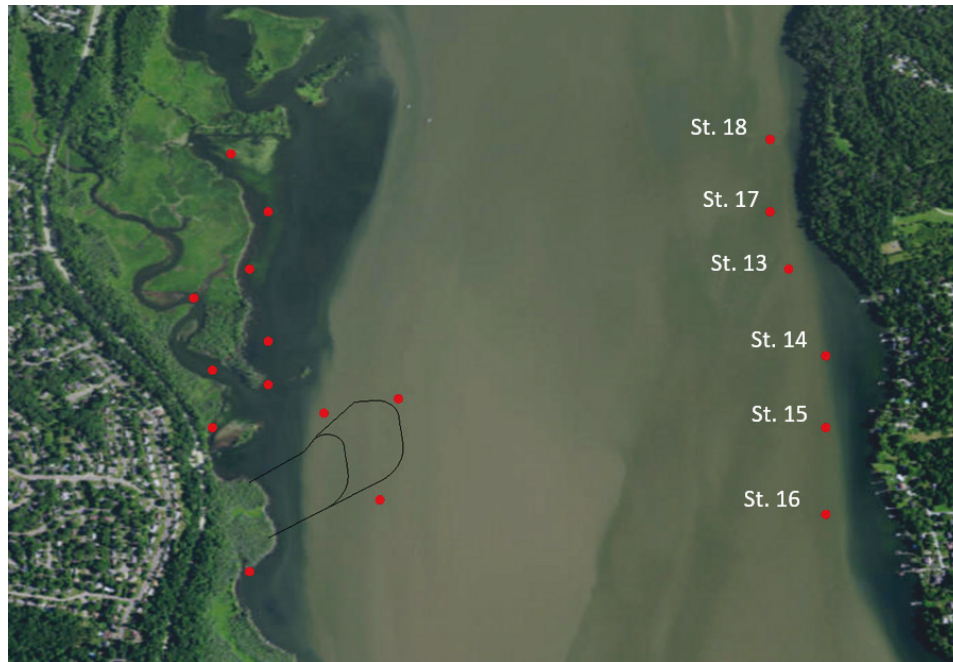


Table 5-51. Comparison of maximum significant wave heights (Hs, max) for the four promontory installations with Hs, max for the existing conditions (Hurricane Sandy 2012) at 18 station locations. The column DM01E presents the values of Hs, max.

		Difference in Maximum Significant Wave Height (ft) From DM01E (Proj - Exist)							
		Historical Tropical 1 (Sandy 2012)							
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1-DM01E		DM01P2-DM01E		DM01P3-DM01E		DM01P4-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	0.914	-0.455	-49.8%	-0.458	-50.1%	-0.133	-14.5%	-0.134	-14.6%
2	0.916	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
3	0.738	-0.011	-1.5%	-0.011	-1.5%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
4	0.669	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
5	0.719	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.0%
6	0.579	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.002	0.3%	0.000	0.0%
7	0.597	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
8	0.394	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
9	0.235	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
10	0.285	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%
11	Dry	Dry		Dry		Dry		Dry	
12	0.370	-0.050	-13.4%	-0.051	-13.7%	-0.035	-9.4%	-0.035	-9.4%
13	0.420	-0.001	-0.3%	-0.001	-0.3%	Dry		Dry	
14	0.895	0.002	0.2%	0.002	0.2%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%
15	0.997	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%
16	1.110	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
17	1.211	-0.077	-6.4%	-0.077	-6.4%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%
18	0.597	-0.002	-0.4%	-0.002	-0.4%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%

Table 5-52. Hurricane Sandy maximum water level (column DM01E) for the existing conditions grid at 18 station locations along with the difference in maximum water levels between with-project and existing (Project-Existing) conditions.

Difference in Max. Water Level (ft) from DM01E (Proj – Exist) HIS TP 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012)					
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1	DM01P2	DM01P3	DM01P4
1	1.586	-0.003	-0.003	-0.002	-0.001
2	1.588	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001
3	1.588	0.007	0.007	0.002	0.002
4	1.589	0.006	0.006	0.002	0.003
5	1.591	0.005	0.005	0.001	0.002
6	1.592	0.004	0.004	0.001	0.002
7	1.593	0.004	0.003	0.001	0.001
8	1.594	0.004	0.003	0.001	0.001
9	1.590	0.006	0.006	0.002	0.003
10	1.589	0.006	0.006	0.002	0.002
11	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
12	1.584	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	0.000
13	1.584	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000
14	1.585	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001
15	1.583	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
16	1.581	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
17	1.587	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001
18	1.592	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001

Table 5-53. Hurricane Sandy maximum water velocity (column DM01E) for the existing conditions grid at 18 station locations along with the difference in maximum water velocity between with-project and existing (Project-Existing) conditions.

Difference in Max Velocity (fps) from DM01E (Project – Existing) HIS TP 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012)					
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1	DM01P2	DM01P3	DM01P4
1	0.84	0.13	0.13	0.29	0.29
2	0.82	0.73	0.73	0.06	0.06
3	0.77	-0.63	-0.63	-0.27	-0.27
4	0.47	-0.17	-0.17	-0.09	-0.09
5	0.40	-0.13	-0.13	-0.04	-0.04
6	0.40	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
7	0.49	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
8	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	0.39	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00
10	0.50	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
11	0.14	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03
12	0.11	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00
13	1.17	0.03	0.03	-0.08	-0.08
14	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
15	1.32	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04
16	1.12	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
17	0.84	0.13	0.13	0.29	0.29
18	0.82	0.73	0.73	0.06	0.06

Table 5-54. Hurricane Isabel (2003) maximum significant wave height (column DM01E) for the existing conditions grid at 18 station locations along with the difference in maximum significant wave heights between with-project and existing (Project-Existing) conditions.

		Difference in Maximum Significant Wave Height (ft) From DM01E (Proj - Exist)							
		Historical Tropical 3 (Hurricane Isabel 2003)							
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1-DM01E		DM01P2-DM01E		DM01P3-DM01E		DM01P4-DM01E	
	Value (ft)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	2.199	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
2	2.314	-0.530	-22.9%	-0.535	-23.1%	-0.008	-0.3%	-0.012	-0.5%
3	2.214	-0.838	-37.8%	-1.318	-59.5%	-0.478	-21.6%	-0.472	-21.3%
4	1.977	-0.762	-38.6%	-0.953	-48.2%	-0.477	-24.1%	-0.480	-24.3%
5	2.077	-0.795	-38.3%	-0.796	-38.3%	-0.285	-13.7%	-0.284	-13.7%
6	1.875	-0.137	-7.3%	-0.138	-7.4%	-0.087	-4.6%	-0.087	-4.6%
7	2.207	-0.252	-11.4%	-0.252	-11.4%	-0.092	-4.2%	-0.092	-4.2%
8	1.897	-0.055	-2.9%	-0.055	-2.9%	-0.014	-0.7%	-0.014	-0.8%
9	1.601	-0.351	-22.0%	-0.353	-22.0%	-0.194	-12.1%	-0.198	-12.3%
10	1.486	-0.380	-25.6%	-0.424	-28.5%	-0.319	-21.5%	-0.321	-21.6%
11	1.413	-0.329	-23.3%	-0.365	-25.8%	-0.353	-25.0%	-0.375	-26.6%
12	1.543	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%
13	1.811	0.001	0.0%	0.001	0.0%	-0.001	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
14	1.613	0.008	0.5%	-0.002	-0.1%	0.003	0.2%	-0.002	-0.1%
15	1.640	0.005	0.3%	-0.001	0.0%	0.006	0.4%	0.000	0.0%
16	1.701	-0.003	-0.2%	-0.004	-0.3%	0.001	0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%
17	1.645	0.003	0.2%	0.001	0.1%	0.054	3.3%	0.053	3.3%
18	1.608	-0.005	-0.3%	-0.010	-0.6%	0.023	1.4%	0.017	1.1%

Table 5-55. HIS ET Storm No. 0008 (3/11/1952) maximum significant wave height (column DM01E) for the existing conditions grid at 18 station locations along with the difference in maximum significant wave heights between with-project and existing (Project-Existing) conditions.

		Difference in Maximum Significant Wave Height (ft) From DM01E (Proj - Exist)							
		Historical Extra-Tropical 8 (1952)							
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1-DM01E		DM01P2-DM01E		DM01P3-DM01E		DM01P4-DM01E	
	Value (ft)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	2.132	0.004	0.2%	0.004	0.2%	0.004	0.2%	0.004	0.2%
2	2.213	-0.220	-9.9%	-0.227	-10.2%	-0.002	-0.1%	-0.002	-0.1%
3	2.319	-1.446	-62.4%	-1.388	-59.9%	-0.386	-16.7%	-0.381	-16.4%
4	2.127	-1.001	-47.0%	-1.001	-47.0%	-0.463	-21.8%	-0.465	-21.9%
5	2.260	-0.826	-36.5%	-0.828	-36.6%	-0.250	-11.1%	-0.249	-11.0%
6	2.073	-0.113	-5.5%	-0.114	-5.5%	-0.111	-5.3%	-0.110	-5.3%
7	2.371	-0.198	-8.4%	-0.198	-8.4%	-0.048	-2.0%	-0.047	-2.0%
8	2.093	-0.051	-2.4%	-0.050	-2.4%	-0.011	-0.5%	-0.010	-0.5%
9	1.645	-0.259	-15.8%	-0.261	-15.8%	-0.150	-9.1%	-0.154	-9.4%
10	1.568	-0.393	-25.0%	-0.396	-25.2%	-0.276	-17.6%	-0.277	-17.7%
11	1.618	-0.583	-36.1%	-0.584	-36.1%	-0.590	-36.5%	-0.596	-36.8%
12	1.719	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
13	1.544	-0.027	-1.7%	-0.027	-1.8%	-0.012	-0.8%	-0.012	-0.8%
14	1.239	-0.005	-0.4%	-0.005	-0.4%	0.006	0.5%	0.007	0.5%
15	1.264	-0.010	-0.8%	-0.010	-0.8%	0.004	0.3%	0.004	0.3%
16	1.283	-0.027	-2.1%	-0.027	-2.1%	-0.017	-1.3%	-0.017	-1.3%
17	1.321	0.006	0.4%	0.005	0.4%	0.112	8.4%	0.111	8.4%
18	1.296	-0.009	-0.7%	-0.011	-0.8%	0.027	2.1%	0.026	2.0%

Table 5-56. HIS ET Storm No. 0008 (3/11/1952) maximum water level (column DM01E) for the existing conditions grid at 18 station locations along with the difference in maximum water levels between with-project and existing (Project-Existing) conditions.

Difference in Max. Water Level (ft) from DM01E (Project – Existing) HIS ET 0008 (1952)					
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1	DM01P2	DM01P3	DM01P4
1	6.907	-0.025	-0.029	-0.028	-0.028
2	6.929	-0.016	-0.040	0.000	0.000
3	6.929	0.058	0.062	0.016	0.017
4	6.938	0.047	0.052	0.014	0.018
5	6.950	0.038	0.042	0.008	0.012
6	6.960	0.033	0.036	0.006	0.009
7	6.972	0.029	0.031	0.004	0.006
8	6.983	0.026	0.029	0.003	0.005
9	6.961	0.034	0.037	0.006	0.009
10	6.947	0.041	0.045	0.011	0.014
11	6.938	0.046	0.051	0.015	0.019
12	6.898	-0.014	-0.014	-0.008	-0.006
13	6.932	0.010	0.009	-0.002	0.000
14	6.919	0.009	0.007	-0.003	-0.001
15	6.904	0.004	0.003	-0.004	-0.003
16	6.880	-0.001	-0.003	-0.006	-0.005
17	6.941	0.013	0.012	0.001	0.003
18	6.975	0.017	0.018	-0.001	0.001

Table 5-57. HIS ET Storm No. 0008 (3/11/1952) maximum water velocity (column DM01E) for the existing conditions grid at 18 station locations along with the difference in maximum water velocity between with-project and existing (Project-Existing) conditions.

Difference in Max Velocity (fps*) from DM01E (Project - Existing) HIS ET 0008 (1952)					
Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P1	DM01P2	DM01P3	DM01P4
1	2.20	-0.17	0.17	0.68	0.67
2	2.21	1.66	1.66	0.16	0.16
3	1.94	-1.44	-1.62	-0.68	-0.68
4	1.04	-0.63	-0.74	-0.43	-0.43
5	0.91	-0.43	-0.49	-0.23	-0.24
6	0.57	-0.10	-0.10	-0.04	-0.04
7	0.89	-0.14	-0.14	-0.05	-0.05
8	0.55	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01
9	0.44	-0.06	-0.07	-0.03	-0.03
10	0.57	-0.16	-0.16	-0.11	-0.11
11	0.69	-0.36	-0.36	-0.34	-0.34
12	0.25	0.18	0.17	0.07	0.07
13	1.80	0.22	0.22	0.07	0.08
14	1.20	0.18	0.18	0.05	0.05
15	1.51	0.24	0.24	0.07	0.07
16	1.57	0.19	0.19	0.05	0.06
17	2.24	0.18	0.18	-0.02	-0.02
18	1.77	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02

fps = feet per second

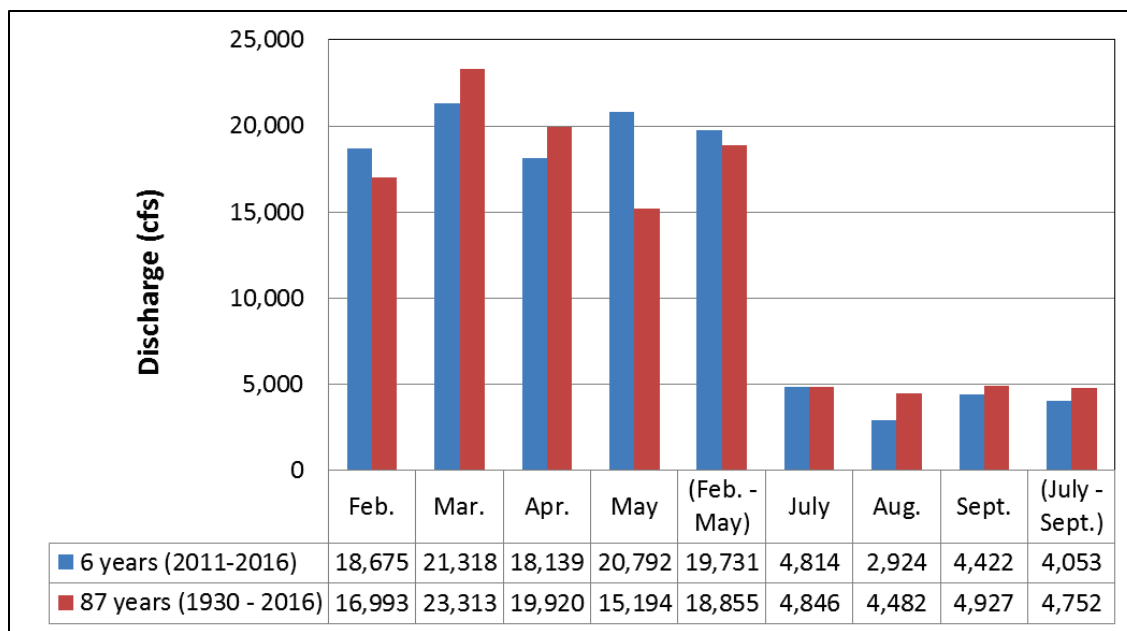
5.1.7 Simulation results for average river flows and long-term tides under constant wind conditions

A series of non-storm event conditions were simulated to investigate hydrodynamic responses at the proposed promontories to average Potomac River flows (low and high), long-term tides, and constant wind forcing from various directions. Those conditions are assumed to emulate typical conditions over the study area. For each with-project alternative structure layout, a two-step process for the hydrodynamic simulations was carried out: (1) compute a 1-month tidal simulation with two average river

flows (a low flow and a high spring flow) but without wind or wave forcing and (2) repeat a 1-day portion of the longer tide and river flow computation with the inclusion of constant wind forcing and the resulting wind-waves. Two wind speed values and six different wind directions for the constant wind fields were considered.

To determine average low and high flows in the Potomac River, long-term monthly discharge records of the river were obtained at the USGS hydrologic station (USGS No. 01646500, Potomac River near Washington, DC, Little Falls Pump Station, as shown in Figure 1-3). Average spring discharges from February to May and average summer discharges from July to September were calculated based on a recent monthly flow dataset (2011–2016) and an 87-year dataset (1930–2016) (Figure 5-6). Finally, two average seasonal river flows were selected from the recent 6-year data records: a spring averaged discharge of approximately 19,700 cubic feet per second (cfs), and a summer averaged discharge of approximately 4,100 cfs to represent high and low river flows in the river, respectively.

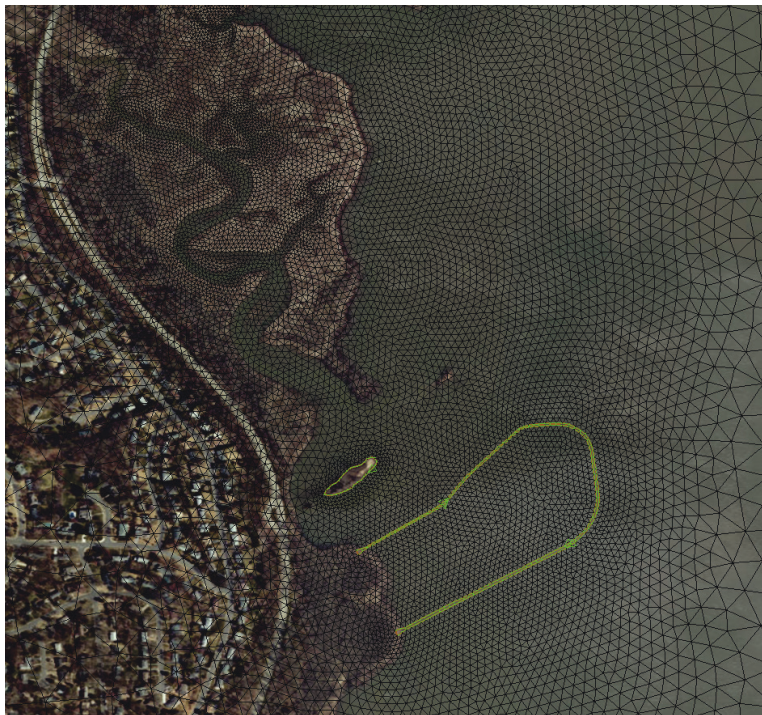
Figure 5-6. Monthly discharge and seasonal average at Potomac River, Little Falls, Washington, DC.



A 1-month tidal simulation from 04/25/2013 to 5/31/2013 was used to represent the spring high flow rate condition, and another month-long tidal simulation from 06/25/2011 to 7/31/2011 was used for the averaged neap low flow condition.

For all the long-term (1-month tidal flow simulations), a total of eight new computational ADCIRC meshes, one for base and seven with-project alternatives, were generated by further refining the storm surge ADCIRC meshes in the Dyke Marsh (see Figure 4-6b), keeping the resolution in the rest of the Potomac River watershed unchanged and coarsening the grids in the other river watersheds and basins contained in the overall ADCIRC domain. The spatial resolution of the refined grid in the Dyke Marsh is approximately 20 ft, which is better able to represent flow through the wetland than the storm surge meshes. This is important because under storm surge conditions, the wetlands are typically completely inundated. However, during normal events, that is not the case, and more refined representations of flow features are required. Figure 5-7 gives a close-up of a refined computational mesh in the study area for a long promontory representation.

Figure 5-7. Refined computational grid (20 ft resolution in the Dyke Marsh).



A set of 12 constant wind fields were generated by combining two wind speed values (20 mph and 30 mph) with six wind directions from southwest (45°), south (90°), southeast (135°), east (180°), northeast (225°), and north (270°). The degree associated with a wind direction is the angle measured counterclockwise from the x -axis of the ADCIRC grid coordinates (i.e., the east direction).

A summary of the computational conditions used for simulating 1-month tidal flows and non-storm wind-driven waves is presented in Table 5-58. As no flow over the structures is expected for these non-storm events, with either low or high crest elevation, only structures with the higher crest level (9.55 ft above MSL) were investigated (five of seven with-project conditions). Through the two-step simulation process mentioned above, first, twelve 1-month tidal simulations with constant river flow (high or low) were made. In the second step, by using the final high flows (at the end of the computational period), as the initial conditions for every designed layout of the Dyke Marsh, 12 constant wind fields were applied to compute 1-day-long wind-driven waves. As a result, a total of 120 wind-driven wave simulations (12 winds applied to 5 with-project grids for two river flows) were completed in addition to the 12 simulations for the without-project case.

Table 5-58. Computational conditions for simulating long-term tidal flows and wind-driven waves.

Grid Name	River Flow (cfs)	Tide Period	Wind Speed (miles per hour)	Wind Direction (from)*
DM01E (existing condition)	19,731	04/25/2013 - 5/31/2013	20.0	SW(45°)
DM01P2 (Long Promontory)	4,053	06/25/2011 - 7/31/2011	30.0	S (90°)
DM01P4 (Short Promontory)				SE (135°)
DM01P6 (Groin Alt 1)				E (180°)
DM01P7 (Groin Alt 2)				NE (225°)
DM01P8 (Groin Alt 3)				N (270°)

* The degree associated with a wind direction is the angle measured counterclockwise from the x-axis of the ADCIRC grid coordinates.

5.1.7.1 Results for long-term tidal flows

Construction of in-stream structures in a tidal river reach such as the one around the Dyke Marsh will alter river flows and tidal flows. In general, a newly constructed groin tends to redirect river flows away from the structure and also changes directions of tidal currents in the area of the structure. Numerical models for predicting tidal flows before and after the inclusion of structures can quantify the differences in hydrodynamic variables (water surface elevation and depth-averaged flow velocities) between the conditions with and without the structure in place.

In the 1-month tidal simulations with a spring high flow discharge in the river, comparisons were made of the computed water levels and velocities at the 18 selected stations, which are marked in Figure 5-4 and Figure 5-5. For example, Figure 5-8 presents a comparison of water levels and velocities at Station (Stn) 1 from Day 30 to 35. Stn 1 is located in approximately an 8 ft water depth immediately downstream from the promontory. Even though the length of the longer promontory is approximately one-third of the river width (~1 mile), no significant differences are found in water levels at this station among the current condition (no structure) and four proposed promontories. However, the river flows at this point are changed and can best be seen in tidal ellipse plots. A tidal ellipse plot is a common way of representing magnitude and direction of tidal currents over a given tidal cycle. Over a tidal cycle, if one plotted current vectors from a common location over time, the heads of those current vectors would typically trace out an ellipse. As shown in the current ellipses in Figure 5-8, tidal flow directions are sequentially turned from a stream-wise direction (no structure, current condition) to the NNE by the shorter promontory (DM01P3 or P4) and to the northeast by the longer one (DM01P1 or P2). In particular the shorter structural layout increased the tidal flow velocity up to 30% (Figure 5-9). The longer structure causes a change in tidal flow phase, but no significant changes in its magnitude. From the tidal flow simulations, because of no overtopping through the design structures, it is found that the same layout of promontories (either the longer or shorter one) with two different crest heights makes no significance differences in water levels and velocities at all 18 selected observation stations.

Flows are also changed around the promontory. At Stn 2 (Figure 5-10 and Figure 5-11), which is located at the tip of the longer promontory at approximately a 10 ft water depth, the tidal flow directions follow the curvature of the structure, turning from the north-south direction to the northwest-southeast direction. Flow velocities also increase in comparison to the without-project condition.

Stn 3 is placed on the upstream side of the structures, very close to the low sill (3 ft above MSL). As shown in Figure 5-12 and Figure 5-13, the longer promontory reduces the tidal current magnitude to 10% of the velocity of the without-project case. The shorter promontory also reduces the tidal velocity of the without-project condition to 65% of the without-project case.

In the shadow region of the structures, tidal flows are decreased to a certain degree. At Stn 4 (Figure 5-14 and Figure 5-15), which is close to the shoreline of the marsh, the tidal current is reduced to 20% and to 65%, respectively, of the without-project conditions by the longer structures and the shorter ones. At Stn 5 (Figure 5-16 and Figure 5-17), a similar amount of velocity reductions can be observed. At Stn 6 (Figure 5-18 and Figure 5-19), only a small amount of velocity reduction is found.

In general, the shorter alternative (DMO1P3 or P4) may only reduce flows in its shadow region below Stn 6. The longer promontory may provide a wider area of reduced wave heights for the wetland on its leeward side up to the shoreline where Stn 6 is located.

Possible impacts of the structures on the eastern bank were also analyzed by comparing hydrodynamic variables (water levels and velocities) with and without the inclusion of structures. For example, at Stn 13 (Figure 5-20 and Figure 5-21), approximately a 20% velocity reduction can be observed due to the structures. At Stn 15 and 17 (Figure 5-22 through Figure 5-25), the structures only alter the phases of tidal currents, not velocity magnitudes.

Under the conditions of the summer low flow in the Potomac River, similar reduction effects on tidal velocities can be observed at the western bank (Figure 5-26 through Figure 5-31) and the eastern bank (Figure 5-32 through Figure 5-35).

Figure 5-8. Comparisons of water surface elevations and velocities at Stn 1. Water elevations are almost the same in all cases.

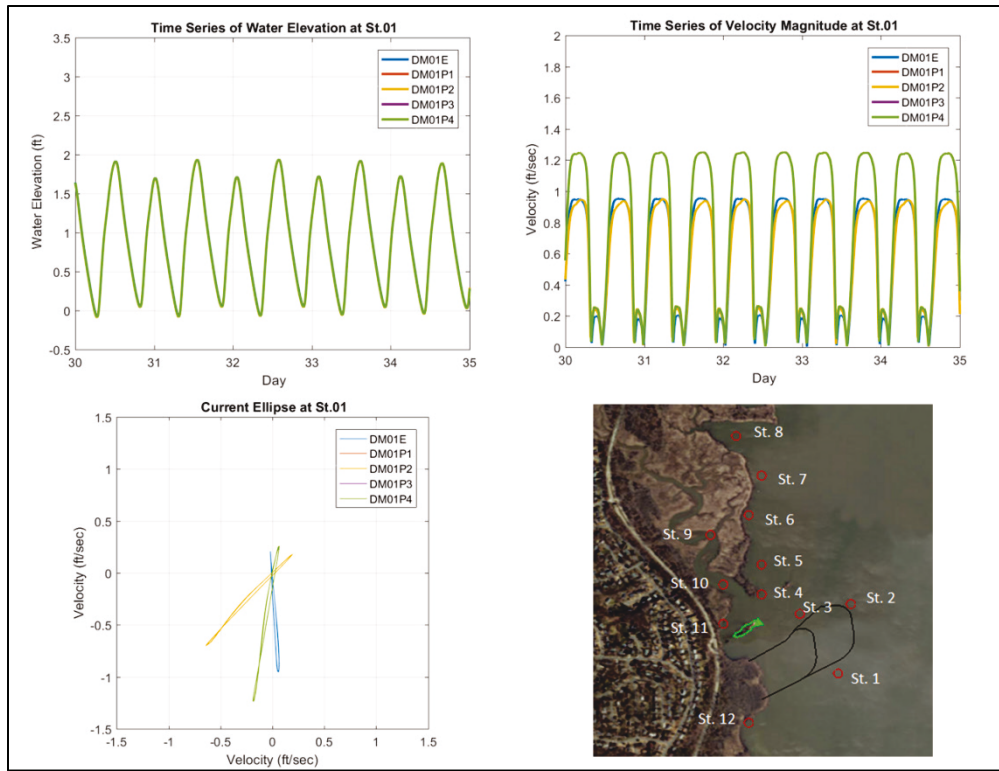


Figure 5-9. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 1 with and without structures.

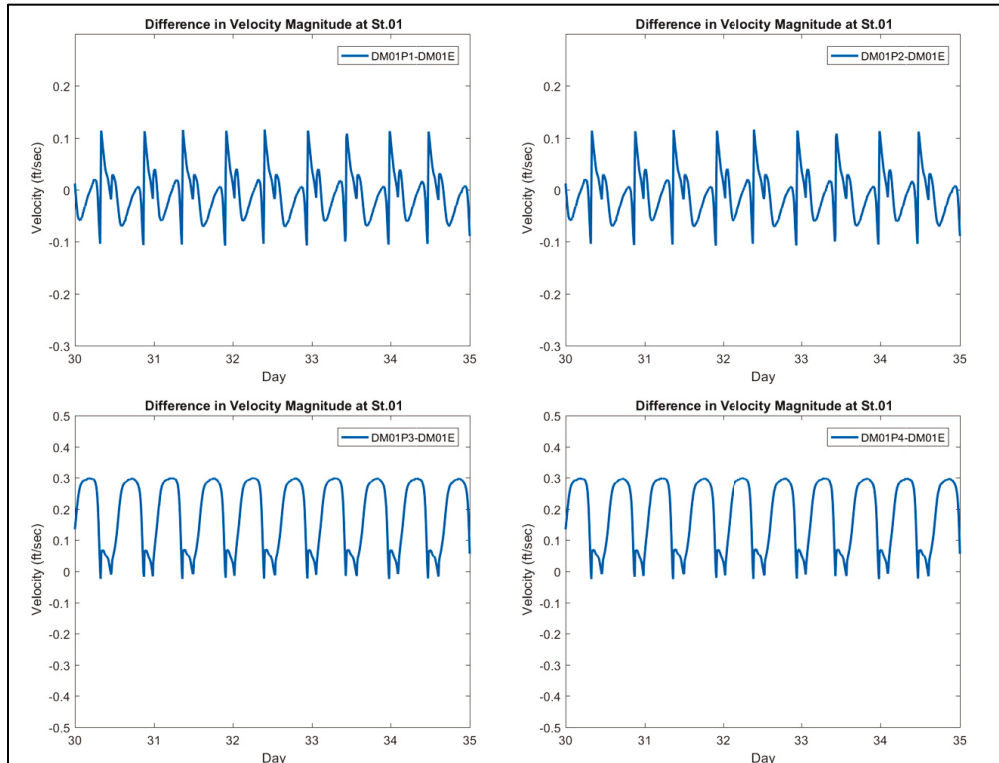


Figure 5-10. Comparisons of water surface elevations (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 2. Water elevations are almost the same in all cases.

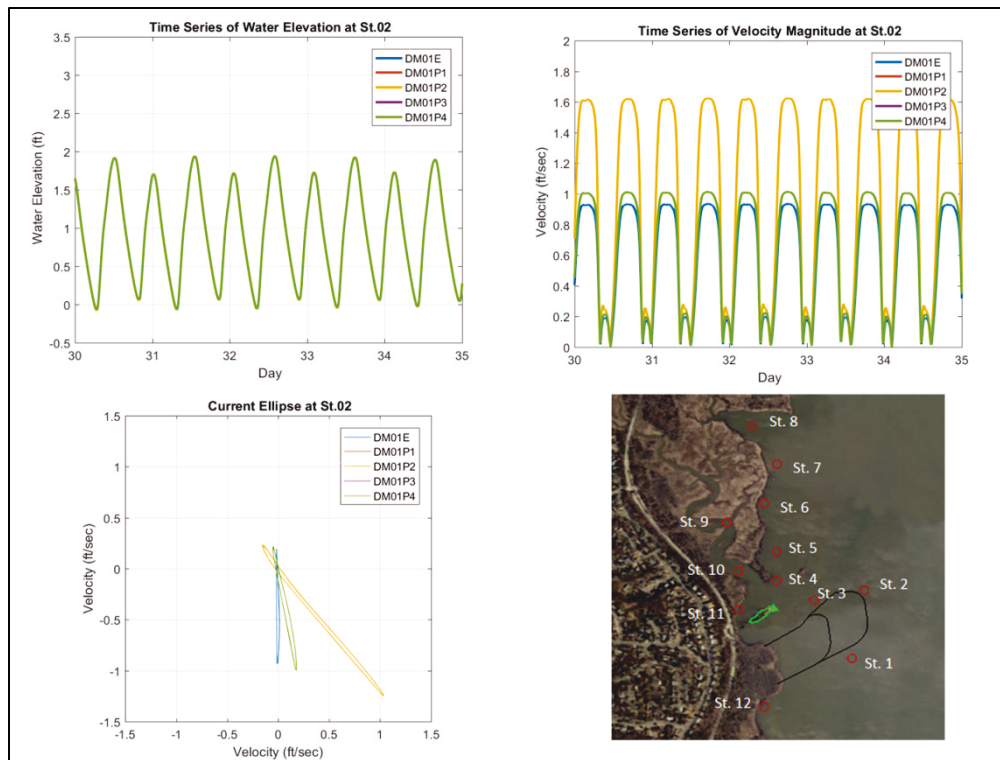


Figure 5-11. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 2 with and without structures.

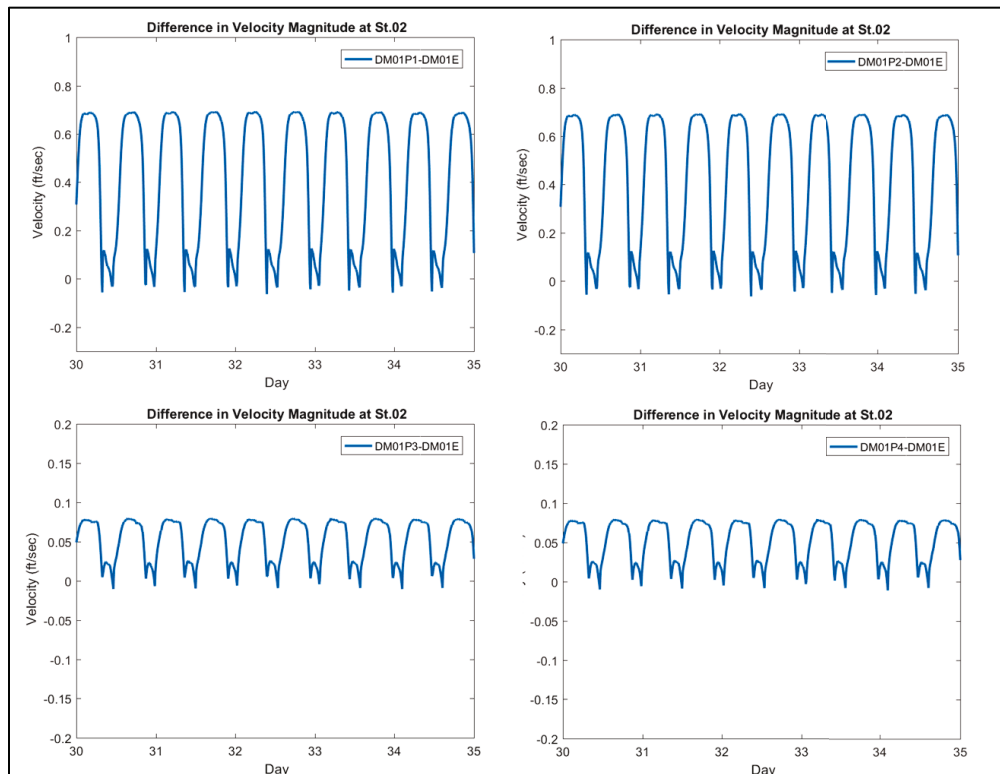


Figure 5-12. Comparisons of water surface elevations (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 3. Water elevations are almost the same in all cases.

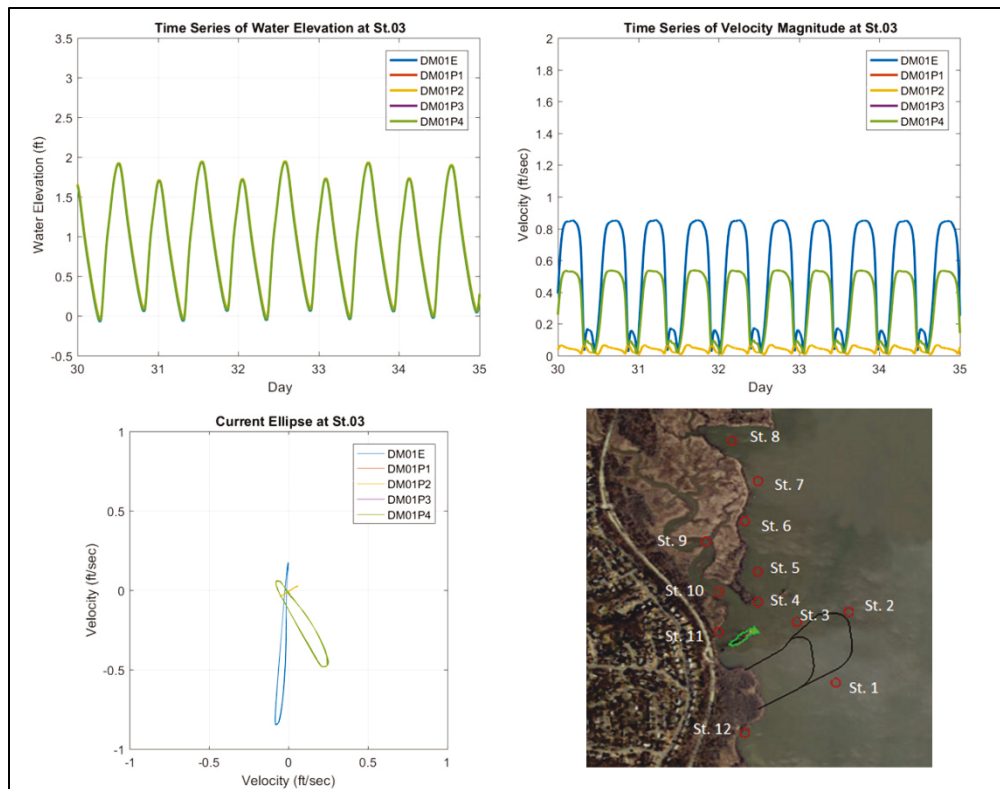


Figure 5-13. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 3 with and without structures.

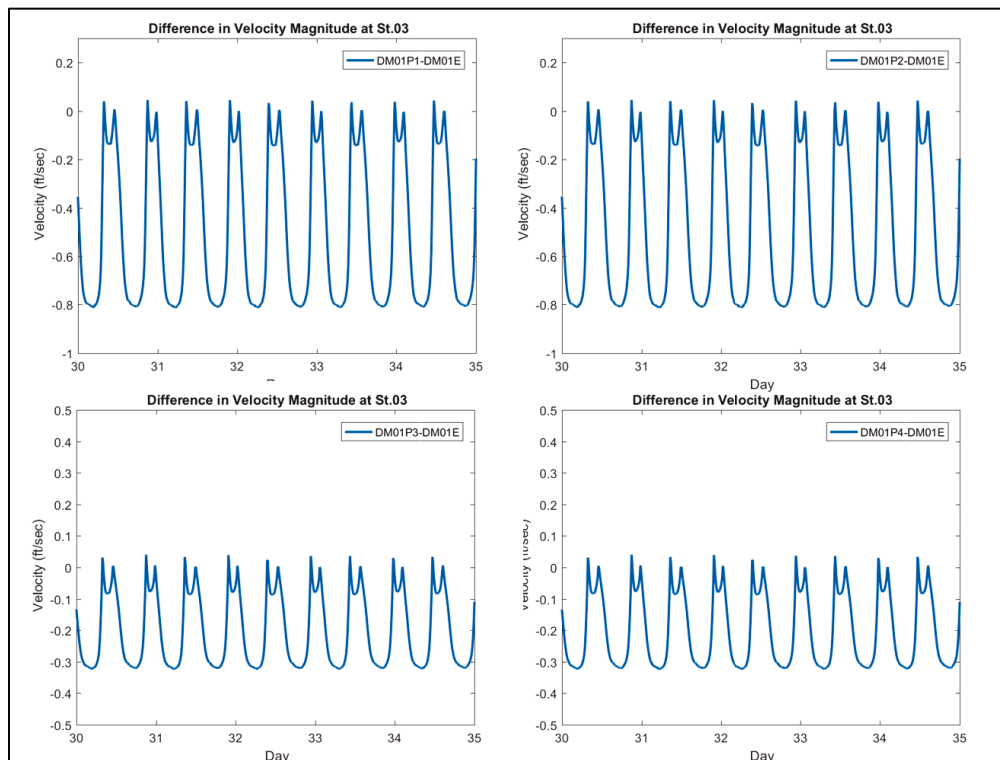


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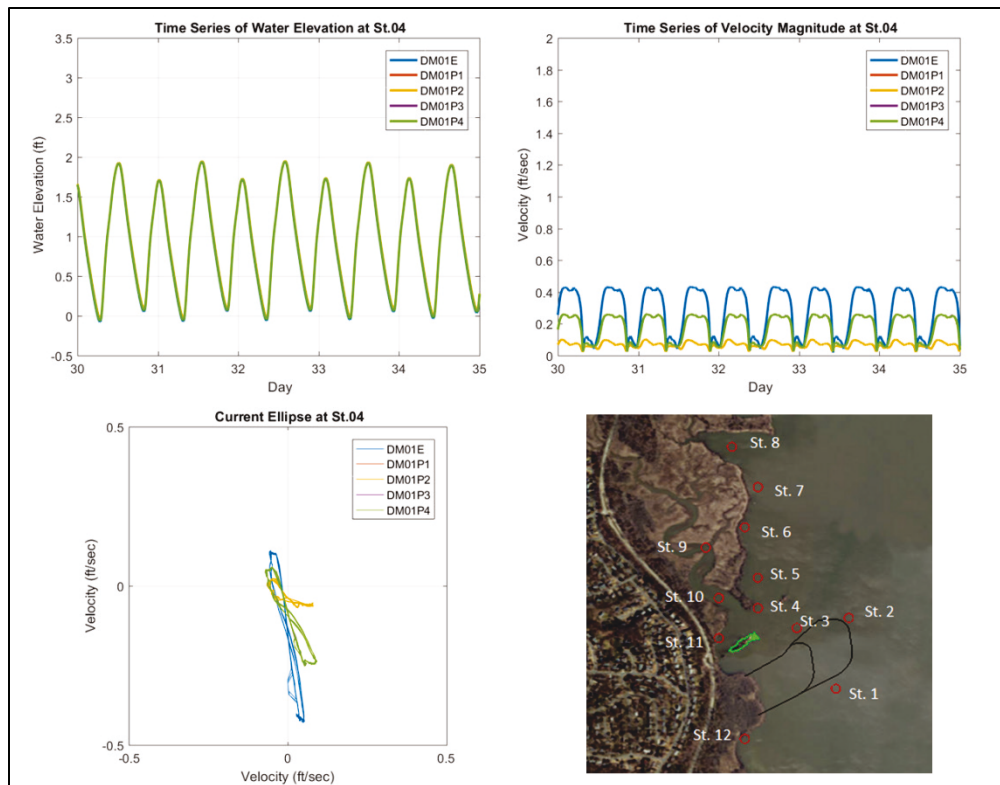


Figure 5-15. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 4 with and without structures.

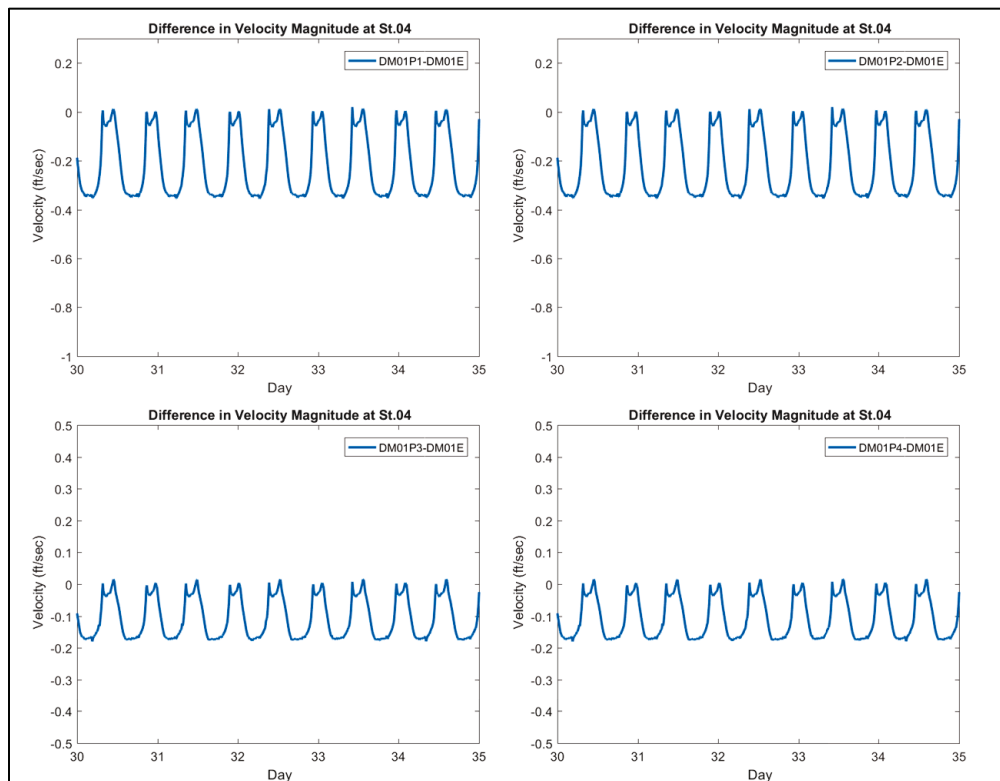


Figure 5-16. Comparisons of water surface elevations (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 5. Water elevations are almost the same in all cases.

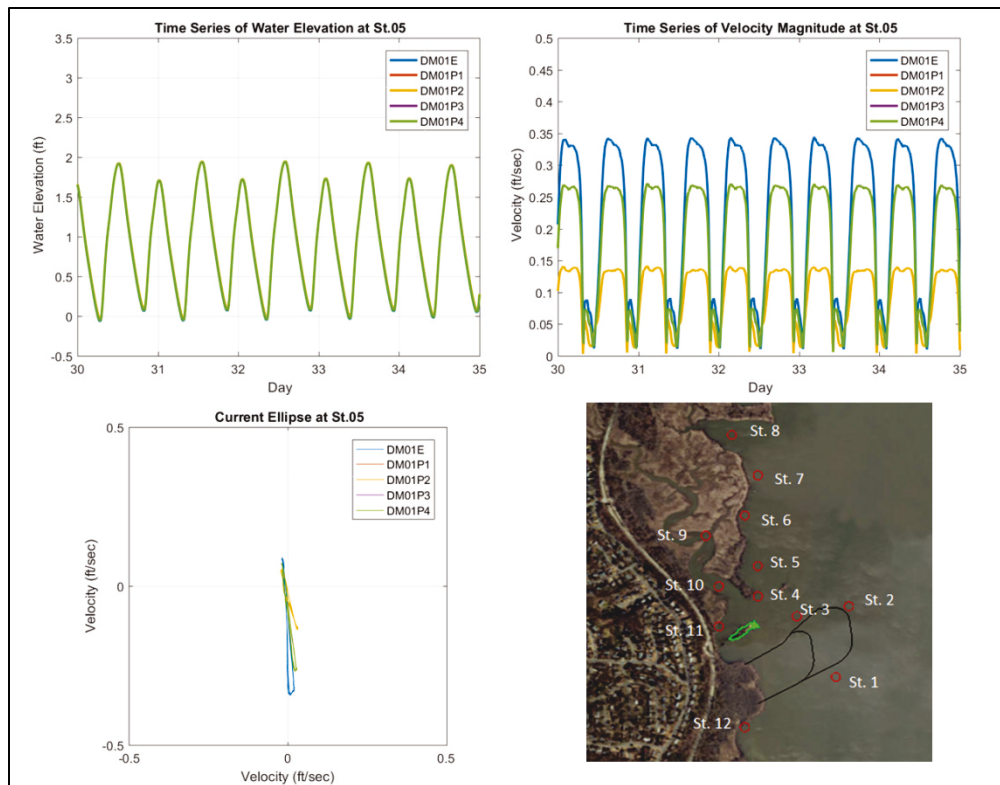


Figure 5-17. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 5 with and without structures.

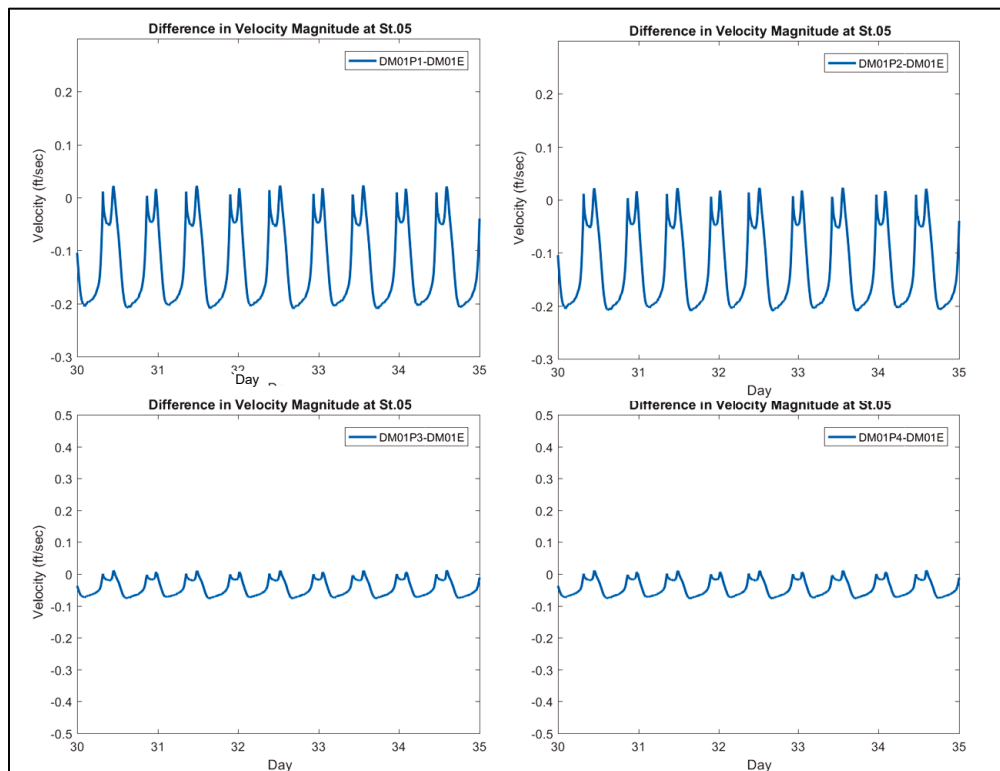


Figure 5-18. Comparisons of water surface elevations (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 6. Water elevations are almost the same in all cases.

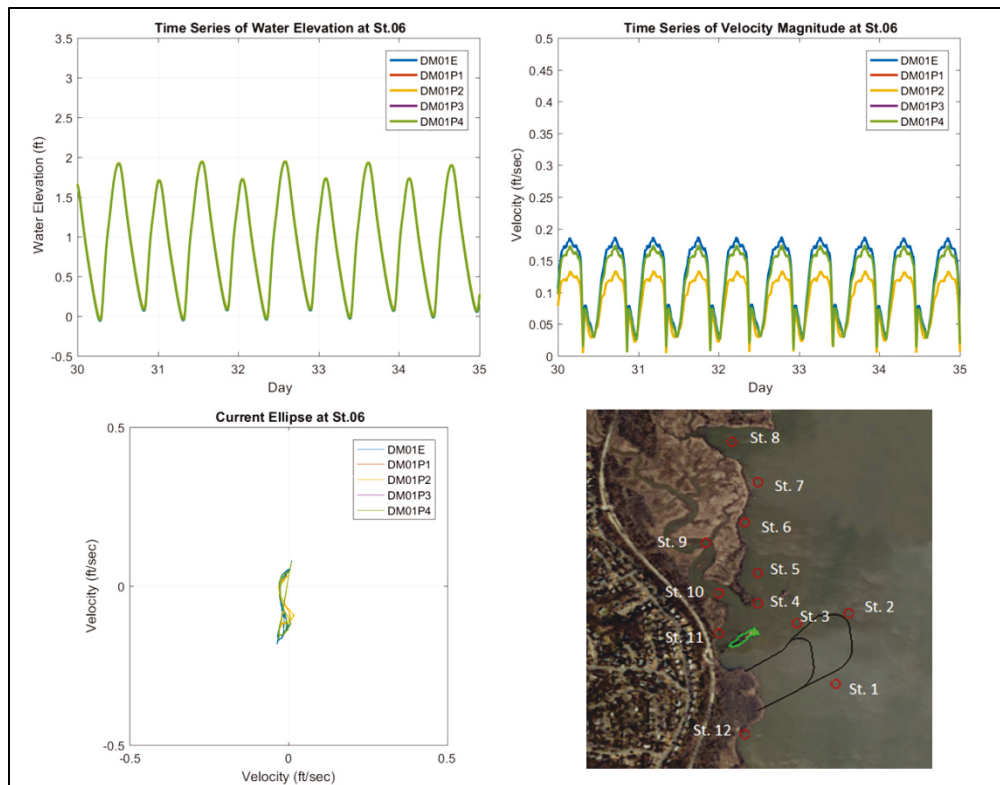


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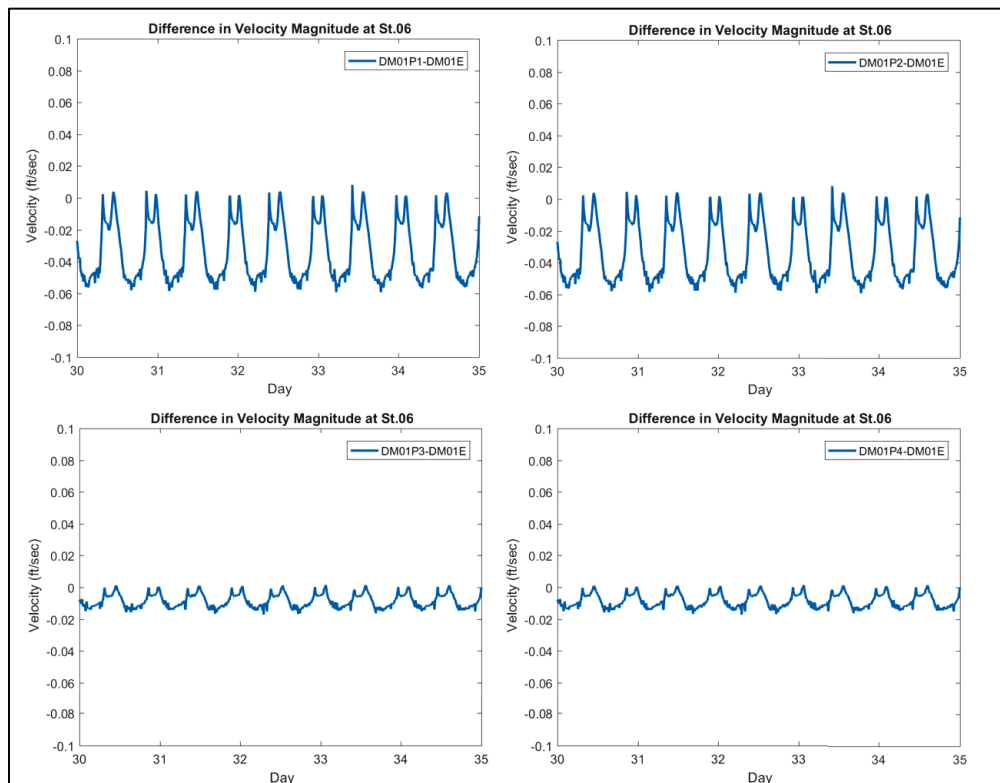


Figure 5-20. Comparisons of water surface elevations (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 13. Water elevations are almost the same in all cases.

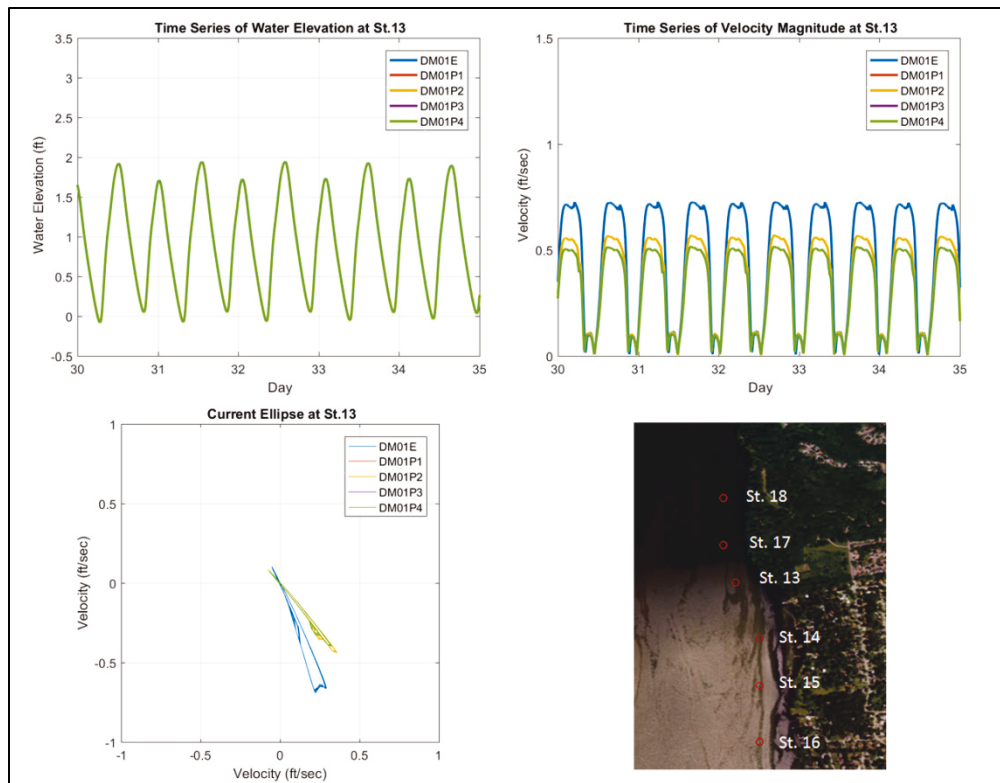


Figure 5-21. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 13 with and without structures.

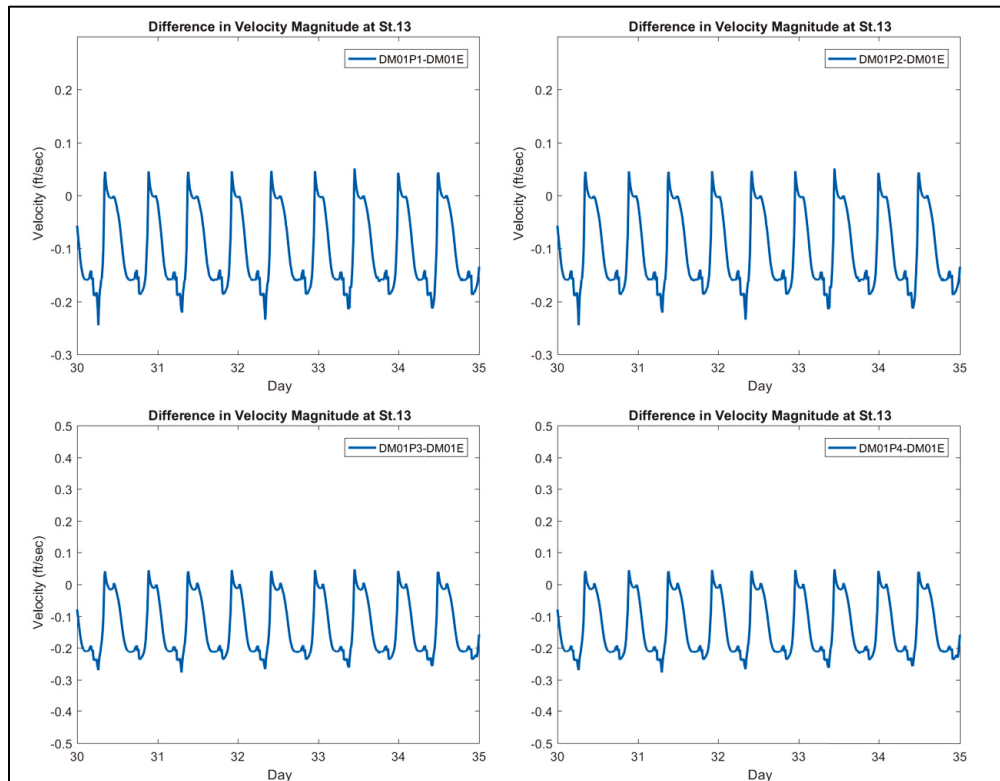


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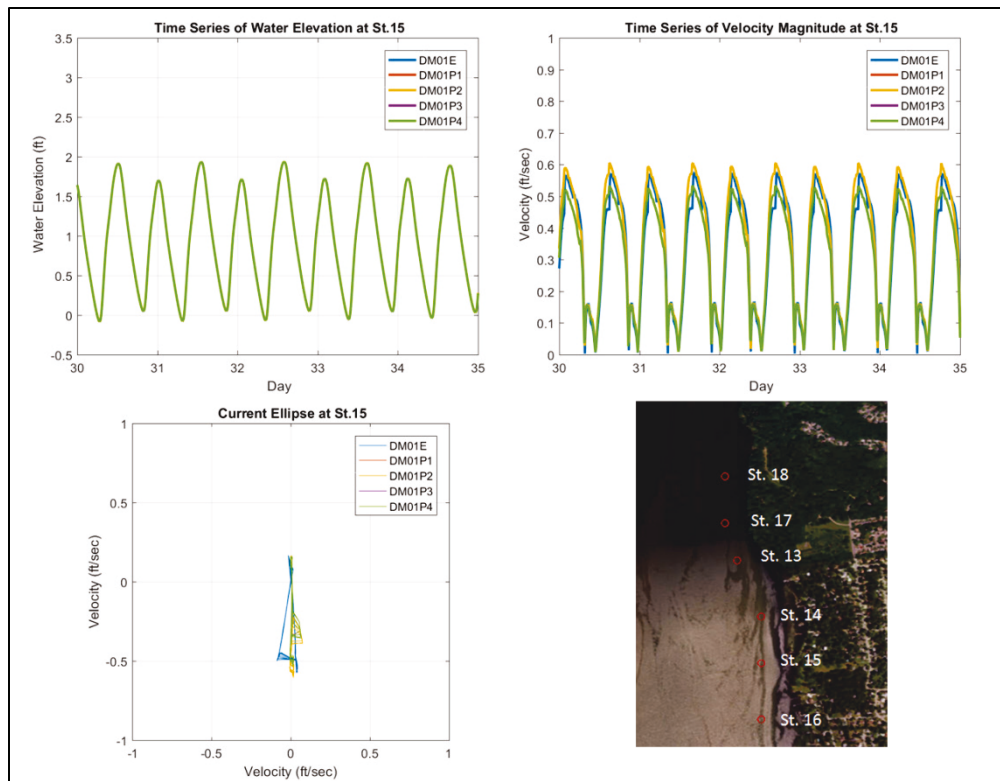


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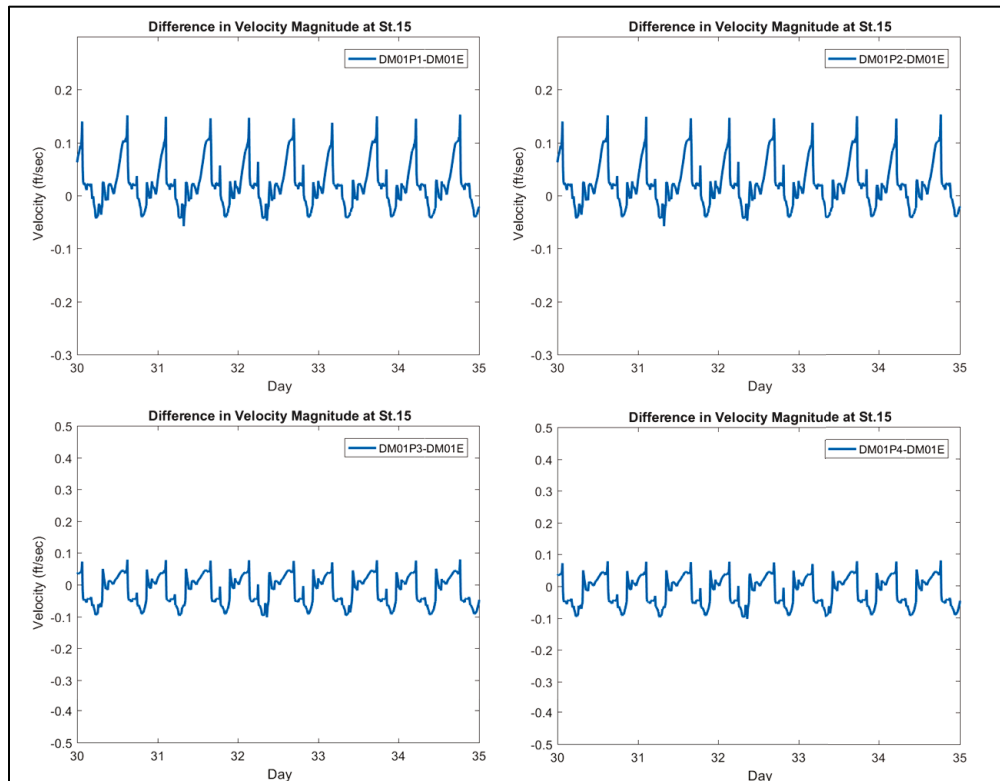


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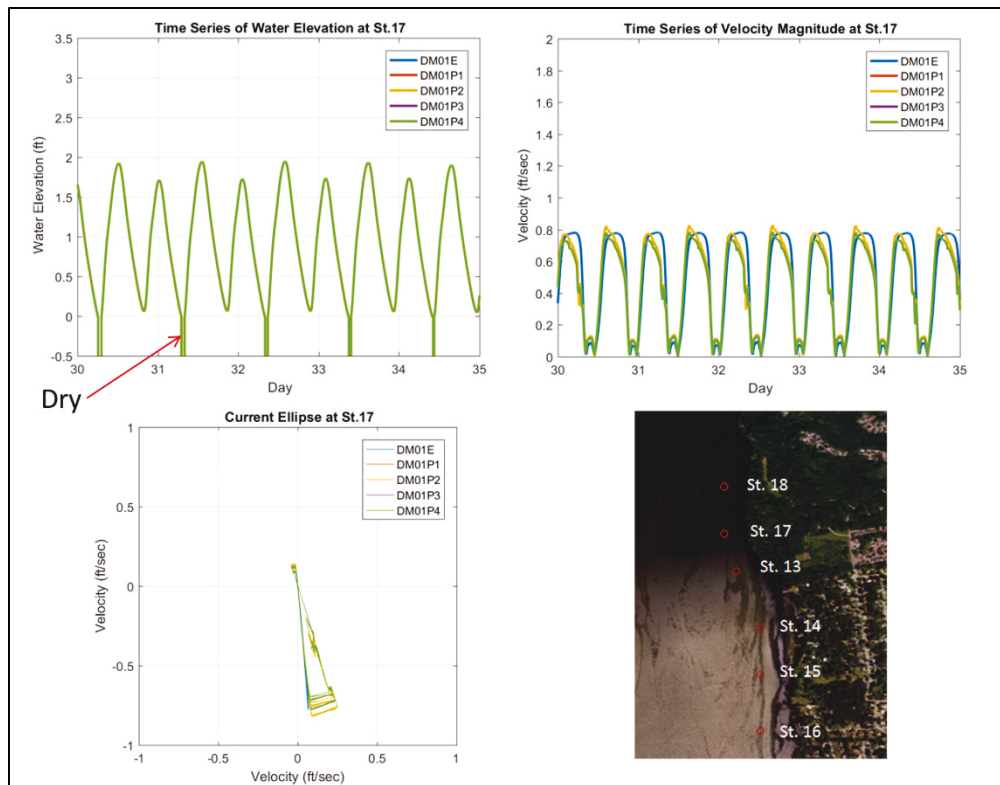


Figure 5-25. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 17 with and without structures.

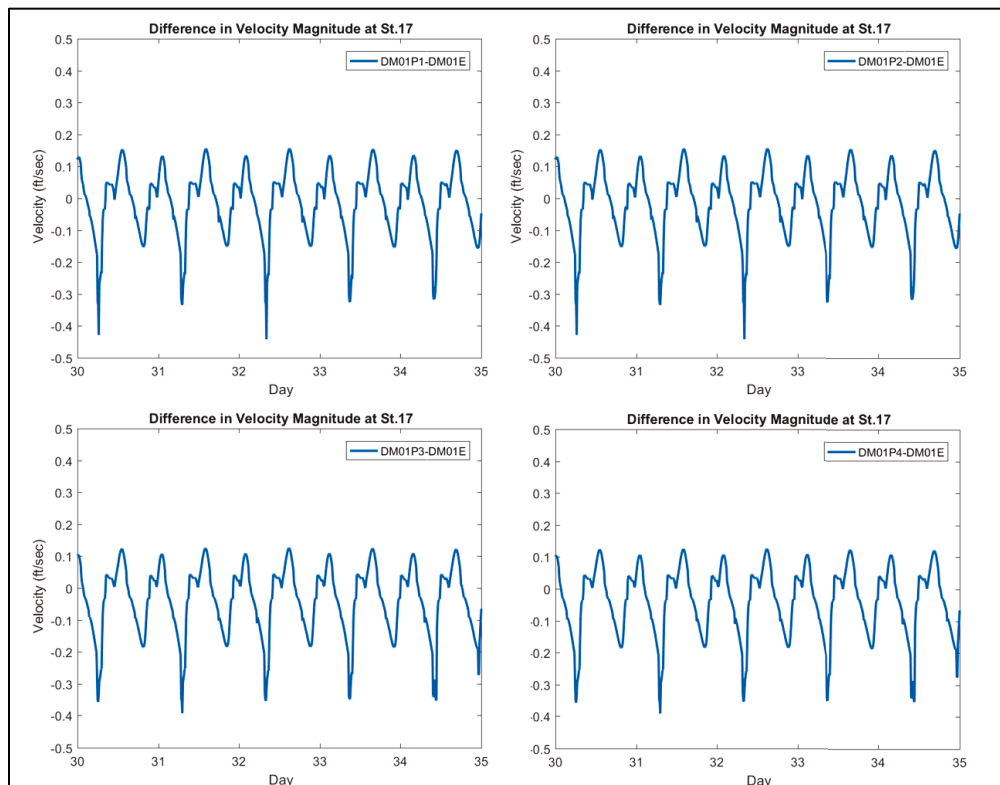


Figure 5-26. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 1 under the low flow conditions.

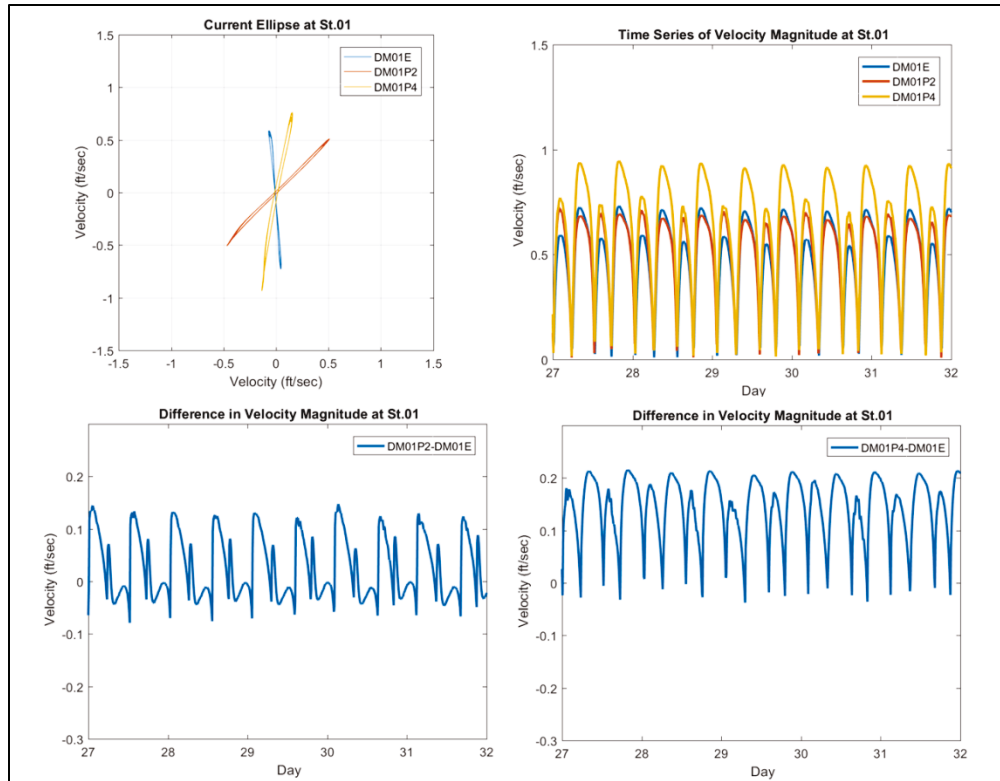


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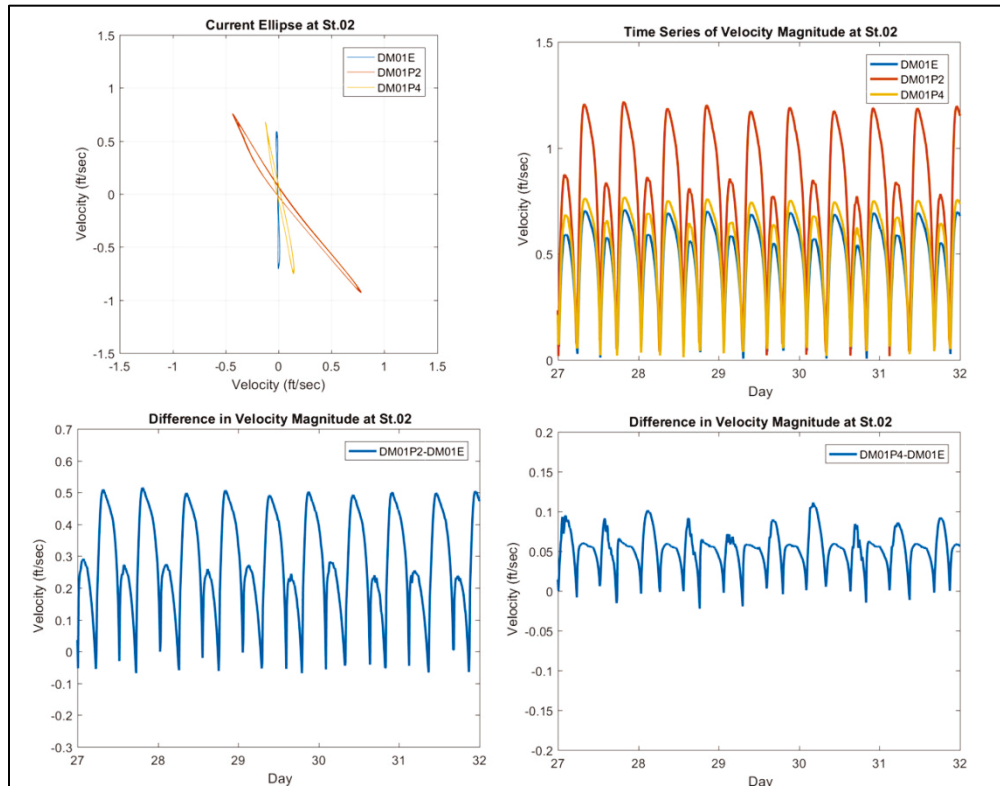


Figure 5-28. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 3 under the low flow conditions.

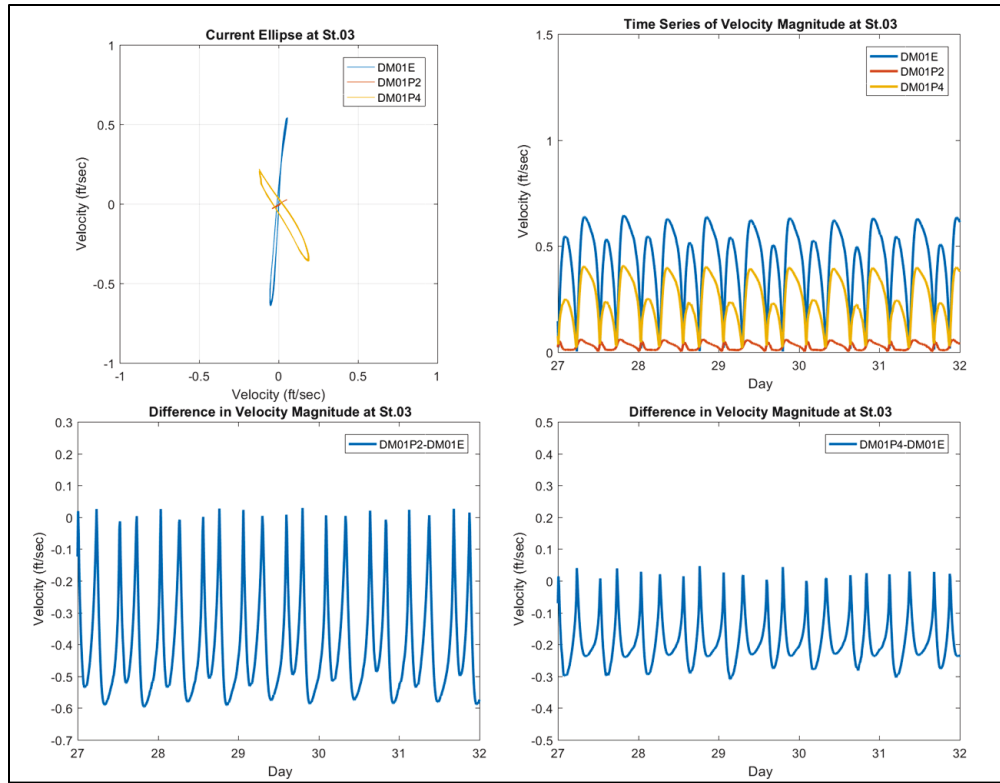


Figure 5-29. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 4 under the low flow conditions.

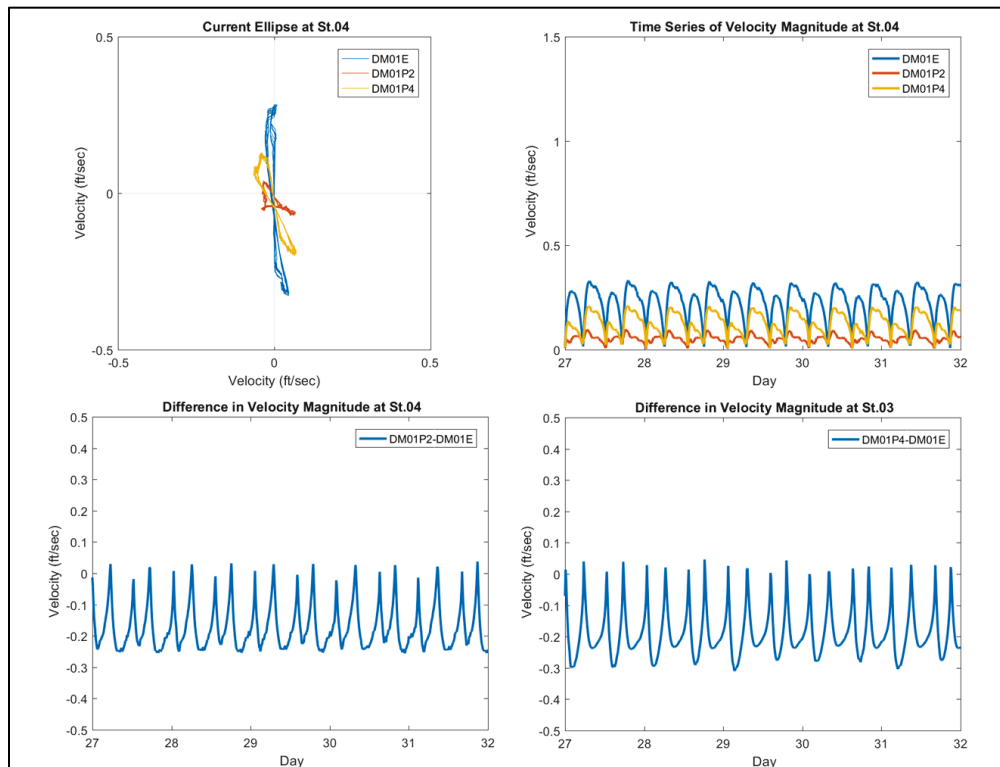


Figure 5-30. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 5 under the low flow conditions.

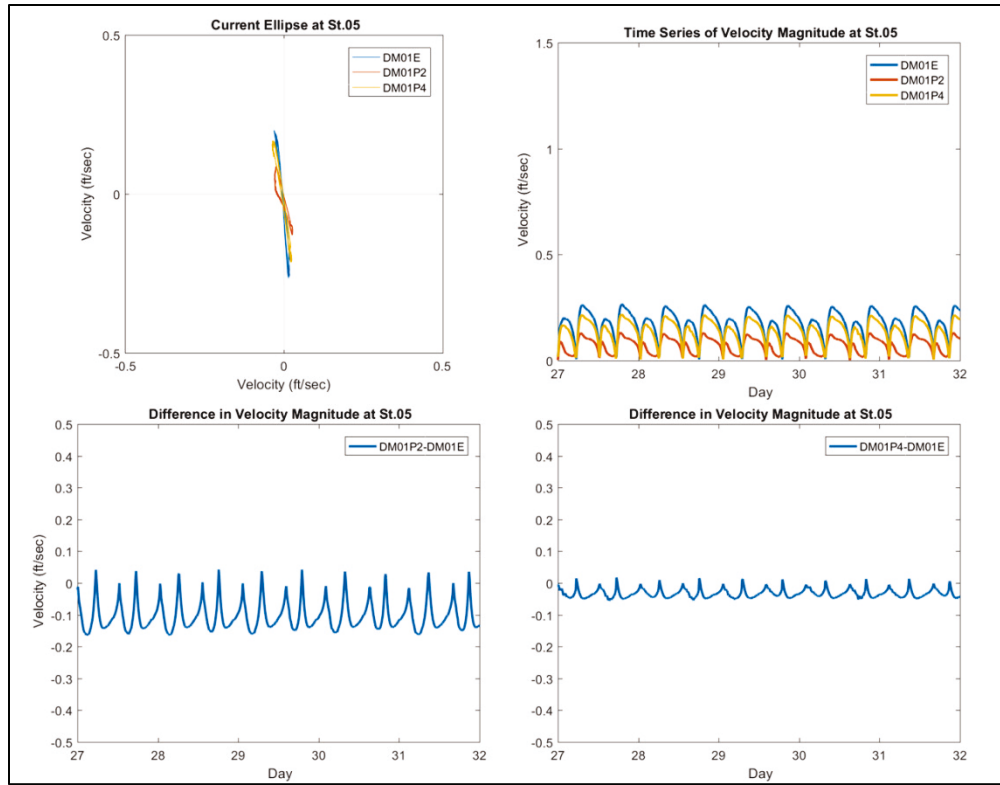


Figure 5-31. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 6 under the low flow conditions.

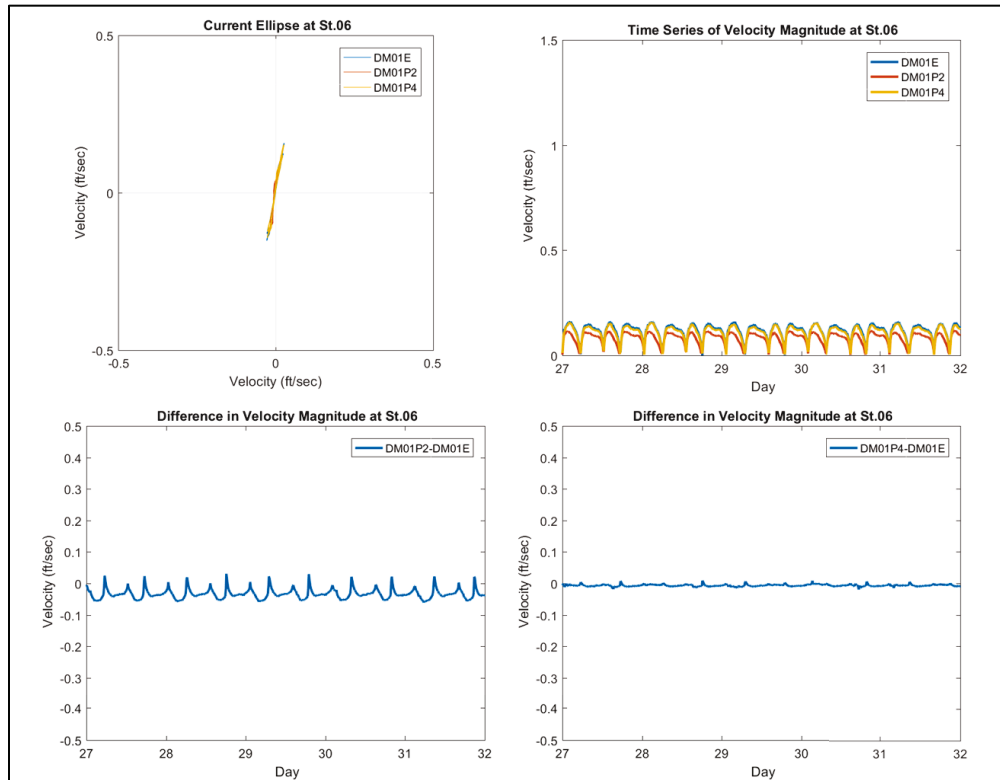


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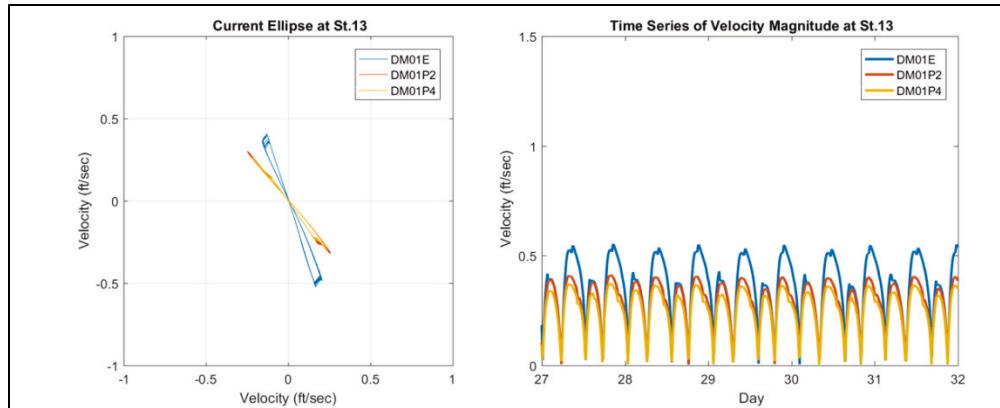


Figure 5-33. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 15 under the low flow conditions.

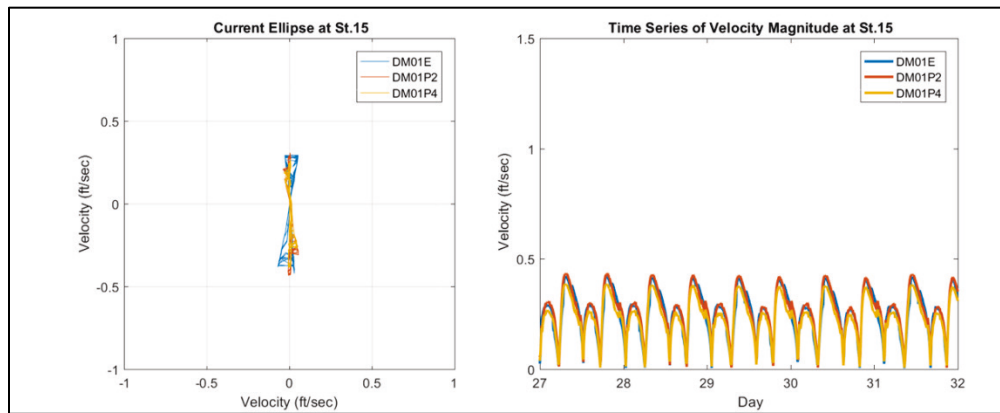


Figure 5-34. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 17 under the low flow conditions.

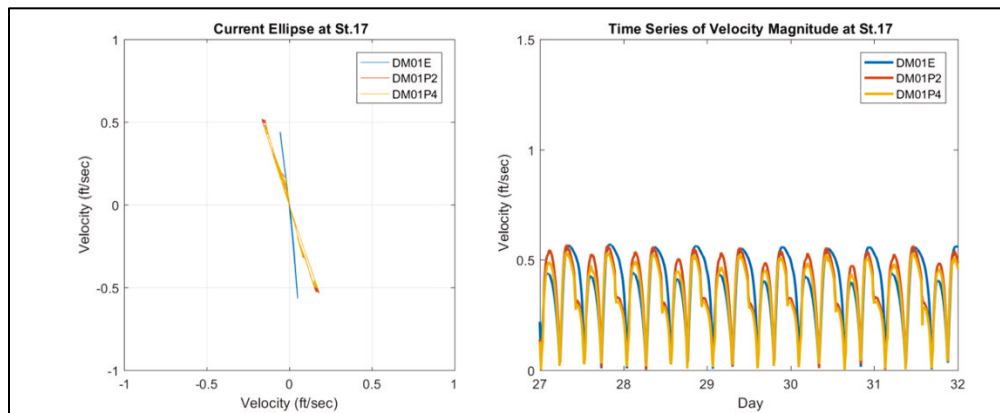
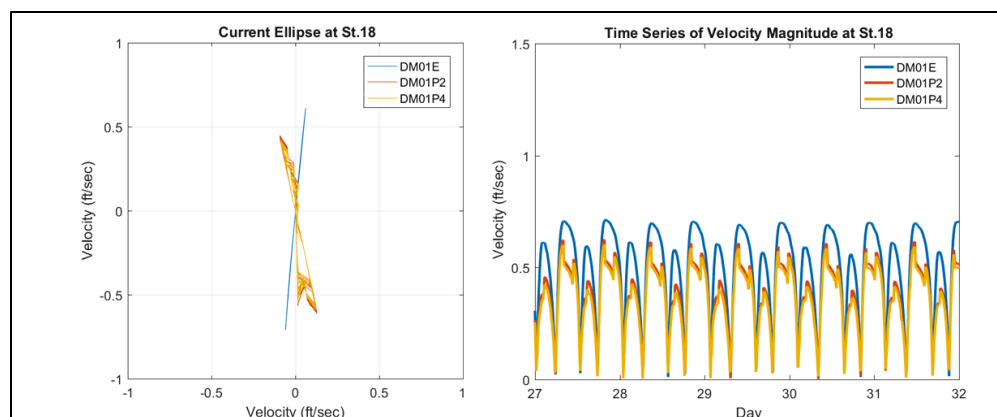


Figure 5-35. Comparisons of velocities at Stn 18 under the low flow conditions.



5.1.7.2 Results on wind-driven waves

Simulations of wind-driven waves were made to examine the hydrodynamic responses to constant wind fields from several wind directions. As listed in Table 5-58, a total of 72 wind-driven wave simulations were carried out; half of the simulations were for investigating the promontory designs under spring tides with high river flows and the other for neap tides and low river flows. In each case, the simulation was initiated from the previous tidal and river flows only simulations at the beginning of the 30th day of the simulation (ADCIRC hot start feature). The simulation duration was 1 day under a constant wind field, keeping other hydrological conditions (tides and river flow) unchanged. In doing so, a fetch-limited, wind-driven wave field can be established in the Dyke Marsh.

By examining model results at several monitoring stations, the winds from different directions cause changes in water levels, river flow velocities (including tidal currents), and waves. For example, at Stn 3, located upstream of the promontories, magnitudes of tidal currents are reduced by the structures (Figure 5-37), and the tidal current directions are also altered (Figure 5-36). Under the northerly wind (from the south), the significant wave heights are lower than those in cases without a structure (Figure 5-38), as the promontory provides shelter in its shadow area against the south-wind-induced waves. Similar reduction effects on flows and waves can be found at other stations at the western bank of the marsh (e.g., Figure 5-39–Figure 5-41 for Stn 5). However, the tidal current directions at Stn 5 are not changed much since it is farther away from the promontory. Along the eastern bank, the structures induce a limited influence on flows and waves (e.g., Figure 5-42 through Figure 5-44 for Stn 15).

Under the spring tides and high flow conditions (19,700 cfs) for all the wind-driven wave simulations with and without structures, the computed maximum significant wave height values are provided in Table 5-59. The numerical values in the table can be used to confirm reduction rates of wave heights for the promontories.

To quantify the effectiveness of the structures for reducing wave energy, Table 5-60 provides reduction rates of the maximum wave heights for each structure under those wind conditions, in comparison with the present condition (DMO1E). The wave height reduction rate (R) is calculated by the equation

$$R = \frac{H_i - H_{oi}}{H_{oi}} \quad (1)$$

where H_i represents the maximum significant wave height at a location in the case of an installed structure, H_{oi} denotes the maximum significant wave height at the same location under the current condition (no structure installed). The R value will be negative if the structure reduces wave height at that location.

For the low river flow condition (4,100 cfs), the maximum wave height values at the 18 stations are listed in Table 5-61. The values of wave heights for the low flow are slightly smaller than those for the high flow. Table 5-62 gives the wave reduction rates at the 18 selected stations for two promontory designs under 12 wind conditions.

Figure 5-36. Current ellipses at Stn 3 by 20 mph wind from five directions.

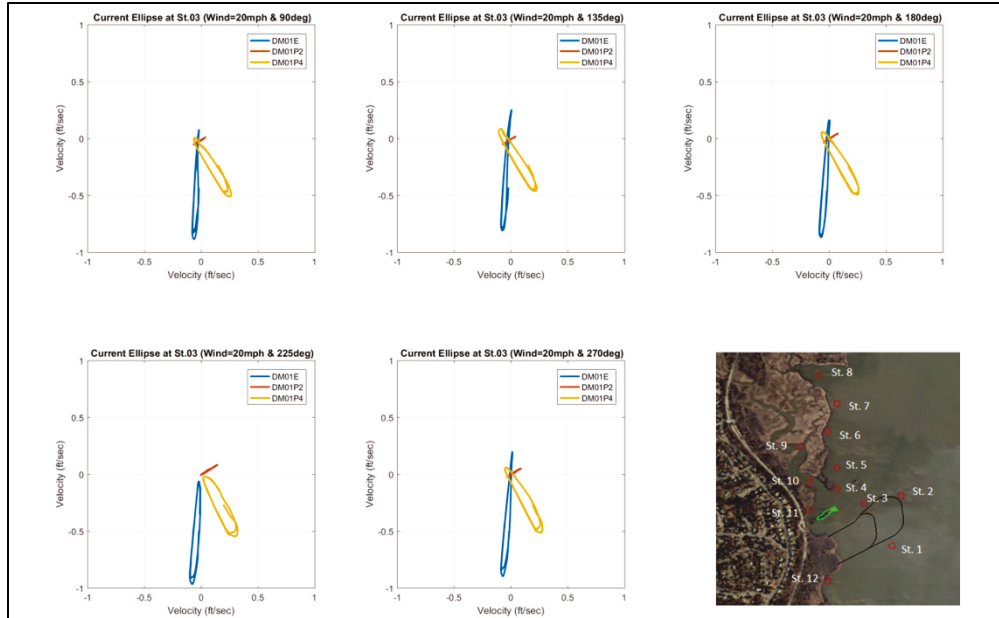


Figure 5-37. Flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 3 by 20 mph wind from five directions.

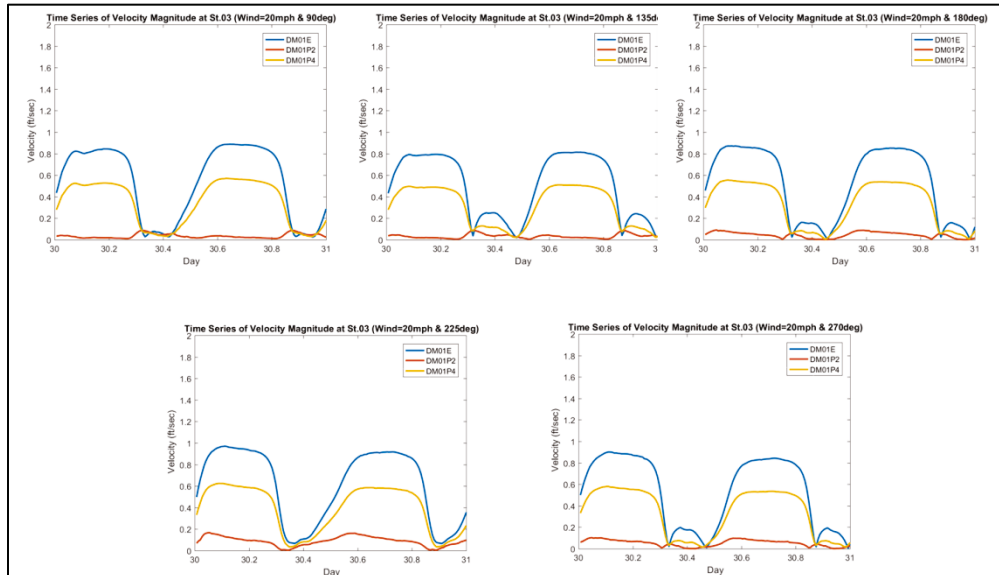


Figure 5-38. Time series of significant wave heights, water levels, and wind speed at Stn 3 by 20 mph wind toward north (90°).

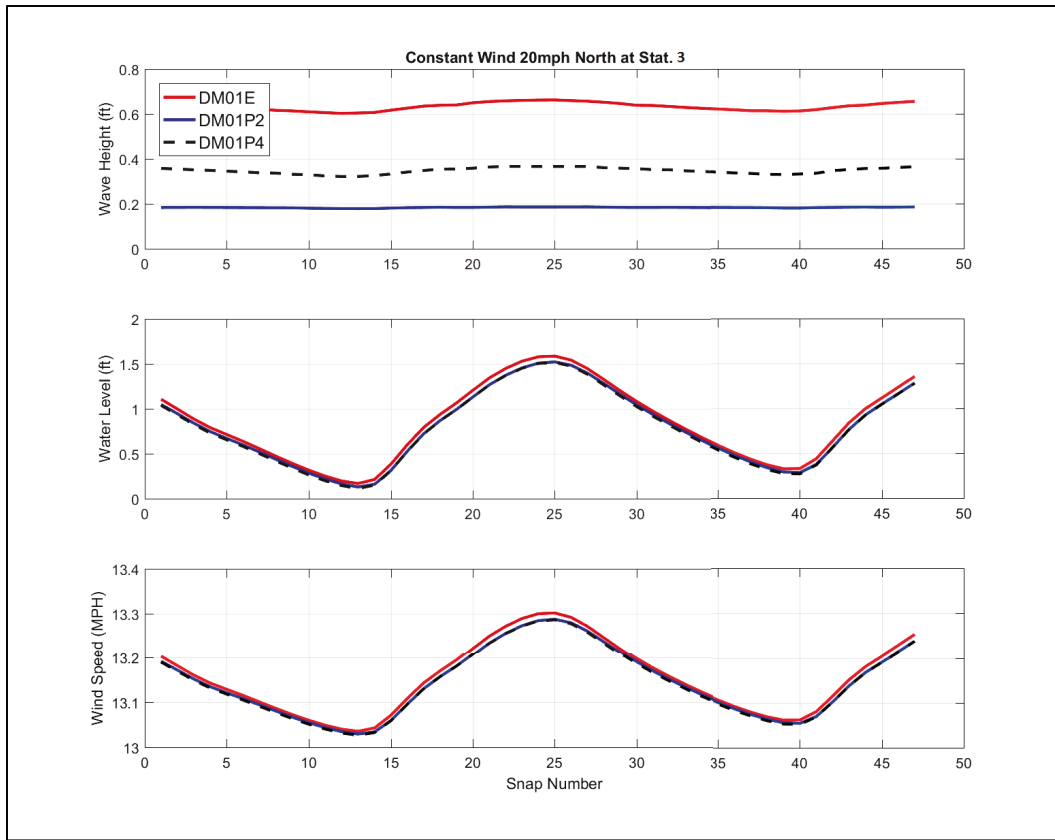


Figure 5-39. Current ellipses at Stn 5 by 20 mph wind from five directions.

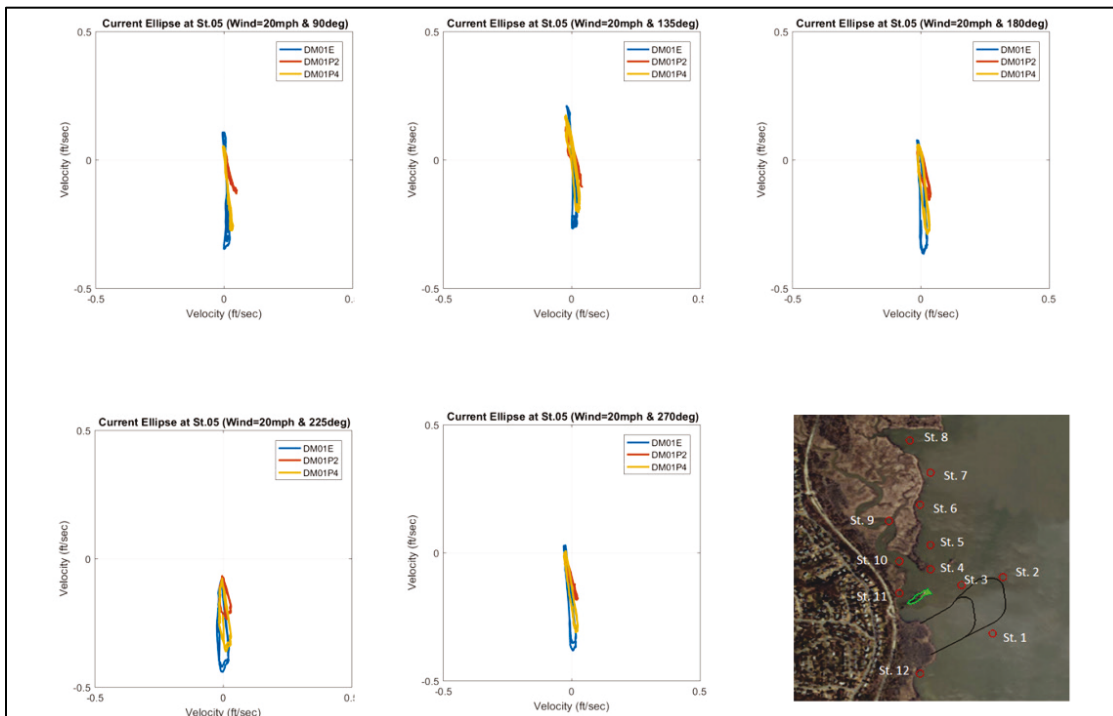


Figure 5-40. Flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 5 by 20 mph wind from five directions.

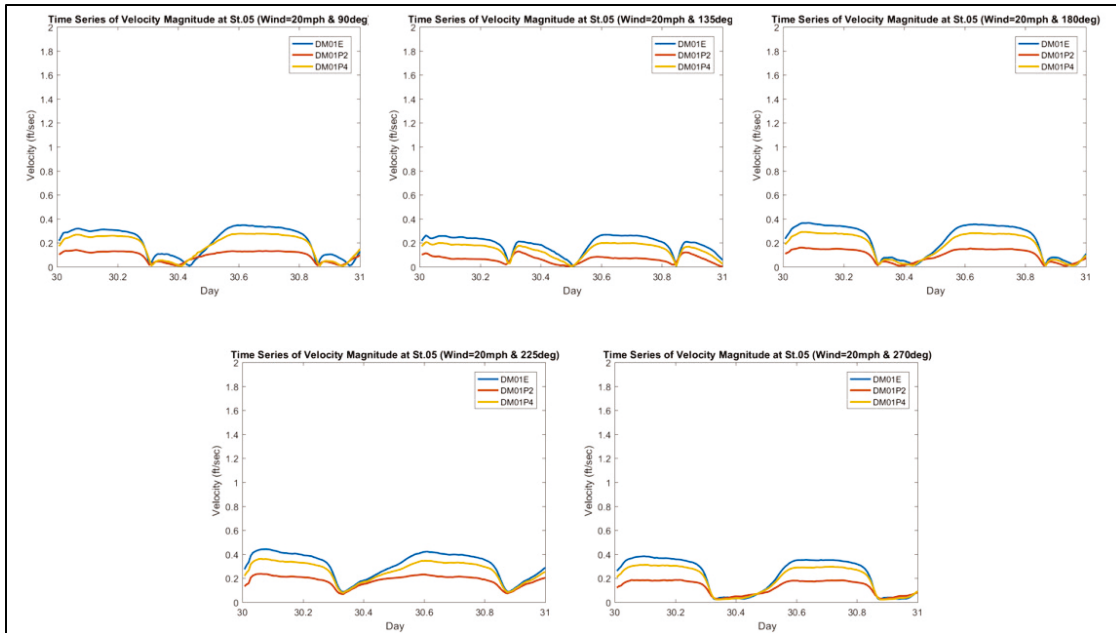


Figure 5-41. Time series of significant wave heights, water levels, and wind speed at Stn 5 by 20 mph wind from south (90 degrees).

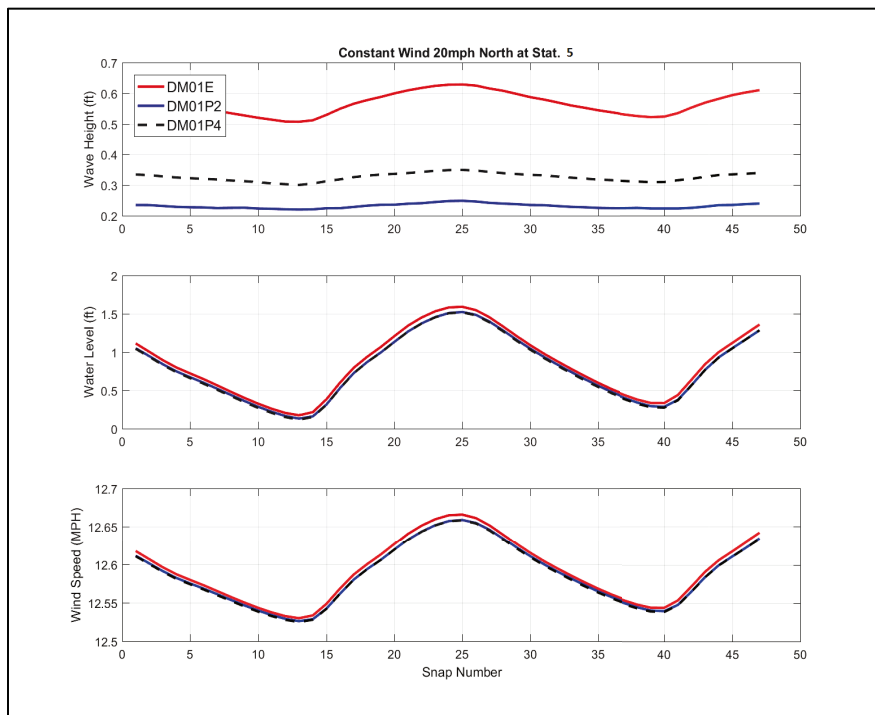


Figure 5-42. Current ellipses at Stn 15 by 20 mph wind from five directions.

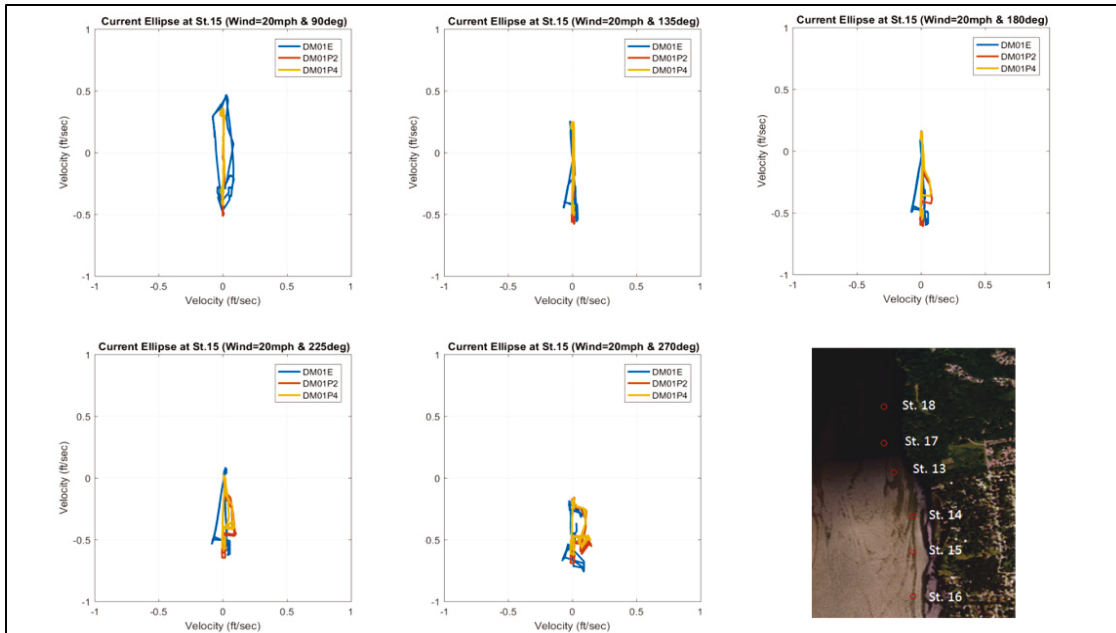


Figure 5-43. Flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 15 by 20 mph wind from five directions.

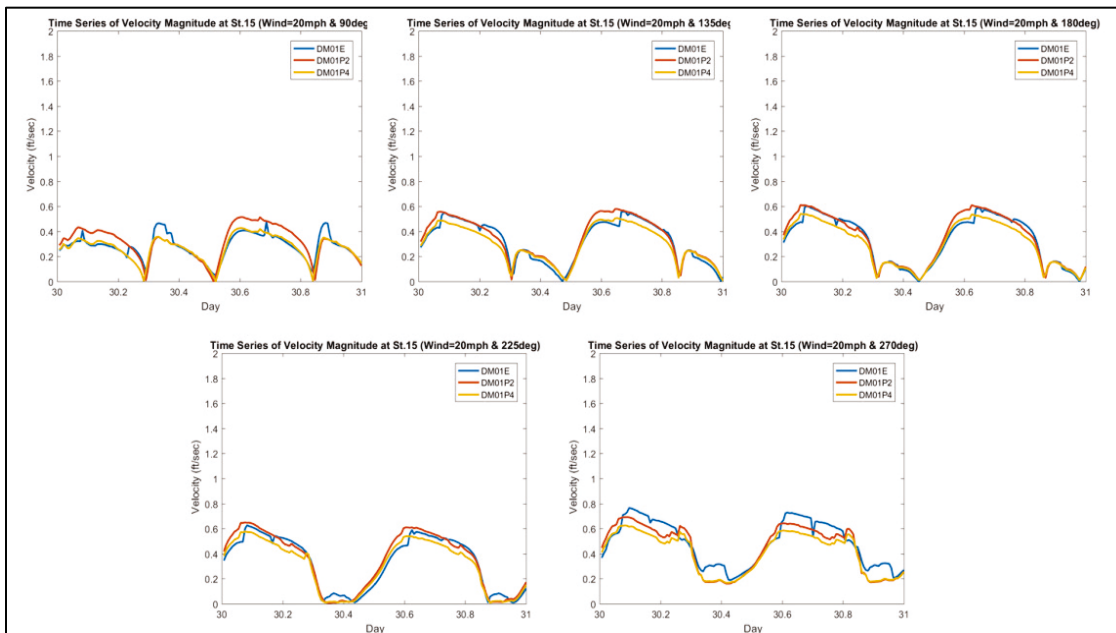


Figure 5-44. Time series of significant wave heights, water levels, and wind speed at Stn 15 by 20 mph northerly wind (90°).

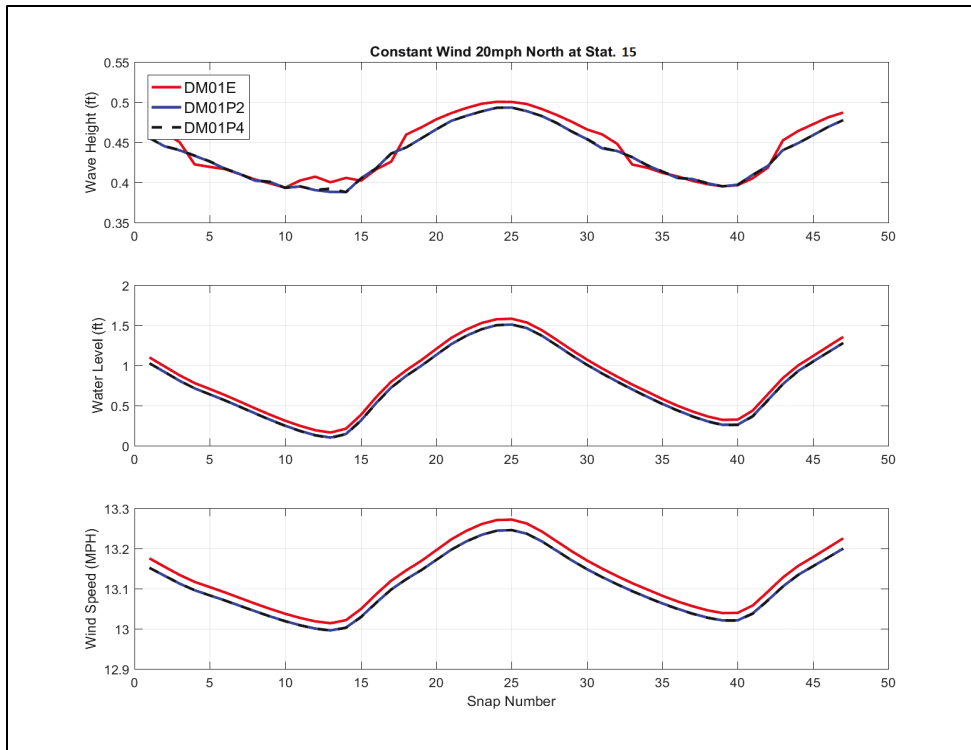


Table 5-59. Maximum significant wave height values in feet at the 18 locations under spring tides and high river flows.

Wind	Structure	St.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
45 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.268	0.301	0.239	0.224	0.186	0.157	0.186	0.191	0.179	0.198	0.167	0.087	0.444	0.453	0.459	0.461	0.000	0.460
		DM01P2	0.246	0.213	0.208	0.214	0.183	0.155	0.184	0.190	0.179	0.196	0.166	0.087	0.000	0.450	0.459	0.459	0.475	0.484
		DM01P4	0.249	0.287	0.210	0.213	0.183	0.156	0.185	0.191	0.179	0.196	0.166	0.087	0.000	0.452	0.459	0.460	0.479	0.487
90 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.670	0.726	0.659	0.597	0.622	0.529	0.668	0.422	0.186	0.309	0.193	0.299	0.333	0.477	0.497	0.538	0.000	0.398
		DM01P2	0.670	0.496	0.186	0.226	0.249	0.254	0.446	0.352	0.178	0.197	0.176	0.299	0.000	0.474	0.493	0.537	0.636	0.665
		DM01P4	0.670	0.723	0.366	0.239	0.350	0.393	0.585	0.404	0.178	0.201	0.176	0.299	0.000	0.474	0.493	0.537	0.637	0.666
135 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.559	0.584	0.655	0.611	0.643	0.599	0.656	0.578	0.189	0.387	0.484	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233
		DM01P2	0.558	0.524	0.247	0.276	0.413	0.528	0.599	0.560	0.188	0.263	0.204	0.479	0.000	0.260	0.280	0.314	0.298	0.311
		DM01P4	0.558	0.580	0.553	0.465	0.566	0.570	0.641	0.572	0.188	0.311	0.207	0.479	0.000	0.260	0.280	0.314	0.298	0.311
180 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.351	0.342	0.368	0.376	0.390	0.369	0.367	0.335	0.135	0.203	0.360	0.366	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160
		DM01P2	0.348	0.342	0.235	0.373	0.390	0.370	0.369	0.335	0.141	0.197	0.273	0.364	0.000	0.157	0.160	0.180	0.156	0.167
		DM01P4	0.350	0.342	0.368	0.375	0.389	0.370	0.369	0.335	0.141	0.203	0.319	0.365	0.000	0.157	0.160	0.180	0.156	0.166
225 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.569	0.607	0.714	0.672	0.751	0.630	0.647	0.375	0.145	0.262	0.410	0.414	0.166	0.188	0.192	0.201	0.000	0.181
		DM01P2	0.461	0.611	0.671	0.672	0.751	0.633	0.646	0.375	0.145	0.267	0.399	0.401	0.000	0.175	0.194	0.200	0.190	0.197
		DM01P4	0.570	0.611	0.714	0.672	0.751	0.632	0.646	0.375	0.145	0.263	0.407	0.401	0.000	0.175	0.194	0.200	0.190	0.197
270 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.779	0.702	0.662	0.502	0.494	0.387	0.423	0.215	0.160	0.197	0.263	0.295	0.184	0.320	0.422	0.489	0.000	0.421
		DM01P2	0.394	0.702	0.659	0.502	0.496	0.389	0.423	0.216	0.160	0.197	0.260	0.255	0.000	0.309	0.424	0.490	0.469	0.438
		DM01P4	0.770	0.702	0.662	0.502	0.496	0.391	0.423	0.215	0.160	0.197	0.261	0.261	0.000	0.309	0.424	0.490	0.469	0.438
45 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.460	0.505	0.405	0.358	0.331	0.220	0.298	0.317	0.298	0.297	0.230	0.100	0.737	0.737	0.749	0.750	0.000	0.770
		DM01P2	0.438	0.306	0.351	0.342	0.316	0.216	0.290	0.317	0.296	0.293	0.226	0.101	0.771	0.734	0.749	0.748	0.783	0.803
		DM01P4	0.441	0.454	0.354	0.342	0.317	0.218	0.293	0.317	0.296	0.293	0.226	0.100	0.776	0.736	0.748	0.748	0.790	0.808
90 deg	30 mph	DM01E	1.152	1.218	1.117	0.969	1.040	0.866	1.092	0.724	0.451	0.528	0.363	0.520	0.907	0.807	0.824	0.902	0.995	0.620
		DM01P2	1.152	0.799	0.271	0.375	0.440	0.451	0.724	0.607	0.360	0.349	0.242	0.520	0.898	0.799	0.826	0.898	0.933	0.959
		DM01P4	1.152	1.213	0.582	0.400	0.604	0.650	0.954	0.690	0.400	0.359	0.243	0.520	0.898	0.799	0.826	0.898	0.934	0.963
135 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.951	1.005	1.113	0.995	1.068	0.981	1.089	0.946	0.287	0.606	0.814	0.800	0.281	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.315
		DM01P2	0.949	0.907	0.340	0.426	0.669	0.892	0.998	0.927	0.316	0.433	0.351	0.800	0.000	0.408	0.437	0.498	0.450	0.483
		DM01P4	0.950	0.999	0.938	0.782	0.948	0.940	1.065	0.937	0.300	0.516	0.353	0.800	0.000	0.408	0.437	0.498	0.450	0.483
180 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.613	0.597	0.644	0.638	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.194	0.320	0.631	0.613	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.245	0.000	0.208
		DM01P2	0.610	0.601	0.361	0.634	0.672	0.630	0.633	0.575	0.182	0.304	0.462	0.615	0.000	0.221	0.225	0.261	0.209	0.219
		DM01P4	0.615	0.601	0.646	0.642	0.671	0.630	0.633	0.575	0.194	0.322	0.539	0.617	0.000	0.221	0.225	0.261	0.209	0.218
225 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.921	0.972	1.128	1.014	1.180	0.972	1.054	0.596	0.230	0.335	0.622	0.643	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240
		DM01P2	0.759	0.975	1.069	1.017	1.182	0.977	1.056	0.596	0.230	0.342	0.612	0.641	0.000	0.254	0.282	0.293	0.261	0.272
		DM01P4	0.908	0.974	1.130	1.015	1.181	0.976	1.055	0.595	0.229	0.339	0.624	0.649	0.000	0.255	0.282	0.294	0.261	0.272
270 deg	30 mph	DM01E	1.273	1.139	1.065	0.817	0.816	0.631	0.688	0.313	0.210	0.284	0.389	0.456	0.239	0.519	0.674	0.781	0.000	0.676
		DM01P2	0.607	1.140	1.061	0.818	0.818	0.635	0.688	0.313	0.211	0.287	0.386	0.359	0.000	0.509	0.682	0.788	0.736	0.700
		DM01P4	1.256	1.139	1.067	0.817	0.817	0.635	0.688	0.313	0.210	0.285	0.390	0.374	0.000	0.509	0.682	0.788	0.735	0.700

Table 5-60. Reduction rate of maximum significant wave height at the 18 locations under spring tides and high river flows.

Wind	Structure	St.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
45 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.268	0.301	0.239	0.224	0.186	0.157	0.186	0.191	0.179	0.198	0.167	0.087	0.444	0.453	0.459	0.461	0.000	0.460
		DM01P2	-8%	-29%	-13%	-5%	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%	0%	0%	N/A	5%
		DM01P4	-7%	-5%	-12%	-5%	-2%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	0%	0%	0%	N/A	6%
90 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.670	0.726	0.659	0.597	0.622	0.529	0.668	0.422	0.186	0.309	0.193	0.299	0.333	0.477	0.497	0.538	0.000	0.398
		DM01P2	0%	-32%	-72%	-62%	-60%	-52%	-33%	-17%	-4%	-36%	-9%	0%	Dry	-1%	-1%	0%	N/A	67%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	-44%	-60%	-44%	-26%	-12%	-4%	-4%	-35%	-9%	0%	Dry	-1%	-1%	0%	N/A	67%
135 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.559	0.584	0.655	0.611	0.643	0.599	0.656	0.578	0.189	0.387	0.484	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233
		DM01P2	0%	-10%	-62%	-55%	-36%	-12%	-9%	-3%	-1%	-32%	-58%	0%	Dry	4%	5%	6%	N/A	33%
		DM01P4	0%	-1%	-16%	-24%	-12%	-5%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-20%	-57%	0%	Dry	4%	5%	6%	N/A	33%
180 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.351	0.342	0.368	0.376	0.390	0.369	0.367	0.335	0.135	0.203	0.360	0.366	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160
		DM01P2	-1%	0%	-36%	-1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	4%	-3%	-24%	-1%	Dry	-3%	2%	7%	N/A	4%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	4%	0%	-11%	0%	Dry	-3%	2%	7%	N/A	4%
225 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.569	0.607	0.714	0.672	0.751	0.630	0.647	0.375	0.145	0.262	0.410	0.414	0.166	0.188	0.192	0.201	0.000	0.181
		DM01P2	-19%	1%	-6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	-3%	-3%	Dry	-7%	1%	-1%	N/A	9%
		DM01P4	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	Dry	-7%	1%	-1%	N/A	9%
270 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.779	0.702	0.662	0.502	0.494	0.387	0.423	0.215	0.160	0.197	0.263	0.295	0.184	0.320	0.422	0.489	0.000	0.421
		DM01P2	-50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-14%	Dry	-4%	0%	0%	N/A	4%
		DM01P4	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-12%	Dry	-4%	0%	0%	N/A	4%
45 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.460	0.505	0.405	0.358	0.331	0.220	0.298	0.317	0.298	0.297	0.230	0.100	0.737	0.737	0.749	0.750	0.000	0.770
		DM01P2	-5%	-39%	-13%	-4%	-5%	-2%	-3%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	4%
		DM01P4	-4%	-10%	-13%	-4%	-4%	-1%	-2%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	5%
90 deg	30 mph	DM01E	1.152	1.218	1.117	0.969	1.040	0.866	1.092	0.724	0.451	0.528	0.363	0.520	0.907	0.807	0.824	0.902	0.000	0.620
		DM01P2	0%	-34%	-76%	-61%	-58%	-48%	-34%	-16%	-20%	-34%	-33%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	N/A	55%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	-48%	-59%	-42%	-25%	-13%	-5%	-11%	-32%	-33%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	N/A	55%
135 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.951	1.005	1.113	0.995	1.068	0.981	1.089	0.946	0.287	0.606	0.814	0.800	0.281	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.315
		DM01P2	0%	-10%	-69%	-57%	-37%	-9%	-8%	-2%	10%	-29%	-57%	0%	Dry	6%	0%	1%	N/A	54%
		DM01P4	0%	-1%	-16%	-21%	-11%	-4%	-2%	-1%	4%	-15%	-57%	0%	Dry	6%	0%	1%	N/A	54%
180 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.613	0.597	0.644	0.638	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.194	0.320	0.631	0.613	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.245	0.000	0.208
		DM01P2	0%	1%	-44%	-1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-6%	-5%	-27%	0%	Dry	-1%	1%	7%	N/A	5%
		DM01P4	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-14%	1%	Dry	-1%	1%	7%	N/A	5%
225 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.921	0.972	1.128	1.014	1.180	0.972	1.054	0.596	0.230	0.335	0.622	0.643	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240
		DM01P2	-18%	0%	-5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	-2%	0%	Dry	-4%	3%	0%	N/A	14%
		DM01P4	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	Dry	-4%	3%	0%	N/A	14%
270 deg	30 mph	DM01E	1.273	1.139	1.065	0.817	0.816	0.631	0.688	0.313	0.210	0.284	0.389	0.456	0.239	0.519	0.674	0.781	0.000	0.676
		DM01P2	-52%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	-21%	Dry	-2%	1%	1%	N/A	4%
		DM01P4	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-18%	Dry	-2%	1%	1%	N/A	3%

Table 5-61. Maximum significant wave height values in feet at the 18 locations under summer tides and low river flows.

		Structure	St.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
45 deg	20 mph	DM01E		0.269	0.297	0.231	0.203	0.186	0.168	0.186	0.190	0.149	0.169	0.163	0.156	0.441	0.436	0.449	0.452	0.000	0.453
		DM01P2		0.248	0.210	0.201	0.193	0.185	0.166	0.184	0.189	0.150	0.168	0.163	0.156	0.000	0.434	0.449	0.451	0.472	0.480
		DM01P4		0.251	0.284	0.204	0.193	0.183	0.167	0.185	0.190	0.149	0.168	0.163	0.156	0.000	0.435	0.449	0.452	0.474	0.483
90 deg	20 mph	DM01E		0.660	0.704	0.645	0.568	0.593	0.481	0.639	0.380	0.178	0.251	0.193	0.286	0.326	0.449	0.471	0.508	0.000	0.389
		DM01P2		0.660	0.472	0.185	0.222	0.236	0.240	0.431	0.322	0.178	0.169	0.175	0.285	0.000	0.438	0.463	0.513	0.602	0.638
		DM01P4		0.660	0.701	0.358	0.234	0.336	0.361	0.563	0.365	0.179	0.170	0.175	0.286	0.000	0.439	0.286	0.513	0.602	0.639
135 deg	20 mph	DM01E		0.350	0.341	0.367	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.190	0.284	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.148	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P2		0.345	0.341	0.240	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.367	0.326	0.147	0.180	0.239	0.349	0.000	0.154	0.155	0.180	0.155	0.167
		DM01P4		0.349	0.341	0.367	0.373	0.389	0.365	0.367	0.326	0.147	0.189	0.276	0.350	0.000	0.154	0.155	0.180	0.155	0.167
180 deg	20 mph	DM01E		0.350	0.341	0.367	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.190	0.284	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.148	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P2		0.345	0.341	0.240	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.367	0.326	0.147	0.180	0.239	0.349	0.000	0.154	0.155	0.180	0.155	0.167
		DM01P4		0.349	0.341	0.367	0.373	0.389	0.365	0.367	0.326	0.147	0.189	0.276	0.350	0.000	0.154	0.155	0.180	0.155	0.167
225 deg	20 mph	DM01E		0.547	0.589	0.701	0.632	0.728	0.590	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.366	0.392	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.181
		DM01P2		0.448	0.586	0.660	0.634	0.728	0.592	0.616	0.346	0.171	0.245	0.357	0.376	0.000	0.160	0.191	0.197	0.184	0.182
		DM01P4		0.548	0.587	0.702	0.634	0.728	0.593	0.616	0.346	0.171	0.245	0.367	0.375	0.000	0.160	0.191	0.198	0.184	0.183
270 deg	20 mph	DM01E		0.750	0.661	0.637	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.218	0.159	0.186	0.254	0.298	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
		DM01P2		0.389	0.661	0.633	0.470	0.477	0.373	0.392	0.217	0.160	0.190	0.253	0.254	0.000	0.296	0.399	0.464	0.353	0.236
		DM01P4		0.738	0.661	0.638	0.470	0.477	0.373	0.392	0.218	0.160	0.189	0.254	0.262	0.000	0.296	0.399	0.464	0.353	0.235
45 deg	30 mph	DM01E		0.454	0.499	0.394	0.334	0.269	0.232	0.267	0.269	0.261	0.272	0.217	0.206	0.729	0.714	0.732	0.737	0.000	0.759
		DM01P2		0.434	0.298	0.344	0.322	0.270	0.229	0.263	0.269	0.261	0.270	0.216	0.206	0.000	0.712	0.732	0.735	0.773	0.790
		DM01P4		0.437	0.449	0.346	0.322	0.265	0.230	0.263	0.269	0.261	0.270	0.216	0.206	0.000	0.714	0.732	0.735	0.780	0.798
90 deg	30 mph	DM01E		1.127	1.182	1.086	0.919	0.984	0.769	1.038	0.638	0.267	0.447	0.290	0.498	0.524	0.764	0.796	0.852	0.000	0.613
		DM01P2		1.127	0.766	0.269	0.369	0.408	0.409	0.695	0.532	0.265	0.318	0.232	0.498	0.000	0.754	0.780	0.859	0.862	0.932
		DM01P4		1.127	1.177	0.564	0.391	0.580	0.583	0.912	0.607	0.266	0.323	0.234	0.498	0.000	0.755	0.780	0.860	0.864	0.936
135 deg	30 mph	DM01E		0.935	0.980	1.089	0.944	1.028	0.936	1.042	0.889	0.266	0.481	0.215	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.458	0.000	0.307
		DM01P2		0.934	0.885	0.331	0.414	0.639	0.853	0.952	0.886	0.266	0.378	0.245	0.761	0.000	0.368	0.402	0.472	0.430	0.473
		DM01P4		0.934	0.975	0.916	0.753	0.916	0.897	1.021	0.893	0.266	0.448	0.248	0.761	0.000	0.368	0.402	0.472	0.430	0.473
180 deg	30 mph	DM01E		0.612	0.595	0.641	0.626	0.672	0.616	0.623	0.556	0.194	0.279	0.473	0.585	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.209
		DM01P2		0.607	0.596	0.375	0.616	0.669	0.616	0.625	0.558	0.194	0.262	0.401	0.583	0.000	0.210	0.211	0.254	0.206	0.218
		DM01P4		0.612	0.597	0.641	0.624	0.669	0.616	0.625	0.557	0.194	0.279	0.467	0.585	0.000	0.210	0.210	0.254	0.207	0.218
225 deg	30 mph	DM01E		0.867	0.909	1.109	0.914	1.114	0.870	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.297	0.000	0.581	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
		DM01P2		0.723	0.909	1.049	0.914	1.115	0.871	1.003	0.562	0.244	0.294	0.000	0.581	0.000	0.206	0.259	0.284	0.242	0.237
		DM01P4		0.863	0.909	1.108	0.913	1.114	0.870	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.293	0.000	0.578	0.000	0.206	0.259	0.284	0.242	0.237
270 deg	30 mph	DM01E		1.178	1.022	0.992	0.730	0.763	0.567	0.647	0.312	0.219	0.249	0.000	0.449	0.236	0.459	0.603	0.710	0.000	0.672
		DM01P2		0.576	1.022	0.982	0.730	0.764	0.567	0.647	0.311	0.219	0.250	0.000	0.364	0.000	0.465	0.605	0.710	0.498	0.308
		DM01P4		1.152	1.023	0.990	0.731	0.764	0.567	0.647	0.311	0.219	0.249	0.000	0.378	0.000	0.465	0.606	0.712	0.499	0.308

Table 5-62. Reduction rate of maximum significant wave height at the 18 locations under summer tides and low river flows.

		Structure \ St.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
45 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.269	0.297	0.231	0.203	0.186	0.168	0.186	0.190	0.149	0.169	0.163	0.156	0.441	0.436	0.449	0.452	0.000	0.453
		DM01P2	-8%	-29%	-13%	-5%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%	0%	0%	N/A	6%
		DM01P4	-7%	-5%	-12%	-5%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	0%	0%	0%	N/A	6%
90 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.660	0.704	0.645	0.568	0.593	0.481	0.639	0.380	0.178	0.251	0.193	0.286	0.326	0.449	0.471	0.508	0.000	0.389
		DM01P2	0%	-33%	-71%	-61%	-60%	-50%	-33%	-15%	0%	-33%	-9%	0%	Dry	-2%	-2%	1%	N/A	64%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	-44%	-59%	-43%	-25%	-12%	-4%	1%	-33%	-9%	0%	Dry	-2%	-2%	1%	N/A	65%
135 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.350	0.341	0.367	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.190	0.284	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.148	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P2	-1%	0%	-35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	-16%	-1%	Dry	0%	5%	8%	N/A	3%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	-1%	Dry	0%	5%	9%	N/A	3%
180 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.350	0.341	0.367	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.190	0.284	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.148	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P2	-1%	0%	-35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	-16%	-1%	Dry	0%	5%	8%	N/A	3%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	-1%	Dry	0%	5%	9%	N/A	3%
225 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.547	0.589	0.701	0.632	0.728	0.590	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.366	0.392	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.181
		DM01P2	-18%	0%	-6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-4%	Dry	-10%	6%	1%	N/A	1%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%	Dry	-10%	6%	2%	N/A	1%
270 deg	20 mph	DM01E	0.750	0.661	0.637	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.218	0.159	0.186	0.254	0.298	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
		DM01P2	-48%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	-1%	-15%	Dry	-4%	1%	0%	N/A	-41%
		DM01P4	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-12%	Dry	-4%	1%	0%	N/A	-41%
45 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.454	0.499	0.394	0.334	0.269	0.232	0.267	0.269	0.261	0.272	0.217	0.206	0.729	0.714	0.732	0.737	0.000	0.759
		DM01P2	-4%	-40%	-13%	-4%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	0%	0%	0%	N/A	4%
		DM01P4	-4%	-10%	-12%	-4%	-2%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	0%	0%	0%	N/A	5%
90 deg	30 mph	DM01E	1.127	1.182	1.086	0.919	0.984	0.769	1.038	0.638	0.267	0.447	0.290	0.498	0.524	0.764	0.796	0.852	0.000	0.613
		DM01P2	0%	-35%	-75%	-60%	-59%	-47%	-33%	-17%	-1%	-29%	-20%	0%	Dry	-1%	-2%	1%	N/A	52%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	-48%	-57%	-41%	-24%	-12%	-5%	0%	-28%	-19%	0%	Dry	-1%	-2%	1%	N/A	53%
135 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.935	0.980	1.089	0.944	1.028	0.936	1.042	0.889	0.266	0.481	0.215	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.458	0.000	0.307
		DM01P2	0%	-10%	-70%	-56%	-38%	-9%	-9%	0%	0%	-21%	14%	0%	Dry	2%	4%	3%	N/A	54%
		DM01P4	0%	-1%	-16%	-20%	-11%	-4%	-2%	0%	0%	-7%	15%	0%	Dry	3%	4%	3%	N/A	54%
180 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.612	0.595	0.641	0.626	0.672	0.616	0.623	0.556	0.194	0.279	0.473	0.585	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.209
		DM01P2	-1%	0%	-42%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-6%	-15%	0%	Dry	0%	5%	8%	N/A	5%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	Dry	0%	4%	8%	N/A	5%
225 deg	30 mph	DM01E	0.867	0.909	1.109	0.914	1.114	0.870	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.297	0.000	0.581	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
		DM01P2	-17%	0%	-5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	N/A	0%	Dry	-8%	7%	5%	N/A	-1%
		DM01P4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	N/A	-1%	Dry	-8%	7%	5%	N/A	-1%
270 deg	30 mph	DM01E	1.178	1.022	0.992	0.730	0.763	0.567	0.647	0.312	0.219	0.249	0.000	0.449	0.236	0.459	0.603	0.710	0.000	0.672
		DM01P2	-51%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	-19%	Dry	1%	0%	0%	N/A	-54%
		DM01P4	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	-16%	Dry	1%	1%	0%	N/A	-54%

5.2 Results for evaluation of the proposed groins

The same set of storm conditions that were simulated for the four full promontory alternatives were repeated for the three groin-only alternatives. Color contour plots representing the maximum storm surge water levels (Table 5-63 through Table 5-73), maximum depth-averaged water velocities (Table 5-74 through Table 5-84), maximum significant wave heights (Table 5-85 through Table 5-94), and the difference in maximum significant wave height (Table 5-95 through Table 5-104) are presented. Results for these three groin-only simulations follow similar patterns to the full promontory simulation results. Maximum storm surge water levels are largely unchanged between existing and with-alternative cases, with differences ranging from approximately 0.17 to 0.67 ft (2 to 8 inches), which is within the error tolerance of the model. Table 5-75 presents examples of the differences in maximum water levels with and without structures installed.

Water velocities increase around the end of the groins as would be expected, and for the longest two groins (DMO1P8 followed by DMO1P6), velocities increase more on the eastern side of the Potomac River than with the shorter groin represented in DMO1P7 (e.g., see Table 5-75 for the difference in maximum water velocity for HIS ET Storm No. 0001).

Differences in the significant wave height results showed the most notable changes of the modeled quantities, showing up to a 60% reduction in significant wave heights. Again, the location of the reduction either to the north or south of the groin depended on the direction of the peak winds, with winds out of the south and southeast resulting in wave height reductions to the north of the groin, in the area of the marsh. Winds from the north and northwest generated lower wave heights south of the groin and did not significantly change wave heights north of the groin.

5.2.1 Maximum storm surge results for groin-only designs

Table 5-63. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for four mesh configurations (existing conditions and three groin-only alternatives).

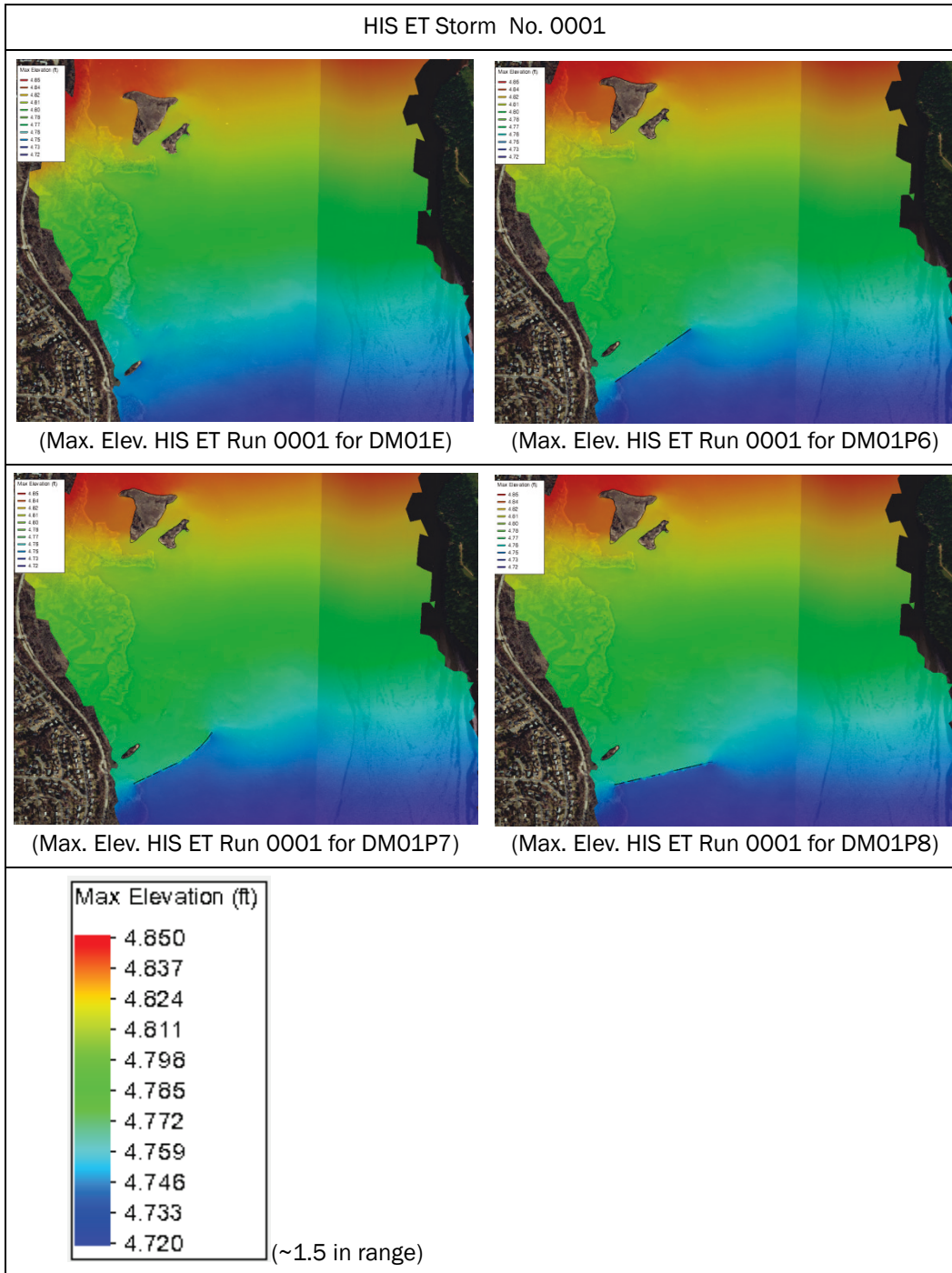


Table 5-64. Difference in maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for all three with-project groin mesh configurations (Project – Existing).

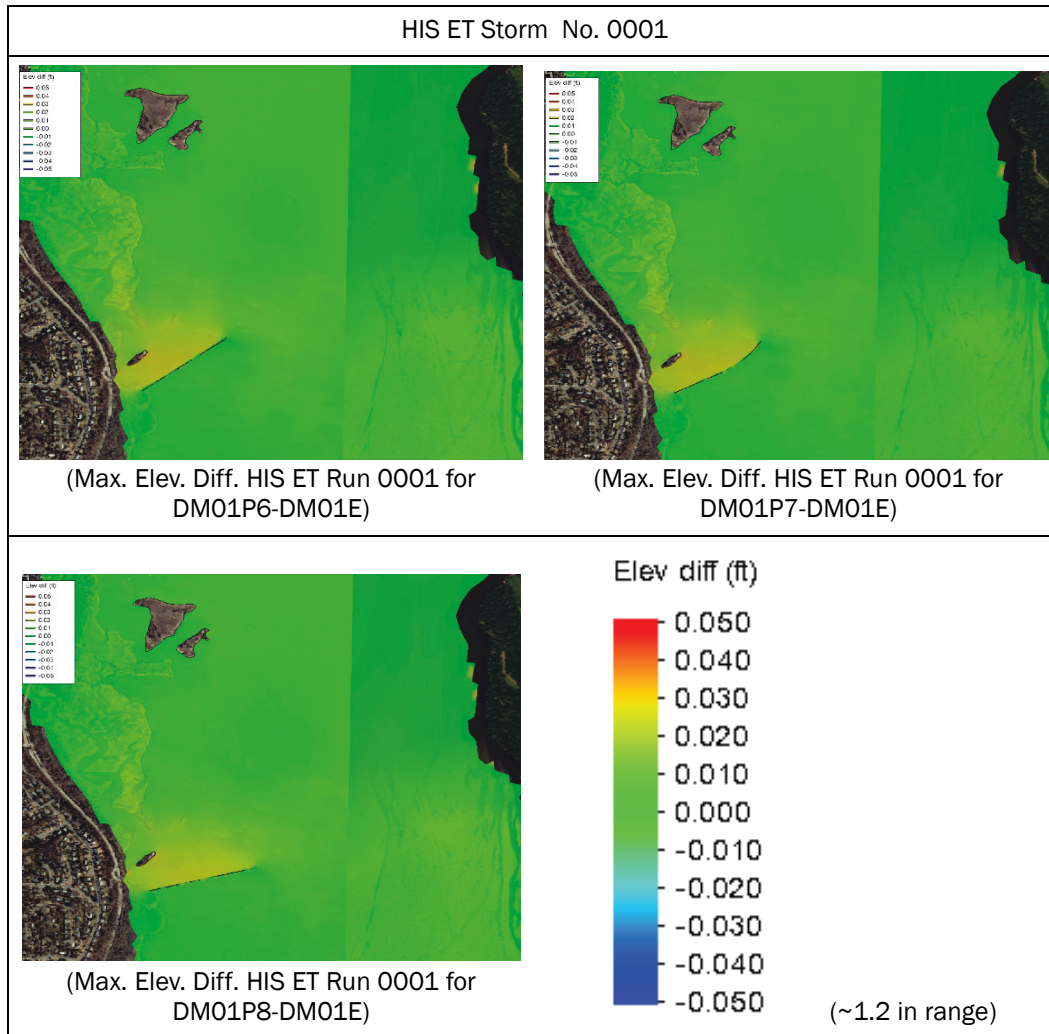


Table 5-65. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for four mesh configurations.

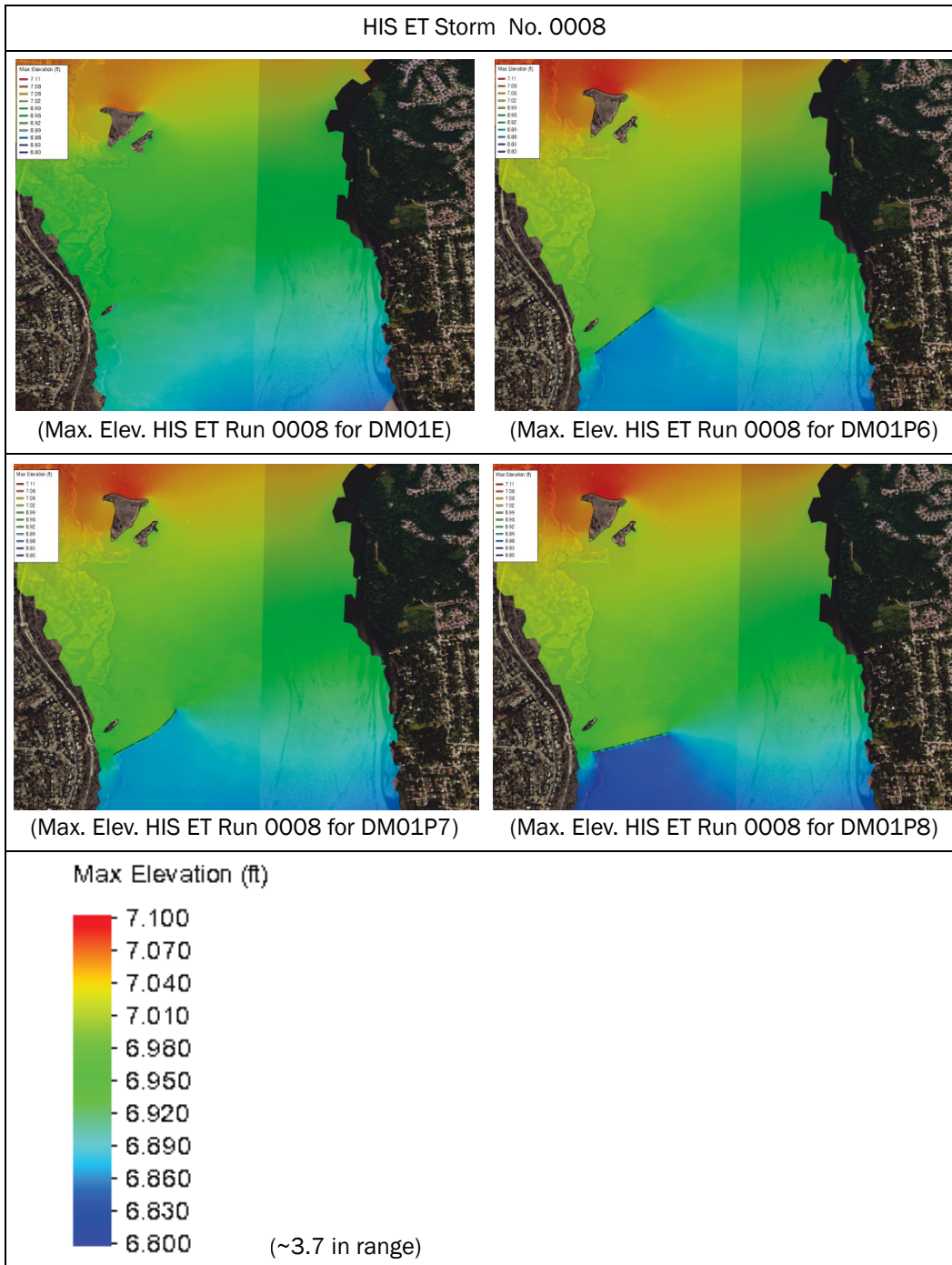


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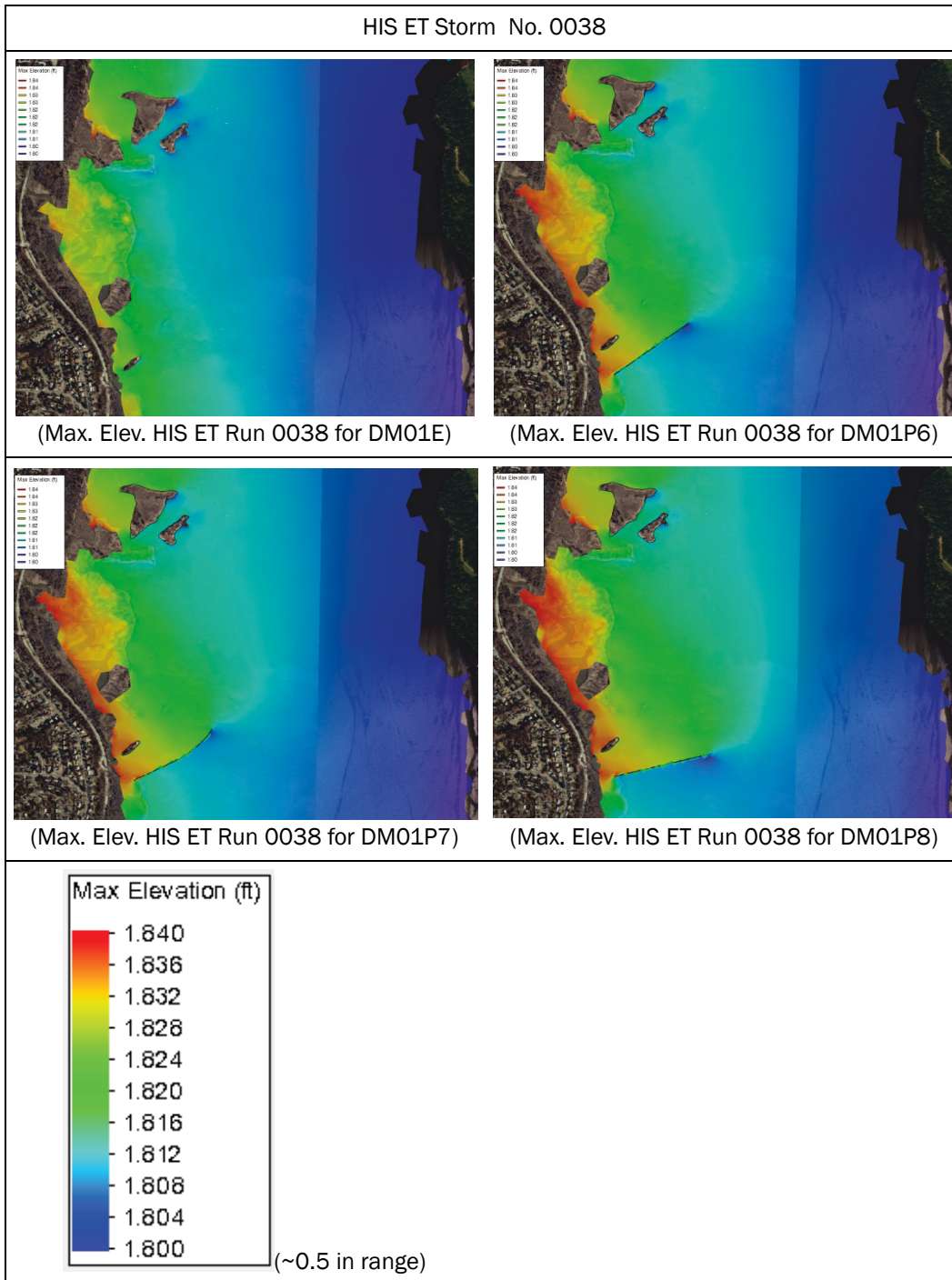


Table 5-67. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 for four mesh configurations.

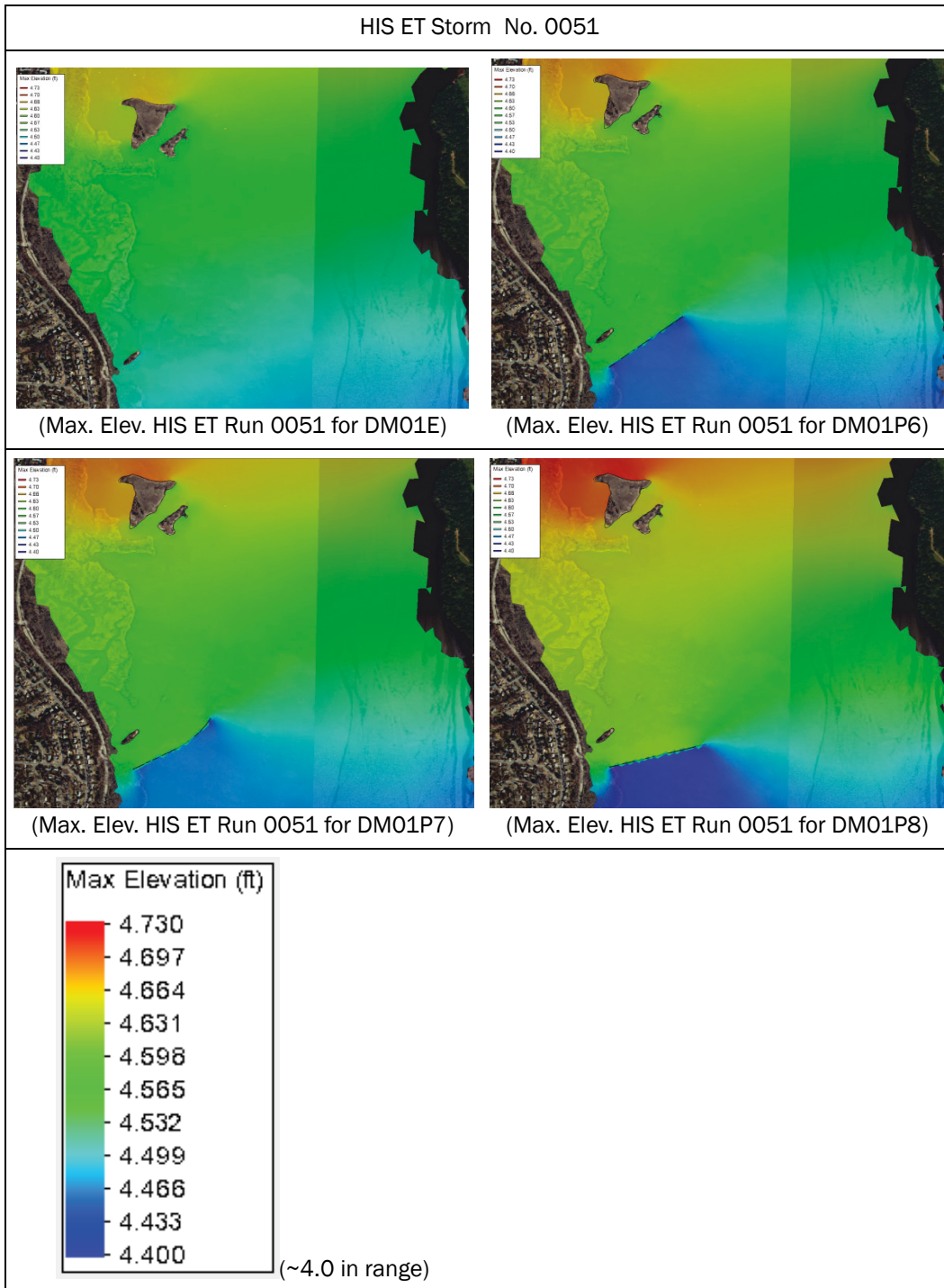


Table 5-68. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 for four mesh configurations.

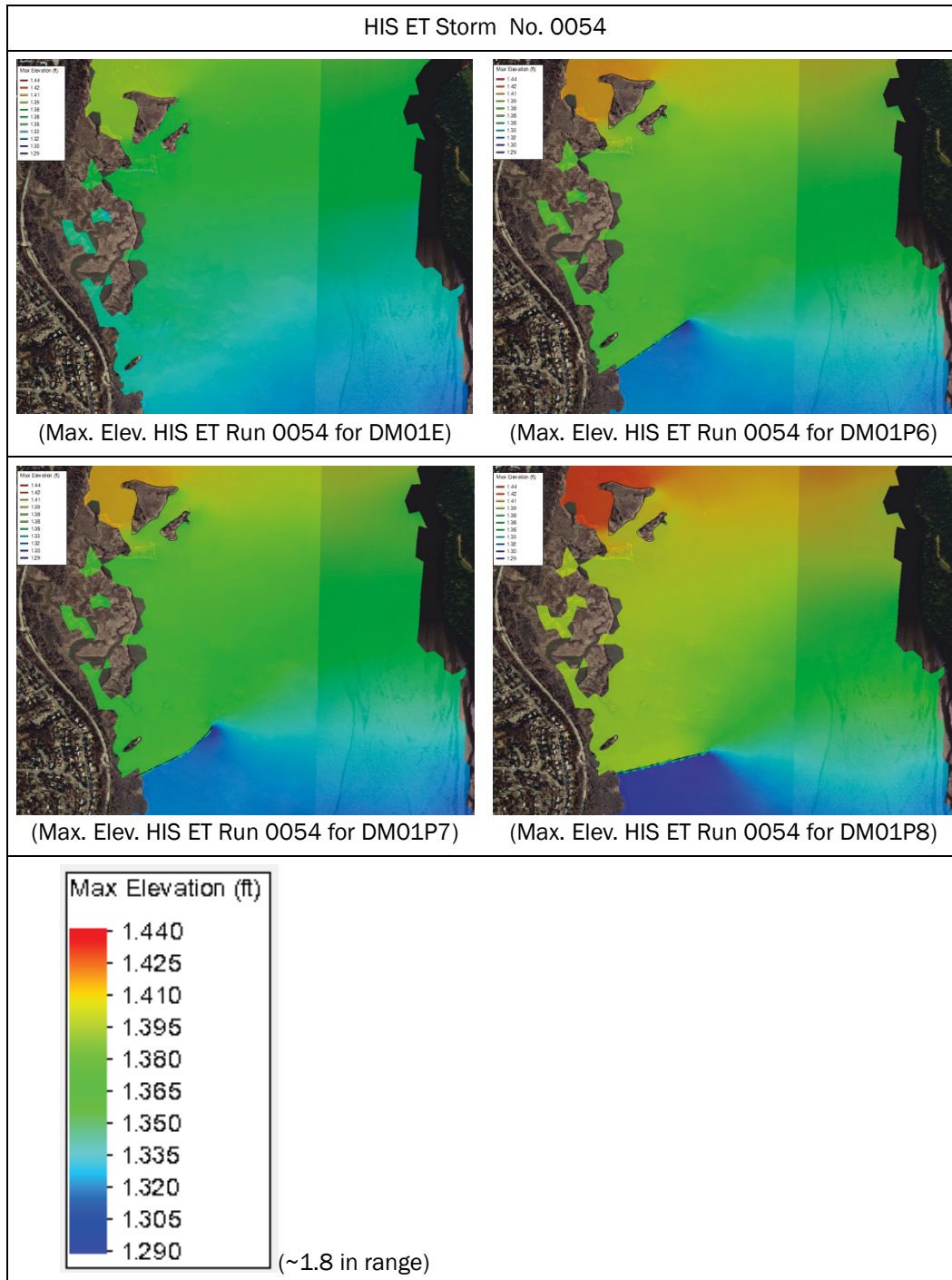


Table 5-69. Maximum water surface elevations for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for four mesh configurations.

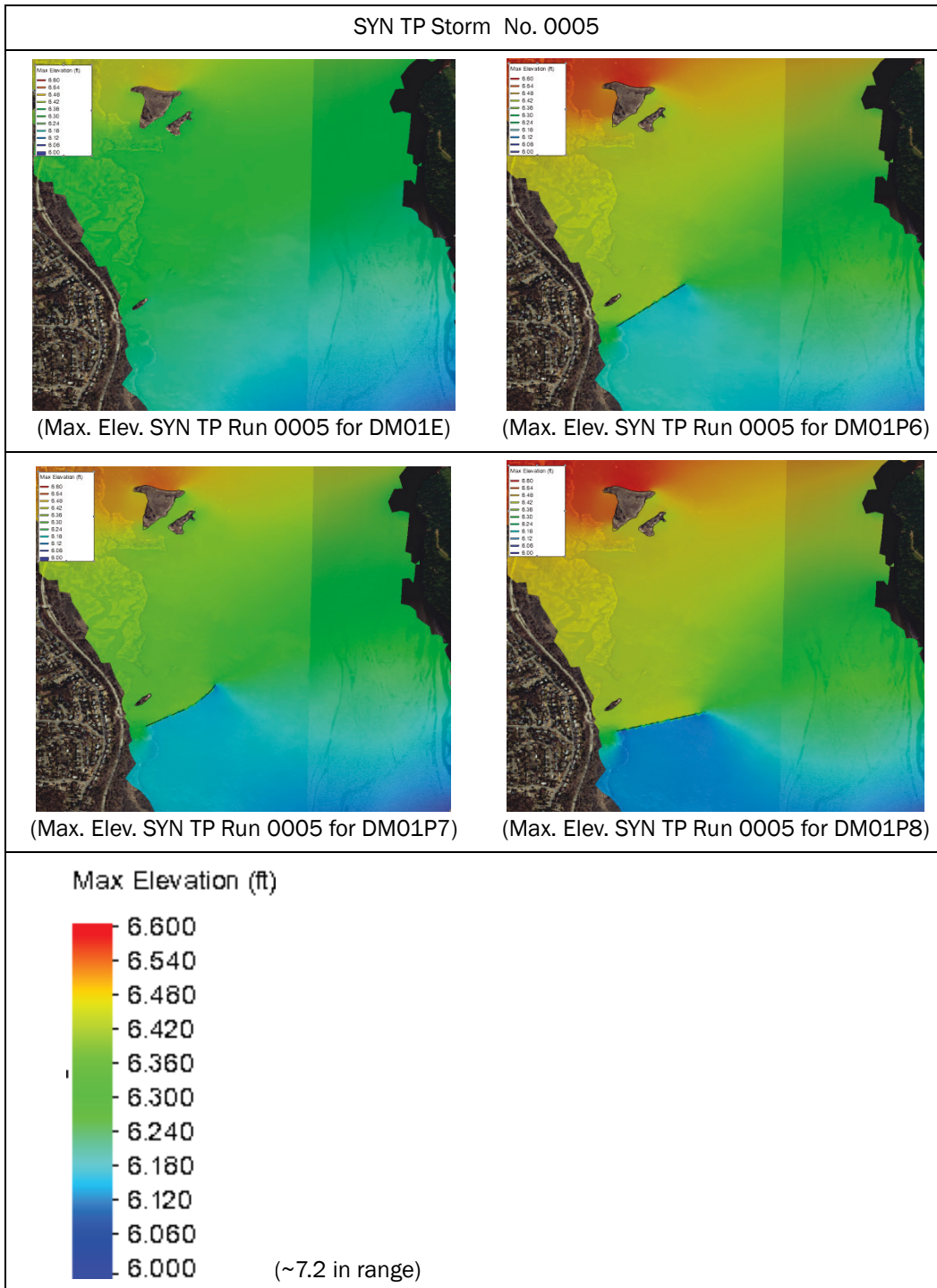


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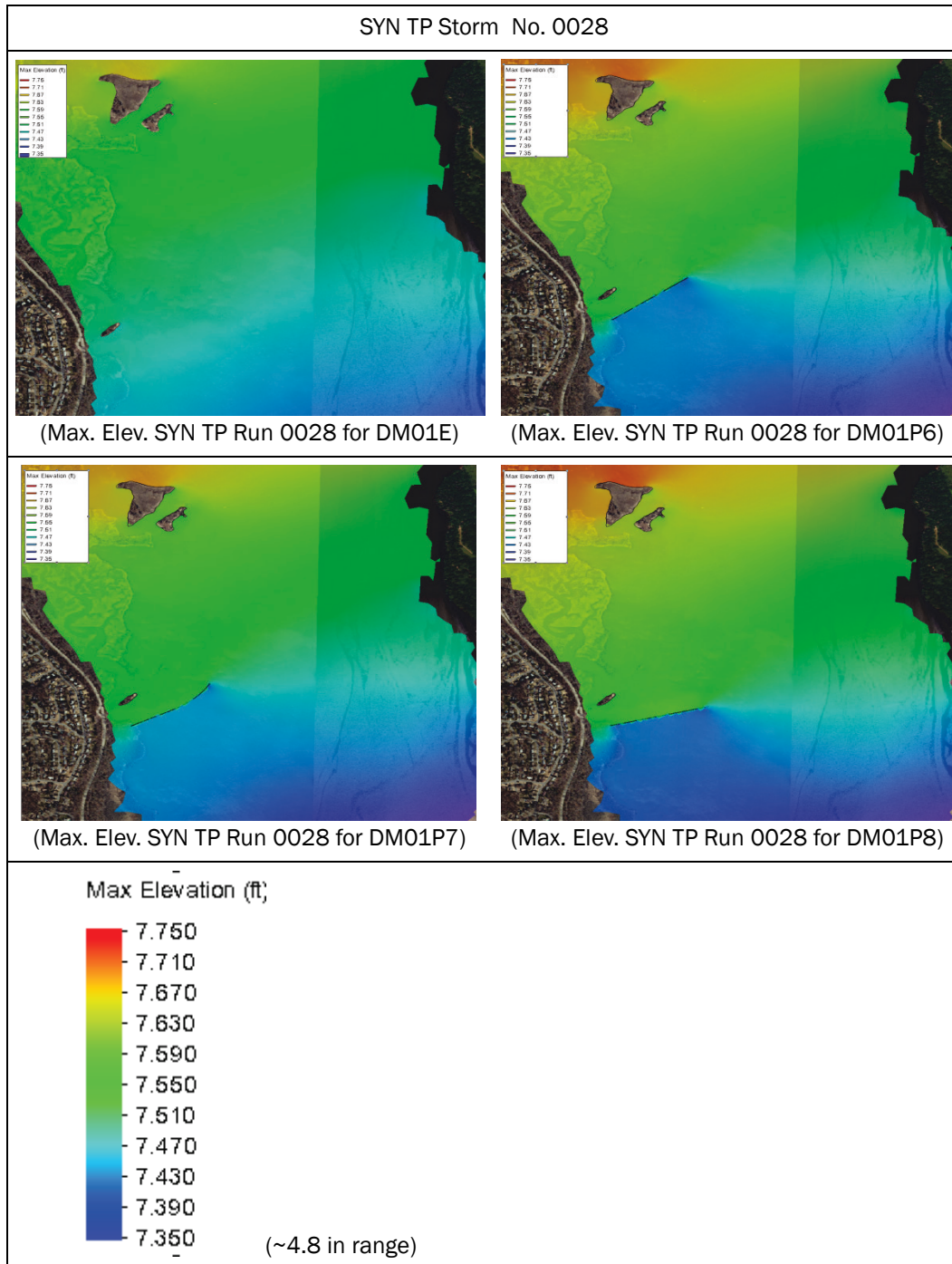


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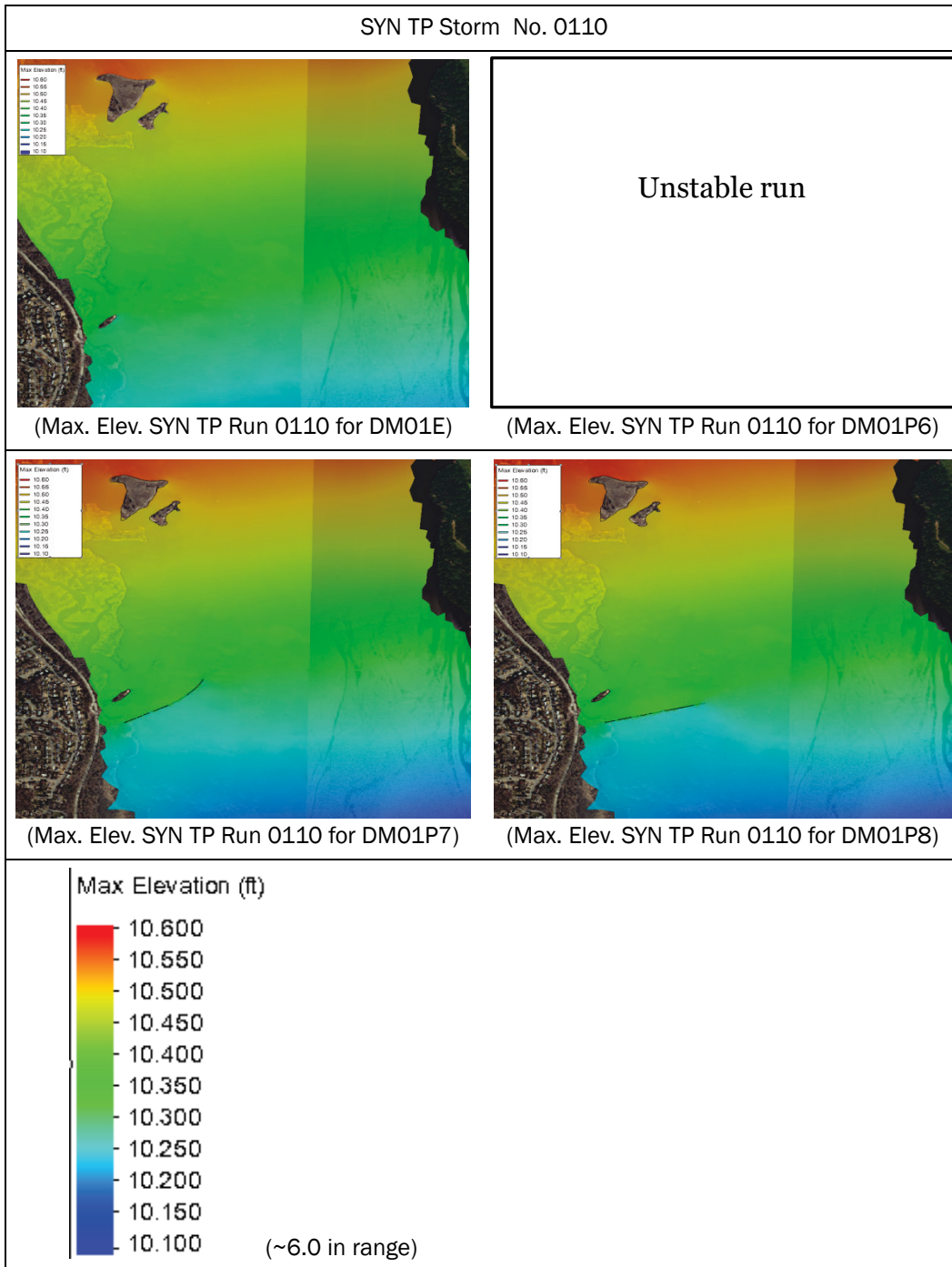


Table 5-72. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for four mesh configurations.

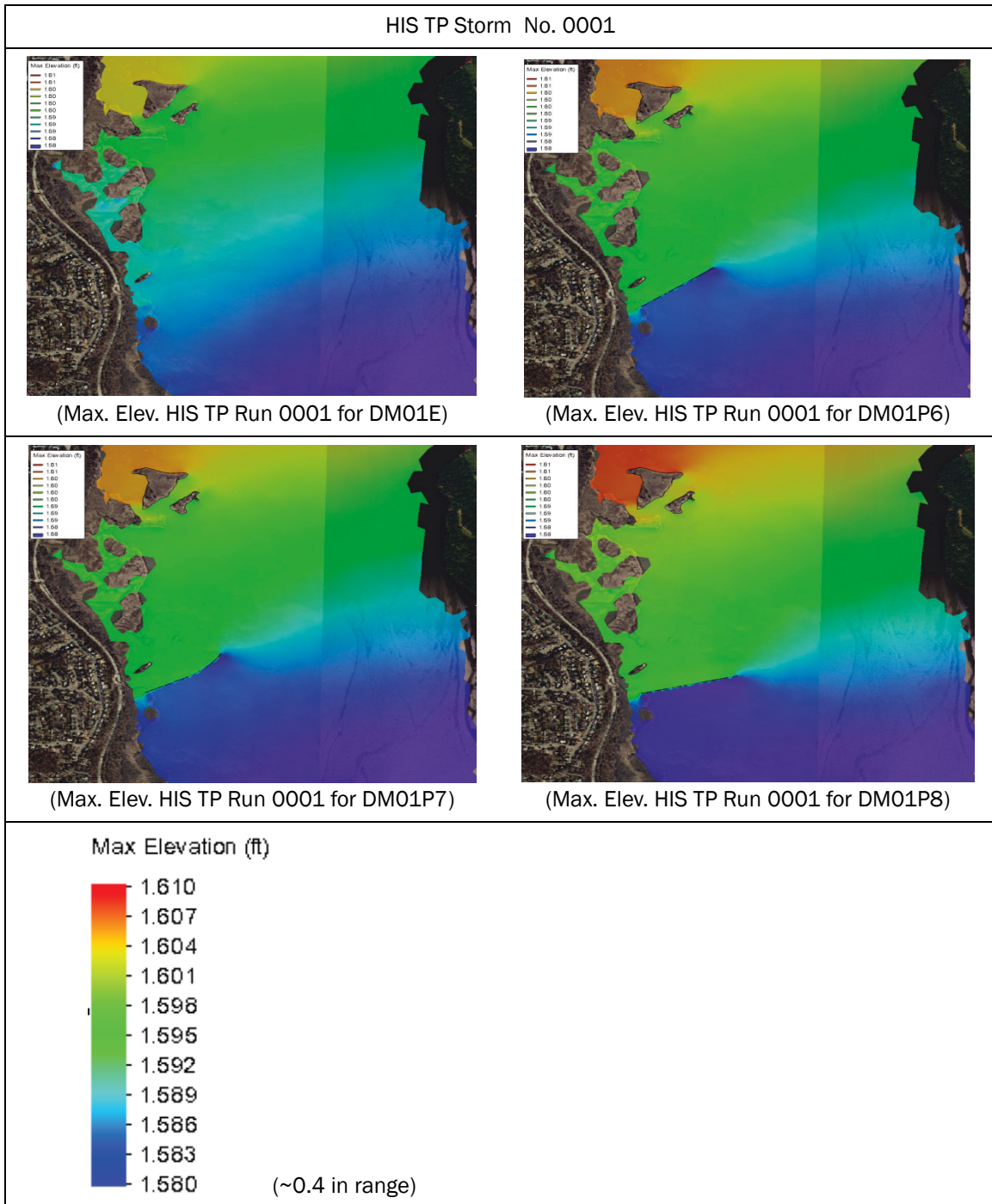
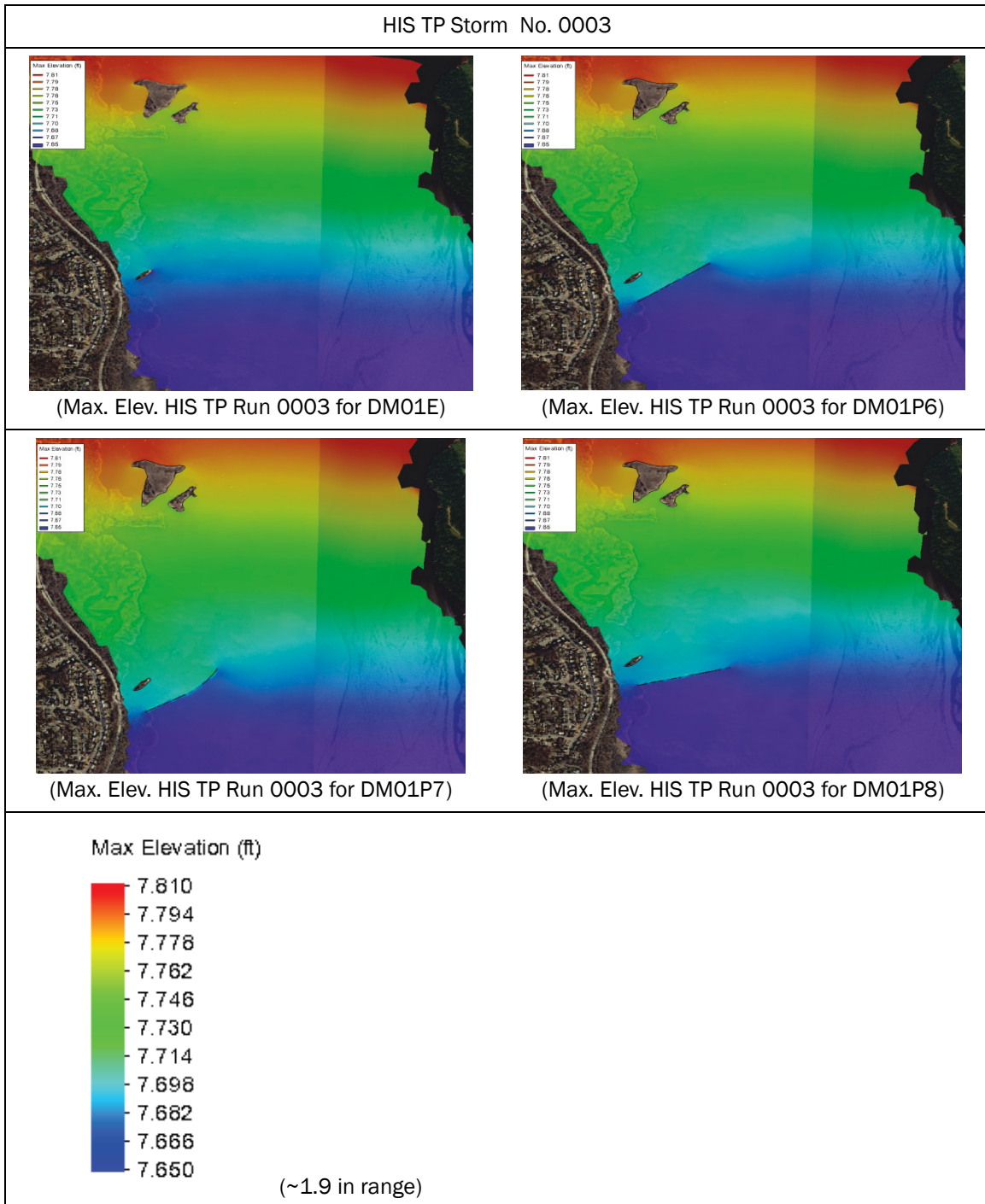


Table 5-73. Maximum water surface elevations for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for four mesh configurations.



5.2.2 Maximum storm depth averaged water velocity results groin-only designs

Table 5-74. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for four mesh configurations.

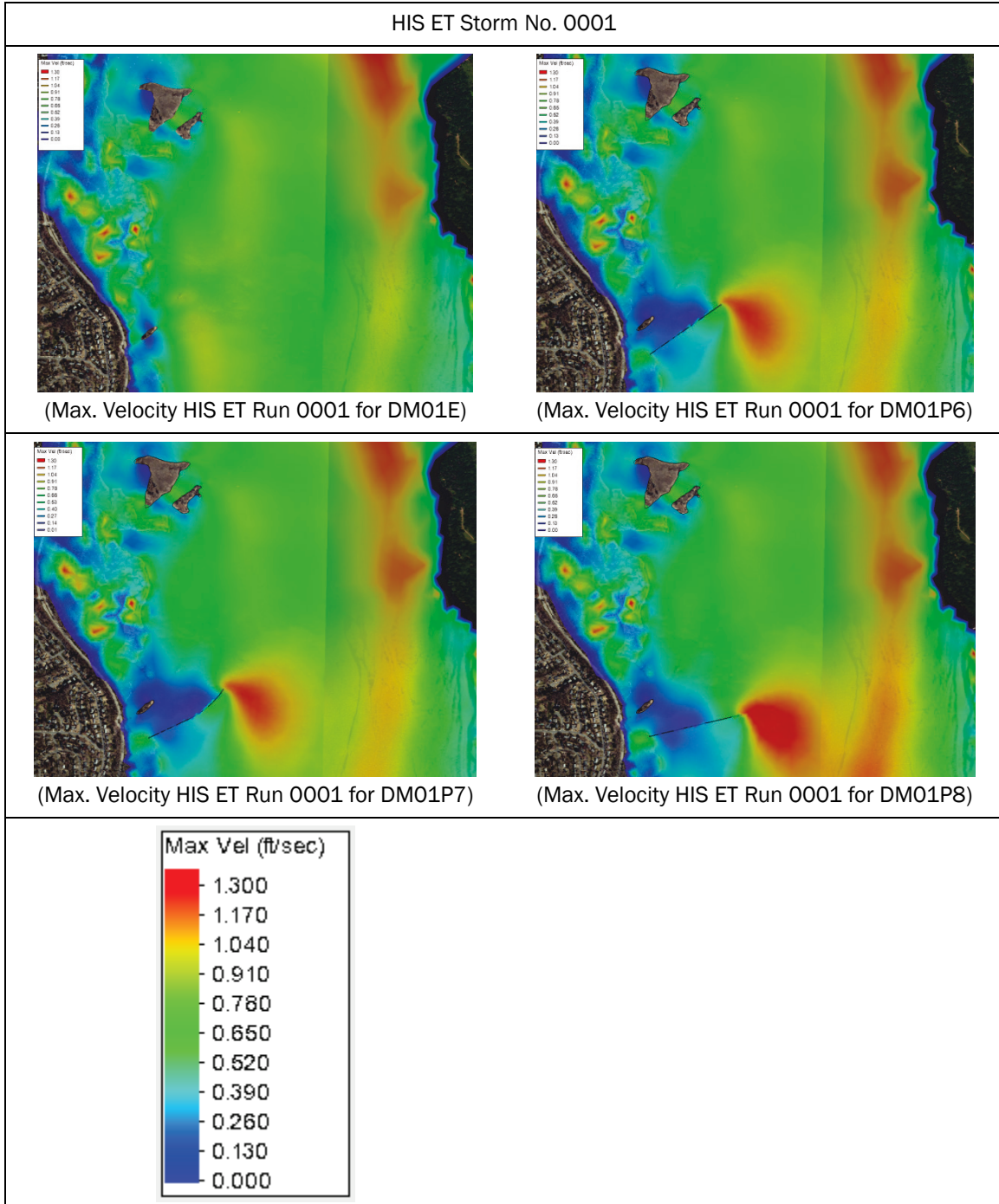


Table 5-75. Difference in maximum water velocity for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project - Existing).

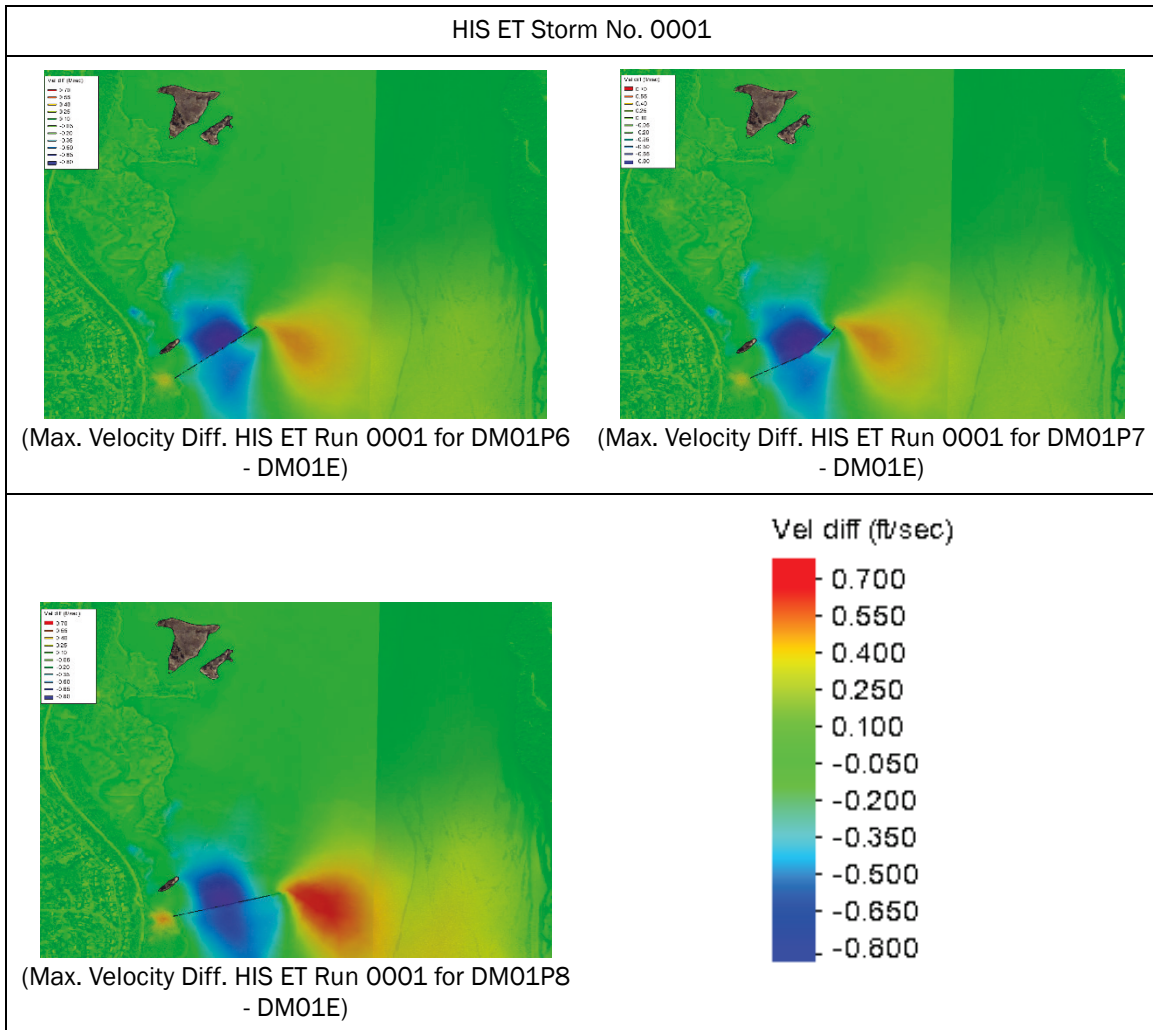


Table 5-76. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for four mesh configurations.

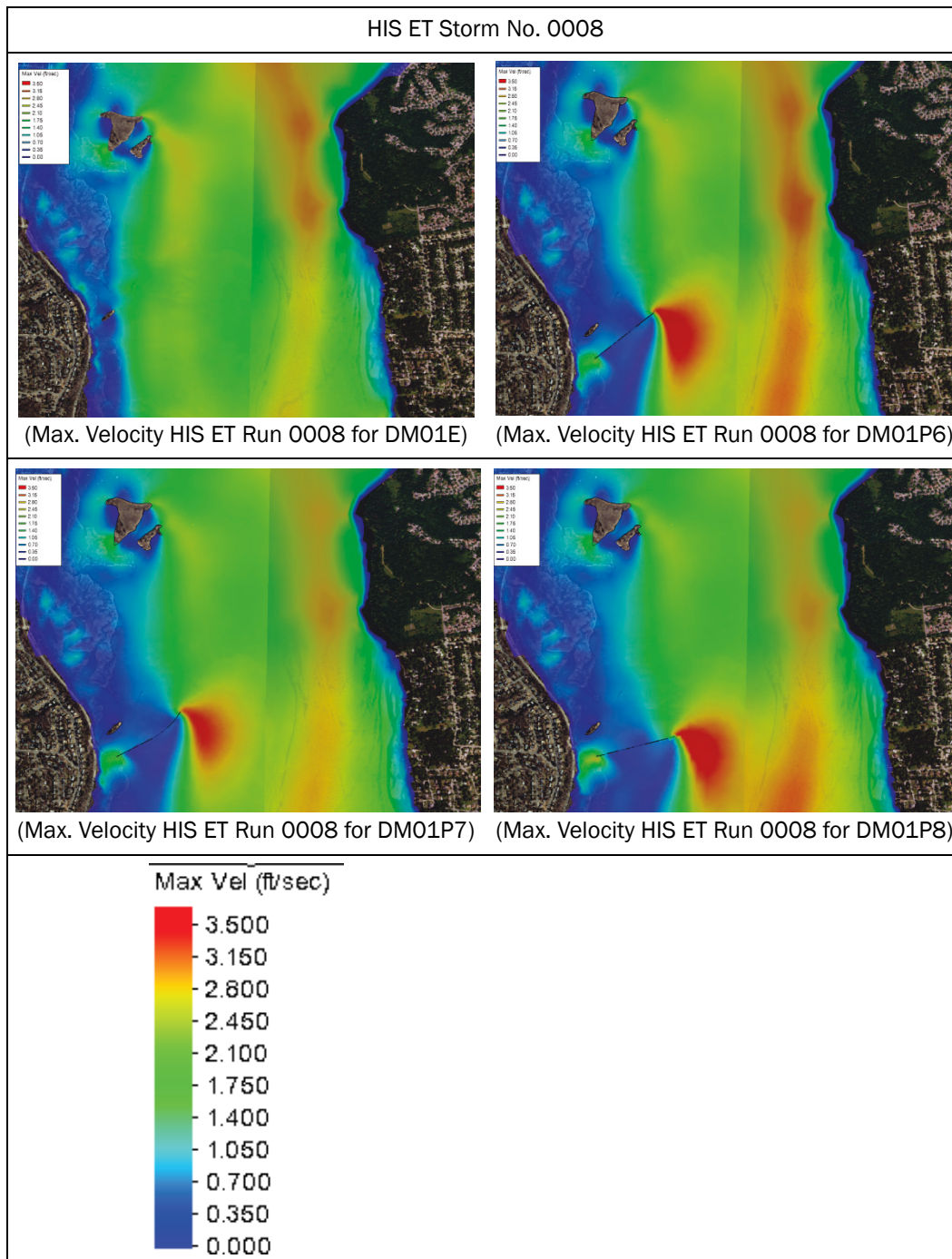


Table 5-77. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 for four mesh configurations.

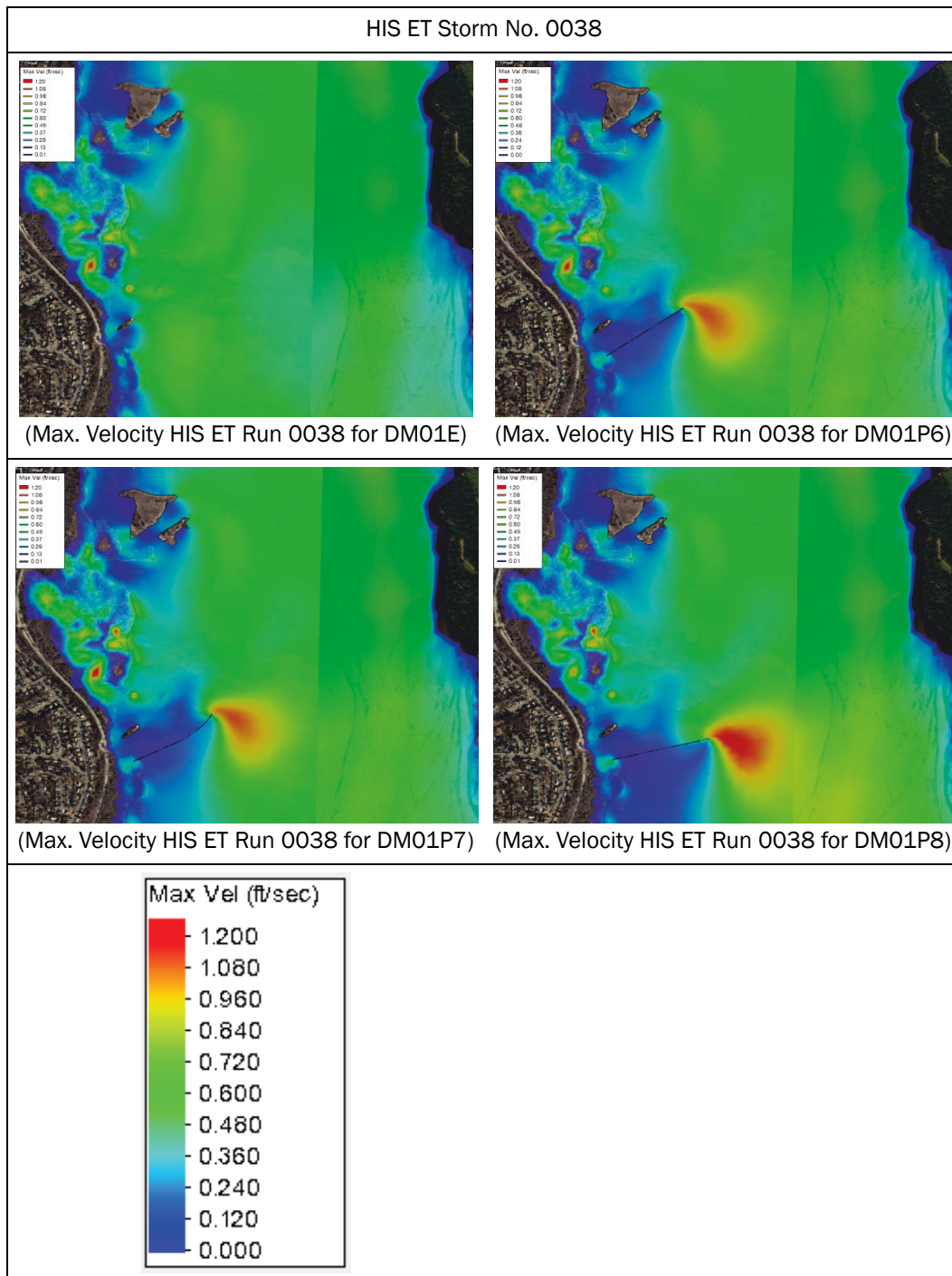


Table 5-78. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 for four mesh configurations

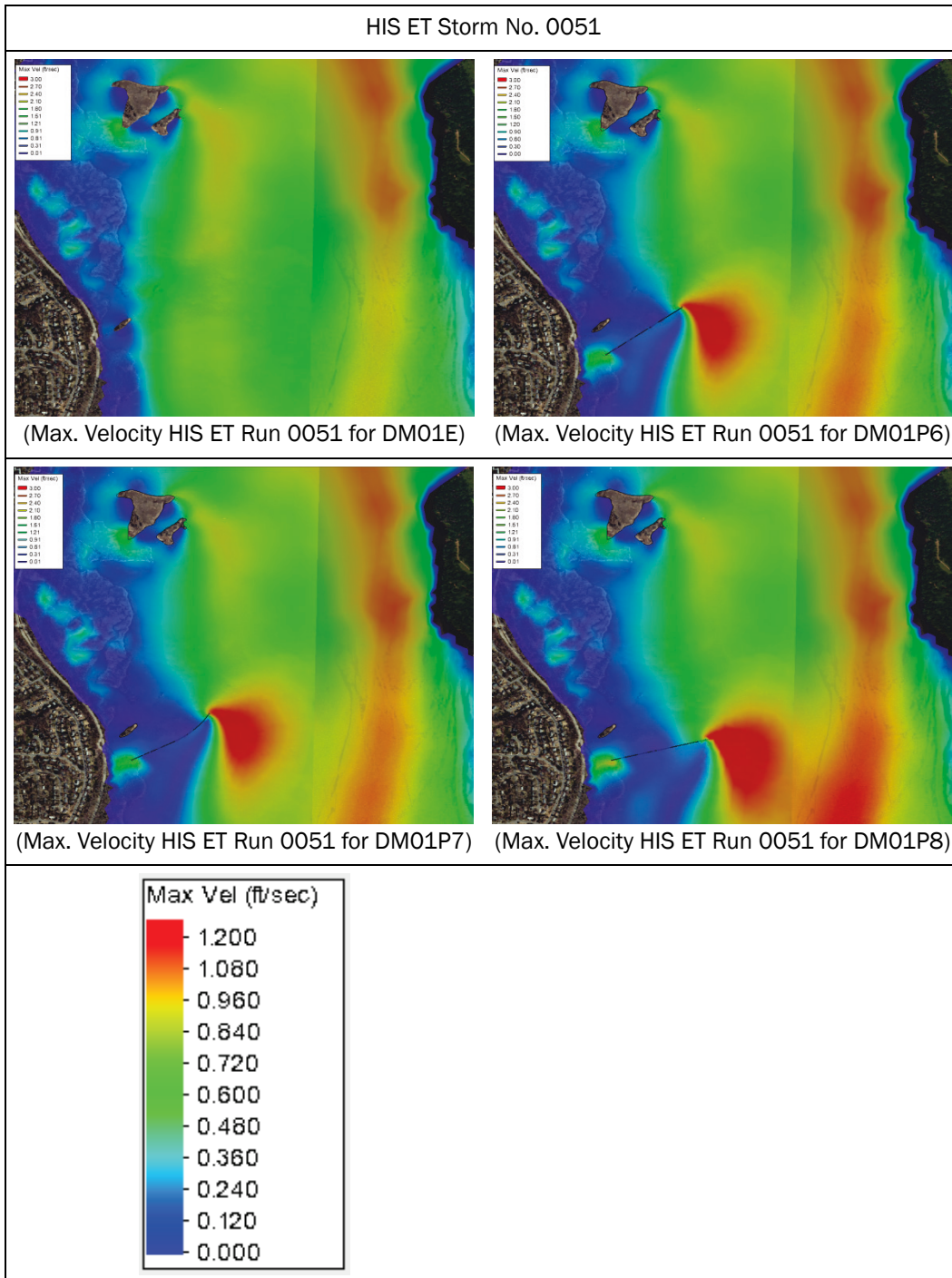


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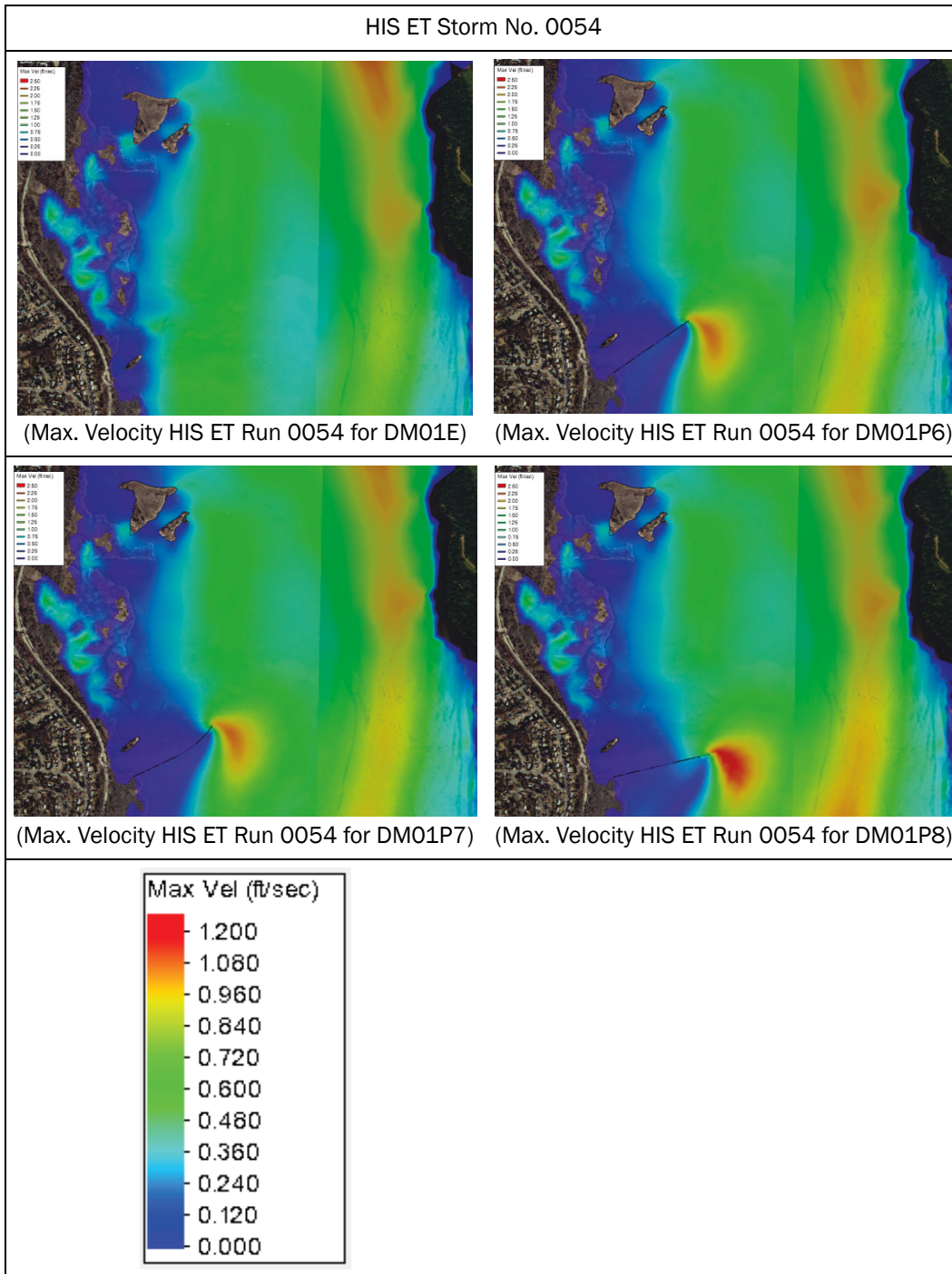


Table 5-80. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for four mesh configurations.

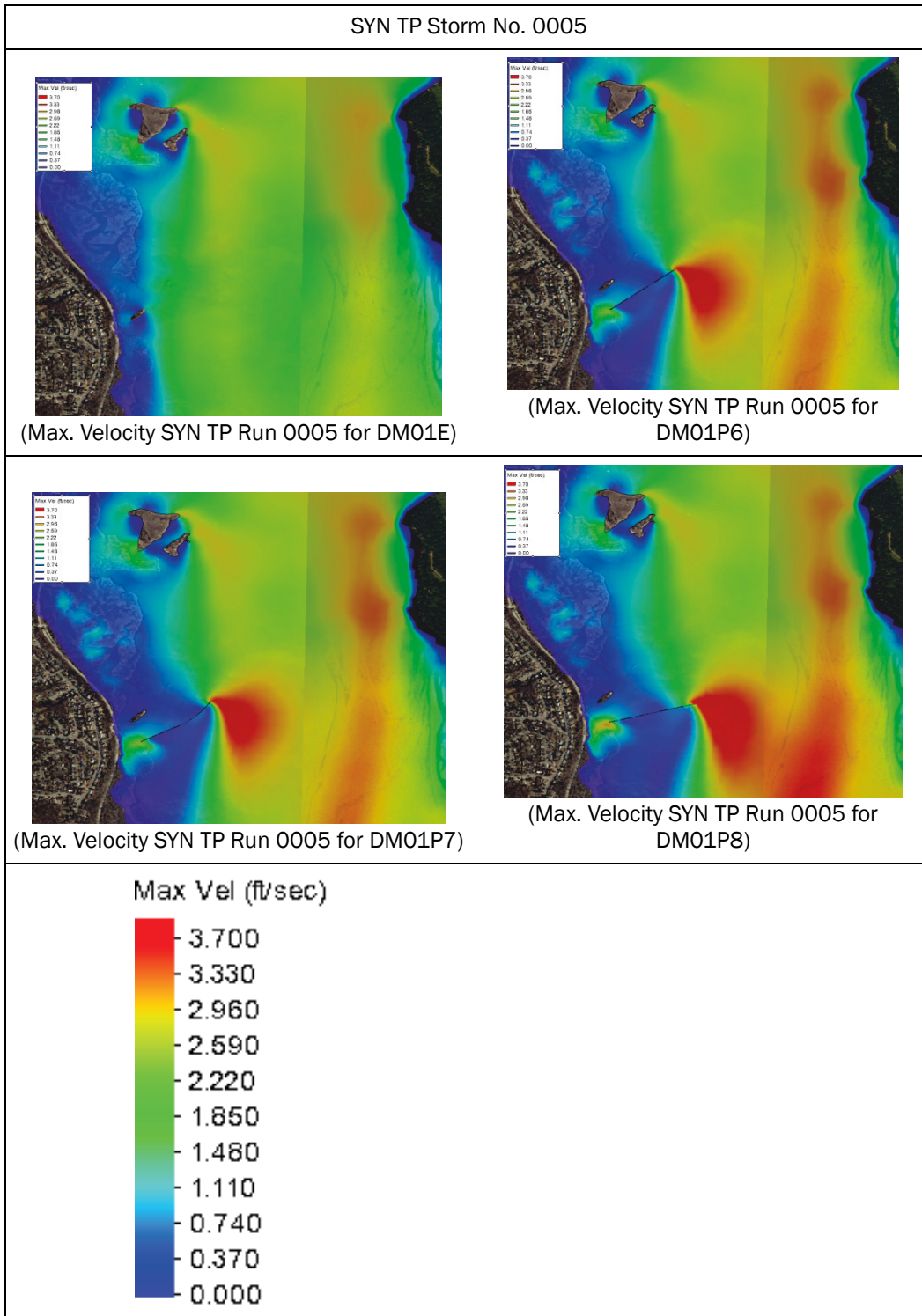


Table 5-81. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 for four mesh configurations.

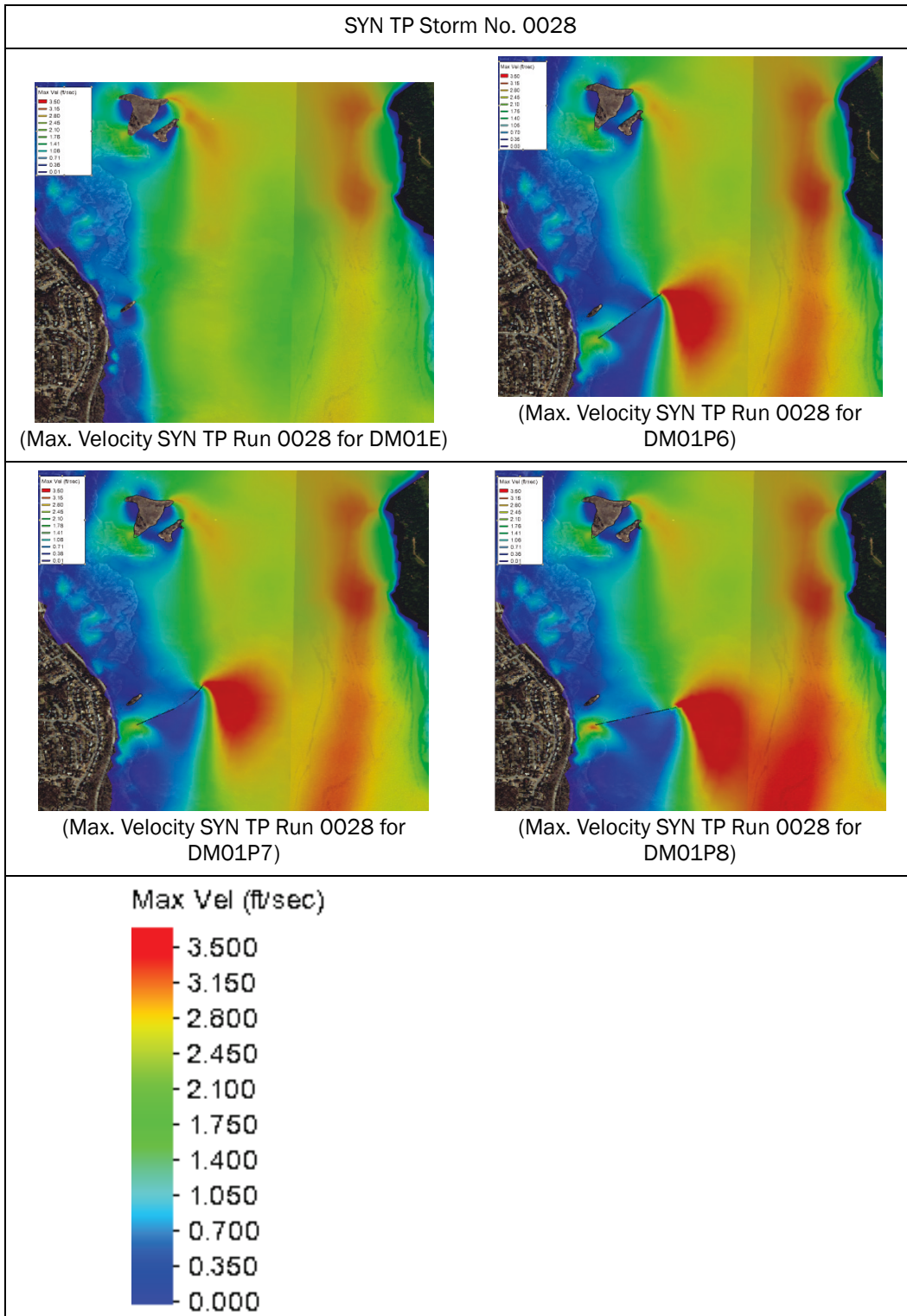


Table 5-82. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0110 for four mesh configurations.

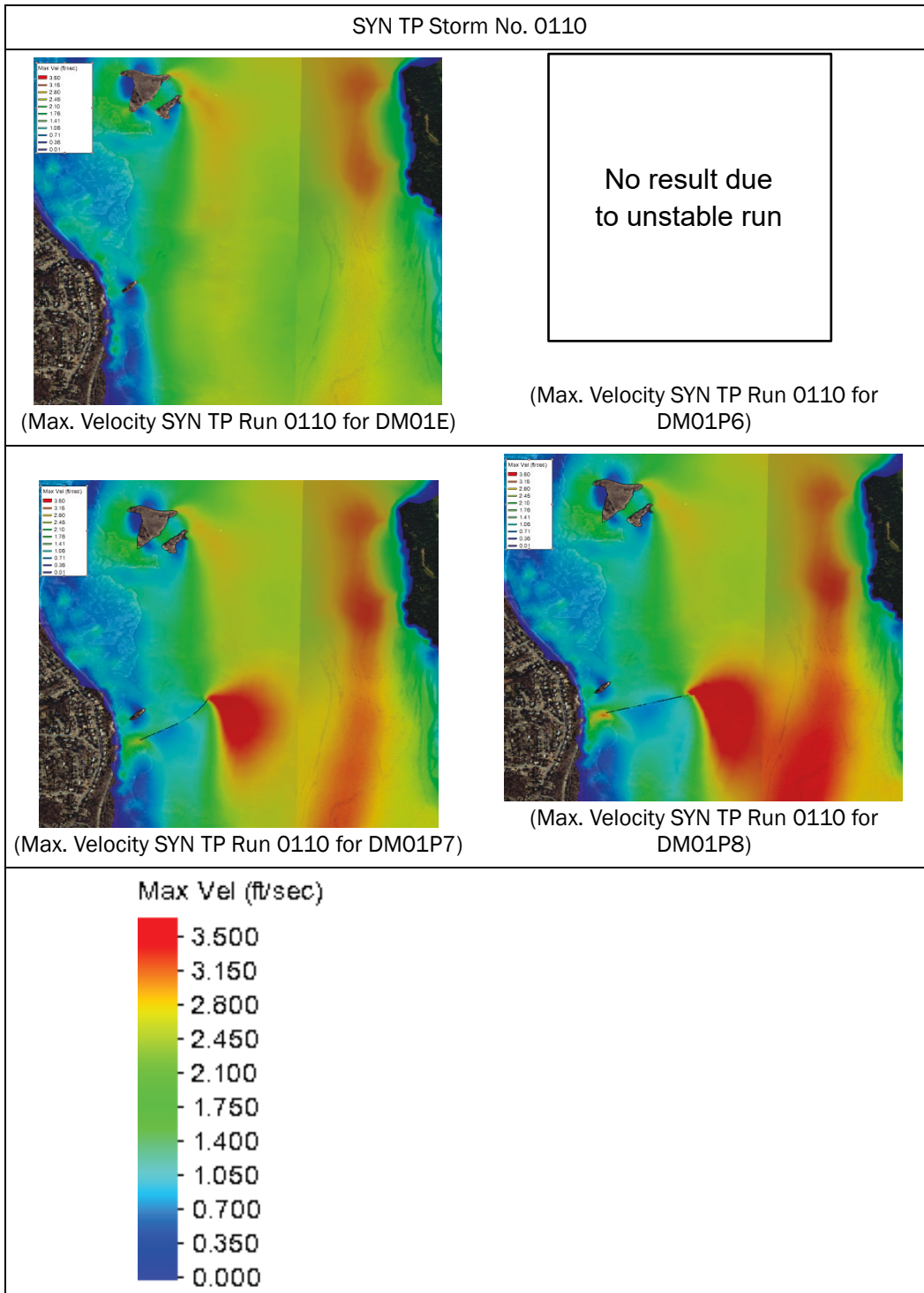


Table 5-83. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for four mesh configurations.

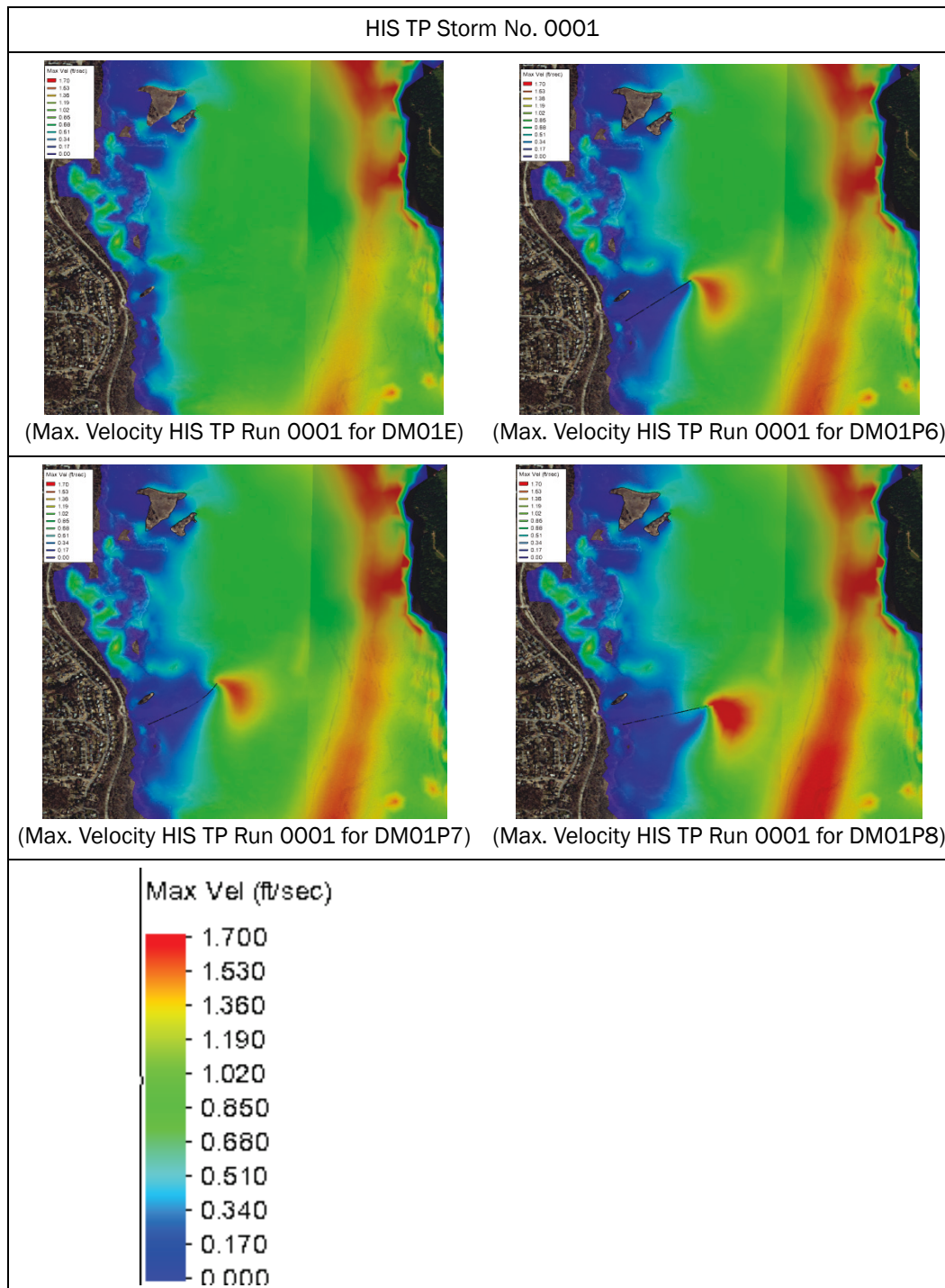
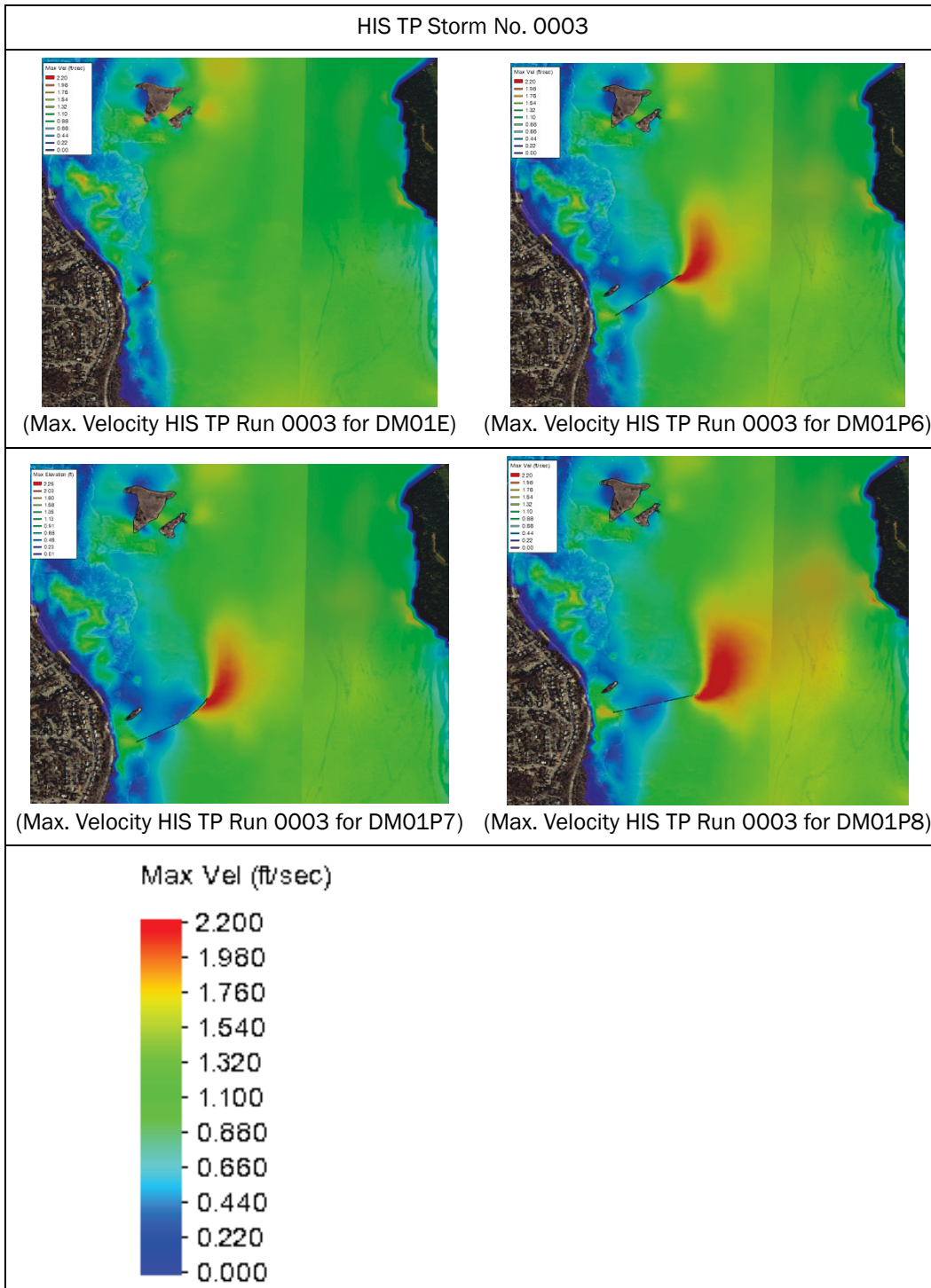


Table 5-84. Maximum water velocity color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for four mesh configurations.



5.2.3 Storm significant wave height results

Table 5-85. Maximum significant wave height (H_s , max) color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for four mesh configurations.

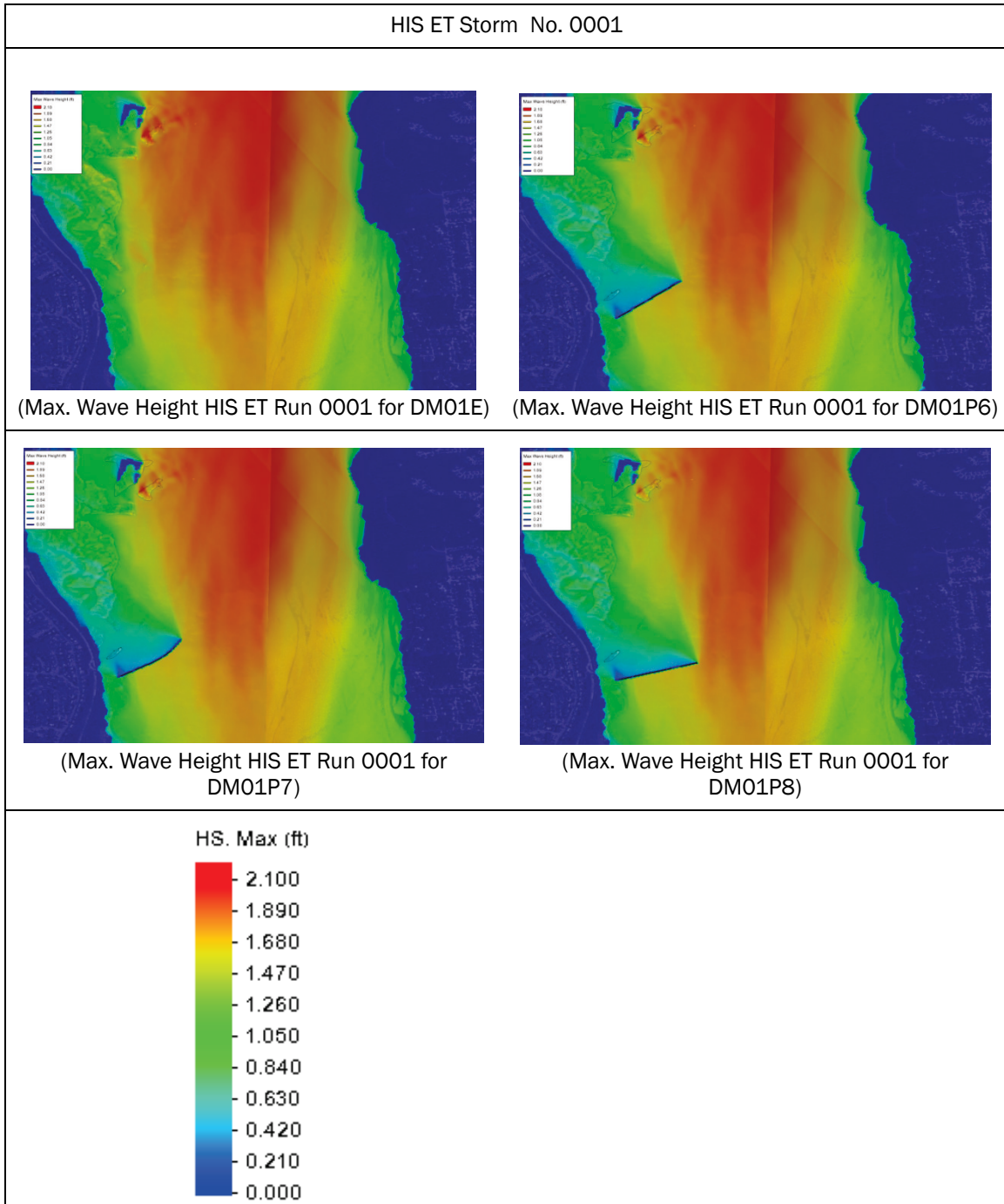


Table 5-86. Maximum significant wave height (H_s , max) color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for four mesh configurations.

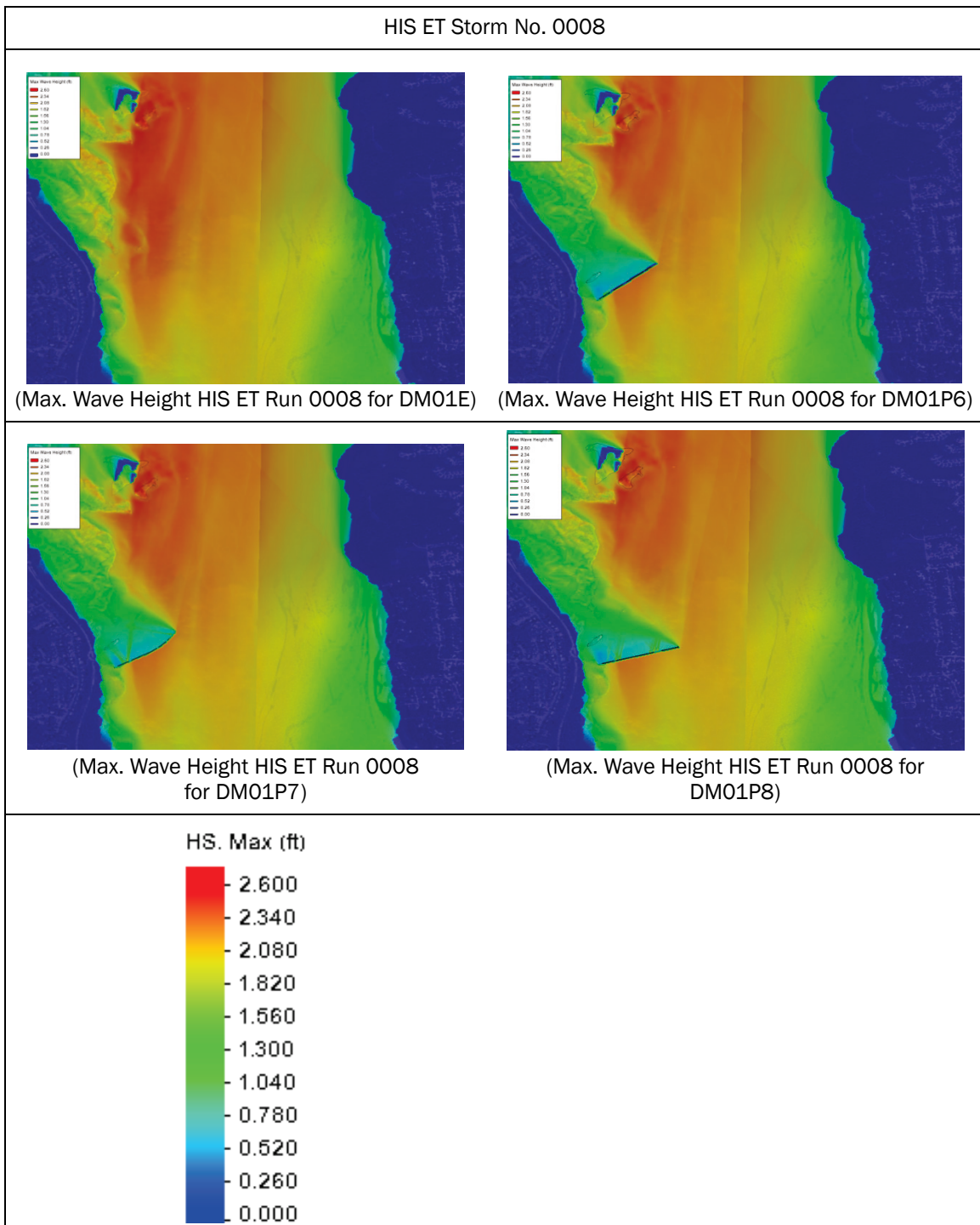


Table 5-87. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 for four mesh configurations.

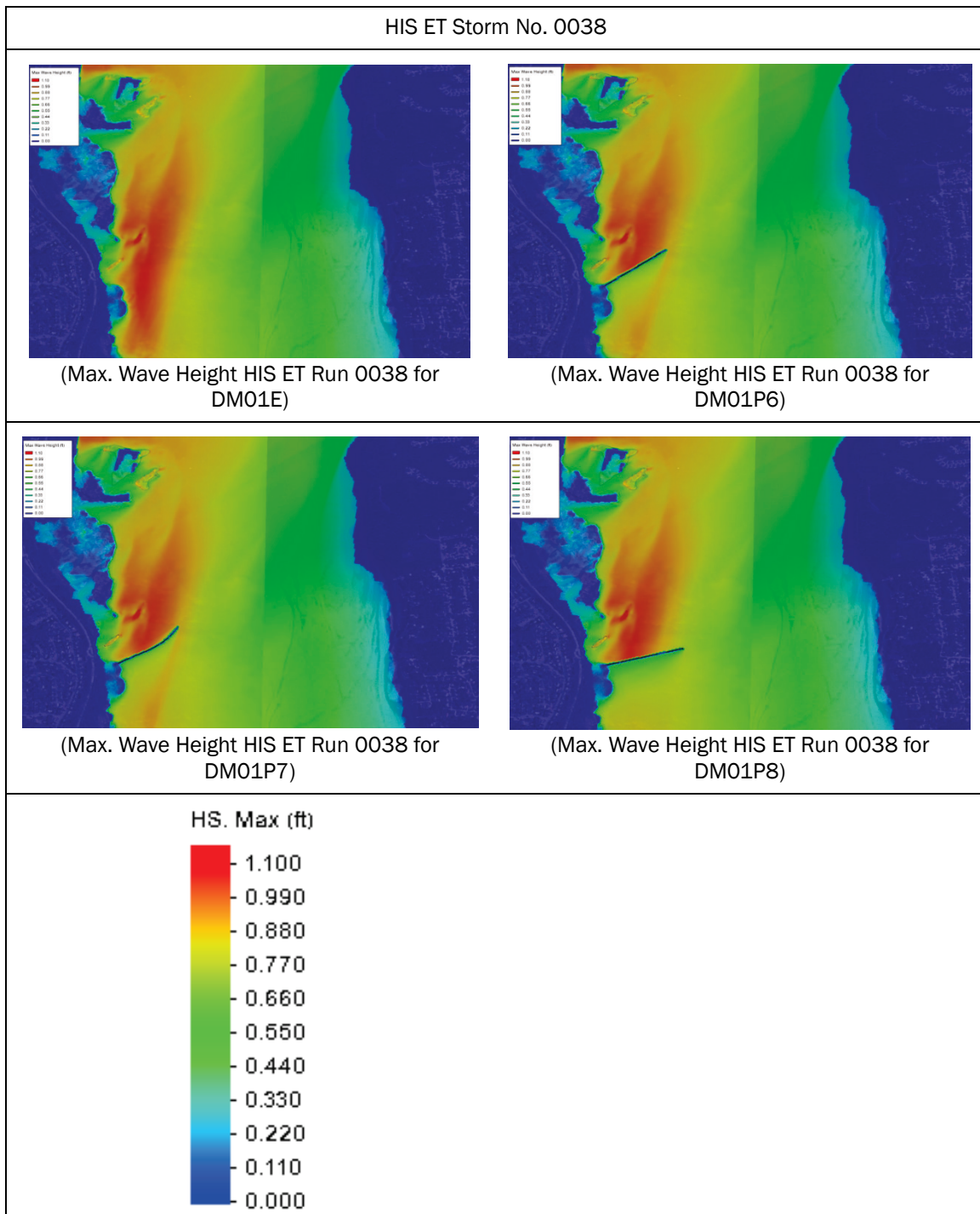


Table 5-88. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 for four mesh configurations.

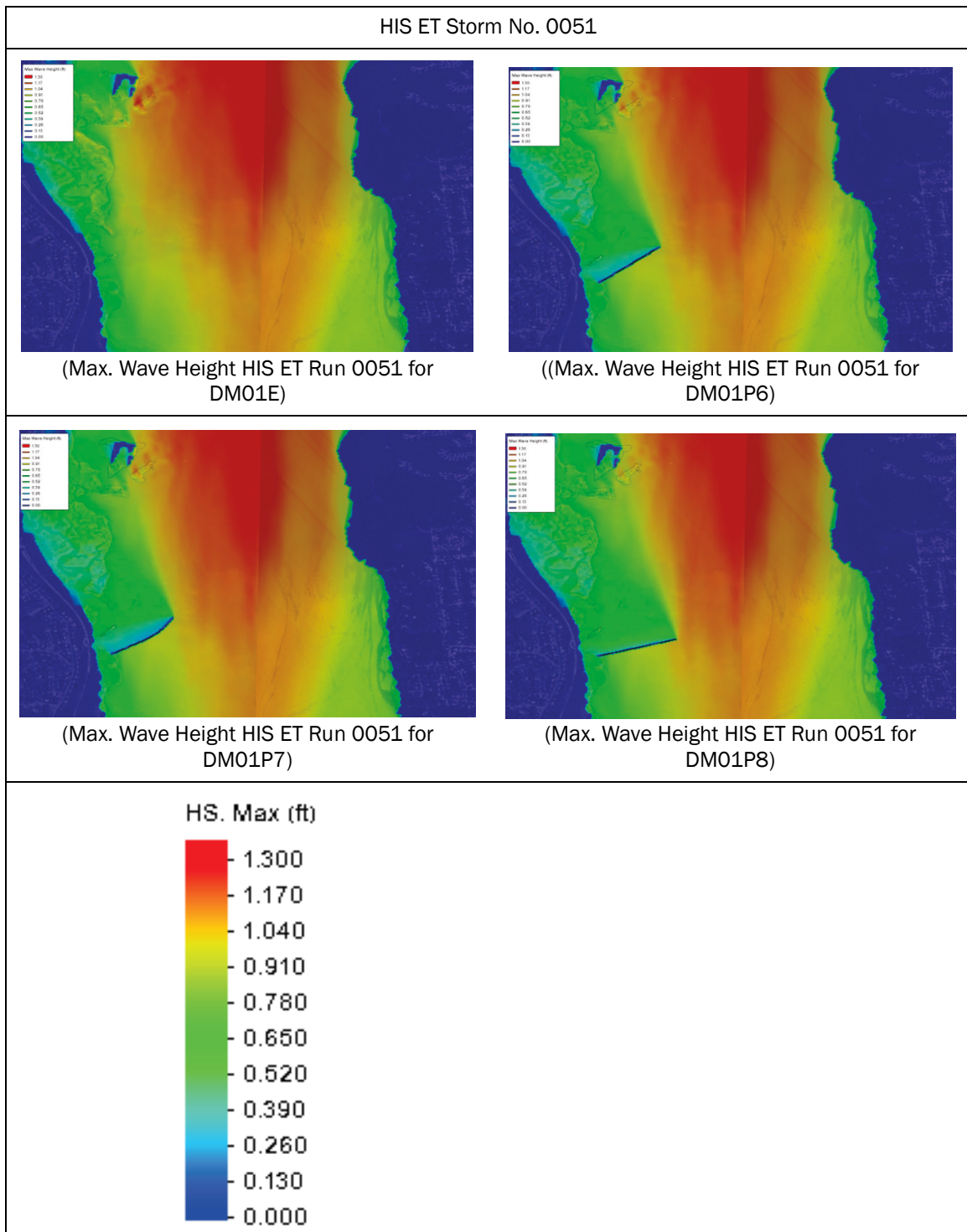


Table 5-89. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 for four mesh configurations.

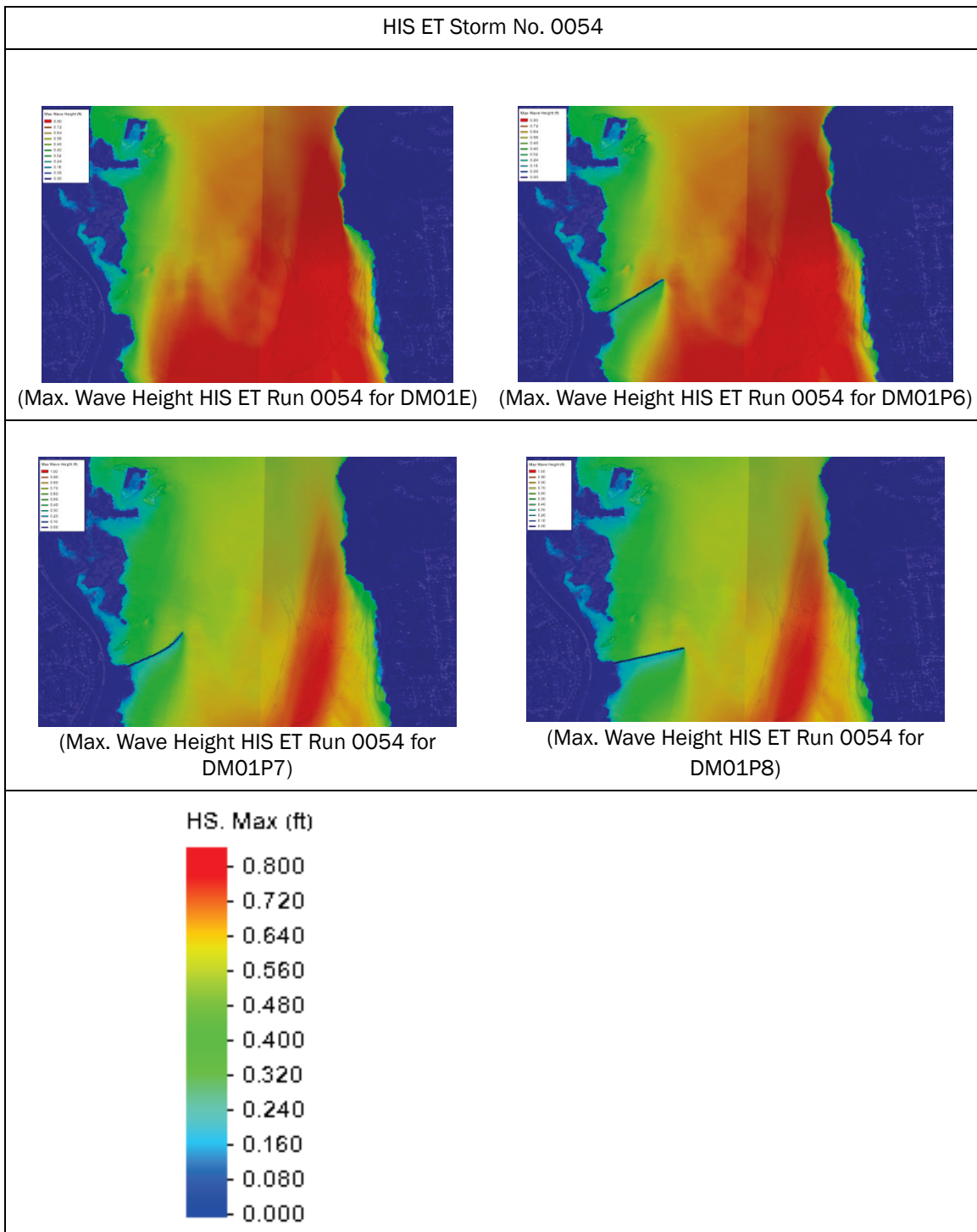


Table 5-90. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for four mesh configurations.

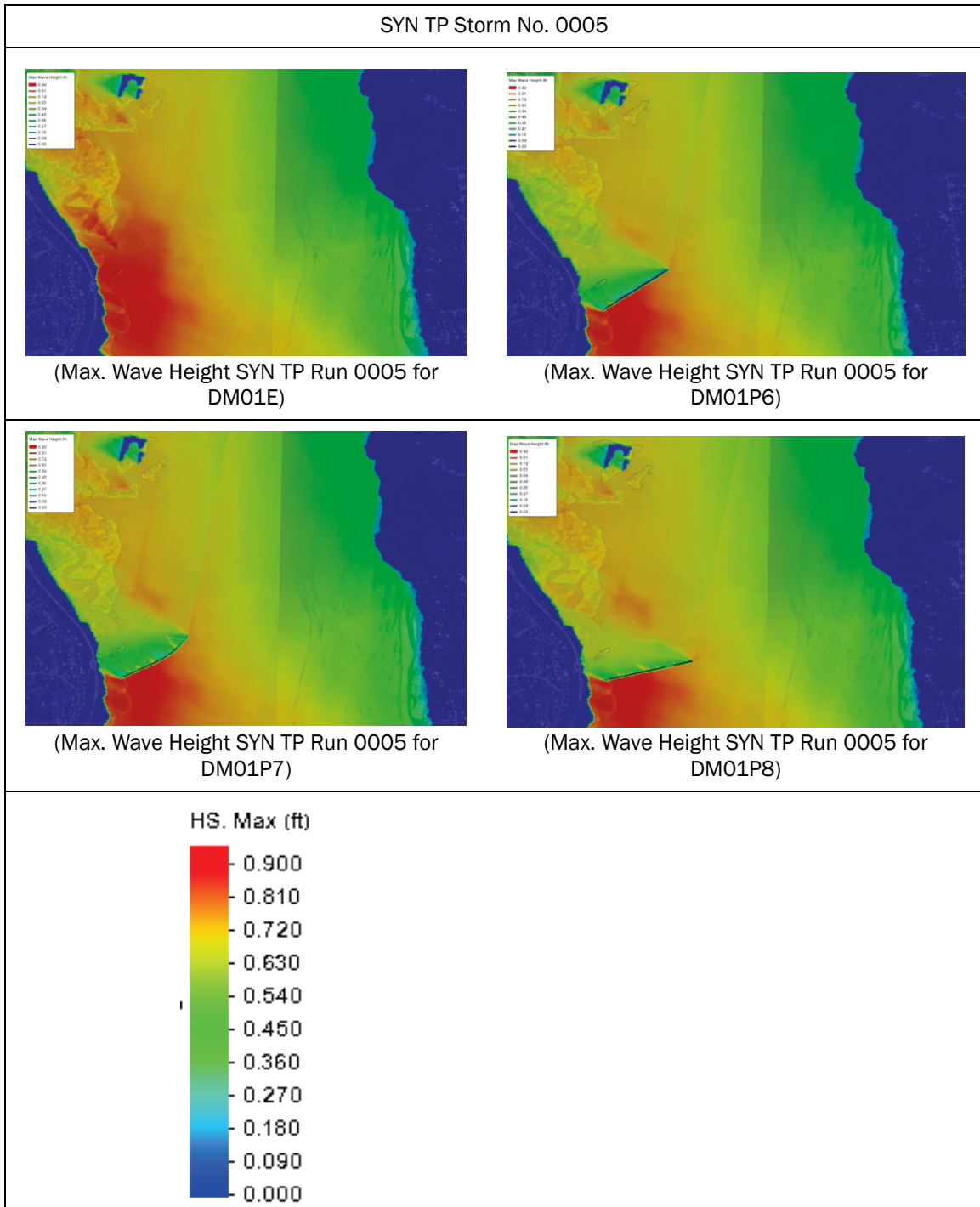


Table 5-91. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 for four mesh configurations.

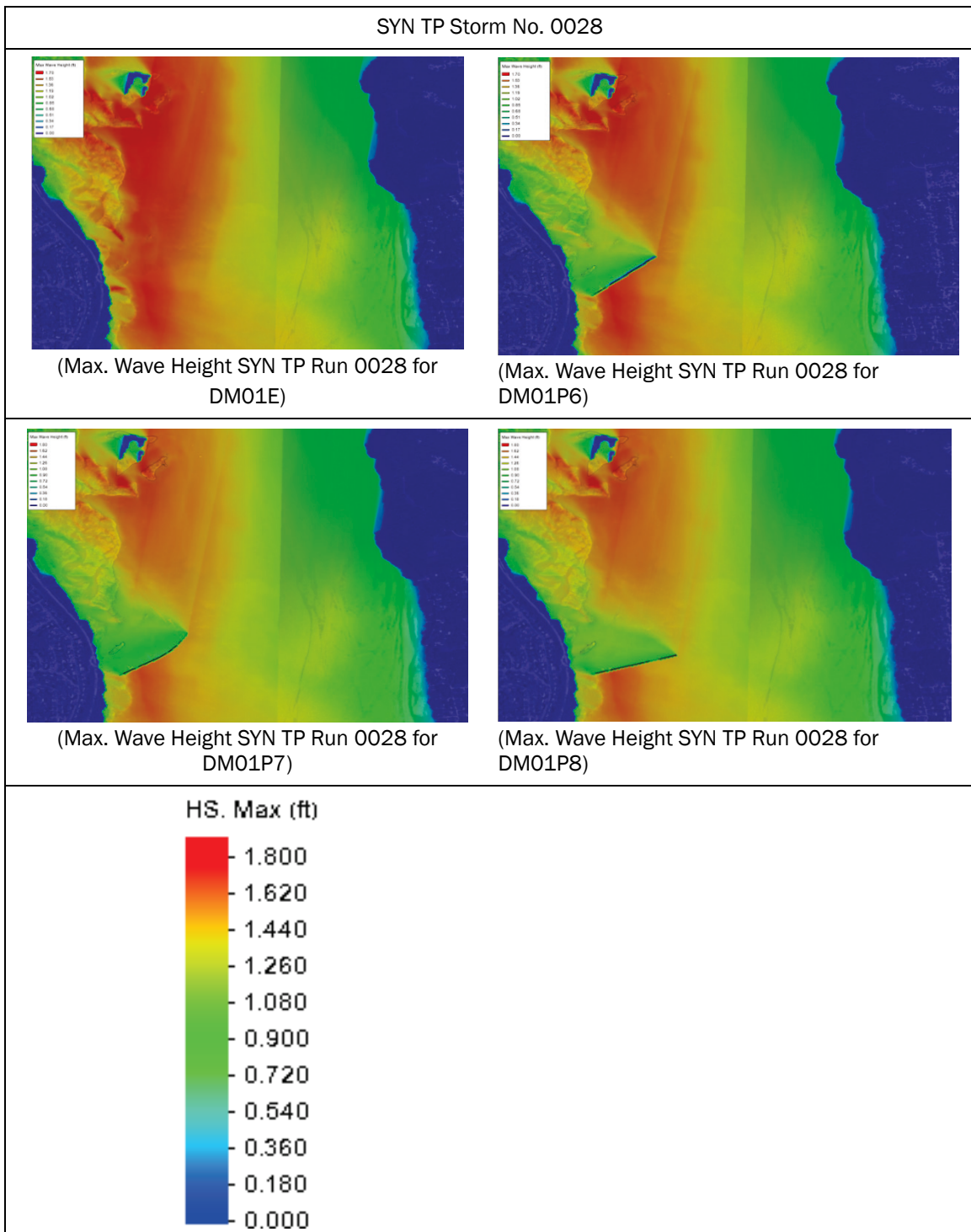


Table 5-92. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for SYN TP Storm No. 0110 for four mesh configurations.

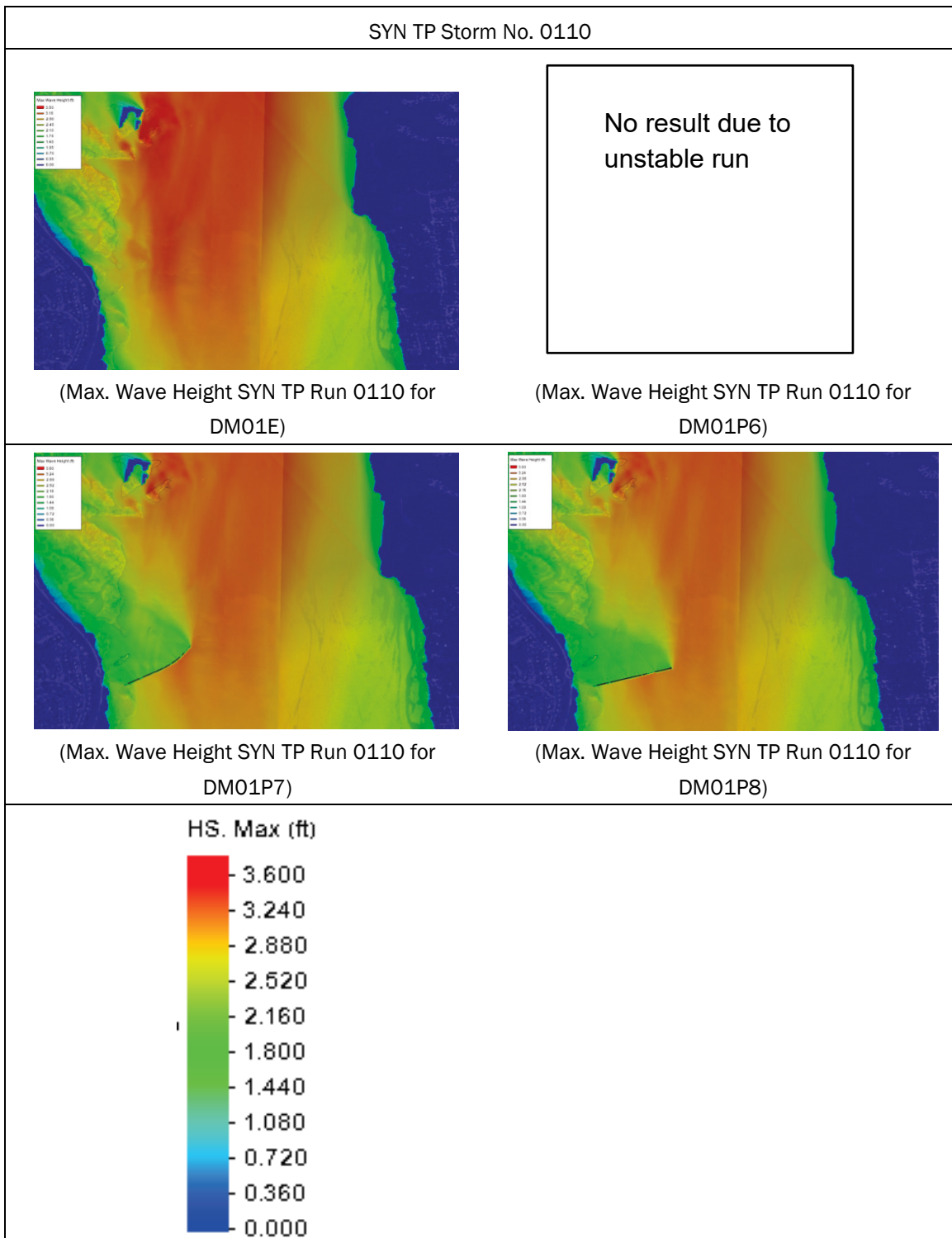


Table 5-93. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for four mesh configurations.

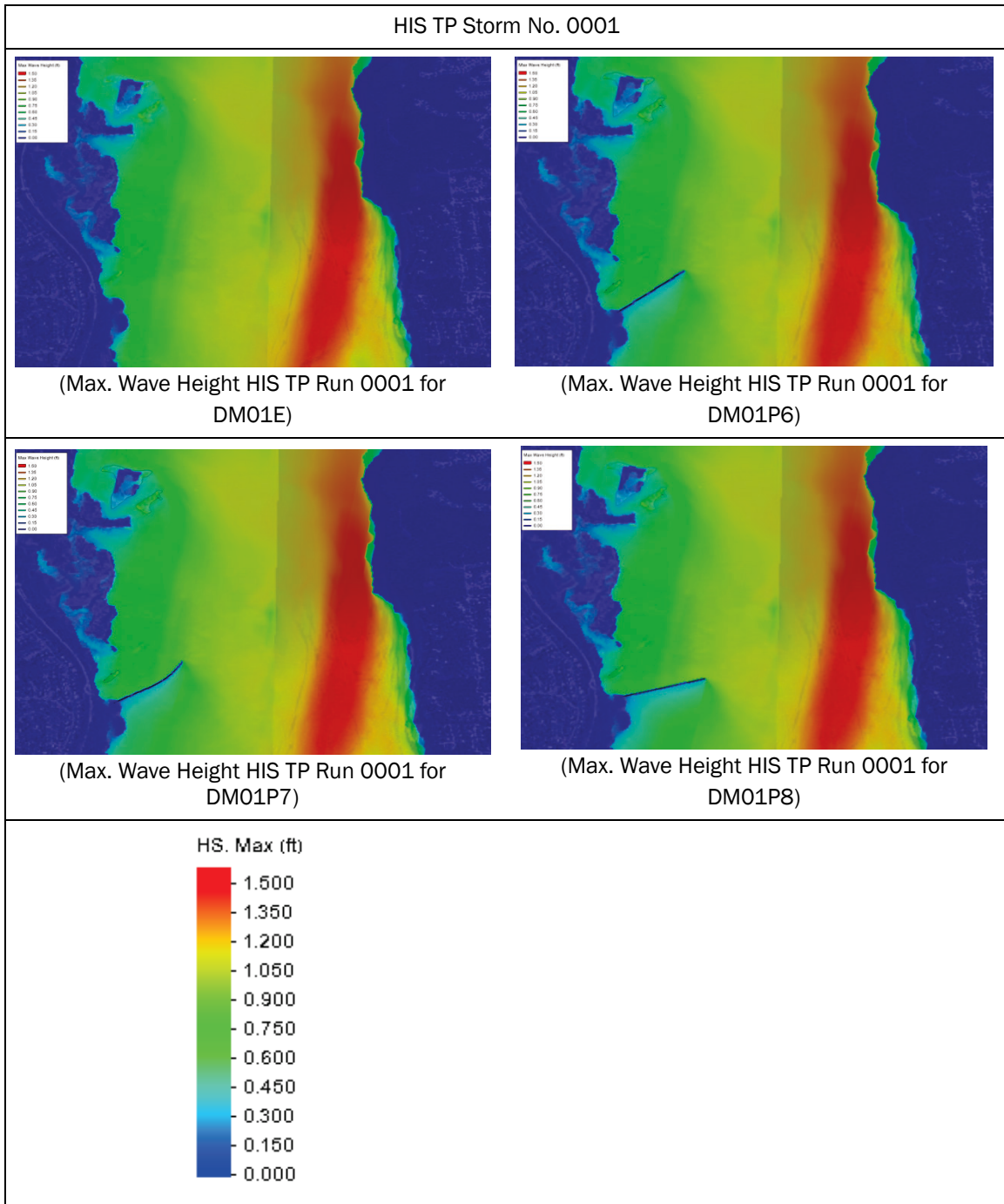
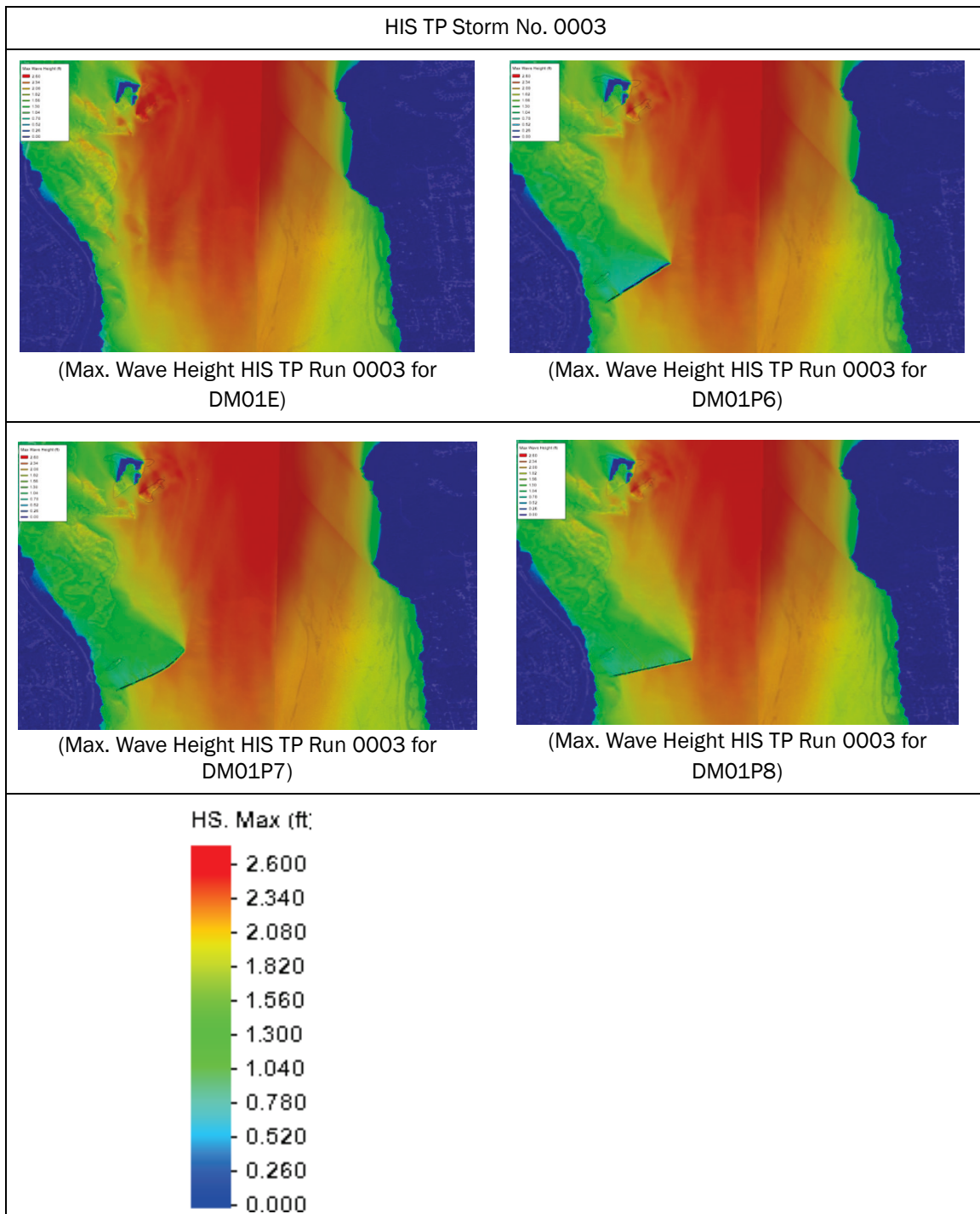


Table 5-94. Maximum significant wave height color contour plots for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for four mesh configurations.



5.2.4 Differences in maximum significant wave height for groin-only designs

The following figures present differences in maximum significant wave heights for the groin-only with-project designs. For each storm, the

differences in significant wave height are visualized in two view windows: one shows an area including the structure and Dyke Marsh while another focuses on a closeup of the groin.

Table 5-95. Difference in maximum significant wave height for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 for all three with-project structure mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out differences.

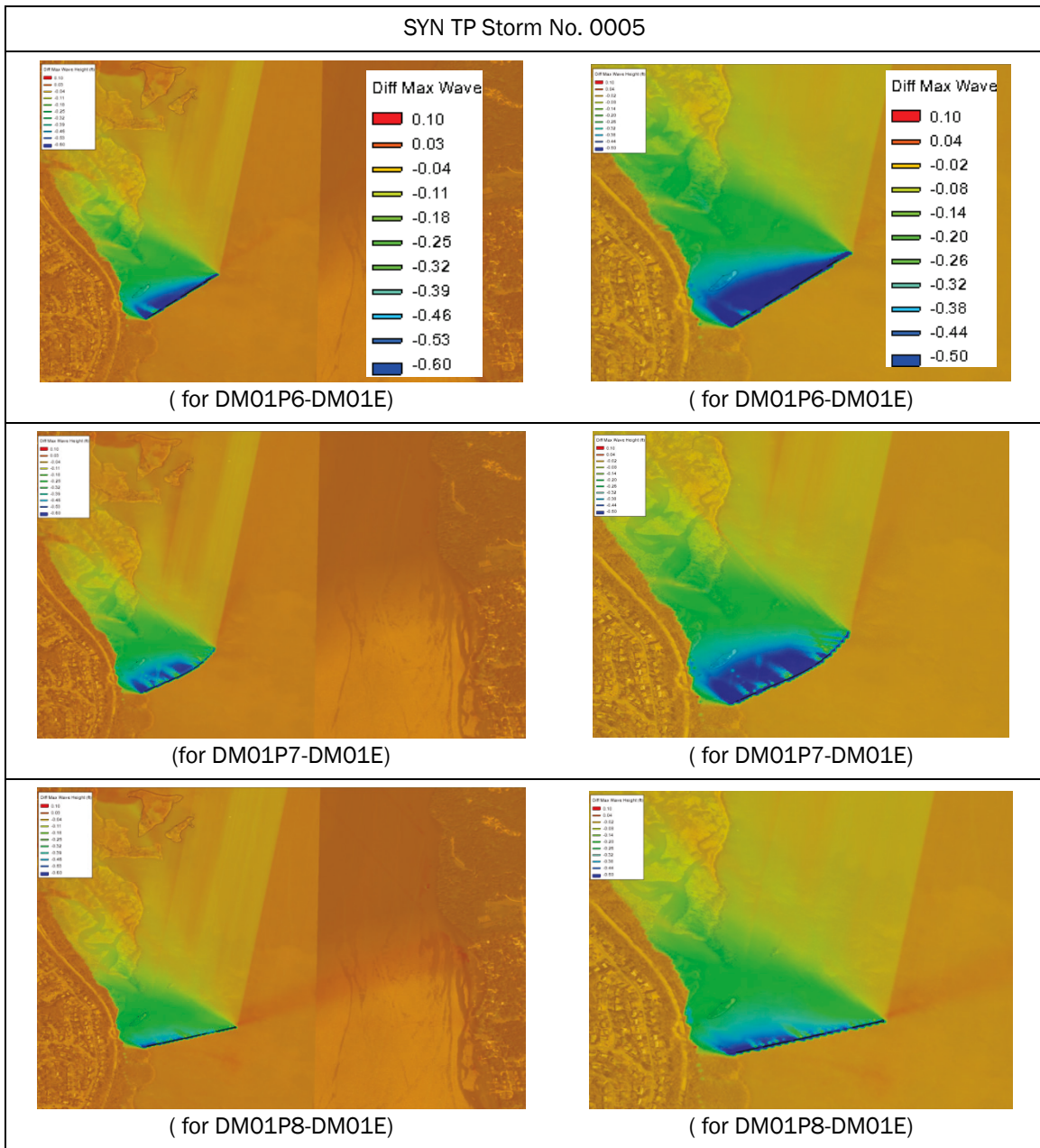


Table 5-96. Difference in maximum significant wave height for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 for all three with-project structure only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out differences.

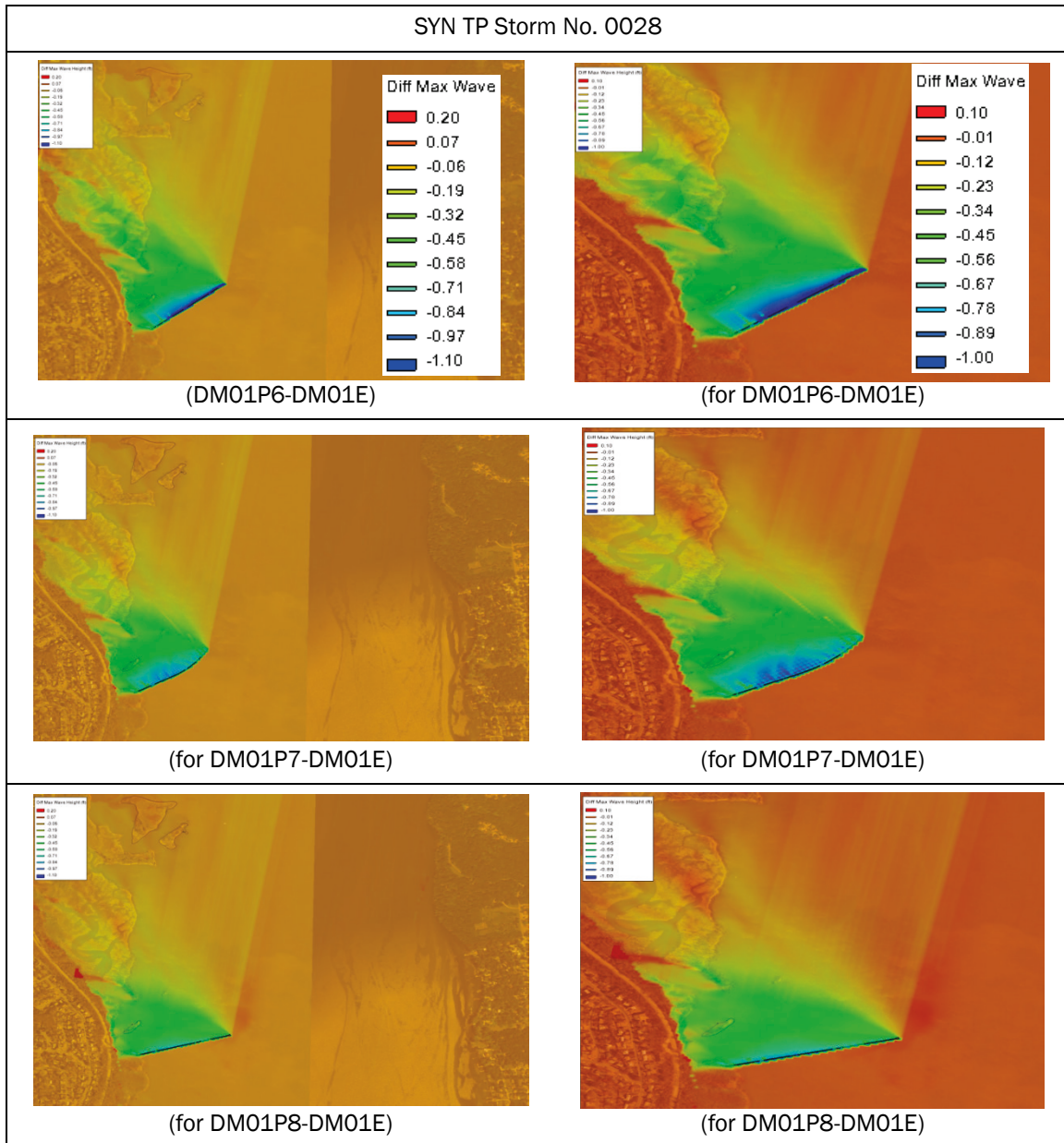


Table 5-97. Difference in maximum significant wave height for SYN TP Storm No. 0110 for all three with-project structure only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out differences

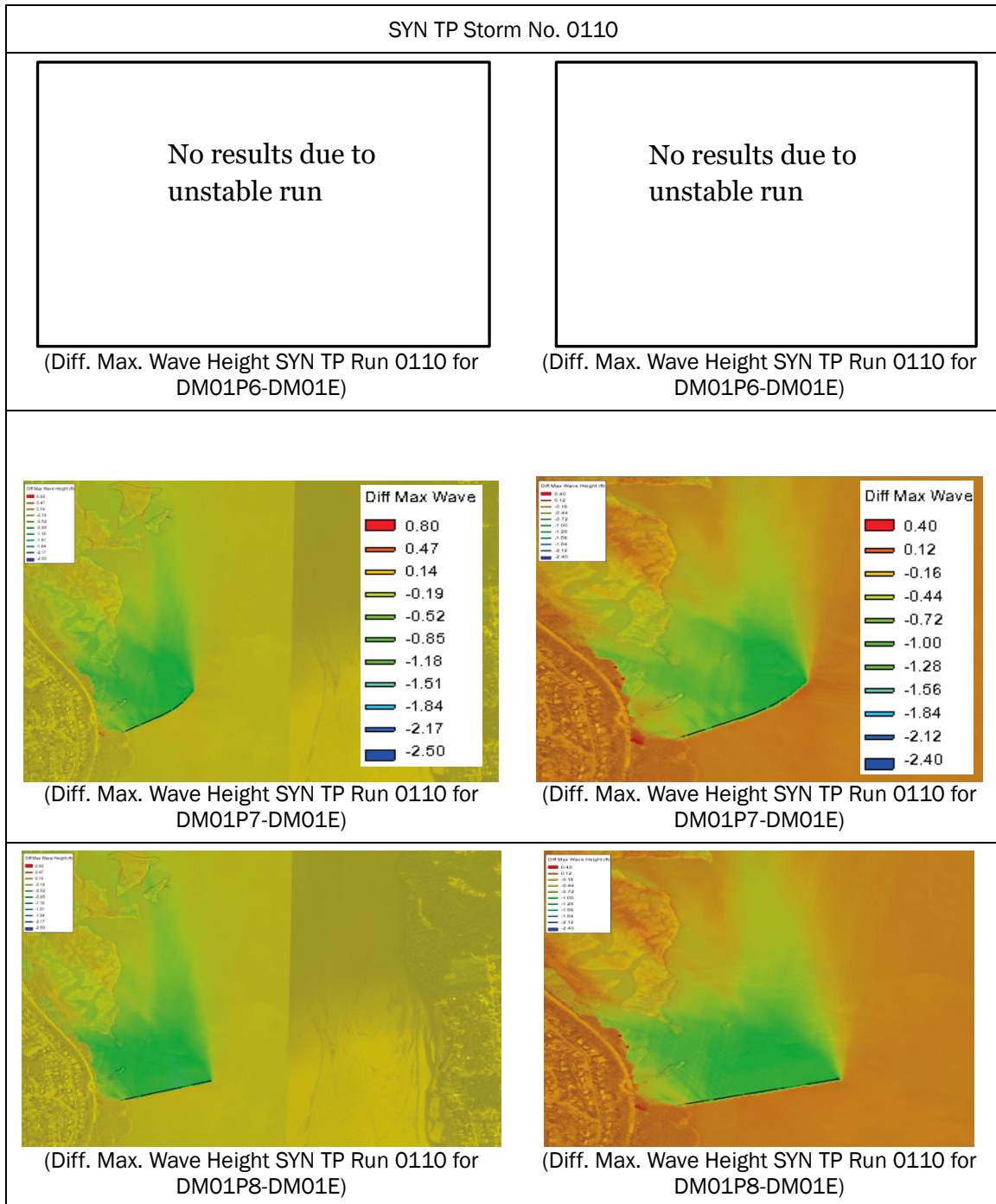


Table 5-98. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out details.

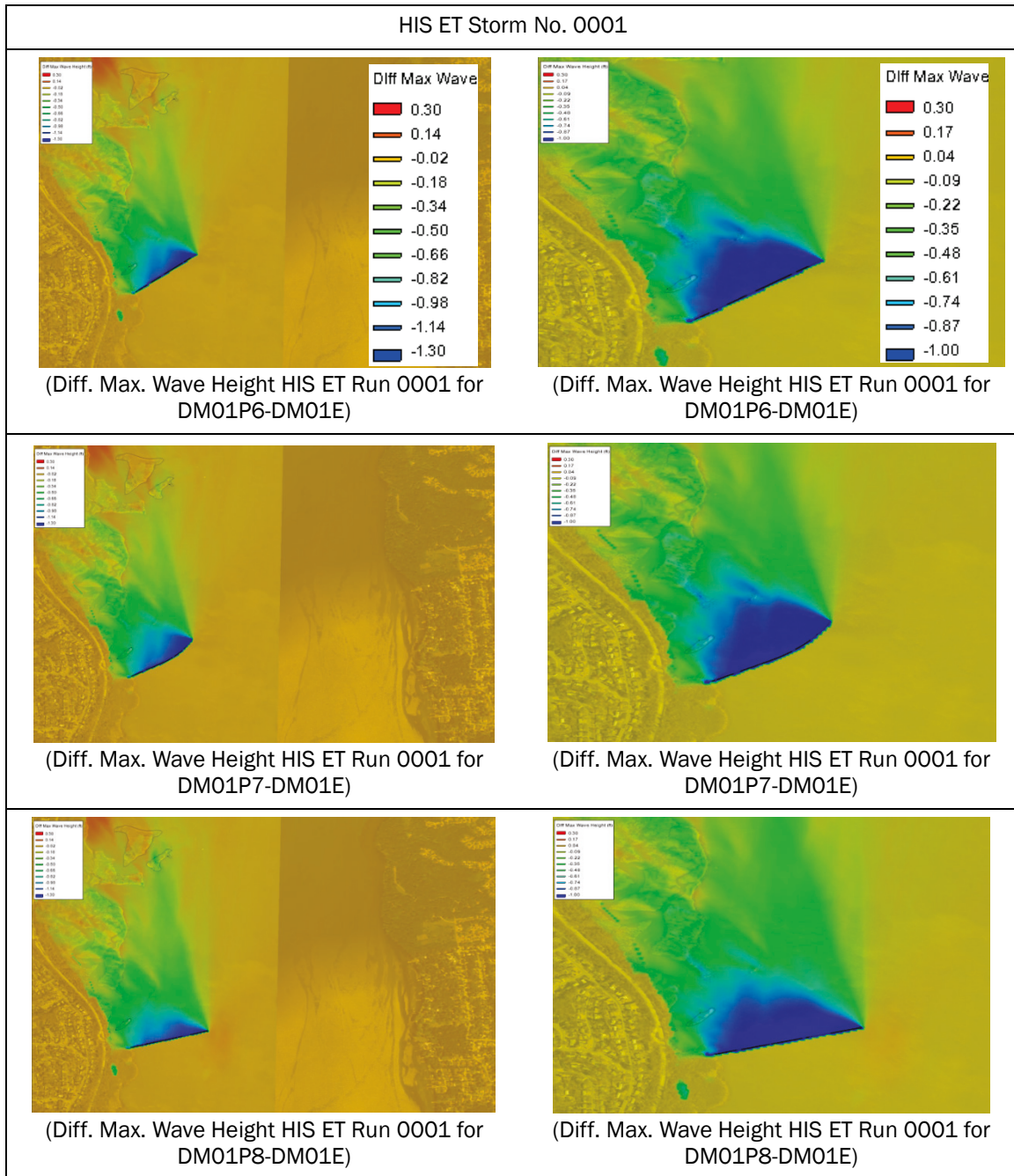


Table 5-99. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out details.

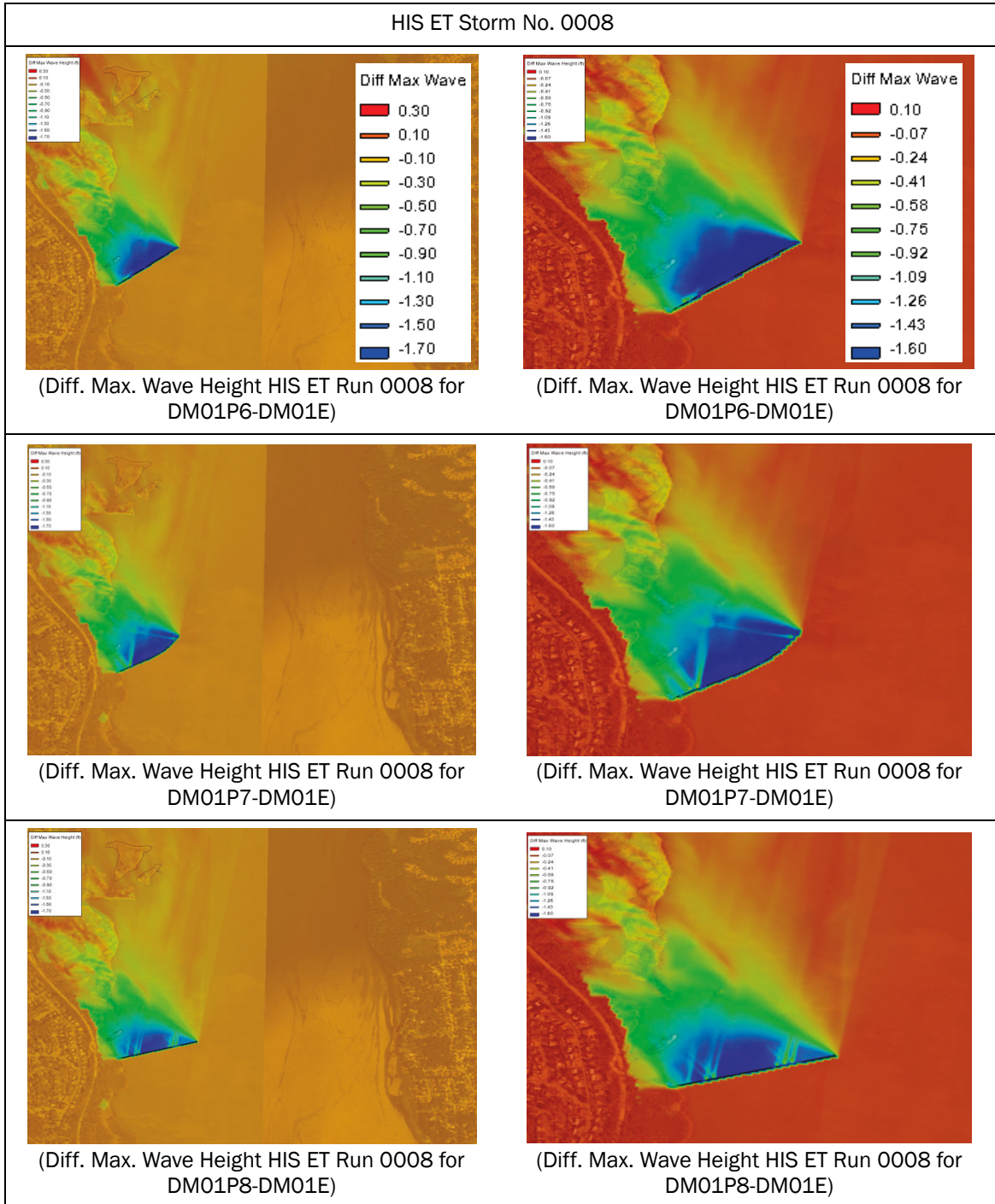


Table 5-100. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out details.

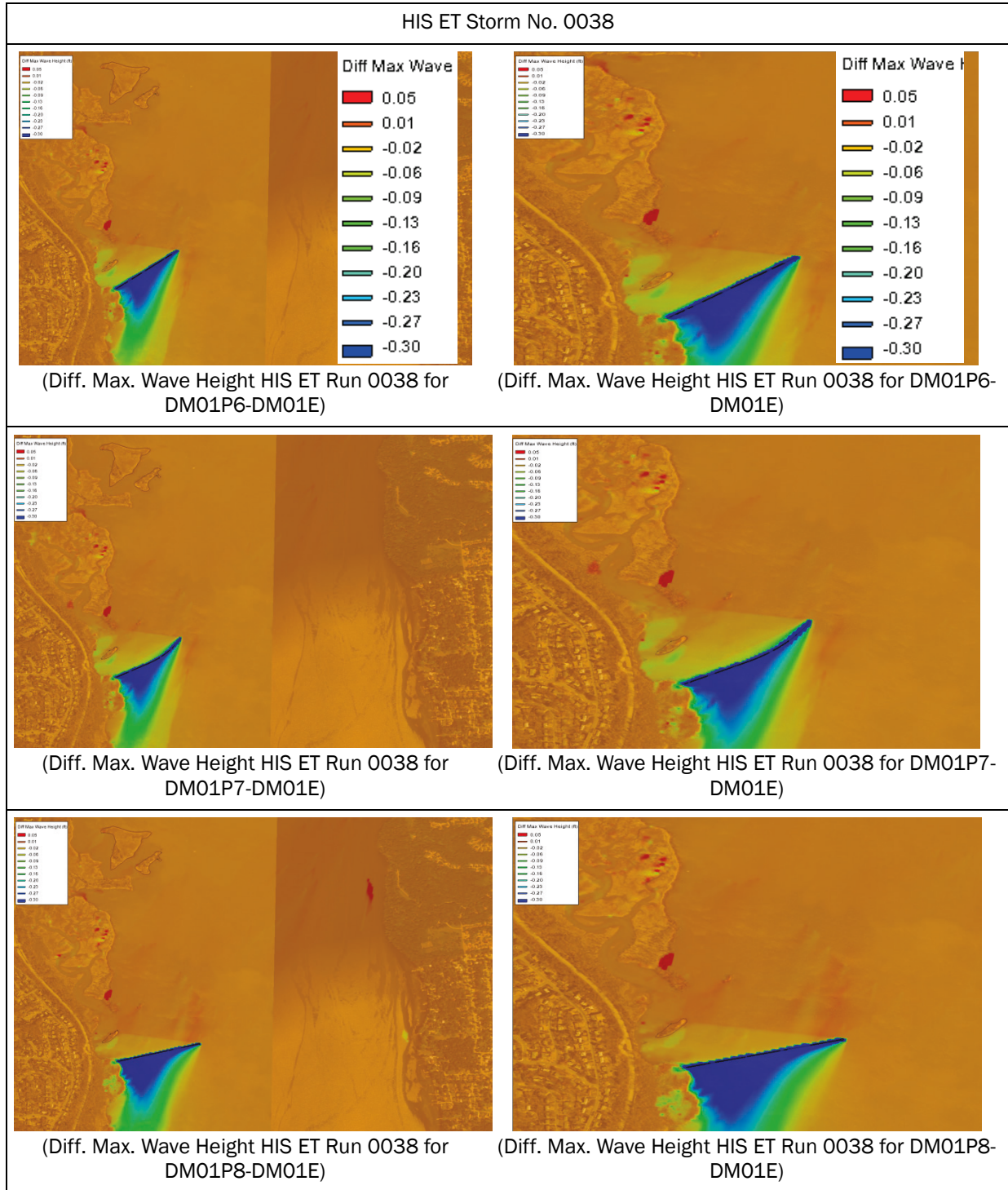


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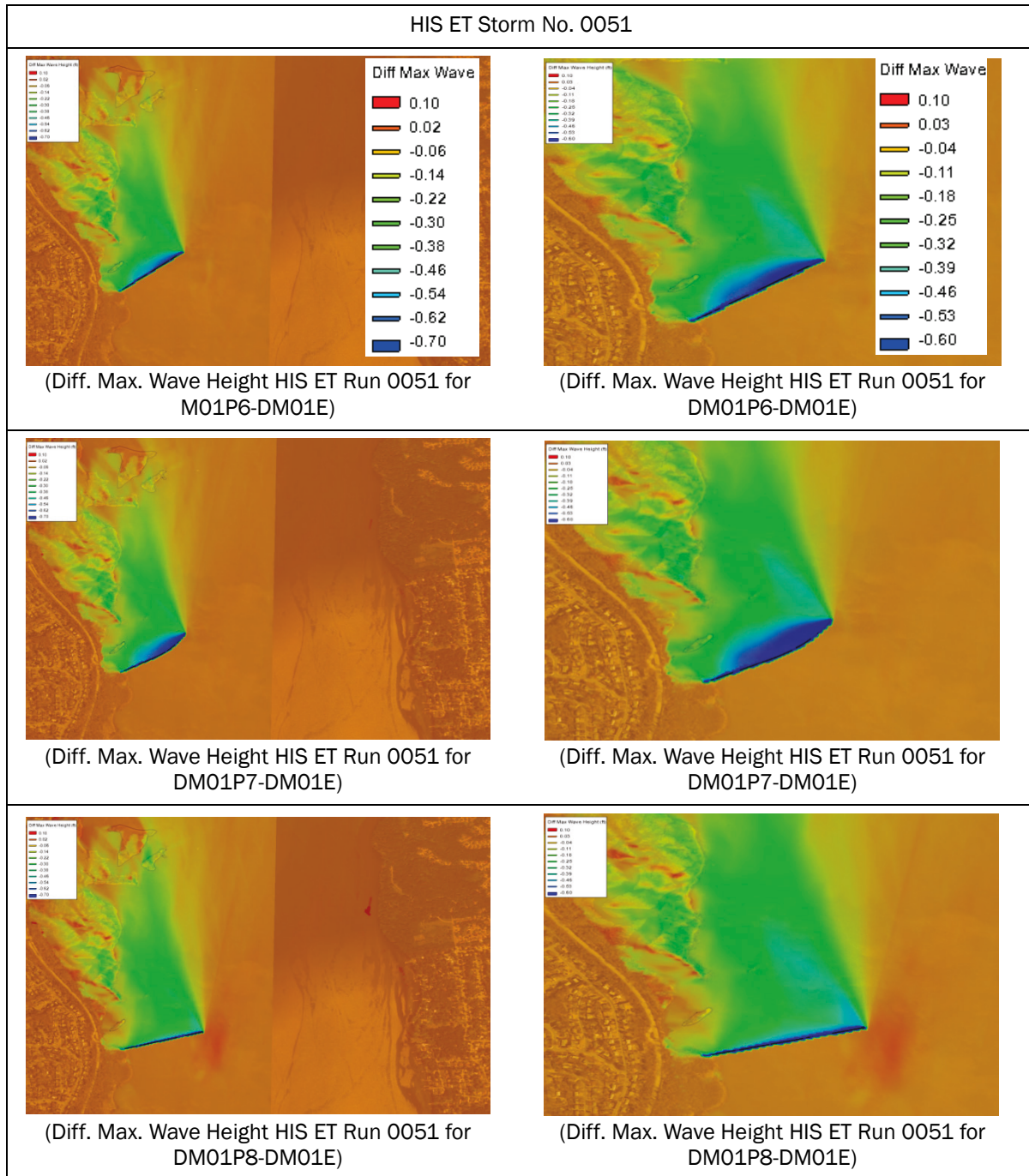


Table 5-102. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out details.

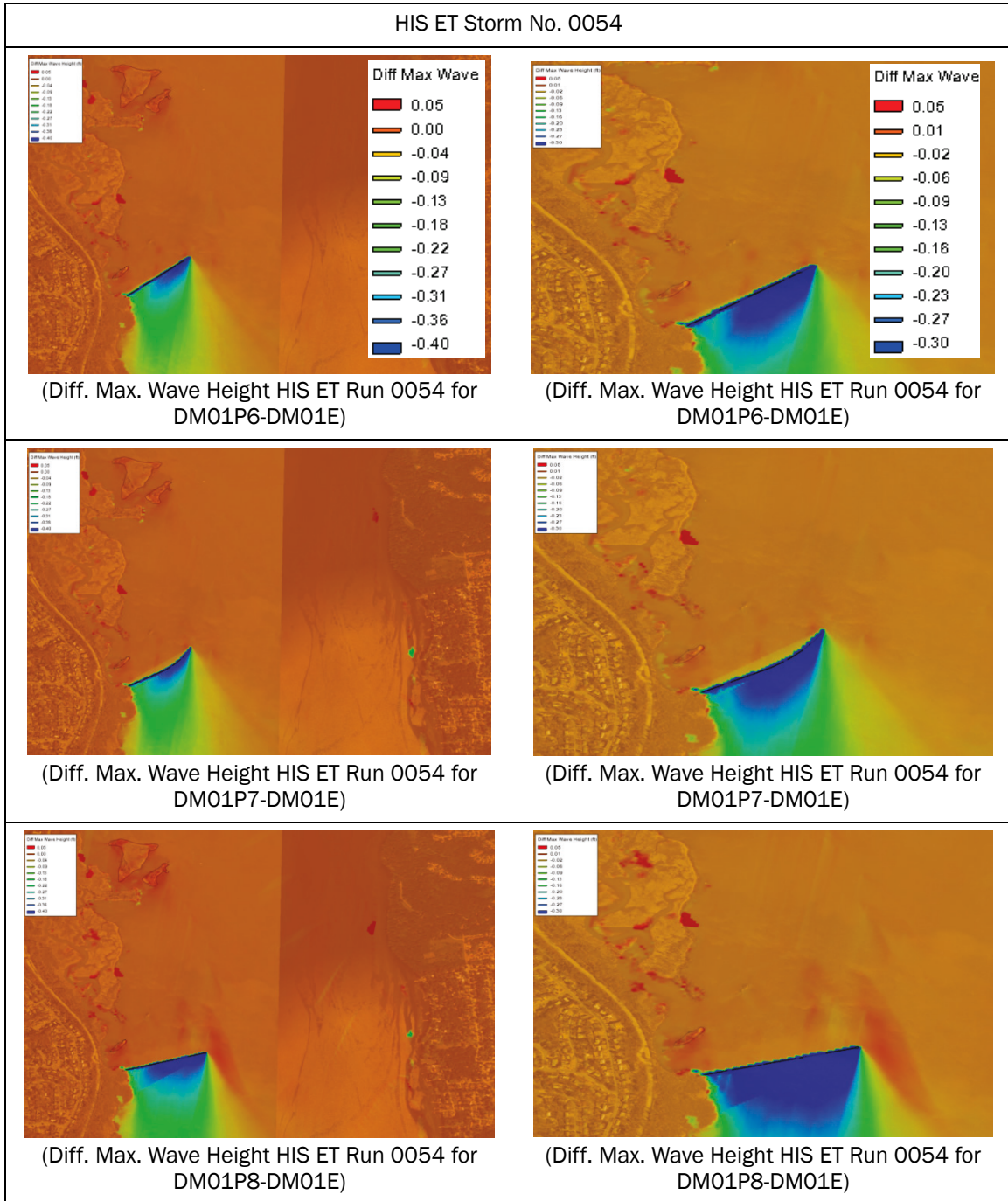


Table 5-103. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out details

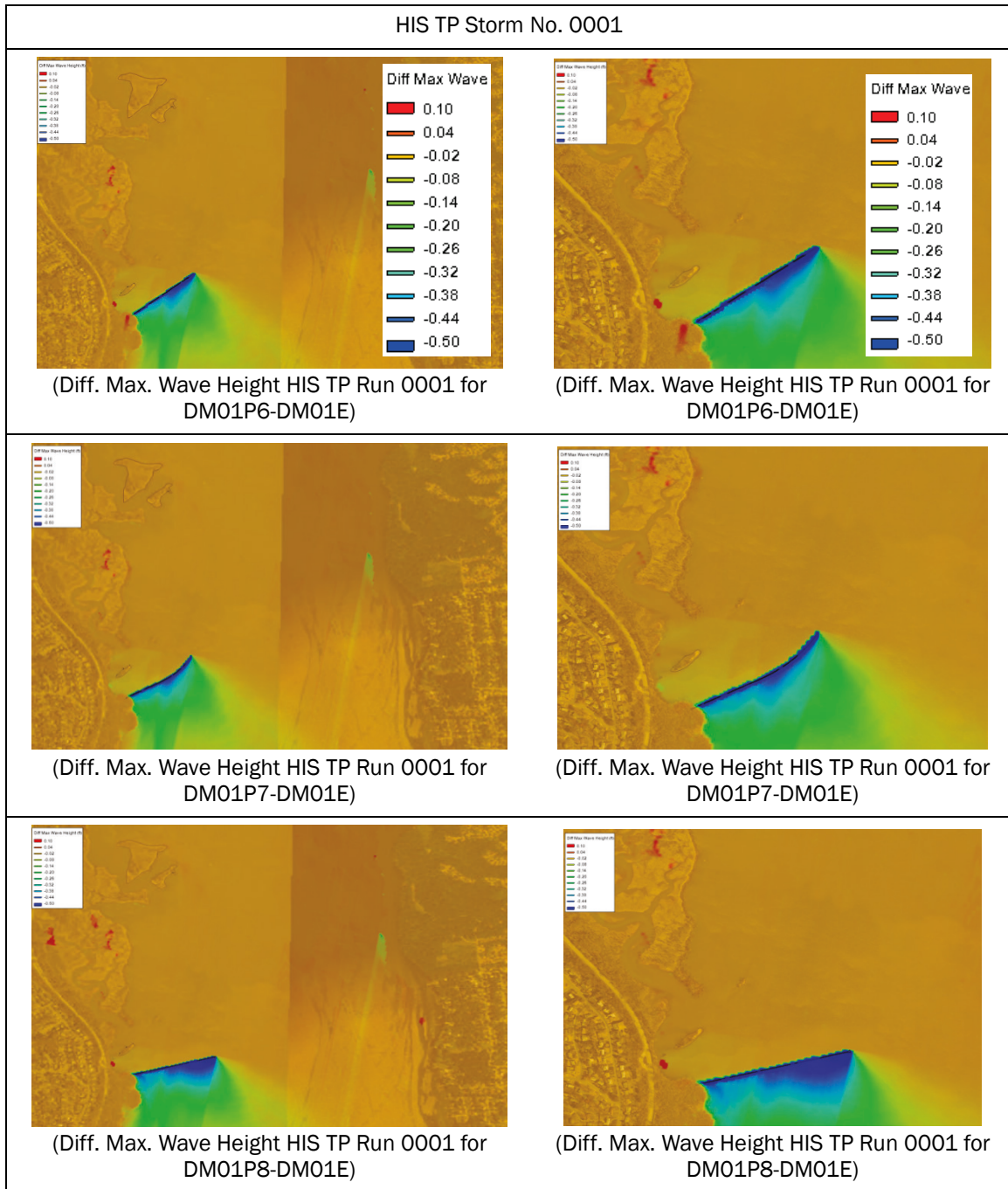
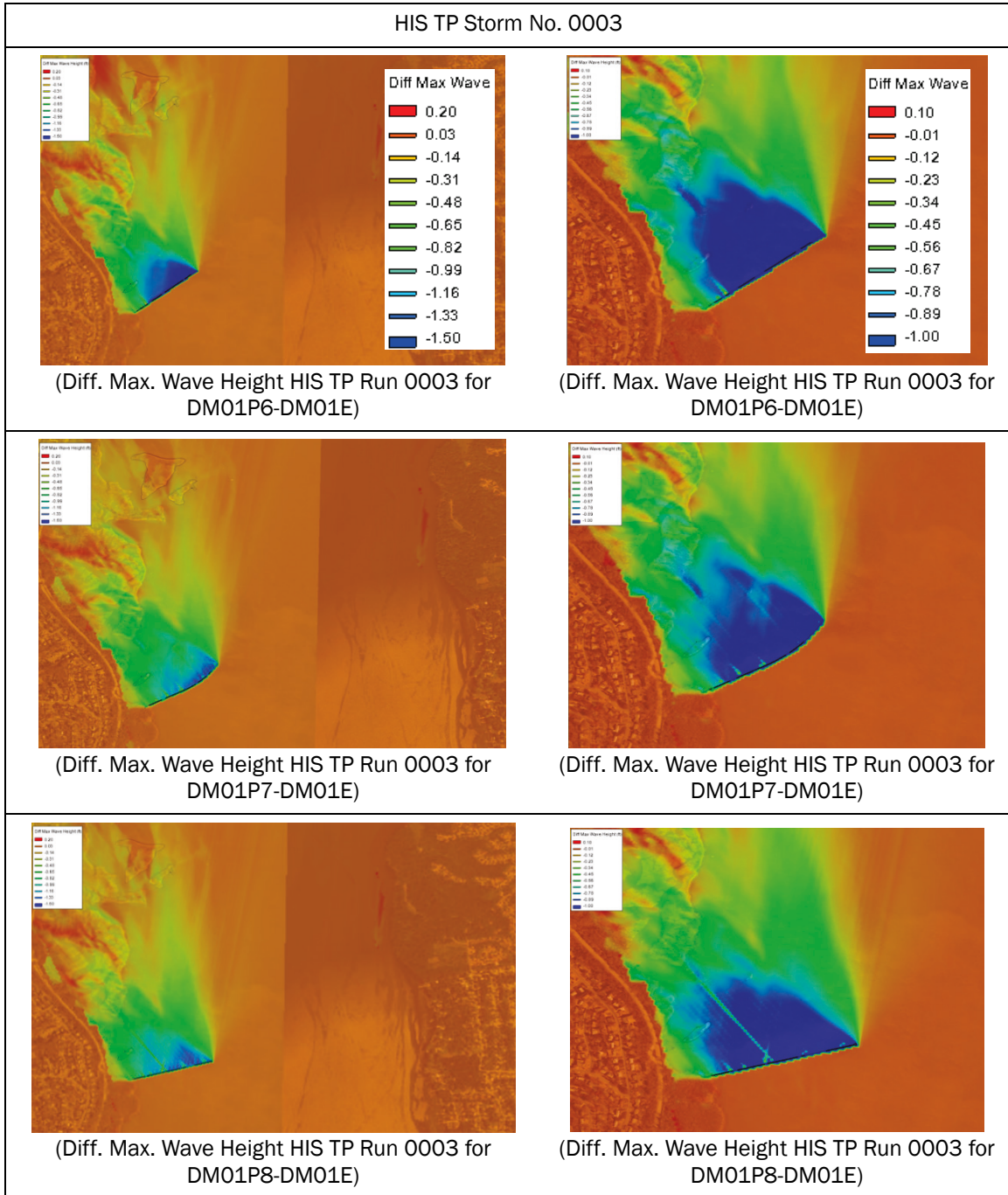


Table 5-104. Difference in maximum significant wave height for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) for all three with-project groin-only mesh configurations (Project – Existing). Note that the color axis range has been decreased to bring out details.



5.2.5 Time series of hydrodynamic variables and maximum wave heights at selected locations for groin only designs

The time series of hydrodynamic variables (water level and wave height) at the 18 observation locations were used to investigate the time-dependent variations of the hydrodynamic variables throughout the period of the storms for the groin-only with-project designs. The 18 selected observation stations, as shown in Figure 5-45, are located at the same points as those for the study of the promontory designs marked in Figure 5-4 and Figure 5-5.

By way of examples, results for two of the HIS ET storms, Storms No. 0001 and 0008, are shown in Figure 5-46 and Figure 5-47, which present the time series plots for significant wave heights, water levels, and wind speeds at Stn 4 and Stn 6, which are close to the shore of Dyke Marsh. All the groins effectively lower wave heights in the area in the lee of the structures. Since the wind direction in tropical cyclones is rotating, the protected area continually changes as the winds rotate. To quantify the effectiveness of the structures, Table 5-105 provides the values of the differences in wave heights and the percent reduction from those under the current conditions (DM01E). The wave height reduction (η) is calculated by Equation (1).

It is found that all three groins significantly reduce the wave heights (by more than 30%) at Stns 3, 4, 5, 10, and 11, and by approximately 10% at Stns 6, 7, and 9. For this storm, none of the groins significantly influence wave fields downstream of the structures and along the eastern bank. The only exception is at Stn 2, which shows that the groin Alt 3 (DM01P8) reduces water height by approximately 30% but also increases velocities. The water levels (including storm surges) show no significant change.

For other historical extratropical storms, the tables of maximum wave height values and reduction percentages are given in Table 5-106 through Table 5-109. The performance of the three groins in HIS ET Storms No. 0008 and 0051 is similar to that in HIS ET Storm No. 0001. All the three groin projects show no significant impact from Storms No. 0038 and 0054 on the areas of the Dyke Marsh and the nearshore region of the eastern bank. But the with-project groins all reduce wave energy at Stns 1 and 12 on the side downstream of the structures as the stronger sustained wind blows from the north as the storms make landfall to the east of the Dyke Marsh.

In Figure 5-48, time series of wave heights, water levels, and wind speed at Stns 4 and 6 are shown for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy

2012). There is almost no difference between the results under all four conditions (the no-structure and three groins). The values listed in Table 5-110 also confirm these results of no effect at other stations. Similar to HIS ET Storms No. 0038 and 0054, HIS TP Storm No. 0001 reduces wave heights for the area downstream. For HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003), the groins behave similarly to how they do for the HIS ET storms (No. 0001, 0008, and 0051). But the efficiency (wave reduction rate), see Table 5-111, for this storm is lower than that for HIS TP Storms No. 0001 and No. 0008.

Simulation results of storm surges and waves by three SYN TP storms (No. 0005, 0028, and 0110) are reported: as shown in Figure 5-49, a typical 20-year ARI synthetic storm (No. 0028) has a long period for building up to the peak of the storm. The simulation captures the peak of the storm and its decay after landfall. The values of the differences in waves for the three tropical synthetic storms are provided in Table 5-112 for Storm No. 0005, Table 5-113 for Storm No. 0028, and Table 5-114 for Storm No. 0110, respectively. Those tables show that all the structures decrease wave energy on the leeward side, but the wave height reductions at most stations are less than 30%.

Figure 5-45. The 18 selected locations.

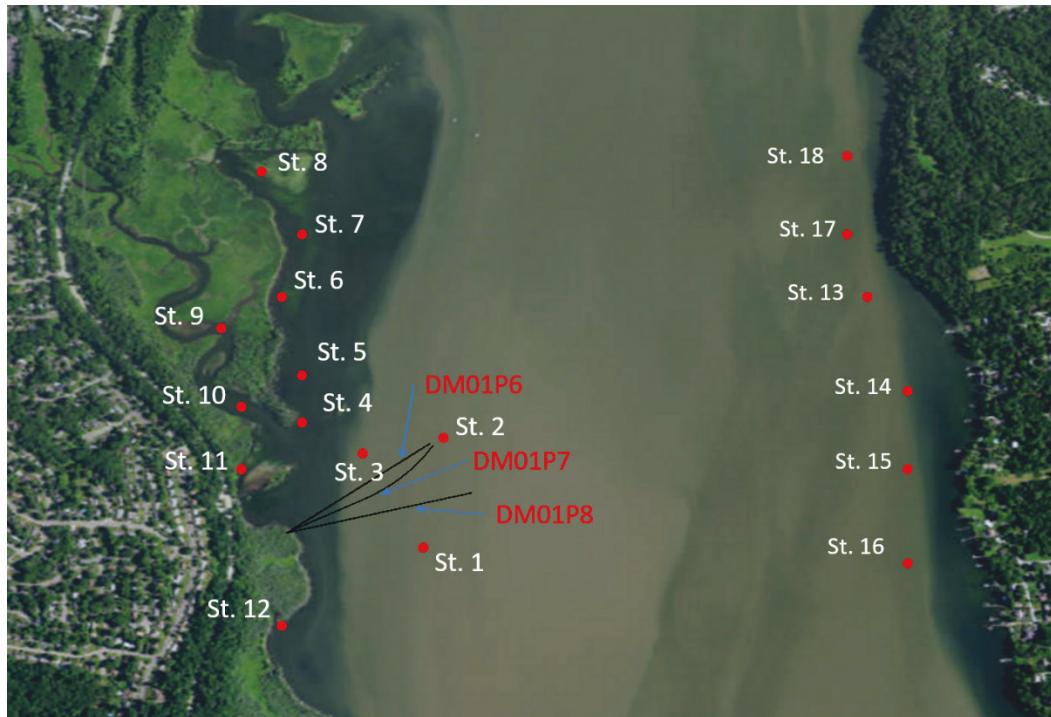


Figure 5-46. Time series of significant wave height (a, b), water level (c, d), and wind speed (e, f) at Stns 4 and 6 for HIS ET Storm No. 0001.

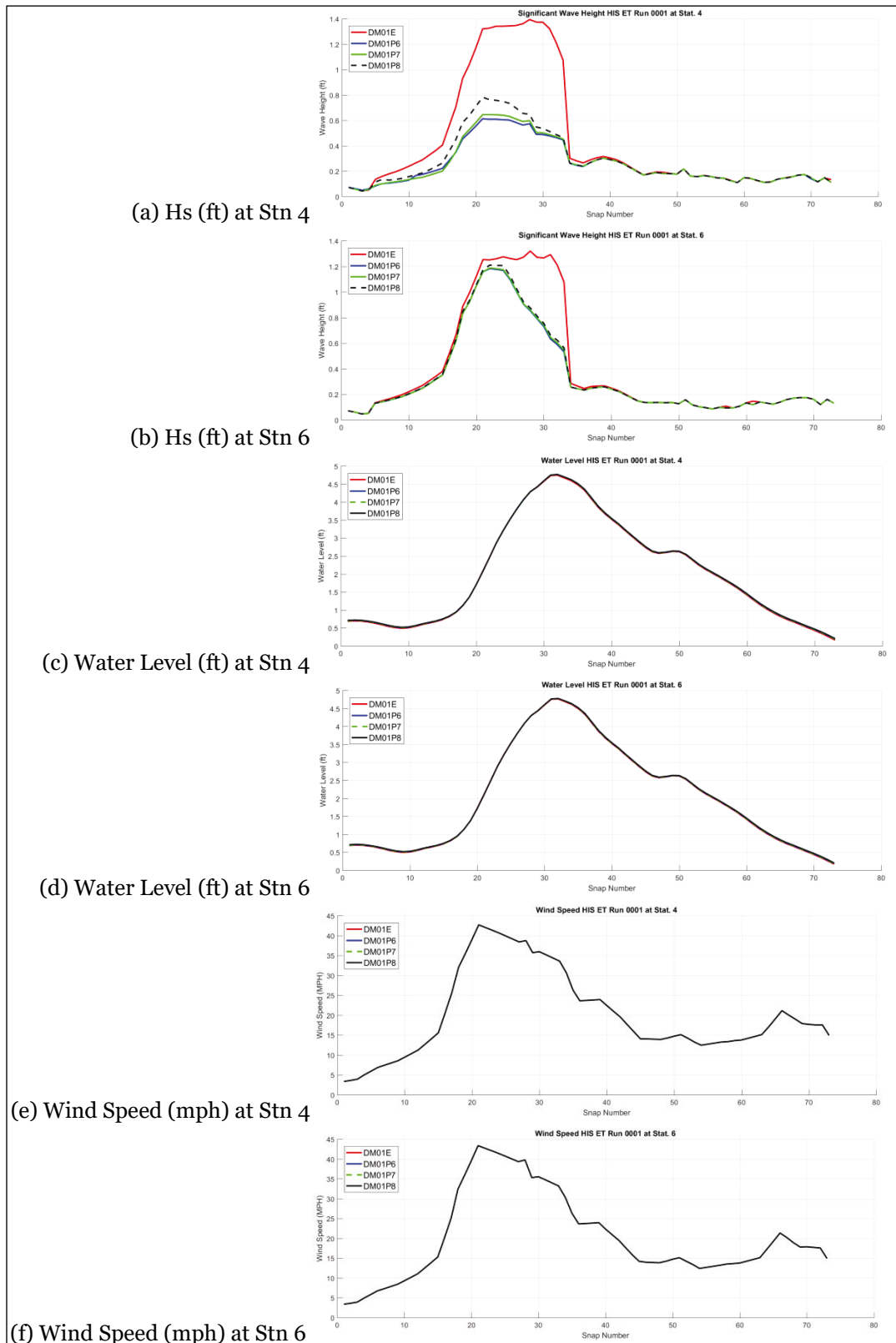


Figure 5-47. Time series of significant wave height (a, b), water level (c, d), and wind speed (e, f) at Stns 4 and 6 for HIS ET Storm No. 0008.

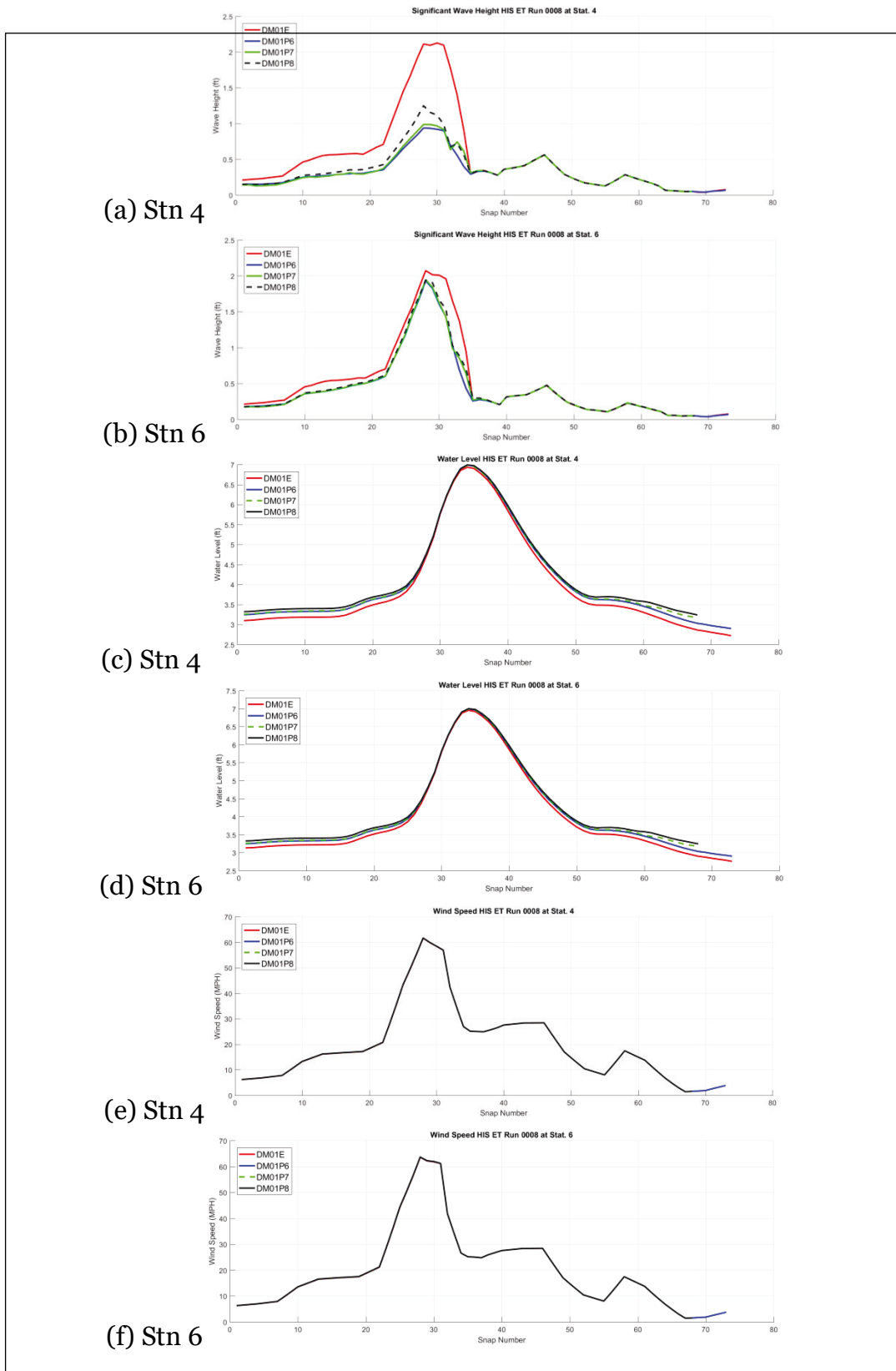


Figure 5-48. Time series of significant wave height (a, b), water level (c, d), and wind speed (e, f) at Stns 4 and 6 for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012).

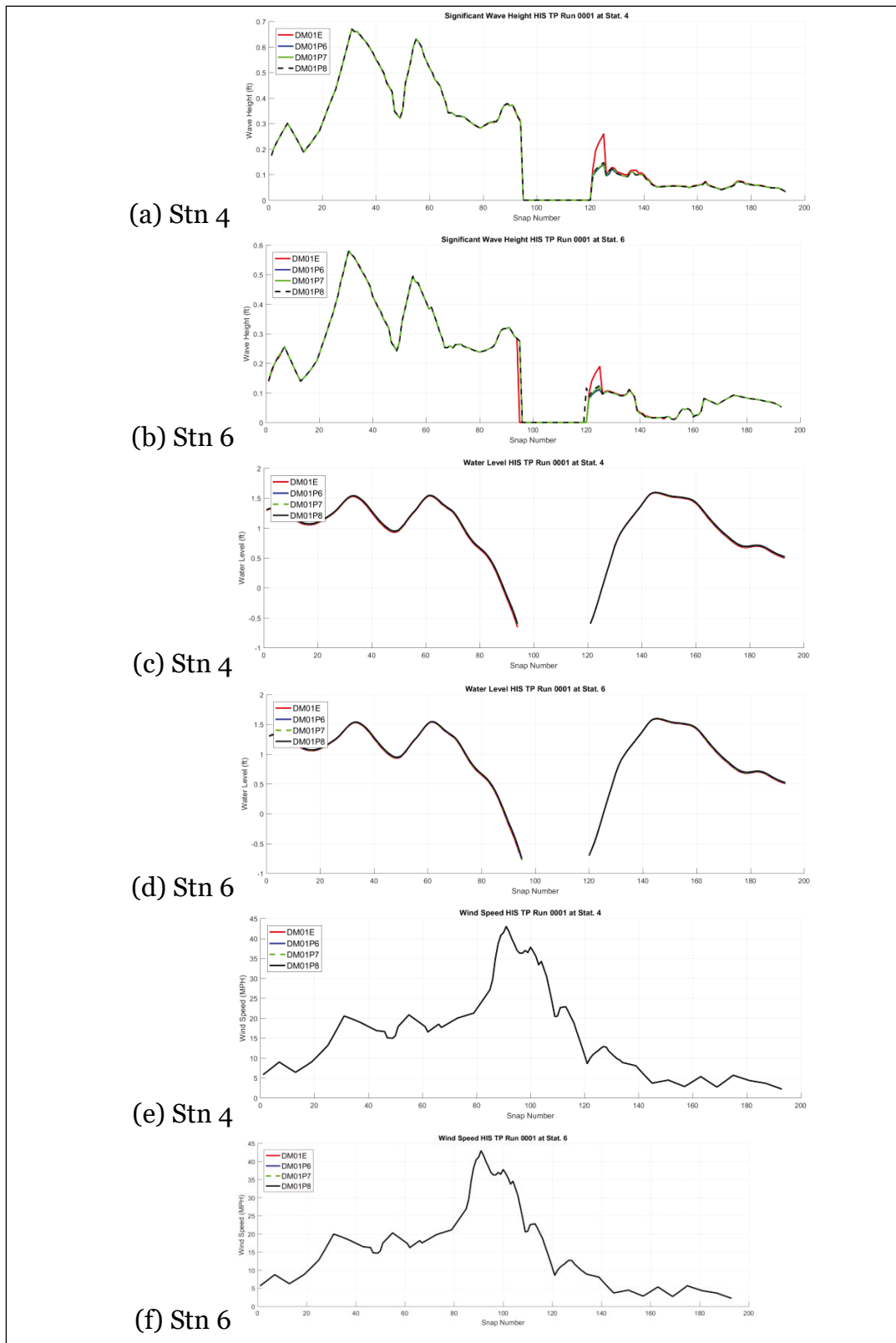


Figure 5-49. Time series of significant wave height (a, b), water level (c, d), and wind speed (e, f) at Stns 4 and 6 for SYN TP Storm No. 0028.

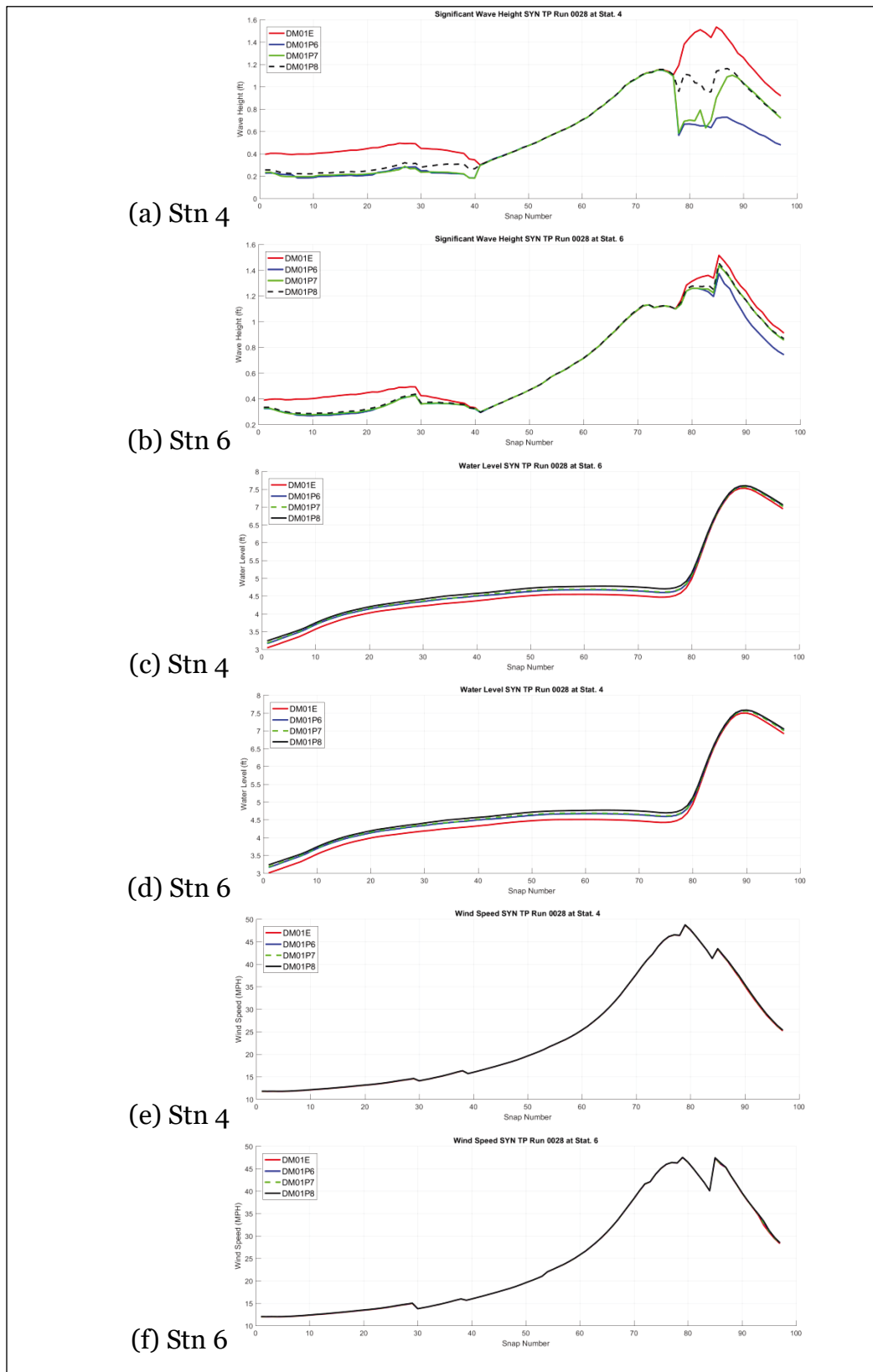


Table 5-105. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS ET Storm No. 0001 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	1.592	0.001	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
2	1.683	-0.009	-0.5%	-0.018	-1.1%	-0.488	-29.0%
3	1.605	-1.058	-65.9%	-0.998	-62.2%	-0.830	-51.7%
4	1.394	-0.781	-56.0%	-0.749	-53.7%	-0.611	-43.8%
5	1.489	-0.639	-42.9%	-0.622	-41.8%	-0.477	-32.1%
6	1.320	-0.137	-10.4%	-0.133	-10.1%	-0.110	-8.3%
7	1.563	-0.202	-12.9%	-0.201	-12.8%	-0.199	-12.7%
8	1.248	-0.030	-2.4%	-0.031	-2.5%	-0.027	-2.2%
9	0.998	-0.225	-22.6%	-0.215	-21.6%	-0.185	-18.6%
10	0.945	-0.303	-32.1%	-0.291	-30.8%	-0.242	-25.6%
11	0.980	-0.564	-57.6%	-0.559	-57.0%	-0.561	-57.2%
12	1.036	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
13	1.262	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
14	1.144	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%
15	1.180	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
16	1.248	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
17	1.265	0.002	0.2%	0.000	0.0%	-0.001	-0.1%
18	1.295	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	-0.004	-0.3%

Table 5-106. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS ET Storm No. 0008 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	2.132	0.004	0.2%	0.004	0.2%	0.003	0.1%
2	2.213	0.002	0.1%	0.003	0.1%	-0.287	-13.0%
3	2.319	-1.610	-69.4%	-1.516	-65.4%	-1.187	-51.2%
4	2.127	-1.191	-56.0%	-1.142	-53.7%	-0.879	-41.3%
5	2.260	-0.915	-40.5%	-0.897	-39.7%	-0.641	-28.4%
6	2.073	-0.141	-6.8%	-0.128	-6.2%	-0.130	-6.3%
7	2.371	-0.177	-7.5%	-0.176	-7.4%	-0.164	-6.9%
8	2.093	-0.036	-1.7%	-0.036	-1.7%	-0.031	-1.5%
9	1.645	-0.293	-17.8%	-0.275	-16.7%	-0.217	-13.2%
10	1.568	-0.533	-34.0%	-0.508	-32.4%	-0.365	-23.3%

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
11	1.618	-0.705	-43.6%	-0.644	-39.8%	-0.665	-41.1%
12	1.719	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	-0.002	-0.1%
13	1.544	0.003	0.2%	0.003	0.2%	0.003	0.2%
14	1.239	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
15	1.264	0.001	0.0%	0.001	0.1%	-0.001	0.0%
16	1.283	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%
17	1.321	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
18	1.296	-0.001	-0.1%	0.002	0.2%	0.000	0.0%

Table 5-107. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS ET Storm No. 0038 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	0.842	-0.016	-1.9%	-0.015	-1.8%	-0.130	-15.4%
2	0.867	-0.001	-0.1%	0.001	0.1%	-0.002	-0.2%
3	1.064	-0.012	-1.1%	-0.011	-1.0%	0.000	0.0%
4	0.888	0.002	0.3%	0.002	0.3%	0.003	0.4%
5	0.982	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.002	0.2%
6	0.763	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
7	0.850	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
8	0.585	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
9	0.120	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
10	0.311	-0.004	-1.3%	-0.004	-1.2%	0.000	0.0%
11	Dry	Dry	Dry		Dry		Dry
12	0.627	-0.004	-0.7%	-0.004	-0.7%	-0.014	-2.2%
13	0.225	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
14	0.262	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
15	0.278	0.000	-0.1%	0.000	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%
16	0.304	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
17	0.269	0.000	-0.1%	0.000	-0.1%	0.000	-0.1%
18	0.259	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.029	11.0%

Table 5-108. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS ET Storm No. 0051 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6		DM01P7		DM01P8	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	0.894	-0.002	-0.2%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
2	0.985	-0.005	-0.5%	-0.008	-0.8%	-0.379	-38.5%
3	0.907	-0.416	-45.9%	-0.400	-44.1%	-0.262	-28.9%
4	0.824	-0.166	-20.1%	-0.167	-20.2%	-0.164	-19.8%
5	0.878	-0.212	-24.2%	-0.212	-24.2%	-0.211	-24.1%
6	0.803	-0.158	-19.7%	-0.158	-19.7%	-0.157	-19.6%
7	0.945	-0.206	-21.8%	-0.208	-22.0%	-0.206	-21.8%
8	0.775	-0.040	-5.2%	-0.039	-5.1%	-0.038	-4.9%
9	0.653	-0.172	-26.4%	-0.170	-26.0%	-0.162	-24.9%
10	0.622	-0.028	-4.5%	-0.024	-3.9%	-0.009	-1.5%
11	0.553	-0.053	-9.6%	-0.050	-9.0%	0.004	0.7%
12	0.635	-0.002	-0.3%	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.005	-0.8%
13	0.919	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	-0.1%	0.001	0.1%
14	0.784	-0.003	-0.4%	-0.001	-0.1%	0.001	0.1%
15	0.793	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
16	0.808	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
17	0.929	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%
18	0.950	0.000	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%

Table 5-109. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS ET Storm No. 0054 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	0.745	-0.160	-21.4%	-0.172	-23.1%	-0.347	-46.5%
2	0.675	-0.003	-0.4%	-0.004	-0.5%	-0.003	-0.4%
3	0.600	0.002	0.4%	0.002	0.4%	0.002	0.3%
4	0.390	0.002	0.6%	0.002	0.6%	0.003	0.8%
5	0.391	0.001	0.3%	0.001	0.3%	0.002	0.4%
6	0.296	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.1%
7	0.379	0.001	0.3%	0.001	0.2%	0.002	0.5%
8	0.247	0.000	0.2%	0.000	0.1%	0.001	0.2%

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
9	0.155	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
10	0.221	0.001	0.4%	0.001	0.4%	0.001	0.4%
11	Dry	Dry		Dry		Dry	
12	0.218	-0.016	-7.2%	-0.016	-7.5%	-0.018	-8.4%
13	0.290	0.001	0.2%	0.000	-0.1%	-0.002	-0.6%
14	0.562	0.001	0.3%	0.001	0.2%	0.003	0.5%
15	0.657	0.002	0.3%	0.001	0.2%	0.003	0.5%
16	0.728	-0.003	-0.4%	-0.003	-0.5%	-0.001	-0.2%
17	0.643	0.001	0.2%	0.001	0.2%	0.002	0.3%
18	0.378	0.001	0.4%	0.001	0.3%	0.002	0.6%

Table 5-110. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS TP Storm No. 0001 (Hurricane Sandy 2012) at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	0.914	-0.173	-18.9%	-0.193	-21.1%	-0.359	-39.3%
2	0.916	0.000	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
3	0.738	-0.007	-0.9%	-0.005	-0.7%	0.000	0.1%
4	0.669	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.2%
5	0.719	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.2%
6	0.579	0.000	0.1%	0.002	0.3%	0.000	0.1%
7	0.597	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.1%
8	0.394	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%
9	0.235	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
10	0.285	0.001	0.2%	0.001	0.2%	0.001	0.2%
11	Dry	Dry		Dry		Dry	
12	0.370	-0.013	-3.5%	-0.014	-3.7%	-0.044	-11.8%
13	0.420	-0.002	-0.4%	-0.002	-0.4%	-0.002	-0.4%
14	0.895	0.004	0.4%	0.004	0.4%	0.007	0.8%
15	0.997	0.002	0.2%	0.002	0.2%	0.005	0.5%
16	1.110	0.000	0.0%	-0.002	-0.2%	-0.001	-0.1%
17	1.211	-0.076	-6.3%	-0.076	-6.3%	-0.074	-6.1%
18	0.597	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.1%

Table 5-111. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for HIS TP Storm No. 0003 (Hurricane Isabel 2003) at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station/Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
	Value (ft)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	2.199	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	-0.006	-0.3%
2	2.314	-0.012	-0.5%	-0.028	-1.2%	-0.588	-25.4%
3	2.214	-1.365	-61.6%	-0.931	-42.0%	-1.015	-45.8%
4	1.977	-1.016	-51.4%	-0.836	-42.3%	-0.845	-42.7%
5	2.077	-0.838	-40.4%	-0.844	-40.6%	-0.621	-29.9%
6	1.875	-0.153	-8.2%	-0.154	-8.2%	-0.142	-7.6%
7	2.207	-0.241	-10.9%	-0.238	-10.8%	-0.232	-10.5%
8	1.897	-0.042	-2.2%	-0.042	-2.2%	-0.039	-2.1%
9	1.601	-0.384	-24.0%	-0.368	-23.0%	-0.296	-18.5%
10	1.486	-0.549	-37.0%	-0.429	-28.9%	-0.415	-27.9%
11	1.413	-0.405	-28.6%	-0.409	-29.0%	-0.419	-29.7%
12	1.543	0.001	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	0.002	0.1%
13	1.811	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
14	1.613	-0.002	-0.1%	-0.001	0.0%	-0.001	-0.1%
15	1.640	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
16	1.701	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.002	-0.1%
17	1.645	0.016	0.9%	0.016	1.0%	0.015	0.9%
18	1.608	-0.009	-0.5%	-0.007	-0.5%	-0.010	-0.6%

Table 5-112. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for SYN TP Storm No. 0005 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
	Value (ft)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	0.836	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.002	-0.3%	0.007	0.9%
2	0.745	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.050	-6.7%
3	0.865	-0.386	-44.6%	-0.361	-41.8%	-0.244	-28.2%
4	0.849	-0.217	-25.6%	-0.219	-25.8%	-0.178	-21.0%
5	0.833	-0.197	-23.7%	-0.161	-19.4%	-0.097	-11.7%
6	0.761	-0.058	-7.6%	-0.040	-5.3%	-0.035	-4.5%
7	0.758	-0.053	-7.0%	-0.040	-5.3%	-0.043	-5.7%
8	0.737	-0.025	-3.3%	-0.016	-2.1%	-0.019	-2.5%

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
	Value (ft)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
9	0.772	-0.166	-21.5%	-0.126	-16.3%	-0.095	-12.4%
10	0.818	-0.184	-22.5%	-0.183	-22.4%	-0.162	-19.8%
11	0.874	-0.323	-37.0%	-0.318	-36.3%	-0.241	-27.6%
12	0.857	-0.002	-0.2%	-0.002	-0.2%	-0.005	-0.5%
13	0.446	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.003	0.7%
14	0.392	0.000	0.1%	0.000	-0.1%	0.002	0.5%
15	0.403	0.000	0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
16	0.405	0.000	0.0%	0.006	1.5%	0.000	0.0%
17	0.373	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.2%
18	0.361	0.003	0.9%	0.001	0.3%	-0.002	-0.6%

Table 5-113. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for SYN TP Storm No. 0028 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	1.491	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
2	1.478	0.002	0.1%	0.001	0.1%	-0.136	-9.2%
3	1.576	-0.604	-38.3%	-0.592	-37.6%	-0.437	-27.7%
4	1.535	-0.386	-25.1%	-0.385	-25.1%	-0.372	-24.2%
5	1.592	-0.433	-27.2%	-0.361	-22.6%	-0.192	-12.1%
6	1.516	-0.142	-9.4%	-0.081	-5.3%	-0.062	-4.1%
7	1.668	-0.126	-7.5%	-0.091	-5.4%	-0.083	-5.0%
8	1.597	-0.048	-3.0%	-0.018	-1.1%	-0.017	-1.1%
9	1.387	-0.335	-24.2%	-0.201	-14.5%	-0.140	-10.1%
10	1.364	-0.203	-14.9%	-0.201	-14.7%	-0.182	-13.4%
11	1.474	-0.501	-34.0%	-0.501	-34.0%	-0.463	-31.4%
12	1.469	-0.005	-0.3%	-0.007	-0.5%	-0.007	-0.4%
13	0.834	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
14	0.734	0.001	0.2%	0.000	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%
15	0.756	-0.001	-0.1%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
16	0.756	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
17	0.712	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.001	0.1%
18	0.728	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%

Table 5-114. Differences in significant wave heights (ft) for SYN TP Storm No. 0110 at the 18 selected locations among the cases with and without the groins. NA means results not available.

Station\Grid	DM01E	DM01P6-DM01E		DM01P7-DM01E		DM01P8-DM01E	
		Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)	Value (ft)	Rate (%)
1	3.106	NA	NA	0.030	0.9%	0.017	0.6%
2	3.126	NA	NA	0.009	0.3%	-0.794	-25.4%
3	3.050	NA	NA	-0.793	-26.0%	-1.003	-32.9%
4	2.759	NA	NA	-0.576	-20.9%	-0.765	-27.7%
5	2.874	NA	NA	-0.550	-19.1%	-0.475	-16.5%
6	2.596	NA	NA	-0.199	-7.7%	-0.167	-6.4%
7	2.981	NA	NA	-0.181	-6.1%	-0.165	-5.5%
8	2.665	NA	NA	-0.058	-2.2%	-0.061	-2.3%
9	2.350	NA	NA	-0.315	-13.4%	-0.212	-9.0%
10	2.359	NA	NA	-0.465	-19.7%	-0.596	-25.3%
11	2.253	NA	NA	-0.387	-17.2%	-0.521	-23.1%
12	2.159	NA	NA	0.002	0.1%	0.005	0.2%
13	2.313	NA	NA	0.007	0.3%	0.010	0.4%
14	2.182	NA	NA	0.000	0.0%	-0.001	0.0%
15	2.250	NA	NA	-0.001	-0.1%	-0.002	-0.1%
16	2.255	NA	NA	0.000	0.0%	0.002	0.1%
17	2.263	NA	NA	0.002	0.1%	0.002	0.1%
18	1.963	NA	NA	0.007	0.4%	0.003	0.2%

5.2.6 Simulation results for long-term tidal and river flows under constant wind conditions for groin-only designs

5.2.6.1 Results for long-term tidal flows

By using the same simulation procedure and conditions (Table 5-58) for studying hydrodynamic responses of the project promontories, the 1-month-long tidal simulations with high and low river discharge were also computed for the three proposed groins.

Comparisons of water levels, flow velocities, and tidal current ellipses at the selected observation station are presented in Figure 5-50 through Figure 5-63. Similar to the findings for the promontories, the groins reduce flow velocities in the shadow areas of the structures. Along the

western bank of the Dyke Marsh, the reduction in current speed by the groins is almost the same as for the longer full promontories. The reduction in current speed from the groins for tidal flows extends as far as Stn 6, which is comparable in approximate length to the structure itself. Only current directions at Stn 1 (Figure 5-52) are slightly different from those of the full promontory (Figure 5-8).

Figure 5-50. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 1 for groins.

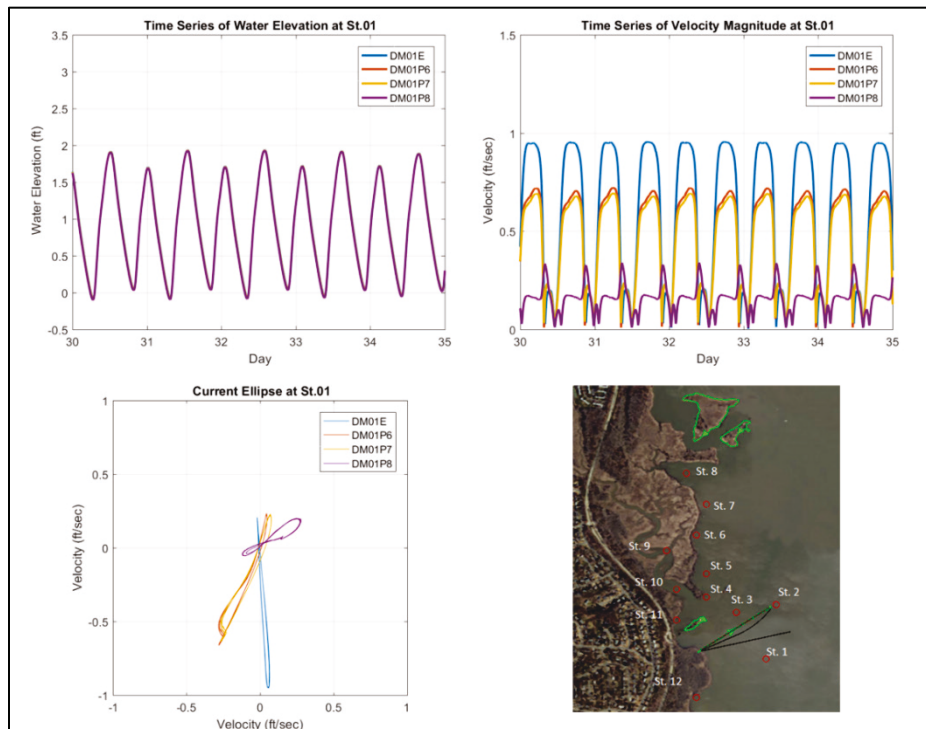


Figure 5-51. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 1 with and without structures.

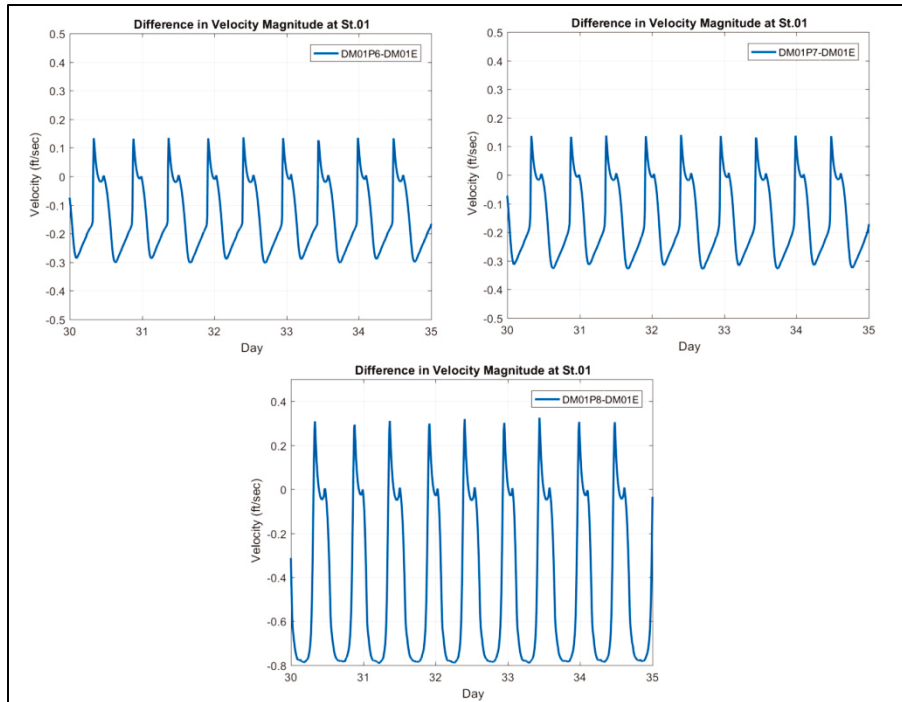


Figure 5-52. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 2 for groins.

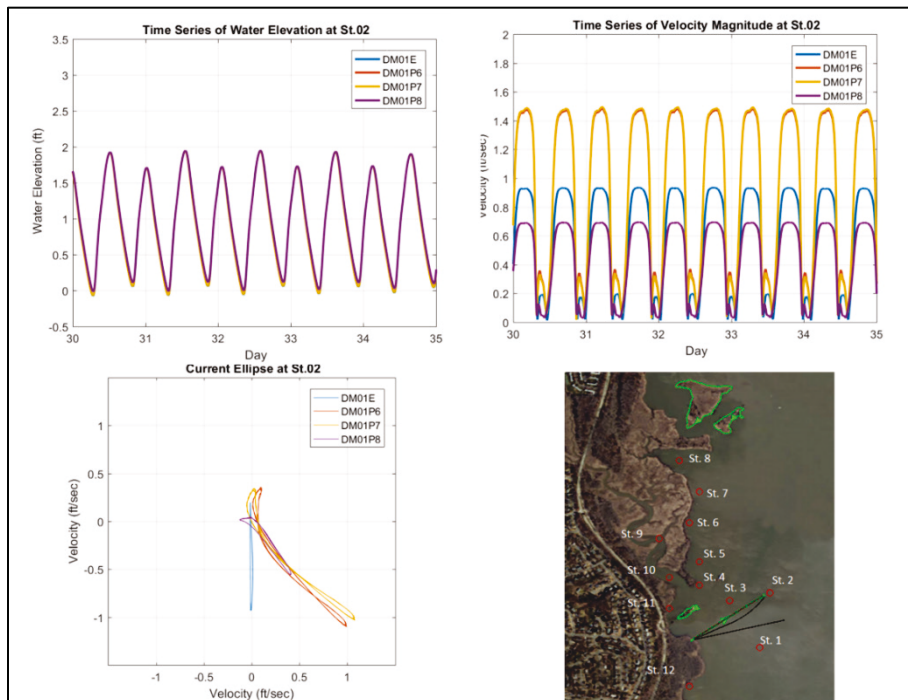


Figure 5-53. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 2 with and without structures.

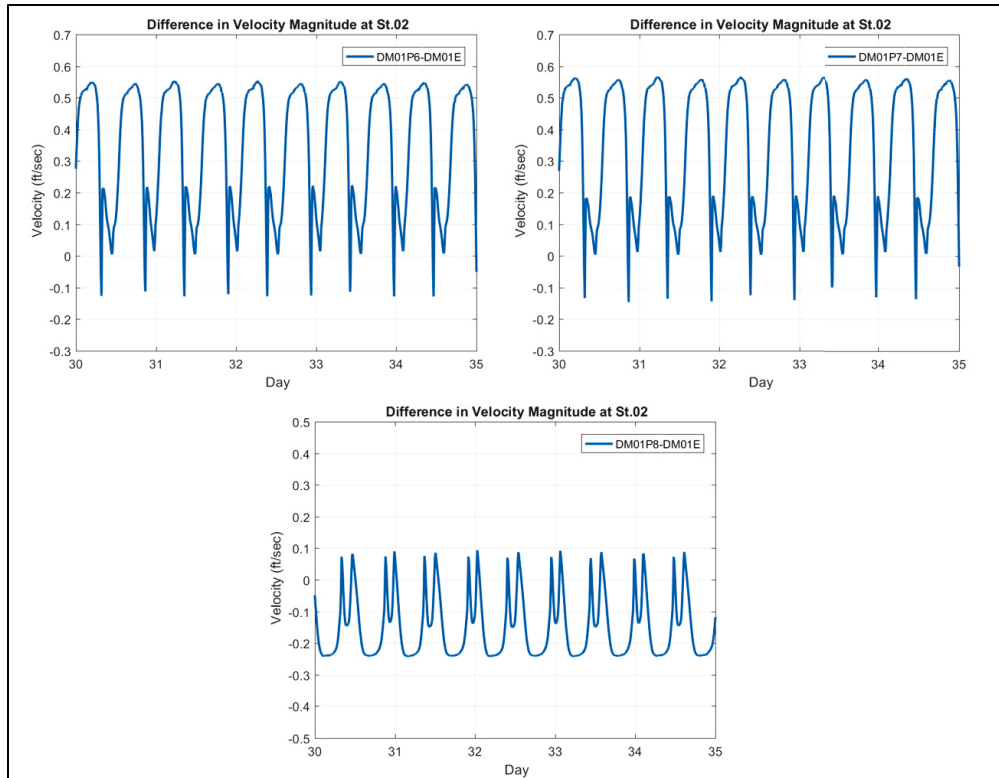


Figure 5-54. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 3 for groins.

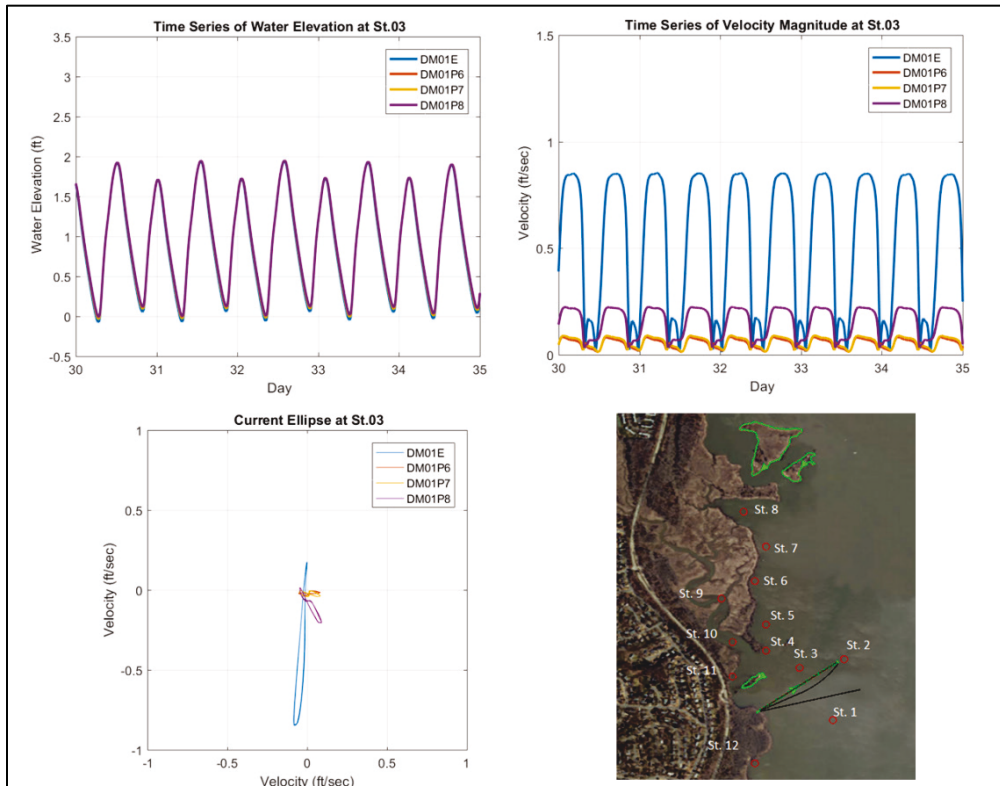


Figure 5-55. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 3 with and without structures.

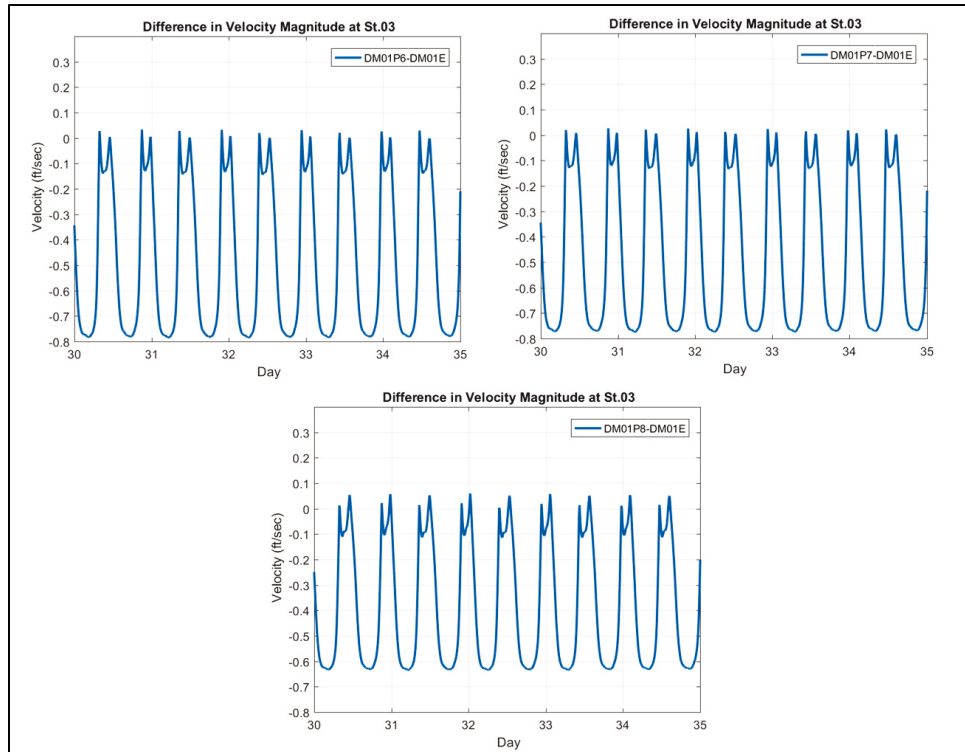


Figure 5-56. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 4 for groins.

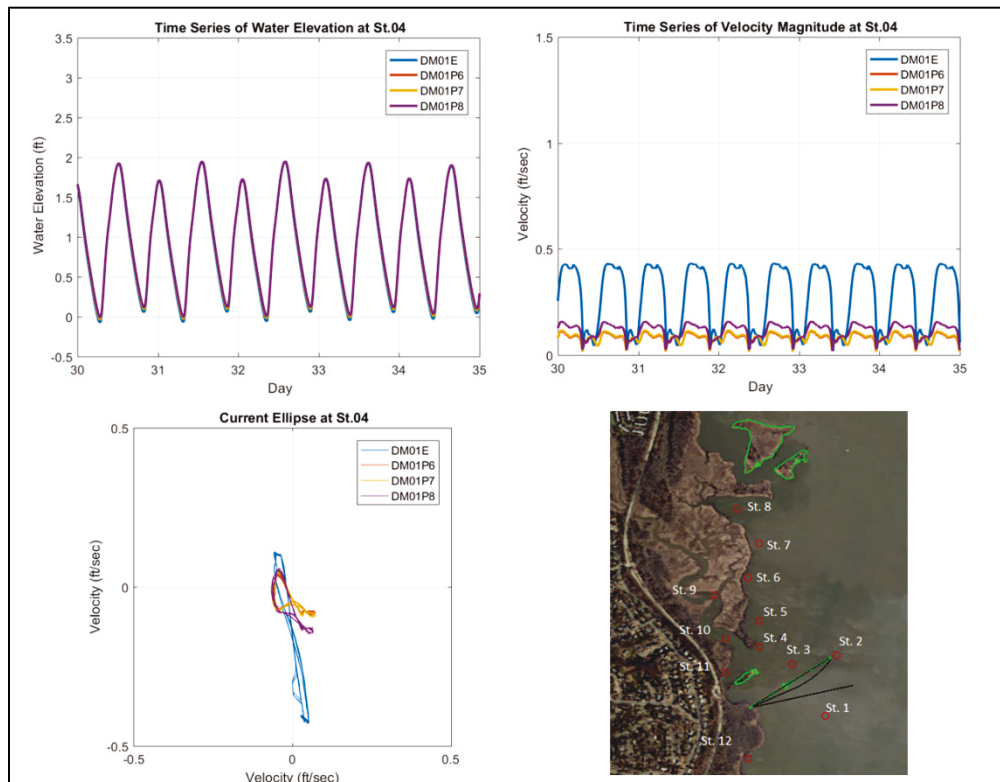


Figure 5-57. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 4 with and without structures.

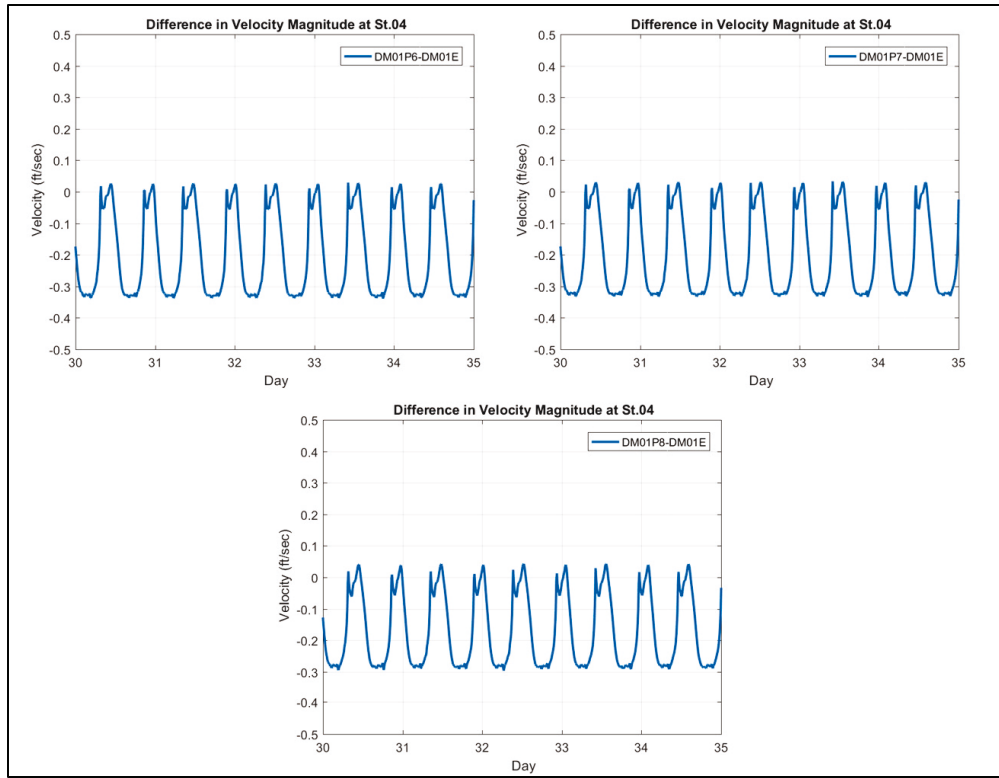


Figure 5-58. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 5 for groins.

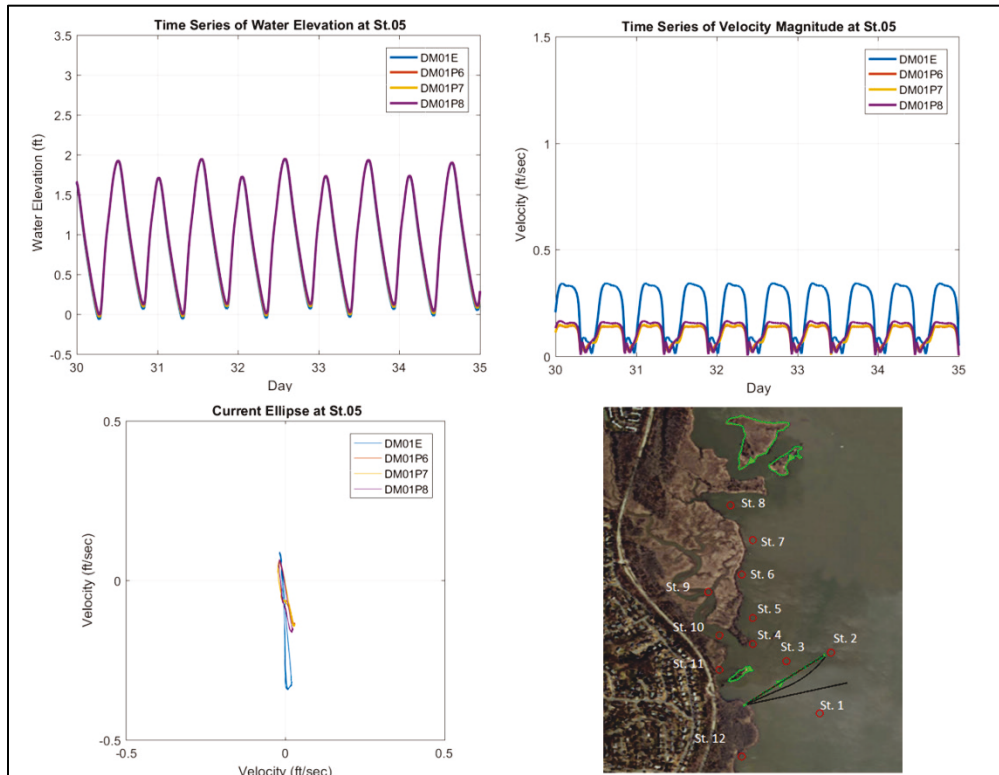


Figure 5-59. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 5 with and without structures.

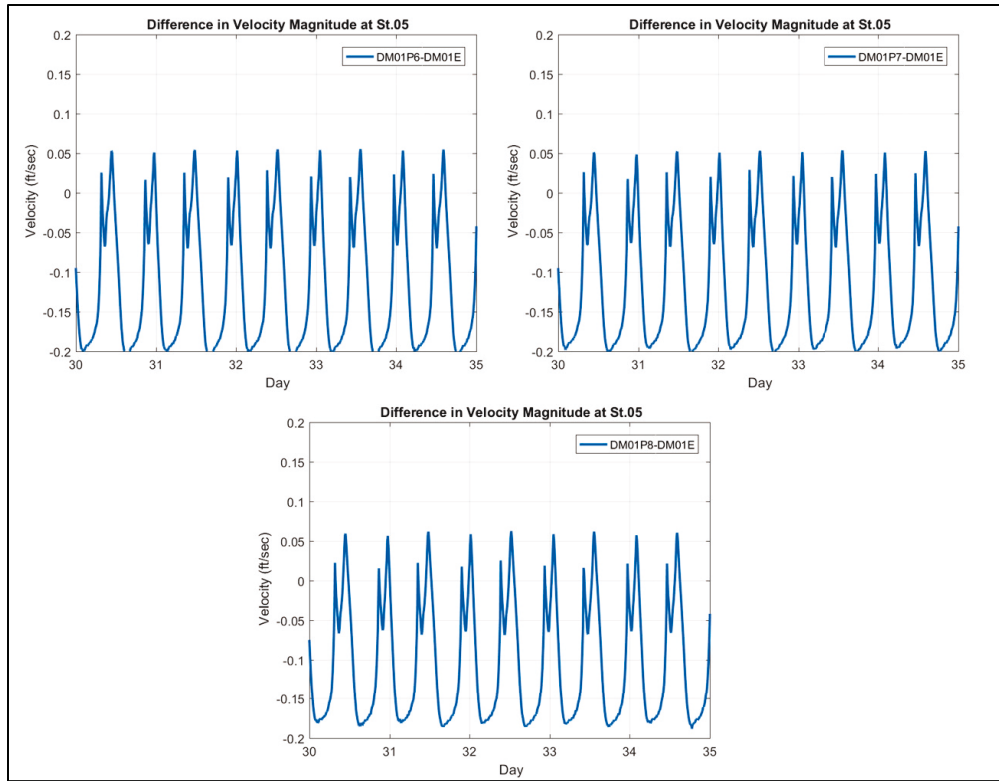


Figure 5-60. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 6 for groins.

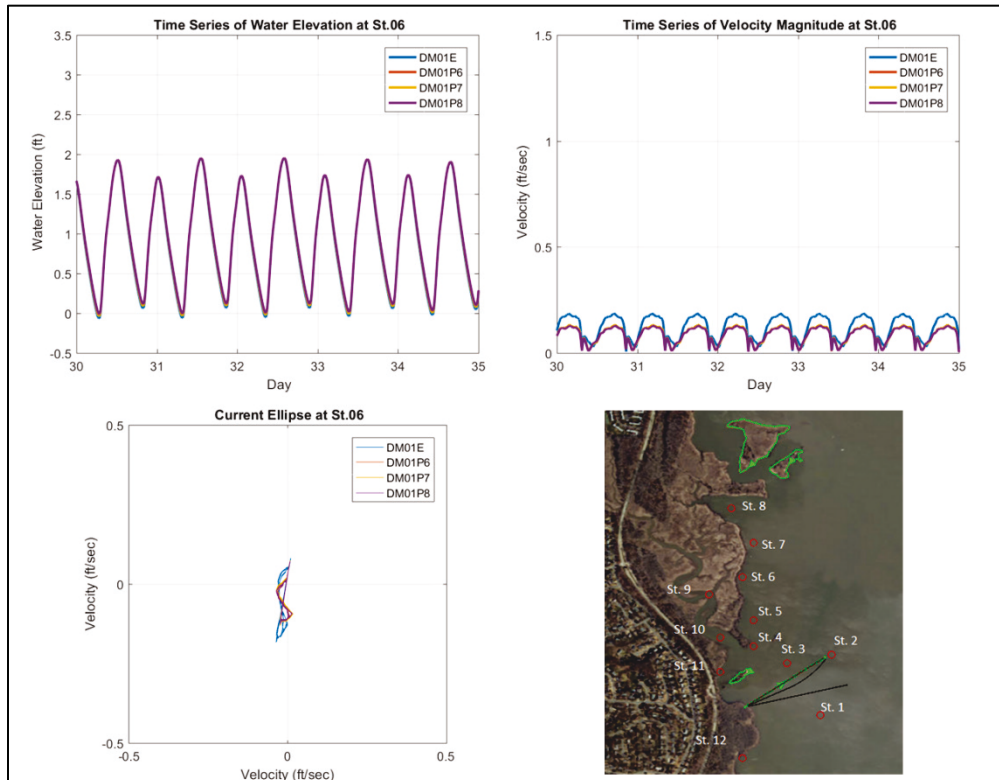


Figure 5-61. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 6 with and without structures.

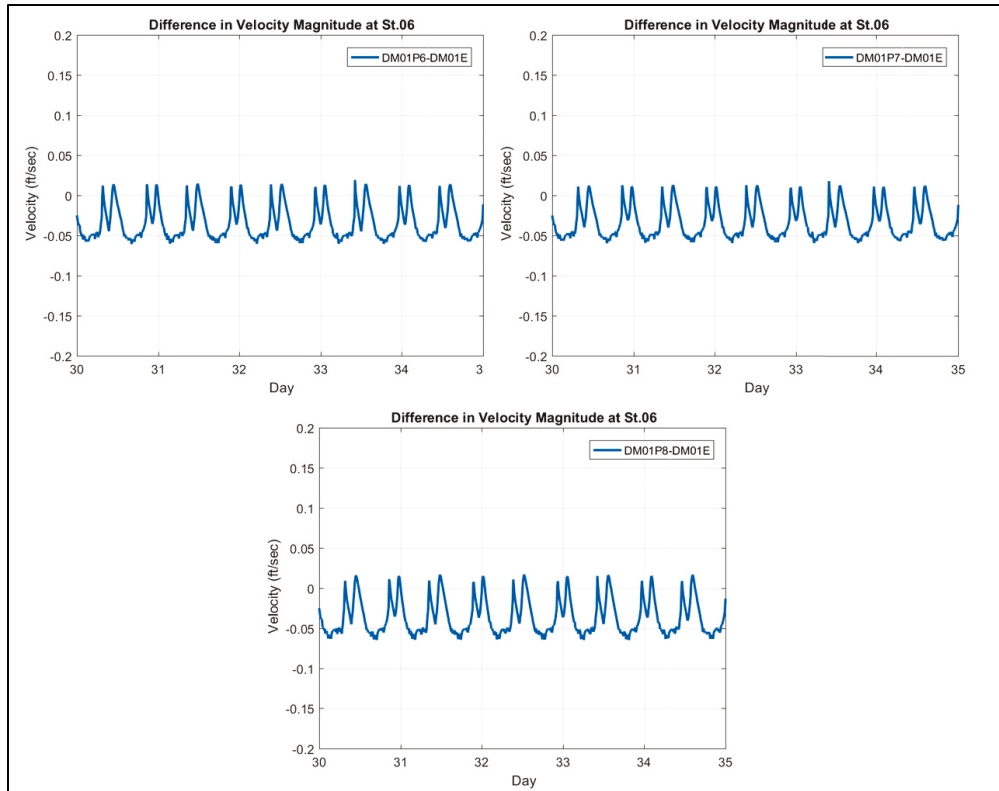


Figure 5-62. Comparisons of water levels (ft) and velocities (ft/s) at Stn 13 for groins.

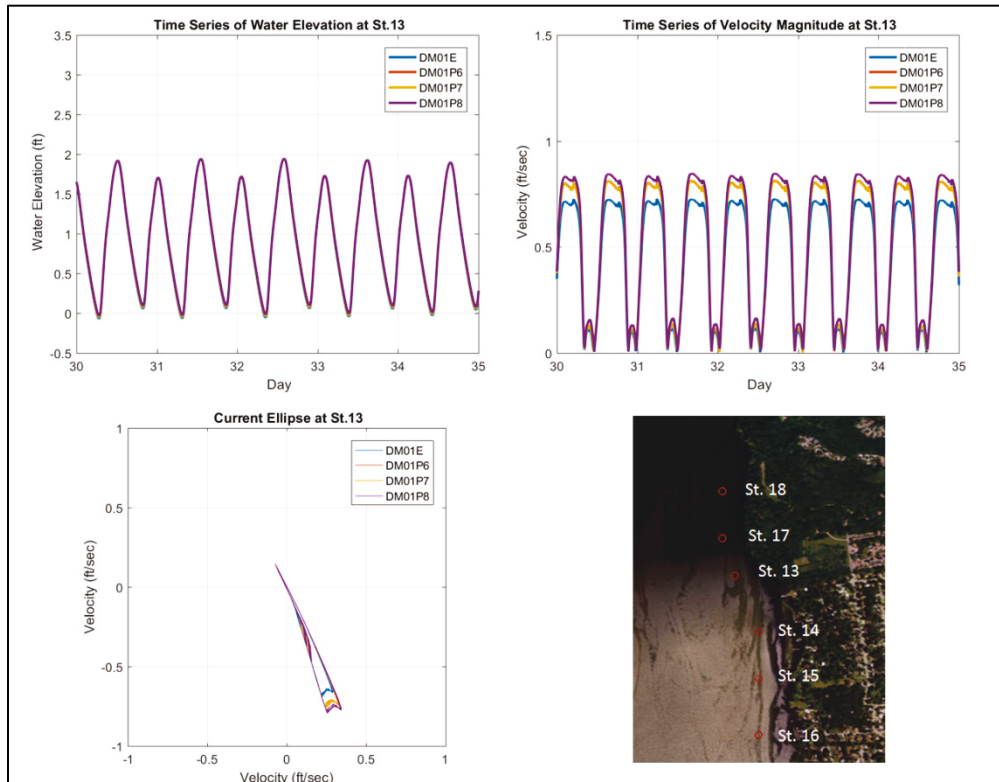
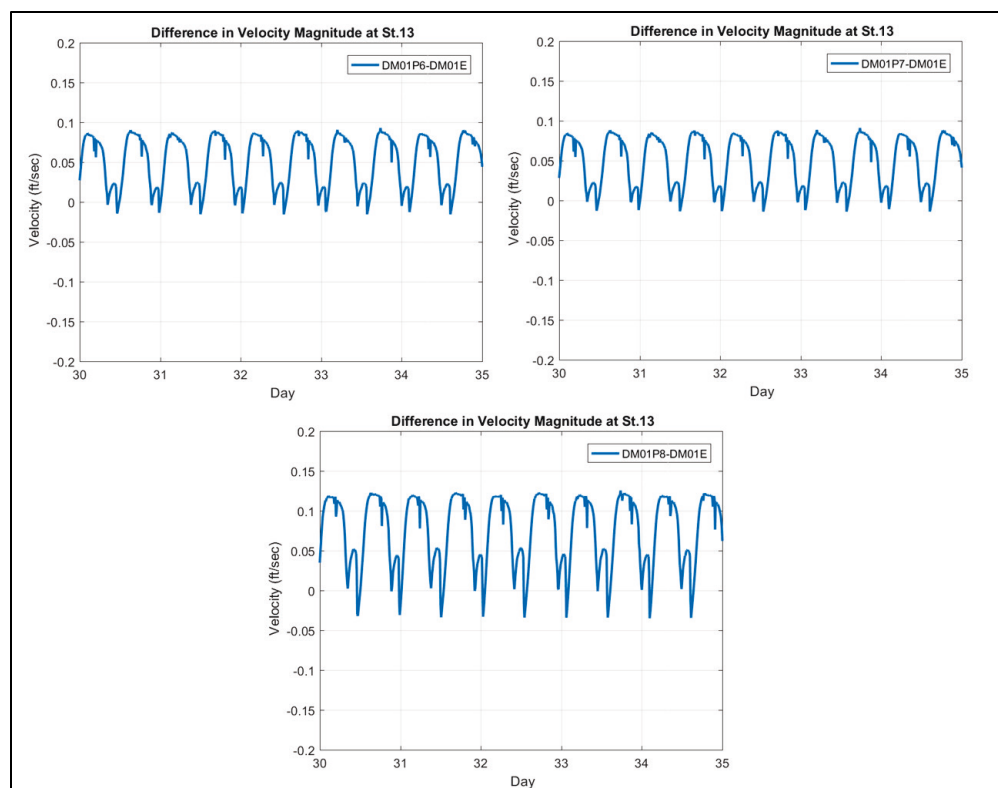


Figure 5-63. Differences in velocity magnitude (ft/s) at Stn 13 with and without structures.



5.2.6.2 Results on wind-driven waves for groin designs

To investigate hydrodynamic responses to the three groin designs with constant winds from various directions, a total of 96 simulations were performed consisting of four mesh configurations, six wind directions, two wind speeds and two flow/tide conditions (see Table 5-58). Similar to the procedure for the promontory designs, each simulation for one design and one wind field was initialized with the previous tidal flow field at the beginning of the 30th day using the ADCIRC hot start feature. Each wind/wave simulation was for 24 hours under the given constant wind field, with STWAVE wave conditions computed every 30 minutes, and the tides and river flow conditions were kept as they were in the long-term simulations. These cases were designed to model non-storm events under normal flow conditions in order to analyze fetch-limited, wind-driven wave fields in the Dyke Marsh area.

For the high river flow condition (19,700 cfs), simulation velocity results show that the groins reduce current magnitudes in the shadow areas of the structures along the western bank. Figure 5-64 and Figure 5-65 present the current ellipses and flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 3, which is leeward of

the groin (see Figure 5-45 for the location). The maximum current speed is reduced to approximately 25% of its without-project condition. Significant wave height at this location is reduced to 33% of the without-project condition wave height because of blocking by the structures (Figure 5-66). It is found that the groins have a similar capability as the longer promontory design to reduce the wind-driven wave energy and to reduce the velocities in the Potomac River in the area behind the structures. At Stn 5, the groins still impact the flow fields (Figure 5-67 and Figure 5-68). The structures can generally lower the significant wave height down to half (50%) of that under the current condition (Figure 5-69).

At the eastern bank, the groin installations increase flow velocity compared to the without-project conditions. Figure 5-70 and Figure 5-71 give comparisons of current ellipses and velocity at Stn 15 (see Figure 5-62 for the location). It shows that the maximum flow velocity at this station becomes approximately 33% faster than the without-project condition, increasing from approximately 0.55 ft/s to 0.75 ft/s for the groin Alt 3 configuration. However, as shown in Figure 5-72, the other two groins do not significantly impact the velocity fields on the eastern bank.

For the high river flow condition, the maximum significant wave height values at all the selected 18 stations under the 12 wind conditions are given in Table 5-115. The corresponding wave reduction values of the three groin alternatives at the 18 stations are listed in Table 5-116.

For the low river flow condition (4,100 cfs), the significant wave height values at the 18 stations are listed in Table 5-117. The wave heights for the low flow condition are slightly smaller than those in the high flow. Nevertheless, the same levels of change seen with the higher flow rates are seen with the lower river flow rates. The maximum wave reduction values of the three groins for the 18 stations are listed in Table 5-118.

Figure 5-64. Current Ellipses at Stn 3 by 20 mph wind from six directions.

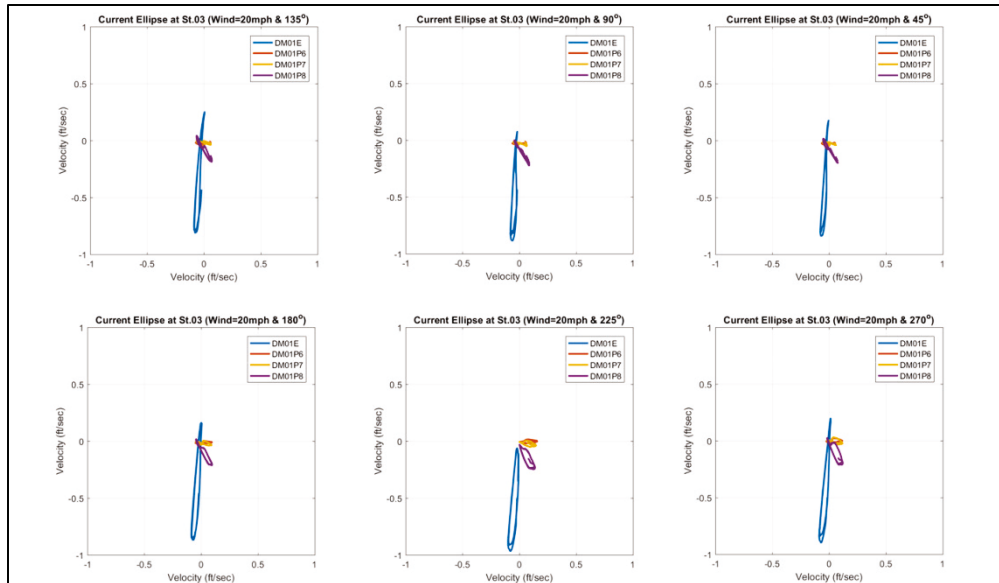


Figure 5-65. Flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 3 by 20 mph wind from six directions.

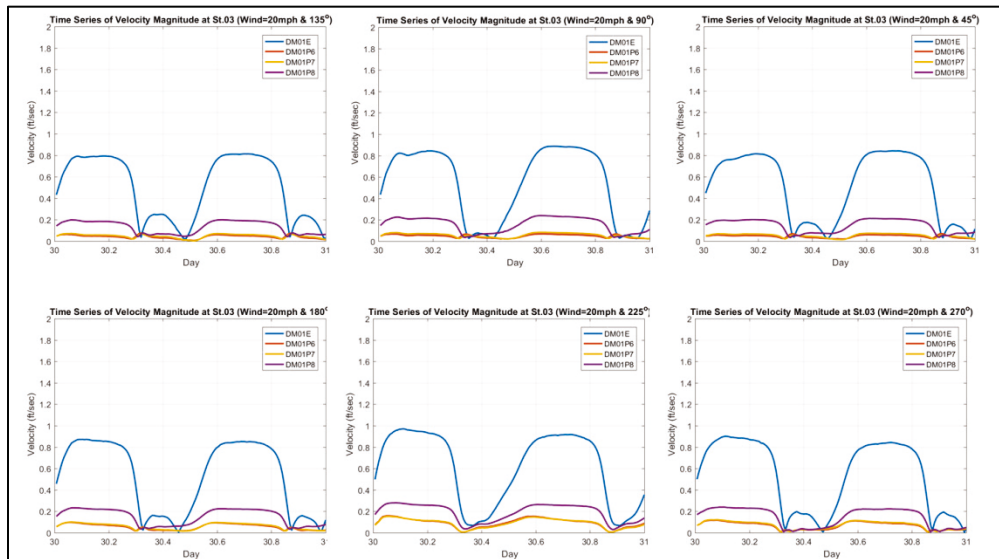


Figure 5-66. Time series of significant wave heights and water levels at Stn 3 by 20 mph wind from south (90°).

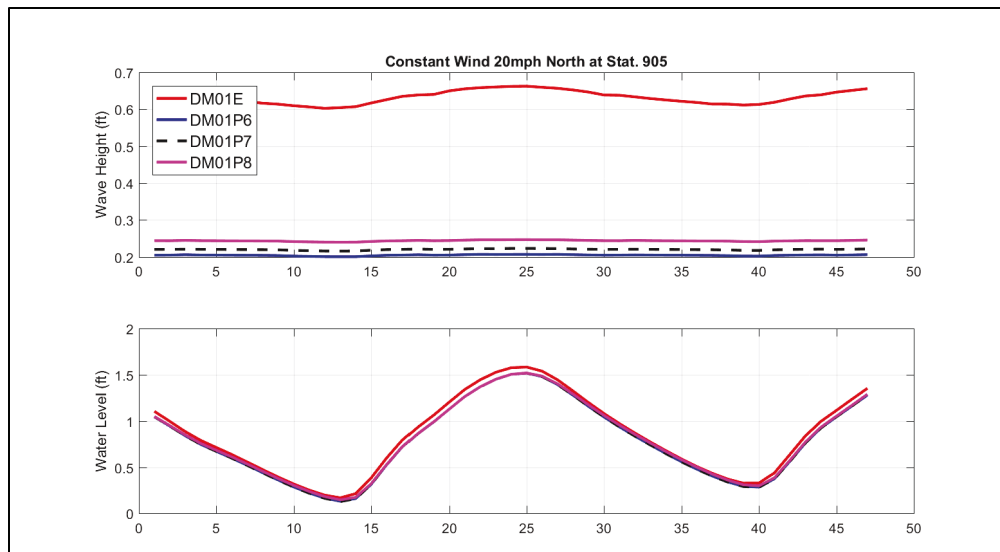


Figure 5-67. Current Ellipses at Stn 5 by 20 mph wind from six directions.

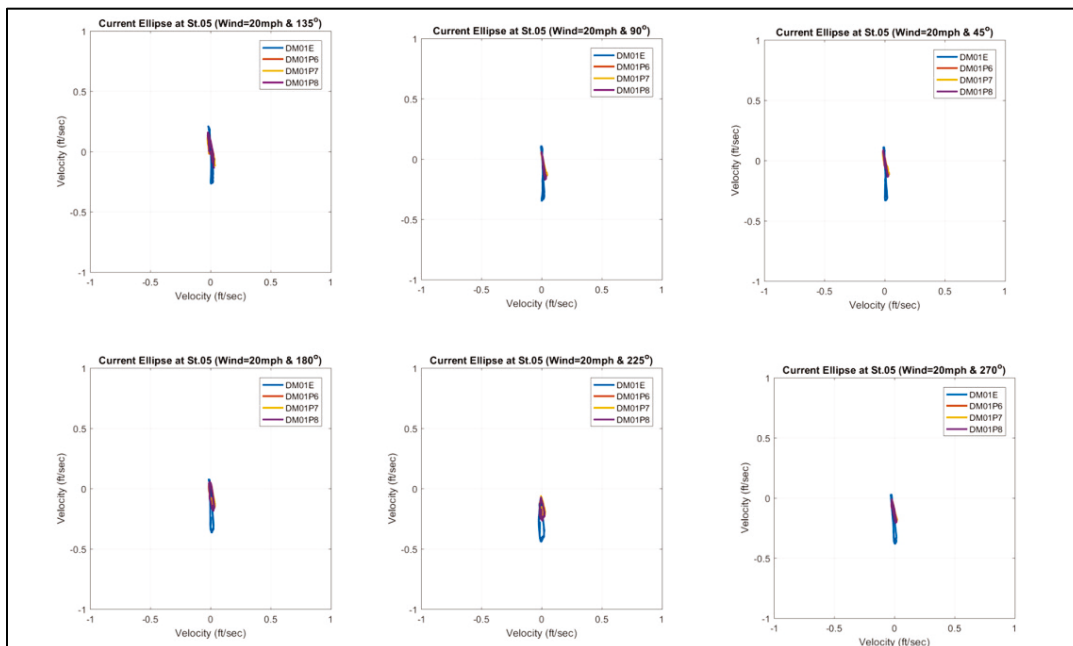


Figure 5-68. Flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 5 by 20 mph wind from six directions.

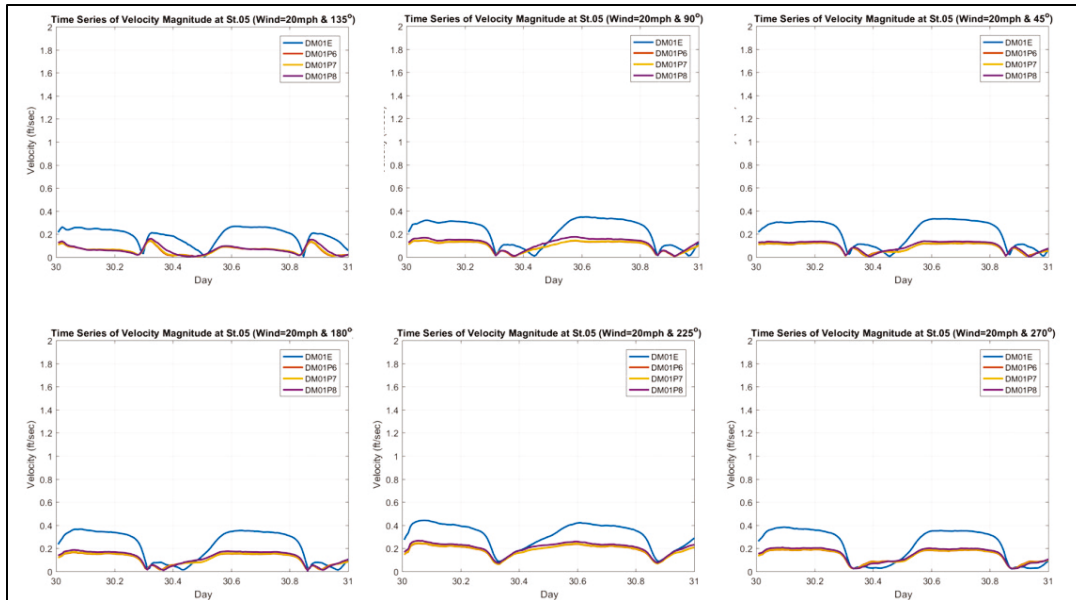


Figure 5-69. Time series of significant wave heights and water levels at Stn 5 by 20 mph wind from south (90°).

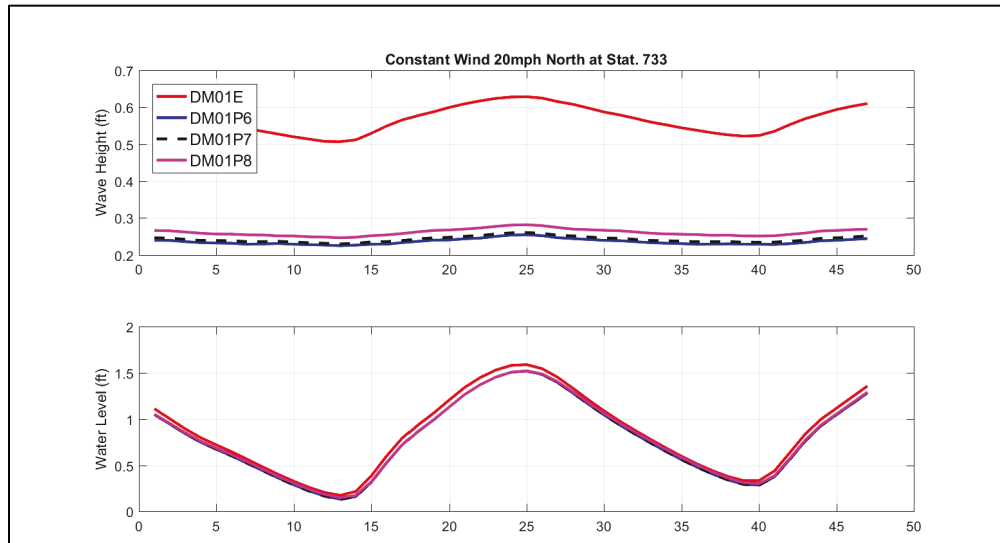


Figure 5-70. Current Ellipses at Stn 15 by 20 mph wind from six directions.

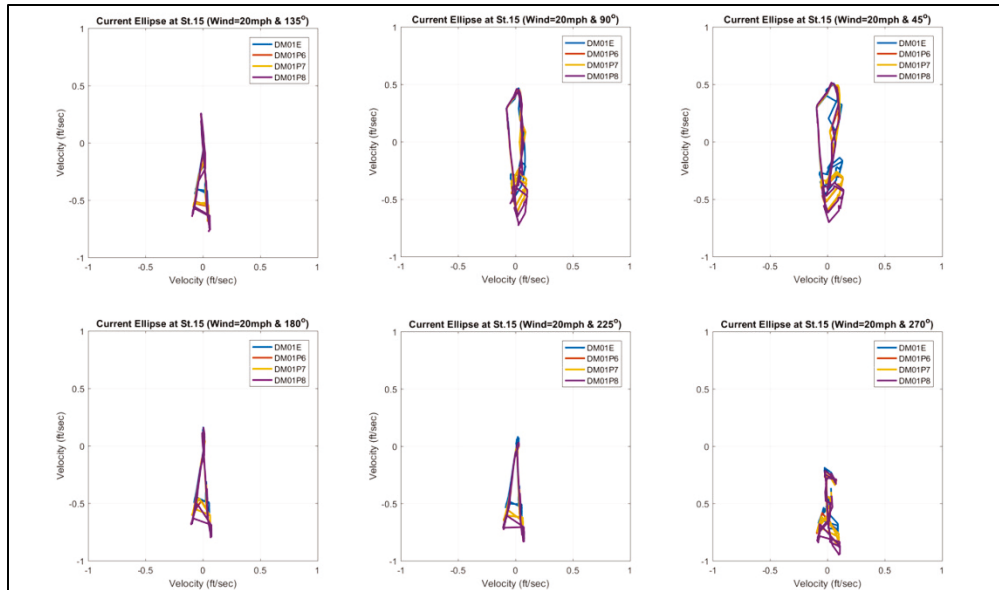


Figure 5-71. Flow velocity magnitudes at Stn 15 by 20 mph wind from six directions.

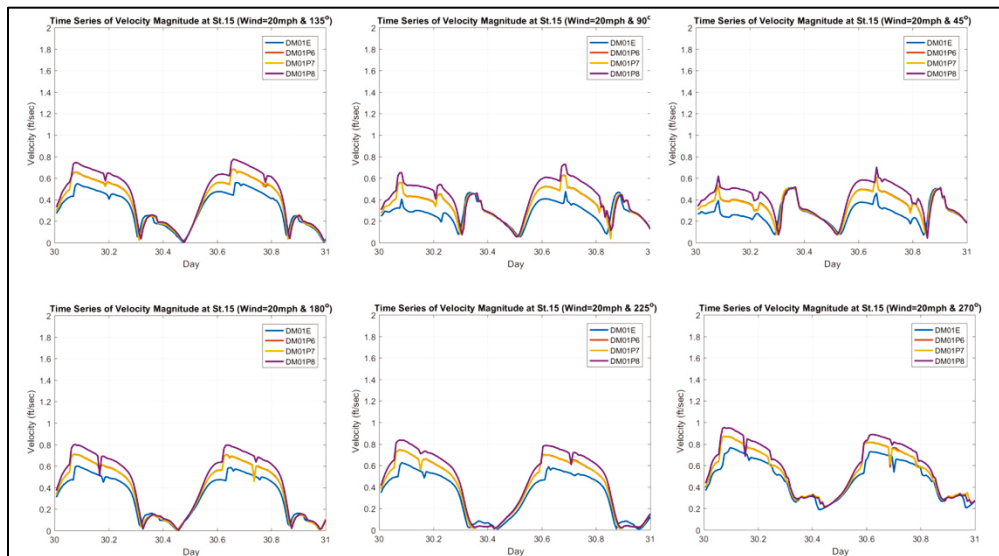


Figure 5-72. Time series of significant wave heights and water levels at Stn 15 by 20 mph wind from south (90°).

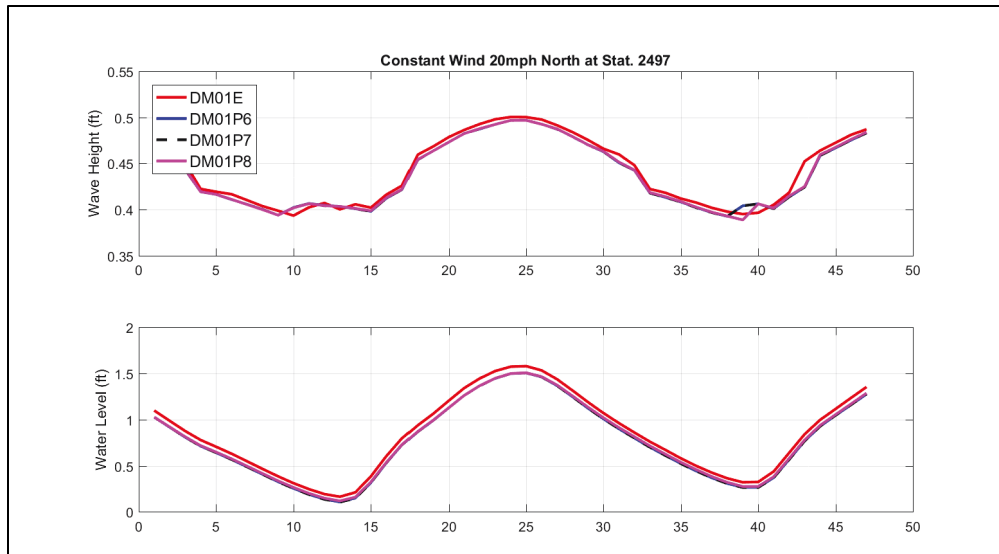


Table 5-115. Maximum significant wave height values in feet at the 18 locations under spring tides and high river flow.

	St.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Structure																			
deg	20 mph 45	DM01E	0.268	0.301	0.239	0.224	0.186	0.157	0.186	0.191	0.179	0.198	0.167	0.087	0.444	0.453	0.459	0.461	0.000	0.460
		DM01P6	0.263	0.281	0.213	0.214	0.183	0.155	0.184	0.190	0.179	0.196	0.166	0.087	0.443	0.452	0.460	0.458	0.000	0.458
		DM01P7	0.263	0.271	0.219	0.214	0.183	0.155	0.183	0.190	0.179	0.196	0.166	0.087	0.443	0.452	0.460	0.458	0.000	0.459
		DM01P8	0.263	0.255	0.225	0.214	0.183	0.155	0.183	0.191	0.179	0.196	0.166	0.088	0.440	0.452	0.459	0.457	0.000	0.456
deg	20 mph 90	DM01E	0.670	0.726	0.659	0.597	0.622	0.529	0.668	0.422	0.186	0.309	0.193	0.299	0.333	0.477	0.497	0.538	0.000	0.398
		DM01P6	0.670	0.723	0.207	0.229	0.255	0.258	0.456	0.354	0.178	0.195	0.176	0.299	0.332	0.477	0.497	0.537	0.000	0.397
		DM01P7	0.670	0.718	0.223	0.231	0.261	0.265	0.460	0.355	0.178	0.201	0.176	0.299	0.332	0.477	0.497	0.537	0.000	0.397
		DM01P8	0.670	0.415	0.247	0.246	0.282	0.281	0.453	0.353	0.179	0.205	0.176	0.298	0.332	0.477	0.497	0.537	0.000	0.394
deg	20 mph 135	DM01E	0.559	0.584	0.655	0.611	0.643	0.599	0.656	0.578	0.189	0.387	0.484	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233
		DM01P6	0.559	0.584	0.291	0.293	0.420	0.535	0.606	0.565	0.188	0.269	0.220	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233
		DM01P7	0.559	0.584	0.300	0.307	0.425	0.537	0.607	0.566	0.188	0.277	0.222	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233
		DM01P8	0.559	0.503	0.365	0.378	0.487	0.547	0.608	0.568	0.189	0.300	0.237	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233
deg	20 mph 180	DM01E	0.351	0.342	0.368	0.376	0.390	0.369	0.367	0.335	0.135	0.203	0.360	0.366	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160
		DM01P6	0.349	0.342	0.281	0.374	0.389	0.369	0.367	0.335	0.140	0.198	0.294	0.366	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160
		DM01P7	0.349	0.342	0.286	0.374	0.389	0.369	0.367	0.335	0.141	0.198	0.298	0.366	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160
		DM01P8	0.346	0.342	0.370	0.376	0.389	0.370	0.367	0.335	0.141	0.204	0.343	0.364	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160
deg	20 mph 225	DM01E	0.569	0.607	0.714	0.672	0.751	0.630	0.647	0.375	0.145	0.262	0.410	0.414	0.166	0.188	0.192	0.201	0.000	0.181
		DM01P6	0.563	0.608	0.693	0.672	0.752	0.630	0.647	0.376	0.145	0.267	0.406	0.411	0.166	0.188	0.191	0.201	0.000	0.181
		DM01P7	0.564	0.607	0.695	0.672	0.752	0.630	0.647	0.376	0.145	0.264	0.407	0.410	0.166	0.188	0.191	0.201	0.000	0.181
		DM01P8	0.426	0.608	0.714	0.673	0.752	0.631	0.647	0.376	0.145	0.269	0.412	0.397	0.166	0.188	0.192	0.201	0.000	0.181
deg	20 mph 270	DM01E	0.779	0.702	0.662	0.502	0.494	0.387	0.423	0.215	0.160	0.197	0.263	0.295	0.184	0.320	0.422	0.489	0.000	0.421
		DM01P6	0.629	0.702	0.660	0.503	0.494	0.385	0.423	0.216	0.160	0.197	0.260	0.272	0.184	0.320	0.422	0.489	0.000	0.421
		DM01P7	0.624	0.702	0.660	0.503	0.494	0.385	0.423	0.216	0.160	0.196	0.260	0.270	0.184	0.320	0.422	0.488	0.000	0.421
		DM01P8	0.396	0.702	0.662	0.503	0.494	0.386	0.424	0.214	0.160	0.197	0.262	0.256	0.184	0.320	0.423	0.489	0.000	0.421
deg	30 mph 45	DM01E	0.460	0.505	0.405	0.358	0.331	0.220	0.298	0.317	0.298	0.297	0.230	0.100	0.737	0.737	0.749	0.750	0.000	0.770
		DM01P6	0.459	0.457	0.359	0.342	0.316	0.216	0.290	0.317	0.296	0.293	0.226	0.100	0.735	0.738	0.750	0.747	0.000	0.767
		DM01P7	0.459	0.426	0.367	0.342	0.316	0.216	0.290	0.317	0.296	0.293	0.226	0.100	0.734	0.737	0.750	0.746	0.000	0.766
		DM01P8	0.459	0.426	0.375	0.342	0.316	0.217	0.291	0.318	0.297	0.293	0.226	0.101	0.729	0.736	0.749	0.745	0.000	0.762
deg	30 mph 90	DM01E	1.152	1.218	1.117	0.969	1.040	0.866	1.092	0.724	0.451	0.528	0.363	0.520	0.907	0.807	0.824	0.902	0.995	0.620
		DM01P6	1.152	1.212	0.313	0.380	0.450	0.463	0.746	0.612	0.363	0.348	0.244	0.520	0.907	0.808	0.824	0.902	0.995	0.618
		DM01P7	1.152	1.201	0.346	0.384	0.457	0.472	0.752	0.615	0.364	0.352	0.243	0.520	0.907	0.807	0.824	0.902	0.995	0.618
		DM01P8	1.152	0.678	0.388	0.404	0.481	0.486	0.744	0.615	0.368	0.360	0.245	0.520	0.906	0.807	0.824	0.902	0.993	0.611
deg	30 mph 135	DM01E	0.951	1.005	1.113	0.995	1.068	0.981	1.089	0.946	0.287	0.606	0.814	0.800	0.281	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.315
		DM01P6	0.951	1.005	0.392	0.453	0.688	0.902	1.014	0.929	0.316	0.441	0.358	0.800	0.280	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.314
		DM01P7	0.951	1.005	0.443	0.478	0.696	0.904	1.015	0.929	0.312	0.452	0.371	0.800	0.280	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.314
		DM01P8	0.950	0.874	0.592	0.603	0.817	0.919	1.016	0.928	0.309	0.491	0.401	0.800	0.280	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.315
deg	30 mph 180	DM01E	0.613	0.597	0.644	0.638	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.194	0.320	0.631	0.613	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.245	0.000	0.208
		DM01P6	0.611	0.597	0.476	0.635	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.182	0.306	0.489	0.613	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.244	0.000	0.208
		DM01P7	0.611	0.597	0.492	0.633	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.182	0.306	0.494	0.613	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.244	0.000	0.208
		DM01P8	0.606	0.597	0.644	0.640	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.182	0.321	0.588	0.611	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.245	0.000	0.208
deg	30 mph 225	DM01E	0.921	0.972	1.128	1.014	1.180	0.972	1.054	0.596	0.230	0.335	0.622	0.643	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240
		DM01P6	0.910	0.972	1.102	1.017	1.182	0.973	1.055	0.597	0.230	0.342	0.614	0.643	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240
		DM01P7	0.910	0.972	1.106	1.017	1.182	0.973	1.055	0.597	0.230	0.342	0.614	0.640	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240
		DM01P8	0.718	0.973	1.129	1.019	1.182	0.975	1.056	0.597	0.230	0.341	0.620	0.627	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240
deg	30 mph 270	DM01E	1.273	1.139	1.065	0.817	0.816	0.631	0.688	0.313	0.210	0.284	0.389	0.456	0.239	0.519	0.674	0.781	0.000	0.676
		DM01P6	0.997	1.140	1.063	0.818	0.816	0.631	0.688	0.313	0.211	0.287	0.386	0.393	0.239	0.519	0.675	0.781	0.000	0.677
		DM01P7	0.981	1.140	1.063	0.818	0.816	0.631	0.688	0.313	0.210	0.287	0.386	0.390	0.239	0.519	0.675	0.781	0.000	0.676
		DM01P8	0.600	1.142	1.068	0.819	0.817	0.631	0.689	0.314	0.211	0.288	0.389	0.364	0.239	0.520	0.675	0.781	0.000	0.677

Table 5-116. Reduction Rate of maximum significant wave height at the 18 locations under spring tides and high river flow.

		St.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
		Structure																			
deg	20 mph 45	DM01E	0.268	0.301	0.239	0.224	0.186	0.157	0.186	0.191	0.179	0.198	0.167	0.087	0.444	0.453	0.459	0.461	Dry	0.460	
		DM01P6	-2%	-7%	-11%	-5%	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	-2%	-10%	-8%	-5%	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-2%	-15%	-6%	-5%	-2%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	-1%
deg	20 mph 90	DM01E	0.670	0.726	0.659	0.597	0.622	0.529	0.668	0.422	0.186	0.309	0.193	0.299	0.333	0.477	0.497	0.538	Dry	0.398	
		DM01P6	0%	0%	-69%	-62%	-59%	-51%	-32%	-16%	-4%	-37%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	0%	-1%	-66%	-61%	-58%	-50%	-31%	-16%	-4%	-35%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	0%	-43%	-63%	-59%	-55%	-47%	-32%	-16%	-4%	-34%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%
deg	20 mph 135	DM01E	0.559	0.584	0.655	0.611	0.643	0.599	0.656	0.578	0.189	0.387	0.484	0.479	0.199	0.250	0.266	0.296	0.000	0.233	
		DM01P6	0%	0%	-56%	-52%	-35%	-11%	-8%	-2%	-1%	-30%	-55%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	0%	0%	-54%	-50%	-34%	-10%	-7%	-2%	-1%	-28%	-54%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	0%	-14%	-44%	-38%	-24%	-9%	-7%	-2%	0%	-22%	-51%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	20 mph 180	DM01E	0.351	0.342	0.368	0.376	0.390	0.369	0.367	0.335	0.135	0.203	0.360	0.366	0.146	0.161	0.157	0.169	0.000	0.160	
		DM01P6	0%	0%	-24%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	-3%	-18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	0%	0%	-22%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	-2%	-17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	1%	-5%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	20 mph 225	DM01E	0.569	0.607	0.714	0.672	0.751	0.630	0.647	0.375	0.145	0.262	0.410	0.414	0.166	0.188	0.192	0.201	0.000	0.181	
		DM01P6	-1%	0%	-3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	-1%	0%	-3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	20 mph 270	DM01E	0.779	0.702	0.662	0.502	0.494	0.387	0.423	0.215	0.160	0.197	0.263	0.295	0.184	0.320	0.422	0.489	0.000	0.421	
		DM01P6	-19%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	-20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-49%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	30 mph 45	DM01E	0.460	0.505	0.405	0.358	0.331	0.220	0.298	0.317	0.298	0.297	0.230	0.100	0.737	0.737	0.749	0.750	0.000	0.770	
		DM01P6	0%	-10%	-11%	-4%	-5%	-2%	-3%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	0%	-16%	-9%	-4%	-5%	-2%	-3%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	0%	-16%	-7%	-4%	-4%	-2%	-3%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	-1%
deg	30 mph 90	DM01E	1.152	1.218	1.117	0.969	1.040	0.866	1.092	0.724	0.451	0.528	0.363	0.520	0.907	0.807	0.824	0.902	0.995	0.620	
		DM01P6	0%	-1%	-72%	-61%	-57%	-47%	-32%	-16%	-20%	-34%	-33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
		DM01P7	0%	-1%	-69%	-60%	-56%	-45%	-31%	-15%	-19%	-33%	-33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
		DM01P8	0%	-44%	-65%	-58%	-54%	-44%	-32%	-15%	-18%	-32%	-32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
deg	30 mph 135	DM01E	0.951	1.005	1.113	0.995	1.068	0.981	1.089	0.946	0.287	0.606	0.814	0.800	0.281	0.386	0.436	0.495	0.000	0.315	
		DM01P6	0%	0%	-65%	-54%	-36%	-8%	-7%	-2%	10%	-27%	-56%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	0%	0%	-60%	-52%	-35%	-8%	-7%	-2%	8%	-25%	-54%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	0%	-13%	-47%	-39%	-24%	-6%	-7%	-2%	7%	-19%	-51%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	30 mph 180	DM01E	0.613	0.597	0.644	0.638	0.671	0.629	0.630	0.573	0.194	0.320	0.631	0.613	0.189	0.223	0.224	0.245	0.000	0.208	
		DM01P6	0%	0%	-26%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-6%	-4%	-22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	0%	0%	-24%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-6%	-4%	-22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-6%	0%	-7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	30 mph 225	DM01E	0.921	0.972	1.128	1.014	1.180	0.972	1.054	0.596	0.230	0.335	0.622	0.643	0.216	0.265	0.275	0.294	0.000	0.240	
		DM01P6	-1%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	-1%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
deg	30 mph 270	DM01E	1.273	1.139	1.065	0.817	0.816	0.631	0.688	0.313	0.210	0.284	0.389	0.456	0.239	0.519	0.674	0.781	0.000	0.676	
		DM01P6	-22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	-14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P7	-23%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	-14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
		DM01P8	-53%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%

Table 5-117. Maximum significant wave height values in feet at the 18 locations under summer tides and low river flow.

		St. Structure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
deg	20 mph 45	DM01E	0.269	0.297	0.231	0.203	0.186	0.168	0.186	0.190	0.149	0.169	0.163	0.156	0.441	0.436	0.449	0.452	0.000	0.453
		DM01P6	0.265	0.281	0.207	0.193	0.185	0.166	0.184	0.189	0.150	0.168	0.163	0.156	0.440	0.436	0.450	0.450	0.000	0.452
		DM01P7	0.265	0.270	0.212	0.193	0.181	0.166	0.184	0.190	0.150	0.168	0.163	0.156	0.439	0.435	0.450	0.450	0.000	0.451
		DM01P8	0.265	0.252	0.218	0.193	0.184	0.167	0.184	0.191	0.150	0.168	0.163	0.156	0.438	0.435	0.449	0.449	0.000	0.450
deg	20 mph 90	DM01E	0.660	0.704	0.645	0.568	0.593	0.481	0.639	0.380	0.178	0.251	0.193	0.286	0.326	0.449	0.471	0.508	0.000	0.389
		DM01P6	0.660	0.701	0.206	0.224	0.240	0.243	0.440	0.325	0.178	0.165	0.175	0.285	0.326	0.449	0.470	0.508	0.000	0.387
		DM01P7	0.660	0.695	0.221	0.226	0.247	0.251	0.443	0.324	0.178	0.170	0.175	0.285	0.326	0.449	0.470	0.508	0.000	0.387
		DM01P8	0.660	0.400	0.245	0.241	0.267	0.263	0.439	0.322	0.178	0.172	0.175	0.285	0.326	0.449	0.470	0.508	0.000	0.385
deg	20 mph 135	DM01E	0.551	0.574	0.640	0.580	0.620	0.575	0.630	0.547	0.190	0.315	0.401	0.456	0.198	0.235	0.247	0.287	0.000	0.231
		DM01P6	0.550	0.574	0.295	0.288	0.409	0.517	0.584	0.537	0.188	0.229	0.144	0.456	0.198	0.235	0.247	0.287	0.000	0.230
		DM01P7	0.550	0.574	0.299	0.298	0.412	0.518	0.584	0.537	0.188	0.233	0.146	0.456	0.198	0.235	0.247	0.287	0.000	0.230
		DM01P8	0.551	0.499	0.366	0.366	0.471	0.527	0.583	0.536	0.189	0.253	0.173	0.456	0.198	0.235	0.247	0.287	0.000	0.230
deg	20 mph 180	DM01E	0.350	0.341	0.367	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.190	0.284	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.148	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P6	0.348	0.342	0.280	0.370	0.389	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.182	0.253	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.147	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P7	0.348	0.342	0.285	0.367	0.389	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.181	0.256	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.147	0.166	0.000	0.162
		DM01P8	0.345	0.342	0.368	0.370	0.389	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.189	0.283	0.351	0.146	0.154	0.147	0.166	0.000	0.161
deg	20 mph 225	DM01E	0.547	0.589	0.701	0.632	0.728	0.590	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.366	0.392	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.181
		DM01P6	0.541	0.589	0.681	0.633	0.728	0.591	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.361	0.388	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.181
		DM01P7	0.541	0.589	0.685	0.633	0.728	0.591	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.362	0.388	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.181
		DM01P8	0.416	0.589	0.701	0.633	0.728	0.591	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.366	0.373	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.182
deg	20 mph 270	DM01E	0.750	0.661	0.637	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.218	0.159	0.186	0.254	0.298	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
		DM01P6	0.609	0.661	0.634	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.217	0.160	0.190	0.253	0.273	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
		DM01P7	0.601	0.661	0.635	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.217	0.160	0.189	0.253	0.272	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
		DM01P8	0.395	0.661	0.637	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.218	0.160	0.190	0.254	0.256	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
deg	30 mph 45	DM01E	0.454	0.499	0.394	0.334	0.269	0.232	0.267	0.269	0.261	0.272	0.217	0.206	0.729	0.714	0.732	0.737	0.000	0.759
		DM01P6	0.453	0.457	0.352	0.322	0.270	0.229	0.262	0.269	0.261	0.270	0.216	0.206	0.727	0.716	0.733	0.733	0.000	0.756
		DM01P7	0.453	0.426	0.361	0.322	0.270	0.229	0.263	0.269	0.261	0.270	0.216	0.206	0.726	0.715	0.733	0.733	0.000	0.756
		DM01P8	0.453	0.421	0.369	0.322	0.269	0.229	0.263	0.269	0.261	0.270	0.216	0.206	0.722	0.714	0.732	0.732	0.000	0.751
deg	30 mph 90	DM01E	1.127	1.182	1.086	0.919	0.984	0.769	1.038	0.638	0.267	0.447	0.290	0.498	0.524	0.764	0.796	0.852	0.000	0.613
		DM01P6	1.127	1.175	0.310	0.375	0.419	0.421	0.715	0.539	0.265	0.316	0.232	0.498	0.523	0.764	0.795	0.852	0.000	0.608
		DM01P7	1.127	1.164	0.343	0.380	0.427	0.431	0.719	0.540	0.265	0.321	0.232	0.498	0.523	0.764	0.795	0.852	0.000	0.608
		DM01P8	1.127	0.659	0.384	0.399	0.453	0.444	0.713	0.537	0.265	0.325	0.234	0.497	0.521	0.763	0.795	0.852	0.000	0.600
deg	30 mph 135	DM01E	0.935	0.980	1.089	0.944	1.028	0.936	1.042	0.889	0.266	0.481	0.215	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.458	0.000	0.307
		DM01P6	0.935	0.980	0.402	0.442	0.657	0.864	0.966	0.870	0.266	0.386	0.276	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.459	0.000	0.306
		DM01P7	0.935	0.980	0.433	0.465	0.667	0.867	0.967	0.870	0.266	0.397	0.278	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.459	0.000	0.306
		DM01P8	0.935	0.851	0.575	0.580	0.782	0.881	0.967	0.870	0.266	0.424	0.284	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.458	0.000	0.306
deg	30 mph 180	DM01E	0.612	0.595	0.641	0.626	0.672	0.616	0.623	0.556	0.194	0.279	0.473	0.585	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.209
		DM01P6	0.609	0.595	0.472	0.616	0.671	0.616	0.622	0.556	0.194	0.265	0.423	0.584	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.210
		DM01P7	0.609	0.595	0.488	0.615	0.672	0.616	0.623	0.557	0.194	0.266	0.424	0.585	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.210
		DM01P8	0.604	0.595	0.640	0.624	0.671	0.616	0.622	0.556	0.194	0.277	0.470	0.583	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.210
deg	30 mph 225	DM01E	0.867	0.909	1.109	0.914	1.114	0.870	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.297	0.000	0.581	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
		DM01P6	0.854	0.910	1.082	0.915	1.114	0.871	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.295	0.000	0.572	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
		DM01P7	0.854	0.910	1.085	0.915	1.114	0.871	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.295	0.000	0.571	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
		DM01P8	0.688	0.910	1.109	0.915	1.114	0.871	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.297	0.000	0.569	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
deg	30 mph 270	DM01E	1.178	1.022	0.992	0.730	0.763	0.567	0.647	0.312	0.219	0.249	0.000	0.449	0.236	0.459	0.603	0.710	0.000	0.672
		DM01P6	0.927	1.022	0.986	0.730	0.763	0.567	0.647	0.311	0.219	0.250	0.000	0.398	0.236	0.000	0.602	0.712	0.000	0.672
		DM01P7	0.913	1.022	0.987	0.730	0.763	0.567	0.647	0.311	0.219	0.250	0.000	0.395	0.236	0.459	0.604	0.712	0.000	0.672
		DM01P8	0.575	1.022	0.991	0.731	0.763	0.567	0.647	0.311	0.220	0.243	0.000	0.363	0.236	0.459	0.604	0.712	0.000	0.672

Table 5-118. Reduction Rate of maximum significant wave height at the 18 locations under summer tides and low river flow.

	St. Structure																		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20 mph 45 deg	DM01E	0.269	0.297	0.231	0.203	0.186	0.168	0.186	0.190	0.149	0.169	0.163	0.156	0.441	0.436	0.449	0.452	0.000	0.453
	DM01P6	-1%	-6%	-11%	-5%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	-1%	-9%	-8%	-5%	-3%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	-1%	-15%	-6%	-5%	-1%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	-1%
20 mph 90 deg	DM01E	0.660	0.704	0.645	0.568	0.593	0.481	0.639	0.380	0.178	0.251	0.193	0.286	0.326	0.449	0.471	0.508	0.000	0.389
	DM01P6	0%	0%	-68%	-61%	-59%	-50%	-31%	-15%	0%	-34%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	0%	-1%	-66%	-60%	-58%	-48%	-31%	-15%	0%	-32%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%
	DM01P8	0%	-43%	-62%	-57%	-55%	-45%	-31%	-15%	0%	-32%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%
20 mph 135 deg	DM01E	0.551	0.574	0.640	0.580	0.620	0.575	0.630	0.547	0.190	0.315	0.401	0.456	0.198	0.235	0.247	0.287	0.000	0.231
	DM01P6	0%	0%	-54%	-50%	-34%	-10%	-7%	-2%	-1%	-27%	-64%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	0%	0%	-53%	-49%	-33%	-10%	-7%	-2%	-1%	-26%	-64%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	0%	-13%	-43%	-37%	-24%	-8%	-8%	-2%	-1%	-20%	-57%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%
20 mph 180 deg	DM01E	0.350	0.341	0.367	0.370	0.390	0.365	0.366	0.326	0.147	0.190	0.284	0.352	0.146	0.154	0.148	0.166	0.000	0.162
	DM01P6	-1%	0%	-24%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	-1%	0%	-22%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	-10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
20 mph 225 deg	DM01E	0.547	0.589	0.701	0.632	0.728	0.590	0.615	0.347	0.171	0.245	0.366	0.392	0.166	0.177	0.180	0.195	0.000	0.181
	DM01P6	-1%	0%	-3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	-1%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	-24%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
20 mph 270 deg	DM01E	0.750	0.661	0.637	0.470	0.475	0.370	0.392	0.218	0.159	0.186	0.254	0.298	0.183	0.307	0.397	0.465	0.000	0.398
	DM01P6	-19%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	-20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	-47%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
30 mph 45 deg	DM01E	0.454	0.499	0.394	0.334	0.269	0.232	0.267	0.269	0.261	0.272	0.217	0.206	0.729	0.714	0.732	0.737	0.000	0.759
	DM01P6	0%	-8%	-11%	-4%	0%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	0%	-15%	-8%	-4%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	0%	-16%	-6%	-4%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	Dry	-1%
30 mph 90 deg	DM01E	1.127	1.182	1.086	0.919	0.984	0.769	1.038	0.638	0.267	0.447	0.290	0.498	0.524	0.764	0.796	0.852	0.000	0.613
	DM01P6	0%	-1%	-71%	-59%	-57%	-45%	-31%	-16%	-1%	-29%	-20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%
	DM01P7	0%	-1%	-68%	-59%	-57%	-44%	-31%	-15%	-1%	-28%	-20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-1%
	DM01P8	0%	-44%	-65%	-57%	-54%	-42%	-31%	-16%	-1%	-27%	-19%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	-2%
30 mph 135 deg	DM01E	0.935	0.980	1.089	0.944	1.028	0.936	1.042	0.889	0.266	0.481	0.215	0.761	0.279	0.359	0.388	0.458	0.000	0.307
	DM01P6	0%	0%	-63%	-53%	-36%	-8%	-7%	-2%	0%	-20%	28%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P7	0%	0%	-60%	-51%	-35%	-7%	-7%	-2%	0%	-17%	29%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
	DM01P8	0%	-13%	-47%	-39%	-24%	-6%	-7%	-2%	0%	-12%	32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
30 mph 180 deg	DM01E	0.612	0.595	0.641	0.626	0.672	0.616	0.623	0.556	0.194	0.279	0.473	0.585	0.189	0.211	0.202	0.234	0.000	0.209
	DM01P6	0%	0%	-26%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	-11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	1%
	DM01P7	0%	0%	-24%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	-10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	1%
	DM01P8	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Dry	0%
30 mph 225 deg	DM01E	0.867	0.909	1.109	0.914	1.114	0.870	1.002	0.561	0.244	0.297	0.000	0.581	0.215	0.223	0.242	0.269	0.000	0.239
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6 Summary

To evaluate seven different with-project designs for restoring the promontory at Dyke Marsh, state-of-the-art high-fidelity numerical modeling for water surface elevations, velocities, and wave heights were performed using the CSTORM Modeling System and making use of data derived from the NACCS. A total of 13 storms (5 HIS ET storms, 6 SYN TP storms and 2 HIS TP storms) were used to make comparisons of water surface elevations, velocities and significant wave heights between without-project and seven with-project alternatives in the Dyke Marsh area. Two sets of one-month-long tidal/river flow simulations using tides and river flows only were performed to assess non-storm conditions and represent typical flow patterns (non-storm events) representative of spring (high flow) and summer (low flow) conditions. Twelve wind fields (6 directions and 2 wind speeds) were then used to force a shorter one-day simulation that also included wave impacts. Again these events were simulated to represent typical conditions for not only the circulation fields but also the wave fields. In general, each of the seven with-project alternatives caused little change to water elevations and all produced lower wave heights in the shadow zone of the structure (either to the north or south) depending on the direction of the wind. As was expected, the depth-averaged water velocities were increased at the tip of the structures as flow accelerated around the end of the structures. The increase in water velocities might need to be investigated in more detail to ascertain the likelihood of scour being induced. For the structure alternatives that extended furthest from the western bank of the river, the depth-averaged velocities on the adjacent eastern bank of the river were increased more significantly than with the shorter alternatives. Due to less of an increase in water velocities, the shorter alternatives would be less likely to increase erosion on the eastern bank than the longer structures.

The modeling results provided in this study should be sufficient for NAB to use in selecting a with-project design alternative from the seven designs modeled. Follow-on studies to quantify the potential of scour happening around the ends of the structure due to increased water velocities may be considered. In addition, ecological plant viability and sediment transport modeling could provide additional insights into how the marsh might respond to the new flow and wave conditions under a with-project condition.

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Appendix

This appendix contains additional details about the bathymetric and topographic data sets supplied from NAB, specifically from the following:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE NAB)¹
- National Park Service (NPS)²
- University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES)³

The datasets from NAB included a text-ASCII file of XYZ locations from the NAB 2016 survey. The data was referenced to MLW and was from the NAB operations survey crew that performed the survey in March of 2016. This bathymetry was collected in MLW (feet) for the 1983 to 2001 Tidal Epoch and used a horizontal datum of NAD83 with locations given in State Plane coordinates for Virginia State Plane North, in feet.

The dataset also contained text-ASCII files of XYZ locations from the NPS survey. One of the files contained near shore values that were from a survey conducted by the NPS in February of 2009. Those data were converted from a vertical datum in NAVD88 meters to MLW (feet) for the 1983 to 2001 Tidal Epoch. The horizontal datum was converted from UTM in NAD83 meters to NAD83 State Plane coordinates for Virginia State Plane North, in feet. In addition, a second text-ASCII file had XYZ points created by hand, tracing along the low tide shoreline by the NPS using aerial imagery. The trace points were converted from NAVD88 meters to MLW (feet) for the 1983 to 2001 Tidal Epoch. The horizontal datum was converted from UTM in NAD83 meters to NAD83 State Plane coordinates for Virginia State Plane North (feet).

¹ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE NAB). 2016. A 2016 Bathymetric "Condition Survey, Dyke Marsh, Fairfax County, Virginia" was performed by Operations Division of the Baltimore District on March 1 - 9, 2016, using an Odom hydrotrac depth sounder, 200 KHZ transducer and trimble GPS system.

² National Park Service (NPS). 2009. A February 4-10, 2009 bathymetric survey performed by Normandeau Associates, Inc. for the National Park Service, via The Louis Berger Group, Inc. In addition, Digital Ortho Mosaic photos from September 2009 were used to digitize the shoreline for this dataset.

³ University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES). 2012. A The terrestrial surface LIDAR was collected by the West Virginia University - Natural Resource Analysis Center under contract by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science on March 14, 2012.

The lidar dataset was from UMCES and was supplied in a text-ASCII file containing XYZ point locations. The data were targeted at and field-checked to conform with the NAVD88 and NAD83 (feet) datum. A digital elevation model (DEM) was constructed from the complete data set, and then a 25 ft resolution grid was sampled from the DEM. The grid was then converted to a vertical datum of MLW (feet) for the 1983 to 2001 Tidal Epoch, with a horizontal datum of NAD83, Virginia State Plane North (feet).

Please note that some of the lidar did not capture small portions of some of the islands and peninsulas of the marsh. For those areas, values taken from similar marsh elevations in the zero MLW line from the NPS¹ dataset were applied to complete the DEM.

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