

WETLANDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL GEOGRAPHIC DATA COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS, JUNE 03, 2008

ATTENDEES: See list at end.

HANDOUTS: Agenda. Draft FY 2008 Annual Work Plan of the Wetlands Subcommittee. FWS wetlands layer population plan. Final Draft Wetlands Mapping Standard for approval. President's wetlands report 2008 (additional copies available, contact Wilen).

SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS:

Welcome: Bill Wilen, Chair, Wetlands Subcommittee

Mapping Standards Working Group: Margarete Heber, EPA/OWOW. Two minor changes were agreed to (page 3, fuller statement about exemptions; Page 8, consistent use of Cowardin reference) and the standard will be amended. There being no outstanding objections to the Standard, the Standard was approved. Training is needed. **Action:** Heber will incorporate the two changes and send to the FGDC Standards Working Group; prepare FR notice after approval and implementation plan. For more information: heber.margarete@epa.gov.

EPA's Wetlands Condition Assessment: Mike Scozzafava gave a presentation on the planned 2013 report and progress to date. Will use FWS wetlands status and trends plots and data. For more information: scozzafava.michaele@epa.gov.

FY 2008 Annual Work Plan: Standards and Strategy Work Groups combined into Standards Implementation Plan Working Group, Heber lead. Draft planned by end of September. Ad hoc/list-serve type wetlands and climate change group proposed, lead sought. **Action:** Working groups should add products with timetable. Volunteer lead needed. Mills will post on website.

FY 2007 Mapping Status and Annual Report: We are compiling a combined report for activities of all agencies. **Action:** Mills will send out examples. Agencies are to report on 1) wetland geospatial data produced during FY 2007(either by them or funded by them), by State, 2) current holdings and current and future mapping plans, by State, and 3) list and provide link to any published reports based on wetlands geospatial data. Due to the Wilen and Mills July 15, 2008.

Other:

- Agencies are asked to review FWS Wetlands Layer population plan. Comments welcome.
- NWI is on Google Earth, download file to launch:
<http://www.fws.gov/nwi/WetlandsData/GoogleEarth.htm>
- Subcommittee is working closely with NOAA for compatible marine mapping standards with CMECS (Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard).
- NOAA is producing a report on status of wetlands in coastal watersheds based on NWI data.
- Tracking restoration and improvement in CA and WI, EPA funded project, ongoing.
- FGDC/EPA funded project to investigate NWI and NHD for wetlands determinations started.
- FWS's national status and trends report is underway, completion 2010 (contact: Dahl).

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm (E.T.), Arlington, VA 22203 (703-358-2161 office).

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