

**Federal Geographic Data Committee  
Coordination Group Meeting  
Tuesday, May 8, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  
10:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **FED ONLY****

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**Location:** National Capital  
Planning Commission  
(NCPC)  
401 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

**AGENDA**

9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS; Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA</i>
9:10 – 9:15	<b>Previous Meeting Action Item Review</b>	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
9:15 - 9:45	<b>FGDC Business Report</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
9:45 – 10:10	<b>Wetlands Subcommittee Report</b>	<i>Bill Wilen, FWS</i>
10:10 – 10:40	<b>NGAC Update</b>	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS; John Mahoney, FGDC OS</i>
10:40 – 10:50	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>*** FED ONLY SESSION BEGINS ***</b>		
10:50 – 11:10	<b>Data Sets/Data Themes</b>	<i>Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA</i>

11:10 – 12:00	<b>Geospatial Platform</b>	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
12:00 – 12:20	<b>Update on GAO Evaluation</b>	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
12:20 – 12:30	<b>Action Item Review &amp; Next Meeting Agenda</b>	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
12:30	<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>	

<b>*Read-ahead Documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NGAC Update - John Mahoney.pptx</li> <li>2. Wetlands Subcommittee FY 2011 Annual Report.pdf</li> <li>3. Wetlands Subcommittee Report - Bill Wilen.ppt</li> </ol>
<b>Other Relevant documents</b>	

\* Read-ahead documents are located at the my.usgs.gov site for member access.

## CG Meeting Planning

<p><b>Coordination Group Meetings Topics</b> (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn</li> <li>- All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm EST at NCPC in D.C., unless otherwise noted</li> </ul>
<p><b>June 12, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>Metadata SC (Jennifer Carlino); Geologic SC (Dave Soller); Transportation SC (Mark Bradford).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>July 10, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>Standards WG (Julie Maitra); Cadastral SC (Don Buhler).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>August 14, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>Marine and Coastal Spatial Data SC (Tony LaVoi); Spatial Water Data SC (Tod Dabolt and Bob Pierce).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>September 11, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) SC (Anne O'Connor); Cultural and Demographic Statistics WG (TBD).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>October 16, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>Users/Historical Data WG (Colleen Cahill); Vegetation SC (Ralph Crawford).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>November 13, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>Geodetic Control SC (Juliana Blackwell); Transportation for the Nation SC (Mark Bradford); Metadata SC (Jennifer Carlino).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>December 11, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from: <b>Geologic SC (Dave Soller); Standards WG (Julie Maitra); Wetlands SC (Bill Wilen).</b></li> </ul>



## Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through May 8, 2012

<b>Due Date: 5/8/12</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20111019-02</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will create a list with a direct links to completed Geospatial Line of Business tasks and pending Geospatial Line of Business tasks to add to the FGDC website.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Roxanne Lamb, FGDC, <a href="mailto:rhilamb@fgdc.gov">rhilamb@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	GT is developing a mock-up of the page and its content to present to the Secretariat.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will put together a letter soliciting the nomination dialogue for data theme leads with the senior managers. Once an official appointment is made, an official appointment letter will be sent out by the Secretariat.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	The initial list of theme leads for the 17 new data themes as identified by the CG was compiled and provided in a package to the ExCom and SteerCom identifying the mapping of the A-16 list to the new A-16 Supplemental list, and identifying the new theme lead recommendations for SAOGI agreement.	
<b>Due Date: 5/8/12</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20111108-10</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will put together an A-16 Supplemental Guidance communications package/standard slide deck for use by members to bring back to their agencies for use in helping them understand information about data themes.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	The Secretariat is looking for input from CG members on what information should be included.	
<b>Due Date: 5/8/12</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	CG Members	<b>Action#: 20120313-02</b>
<b>Action:</b>	CG Members should review the Geospatial Platform partner activities POC list for Interagency Agreements documents and submit any corrections to Roxanne Lamb.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Roxanne Lamb, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:rhilamb@fgdc.gov">rhilamb@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Larry Sugarbaker, USGS	<b>Action#: 20120313-05</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Larry Sugarbaker will send the NEEA spreadsheet on outreach activities to the FGDC Secretariat. This spreadsheet will be shared with Coordination Group members.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Larry Sugarbaker, USGS, <a href="mailto:lsugarbaker@usgs.gov">lsugarbaker@usgs.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	Spreadsheet sent out to CG on 4/18/12.	

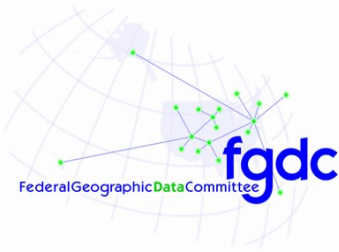
<b>Response:</b>		
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman	<b>Action#: 20120313-07</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will follow up with DHS on the role of DHS agencies in the theme lead list related to the Real Property and Utilities themes.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	GSA will serve as the theme lead for Real Property. The Utilities lead is still being determined. USGS has volunteered to serve as the theme lead on Geology.	
<b>Due Date: 5/8/12</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20120313-08</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will work with the FGDC agencies to identify several subcommittees and data themes that can serve as pilots.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: 5/8/12</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20120410-01</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Any CG member interested in working on the Geospatial Workforce issues is asked to contact John Mahoney.	
<b>Contact:</b>	John Mahoney, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:jmahoney@fgdc.gov">jmahoney@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20120410-03</b>
<b>Action:</b>	CG members who will be attending the ESRI International Users' Conference in July 2012 should send their intent to attend to Roxanne Lamb.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Roxanne Lamb, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:rh Lamb@fgdc.gov">rh Lamb@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA	<b>Action#: 20120410-04</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman will communicate the information about the National Levee Database to the members of the FGDC Executive Committee who lead the Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) Work Group (Dan Cotter and Jerry Johnston).	
<b>Contact:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, <a href="mailto:blake-coleman.wendy@fgdc.gov">blake-coleman.wendy@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	Wendy spoke with Jerry and Dan on this topic.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat/Bill Burgess	<b>Action#: 20120410-05</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will add a discussion of the GIS Inventory and how it relates to the search capability of Geodata.gov and other catalogs to an upcoming Coordination Group meeting agenda. Bill Burgess will provide follow-up materials on the GIS Inventory regarding more information on the search capabilities to the FGDC Secretariat. These materials will be sent out to the Coordination Group.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Arista Maher, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:amaher@fgdc.gov">amaher@fgdc.gov</a> ; Bill Burgess, NSGIC, <a href="mailto:william.burgess@comcast.net">william.burgess@comcast.net</a>	

<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Supporting materials were forwarded to the Coordination Group on April 18, and a briefing is scheduled for the June CG meeting.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat/Bill Burgess	<b>Action#: 20120410-06</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Bill Burgess will send information to the FGDC Secretariat on CSDGM to ISO element mapping. The FGDC Secretariat will share this information with the Coordination Group members.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Arista Maher, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:amaher@fgdc.gov">amaher@fgdc.gov</a> ; Bill Burgess, NSGIC, <a href="mailto:william.burgess@comcast.net">william.burgess@comcast.net</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Sent to CG on 4/18/12.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20120410-07</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Any additional changes to the data theme leads list should be submitted to the Colleen Cahill with a copy to Ken Shaffer by COB April 24, 2012.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Colleen Cahill, LoC, <a href="mailto:cstu@loc.gov">cstu@loc.gov</a> ; Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:kmschaffer@fgdc.gov">kmschaffer@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Deadline was 4/24/12. Ken has not received any changes. The Census Bureau, NOAA, and USGS provided a response to Wendy. No other changes have been received.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Colleen Cahill	<b>Action#: 20120410-08</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Colleen Cahill will work with the FGDC Secretariat to ensure that the Access data theme leads database is consistent with the GT-developed theme leads document.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Colleen Cahill, LoC, <a href="mailto:cstu@loc.gov">cstu@loc.gov</a> ; Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:kmschaffer@fgdc.gov">kmschaffer@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Colleen has coordinated the data list management with the PMO.	
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20120508-01</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Coordination Group Members who have suggestions on NSDI Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP) categories for 2013 are asked to contact Gita Urban-Mathieux with those suggestions.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Gita Urban-Mathieux, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:burbanma@fgdc.gov">burbanma@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Kevin Kirby, EPA	<b>Action#: 20120508-02</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Kevin Kirby (EPA) will provide comments regarding the Shoreline Data Content Standard issues to Julie Maitra (FGDC) and Doug Graham.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Julie Maitra, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:jmaitra@fgdc.gov">jmaitra@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20120508-03</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Any Coordination Group members who would like to be on the Wetlands mailing list should send an email to Bill Wilen.	

<b>Contact:</b>	Bill Wilen, FWS, <a href="mailto:bill_wilen@fws.gov">bill_wilen@fws.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20120508-04</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Coordination Group Members who have ideas about good potential appointees to the NGAC should contact John Mahoney.	
<b>Contact:</b>	John Mahoney, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:jmahoney@fws.gov">jmahoney@fws.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Biota Subcommittee Members	<b>Action#: 20120508-05</b>
<b>Action:</b>	A Biota Subcommittee will be formed to work on gathering data sets for the Biota theme. The following members will participate in this subcommittee: Chris Lett, Bill Wilen, Mike Hortons, Wendy Blake-Coleman, Ralph Crawford, Betsy Kannalley, Dick Vraga, and Kate Kase. These Subcommittee members will work together to identify a Chair for the Subcommittee, compile the key data sets for Biota, and brief managers at their agencies. The main purpose is to come up with a process to name lead agencies for the Biota theme.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov">blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA	<b>Action#: 20120508-06</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman will follow up with Census Bureau management on the Cultural and Demographic Statistics Theme regarding the concerns with overlapping data sets and the role of statistics in the theme.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov">blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20120508-07</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will develop a one-page summary sheet template for each data theme providing “at-a-glance” information (including the theme lead, FGDC and other subcommittees supporting the theme, data standards, and initial core data sets) for each theme.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20120508-08</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will send out a link to the U.S. House of Representatives hearings regarding the “Map It Once, Use It Many Times” Act and related geospatial legislative measures.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Arista Maher, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:amaher@fgdc.gov">amaher@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		

<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20120508-09</b>
<b>Action:</b>	On the A-16 Data Themes list, the FGDC Secretariat will change a typo to state that the proposed theme lead for Earth Cover is the U.S. Forest Service (not FSA).	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		





# Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2012

(Note: Primary CG members are indicated in **blue text**; alternate CG members are indicated in **red text**.)

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
	Shirley Hall	USDA- Farm Service Agency	x	Bill Wilen	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
x	Marisa Capriotti	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
	Betsy Kanalley	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
x	Ralph Crawford	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Bob Pierce	DOI – USGS
	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey		Dan Sandhaus	DOI - USGS
	Tony LaVoi	DOC - NOAA		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau	x	Roy Standing	Dept of State
x	Anne O'Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
x	Jim Bjostad	DOD - NGA		Raquel Wright	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
	David LaBranche	DOD - DISDI		Elaine Boston	Dept of Treasury
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD - DISDI	x	Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics	x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
	David Morehouse	Dept. of Energy – US Energy Info Administration		Tod Dabolt	EPA – Office of Water
	TBD	DHHS – CDC		Sandra Downie	GSA
	Robert Shankman	DHHS – Office of Preparedness and Emergency Ops		Philip Klokis	GSA
x	Steven King	DHS – Office of the CIO	x	Autumn Wallin	GSA
	Dennis Hardy	DHS	x	Colleen Cahill	Library of Congress
	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research	x	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
x	Salvatore Scalfani	HUD - Office of Community Planning & Development		Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy

	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Gregory Mann	NASA
	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM	x	Brett Abrams	NARA
	Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Clifford Jacobs	National Science Foundation
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE		Trisha Christian	Small Business Administration
	Joe Gregson	DOI – Nat’l Park Service	x	David Timmons	Social Security Administration
	Tim Smith	DOI – Nat’l Park Service		Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	Robert Welsh	DOI – Office of Surface Mining			
x	Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service			
	<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>		<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organization</b>
x	Anne Ball	NOAA	x	Arista Maher	FGDC OS
x	Donald Campbell	FCC	x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS
x	Jennifer Carlino	USGS	x	Patrick Mahoney	
x	Jeff Cullen	GT	x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS
x	Teddy Dyer	DOE	x	Kristie McLeroy	USDA
x	Craig Goodwin		x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC
x	Leonard Gore, Jr.	BLM	x	Yen Shan	SBA
x	Kate Kase	USGS	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC
x	Kevin Kirby	EPA	x	John Sullivan	GSA
x	Kaelin Kuhn	GAO	x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC OS	x	Linda Zellmer	WIU

**Welcome and Introductions – Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS; Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA**

Ivan DeLoatch, Chair of the Coordination Group, called the meeting to order. Members were asked to introduce themselves.

**Previous Meeting Action Item Review – Arista Maher, FGDC OS**

Arista Maher reviewed the action items from the previous meeting and provided a status report on each item.

**FGDC Business Report – Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS**

[[Presentation](#)]

Ken Shaffer reviewed the meeting’s agenda, followed by reports on FGDC committees’ recent activities and decisions. The Steering Committee met on April 19, 2012 and endorsed the tiered funding strategy for the Geospatial Platform, as outlined in the Business Plan and as recommended by the Executive Committee (ExCom). The Steering Committee also recommended that the Department of Interior (DOI) serve as the Managing Partner for the Geospatial Platform. There were no objections to the tiered funding strategy for the Geospatial Platform, but Steering Committee member agencies wanted to make sure funding was available. There were no clear objections to the governance strategy. Other topics on the Steering Committee agenda included a report on the CIO

Council's Shared Services Subcommittee, a report on the results of the April 17-18 National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) meetings, an FGDC report, and a report on the results and next steps on the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment/ proposed 3D Elevation Program (NEEA/3DEP). At the last Coordination Group (CG) meeting on April 10, 2012, the CG endorsed the Coastal and Marine Ecological Standard (CMECS), which has been sent to Steering Committee for an electronic vote on its endorsement. The last ExCom meeting took place on March 21, 2012, where the ExCom discussed the funding strategy and Managing Partner for the Geospatial Platform, as well as the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment. There will be a report on recent NGAC activities later in the meeting. The next Coordination Group meeting will be held on June 12, 2012 at NCPC, and will include reports from the Metadata, Geologic, and Transportation Subcommittees, as well as a Fed Only session on the Geospatial Platform and an update on the GAO evaluation. A brief update on the LightSquared issue was given. It was noted that the Executive Steering Group of the Position and Navigational Timing group will meet on May 18.

The Geospatial Line of Business/Geospatial Platform update included a review of Managing Partner activities, an update on the status of Interagency Agreement documents, and a task-by-task review of PMO activities. There will be sessions and an exhibit on the Geospatial Platform at the ESRI International Users' Conference in July 2012. CG Members are reminded to contact Roxanne Lamb ([rhilamb@fgdc.gov](mailto:rhilamb@fgdc.gov)) if they plan to attend the 2012 ESRI IUC conference.

Regarding the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP), the 2012 awards have been made, and executive summaries of the projects are available on the FGDC website. Gita Urban-Mathieux is now accepting suggestions for the 2013 CAP categories; the Library of Congress has already submitted one suggestion.

**ACTION: Coordination Group members who have suggestions on NSDI Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP) categories for 2013 are asked to contact Gita Urban-Mathieux ([burbanma@fgdc.gov](mailto:burbanma@fgdc.gov)) with those suggestions.**

The GSDI 2012-13 small grants program is set to open at the end of summer 2012. The focus is on developing nations. The list of the GSDI awards and final reports is available at: <http://www.gsdi.org/sic1>

An update on standards was given. At its April 10 meeting, the FGDC Coordination Group approved the Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS) for FGDC endorsement. The ballot for FGDC Steering Committee (SC) endorsement of the CMECS was issued Friday, April 27. SC votes are due Friday, May 11. Additionally, a number of organizations responded to the call for comments on the draft Shoreline Data Content Standard. INCITS L1/U.S. TAG met Tuesday, April 17, at USGS and will meet again on Monday, May 21, in preparation for the ISO TC 211 34<sup>th</sup> Plenary and meetings to be held on June 4-8 in Toulouse, France. Domestically, there has been systematic review of INCITS standards and activity surrounding a possible update to the North American Profile (NAP) of revised ISO 19115 (metadata). The Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) held its North American Forum teleconference on April 18. OGC has approved the Sensor Observation Service (SOS) Interface Standard Version 2.0 as an official OGC standard. The next GWG polling session (12-2 cycle) is scheduled for May 22, at TASC, Chantilly, VA. A list of the proposed standards for this session was shared.

**ACTION: Kevin Kirby (EPA) will provide comments regarding the Shoreline Data Content Standard issues to Julie Maitra (FGDC) and Doug Graham.**

## Wetlands Subcommittee Report – Bill Wilen, FWS

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Bill Wilen gave an update on the recent activities of the Wetlands Subcommittee. He noted that the FY 2011 Wetlands Subcommittee Annual Report is now available on myUSGS. Bill has a Wetlands mailing list to share information about progress on Wetlands issues; this has been helpful in having a list of contacts to draw from for updating the Soil Taxonomy report. A list of the Subcommittee members was shown, as well as a “score card” regarding the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI). The status of wetlands mapping across the United States was shown, including the status of both scanned wetlands maps and the year of the most recent imagery. Two documents published by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – *Status and Trends of Wetlands in the Conterminous United States (2004-2009)* and *The National Wetlands Inventory Strategic Plan (2011-2015)* were discussed. It was noted that last week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Resource Conservation Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA/NRCS), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) signed an endorsement of the revised National Wetland Plant List.

Some of the other recent developments include: a second edition Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats Standard; the Wetlands Mapper in the cloud; and a variety of online training available on the NWI, the National Wetlands Classification Standard, the National Wetlands Mapping Standard, Image Interpretation of Wetlands (in beta version), and How to Run a Wetlands Mapping Project (also in beta version).

The Wetlands Mapping Consortium recently held a webinar, where presentation topics included: Enhancing Wetlands Conservation through Improved Mapping and Monitoring; Potential Wetland Soil Landscapes (SSURGO) Data Set for Wetlands Mapping; and National Enhanced Elevation Requirements and Benefits Assessment and New LiDAR Standards. Upcoming topics proposed for FY 2012 include: Automation Techniques for Mapping Wetlands; New Wetlands Mapping Projects; and Mapping Floodplains.

In the coming year, the Wetlands Subcommittee hopes to discuss: filling-in-gaps for the nation regarding wetlands mapping; requesting a DOI Data Champion; developing Federal cooperation for funding; and building cooperation with the Water-Inland data theme.

**ACTION: Any Coordination Group members who would like to be on the Wetlands mailing list should send an email to Bill Wilen.**

## NGAC Update – Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS; John Mahoney, FGDC OS

[\[Presentation\]](#)

John Mahoney gave an update on the recent activities of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC), including the 2012 FGDC Guidance to NGAC, a summary of the April 17-18, 2012 NGAC Meeting, and an update on 2012 NGAC Nominations/Appointments Process. The 2012 FGDC Guidance to NGAC was developed based on input and suggestions from FGDC SC, ExCom, and CG members, and input from NGAC members. The Guidance document is posted on the FGDC website. The April 17-18 NGAC meeting was very productive and included a Leadership Dialogue

presentation by FGDC Chair Anne Castle (DOI), a discussion on the Geospatial Platform Business Plan, a presentation on the NGAC Innovative Strategies Paper, a report on FGDC activities, several NGAC subcommittee/point-of-contact reports, as well as various sessions on FGDC Guidance topics.

The NGAC has provided substantive feedback to the FGDC on the Geospatial Platform. The Geospatial Platform subcommittee of the NGAC is led by Anne Miglarese (Past Chair of the NGAC). The NGAC members provided comments on the *Modernization Roadmap* and *Value Proposition* documents and made several recommendations on those over the last two years. The Platform subcommittee met on April 11 and provided initial feedback on the Business Plan document. They took an action to compile NGAC members' comments on the document and provide that to the FGDC Secretariat by May 11. The primary focus areas for comments are: the Concept of Operations, Governance, Risk Management, and Performance Measurement.

The NGAC also adopted the *Innovative Strategies for Geospatial Programs and Partnerships* paper. They provided an overarching recommendation as follows: "The FGDC responsibilities for leadership, management and coordination of geospatial information and services across government, including continuing management of the Geospatial Platform and its supporting data, must assume a central role in the policy, budgetary, and procurement process related to geospatial programs." The paper is available on the FGDC website.

The NGAC recently formed a Landsat Advisory Group (LAG). The group held its initial meeting on April 16. LAG does not only include NGAC members, but external remote sensing experts as well. The two major topics of study for the LAG at this point includes summarizing the value of Landsat data in economic terms, as well as providing feedback on the issues of charging fees for use of Landsat data.

Kevin Gallagher (USGS) provided a briefing to the NGAC on the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment (NEEA). The NGAC approved a resolution on this topic as follows: "The NGAC endorses a national elevation program (i.e., 3D Elevation Program, or 3DEP) as described in the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The NGAC encourages the USGS, the Department of the Interior, and Federal partner agencies to refine, adopt, and implement this program in partnership with other levels of government, academia, and the private sector."

The NGAC also discussed the National Address Database as part of its discussion of FGDC Guidance issues. The FGDC has requested that the NGAC develop a white paper on this topic, including the need for a National Address Database, potential concerns (including privacy) about such a database, and possible approaches for including all levels of government as stakeholders.

The National Hydrography Dataset was another FGDC Guidance topic of discussion at the NGAC meeting. They discussed the barriers to using the NHD on a greater scale, the best stewardship model for the NHD, and best practices for technical, administrative, and policy practices. OMB Circular A-16 was also discussed as part of the FGDC Guidance to NGAC. Specifically, the data themes/data sets within A-16 and whether there are significant omissions therein was an issue of discussion. Furthermore, the NGAC discussed how other stakeholders can contribute data sets and help develop sustainable models for data theme/data set maintenance. The next steps for the NGAC are to form subcommittees to address the topics in the 2012 FGDC guidance. Then, those subcommittees will meet with Federal subject matter experts to discuss guidance and develop action plans, and they will report on their progress at the September 2012 NGAC meeting.

The NGAC Appointments process was discussed. There will be a call for nominations to the NGAC in June 2012, as 10 of the 28 current NGAC appointments expire in December 2012. Information and instructions for applying to be on the NGAC are located on the FGDC website. An interagency review panel will meet in August to discuss the nominations and provide recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, who will review the appointments package in the fall of 2012. The new appointments will take effect in December 2012.

**ACTION: Coordination Group Members who have ideas about good potential appointees to the NGAC should contact John Mahoney.**

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