

FGDC FY 2010 WORK PLAN

Subcommittee or Working Group: Wetlands Subcommittee

Agency Name: Subcommittee Chair, Fish and Wildlife Service

Introduction

The Wetlands Subcommittee of the Federal Geographic Data Committee has the responsibilities for the coordination of spatial wetlands data related activities among federal agencies. It serves as a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of spatial wetlands data financed in whole or in part by federal funds or used by federal agencies.

The Wetlands Subcommittee was re-launched in July 2005. Currently, there are 33 federal organizations represented on the Subcommittee plus participating representatives from state, county, conservation, and scientific organizations, and members of the public.

Objectives

The FGDC Wetlands Subcommittee was established to promote standards of accuracy and consistency in spatial wetlands data financed in whole or in part by federal funds, to exchange information on technological improvements for collecting spatial wetlands data, to encourage the federal and non-federal community to identify and adopt standards and specifications for spatial wetlands data, and to collect and process the requirements of federal and non-federal organizations for spatial wetlands data.

Benefits or Justification/Legal Mandate

Under the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16, revised August 19, 2002, responsibility to coordinate wetlands data related activities is assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. This federal government-wide leadership for spatial wetlands data coordination is carried out under the auspices of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). The Service's pertinent enabling authority resides in the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986. The Wetlands Subcommittee enables the Service to coordinate development, use, sharing, and dissemination of spatial wetlands data required under Circular A-16. This coordination results in the effective and economical use and management of spatial data assets in the digital environment for the benefit of the government and the nation.

Scope of Work

Wetland spatial data describes lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface, or the land is covered by shallow water part of the year. The wetlands layer of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure also contains related deepwater and riparian habitats.

Milestones, Schedule, and Budget

Action	Date	Lead	Others	Budget
Develop a draft FY 2010 annual report on the quality and quantity of wetlands data available to the nation, subcommittee accomplishments to date and future plans.	09/30/2010	Bill Wilen, FWS	All Agencies	
Develop plan and timetable for review of National Wetlands Classification Standard (Cowardin).	03/30/2010	Bill Wilen, FWS	Classification Working Group	
Prepare draft proposal of changes to the National Wetlands Classification Standard for Subcommittee Review.	09/30/2010	Bill Wilen, FWS	Standards Working Group	
Provide draft FWS riparian mapping standard to participating agencies for consideration for a national standard.	04/30/2010	Jim Dick, FWS Bill Wilen, FWS		
Prepare Implementation Plan for new Wetlands Mapping Standard	02/28/2010	Margarete Heber	Standards Working Group	
Develop draft training modules for Wetlands Mapping and Classification standards.	07/30/2010	Jo Ann Mills, FWS	Training Working Group	
Update Subcommittee website.	03/30/2010	Bill Wilen, FWS		

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Wetlands Climate Change Ad hoc Group

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ACRONYMS:

ASPRS	American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
ASWM	Association of State Wetland Managers
CCRS-Canada	Canadian Center for Remote Sensing
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service
MN/DNR	Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources
NACo	National Association of Counties
NSDI	National Spatial Data Infrastructure
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey