

**Federal Geographic Data Committee  
Marine Boundary Working Group Meeting(s)  
January 9-10, 2003**

**Minutes**

The Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) Marine Boundary Working Group (MBWG) met at the NOAA Coastal Services Center in Charleston, SC on January 9, 2003. An agenda is included at the end of the minutes, as is a list of items that were distributed at the meeting. Individuals who wish to request copies of these items should contact David Stein at *Dave.Stein@noaa.gov*.

**Highlights**

Cindy Fowler, NOAA CSC, welcomed everyone to the facility and called the meeting to order. This was the sixth meeting of the MBWG. The objectives of the meeting were to highlight some of the recent activities and programs under way by members of the working group, identify areas for collaboration, and hold a joint meeting with the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee to discuss common issues and work items.

**Agenda Items**

**1. Tidal Boundaries – Steve Gill; NOAA’s Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS).** Steve Gill gave an overview of NOAA’s Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) tidal boundary work. For further information, Steve’s presentation can be downloaded at <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/htm/outreach.htm>.

**2. Census Water Boundaries – Joe Marinucci; Department of the Census.** Joe Marinucci, Department of Census, gave an overview about how the Census creates water boundaries. For further information, Joe’s presentation can be downloaded at <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/htm/outreach.htm>.

**3. International Boundaries and Limits – taxonomy and metadata - Raymond Milefsky, Department of State.** Ray Milefsy presented his work on developing taxonomy for international maritime limits. The taxonomy is analogous to data content for marine boundaries. It was noted that there are similarities between his project and the work the MBWG is engaged in with the Cadastral Subcommittee. An action items will be to look into what we can do to harmonize the standard taxonomy for international maritime limits and the Cadastral Data Content Standard. For further information, Ray’s presentation can be downloaded at <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/htm/outreach.htm>.

**4. Group discussion on the “marine cadastre”** The MBWG took this opportunity to discuss our joint meeting with the Cadastral Subcommittee. Since Bob Dahl and Doug Vandegraft are members of both the MBWG and the Cadastral Subcommittee, they

agreed to speak about commonalities and differences between our groups. Cindy Fowler and Lee Thormahlen were also planning to address the Cadastral Subcommittee. It was noted that the goal of the joint meeting is to find common ground between the two groups. It was also noted that most of the Cadastral Subcommittee isn't concerned with marine issues, and those who are, don't really see a distinction between the two cadastres.

**5. Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held in the late Spring/early Summer timeframe in the Washington D.C. area.

### **Action Items**

**Action:** Determine if and where harmonization can occur between taxonomy for international maritime limits and the Cadastral Data Content Standard

### **Special Joint Session with the Cadastral Subcommittee. FGDC Marine Boundary Working Group and the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee. January 9, 2003.**

Look for these minutes on the Cadastral Subcommittee's Web site at [www.fairview-industries.com](http://www.fairview-industries.com).

### **Session on the Cadastral Data Content Standard, January 10, 9:00-12:00**

Look for these minutes on the Cadastral Subcommittee's Web site at [www.fairview-industries.com](http://www.fairview-industries.com).

### **Session on the Marine Boundaries Best Practices Handbook, January 10, 12:00 – 3:00**

Minutes for this meeting can be found at [www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/](http://www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/).

### **Items Distributed at Meeting**

1. Agenda
2. International maritime boundary taxonomy
3. Meeting minutes from July, 16, 2002
4. Marine boundary bibliography.

### **Attendees**

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## **Agenda**

**Special Joint working Session with Cadastral Subcommittee  
FGDC Marine Boundary Working Group Meeting  
Thursday – Friday January 9-10, 2003  
NOAA Coastal Services Center  
2344 S. Hobson Ave.  
Charleston, SC**

### **Thursday January 9<sup>1</sup>**

- 8:00 Continental breakfast
- 8:15 Welcome and introductions; Review of meeting minutes and 2002 work items
- 8:30 Tidal Boundaries – Steve Gill; NOAA’s Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS)
- 9:30 Census Water Boundaries – Joe Marinucci; Department of the Census
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 International Boundaries and Limits – taxonomy and metadata - Raymond Milefsky; Department of State
- 11:00 Group discussion on the “marine cadastre”
- 12:00 Lunch – provided onsite

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<sup>1</sup> Note that FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee will hold regular session on January 8-9, 2003.

Special joint session – Cadastral Subcommittee and MBWG

- 1:30 Opening remarks from Cindy Fowler, Lee Thormahlen, and representative(s) from the Cadastral Subcommittee
- 2:00 Summary and lead in to discussion on common ground (Standards, etc) – Facilitated session by Nancy Von Meyer
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Continued discussions
- 4:30 Adjourn

**Friday January 10,**

(smaller working group sessions)

8:30-11:00 Joint Session on addressing the marine component of the Cadastral Data Content Standard for the Geospatial OneStop Initiative (Facilitator: Nancy Von Meyer)  
Participants: Interested parties from MBWG and Cadastral Subcommittee

12:00-3:00 Marine Boundary Handbook (Facilitator: Heidi Recksiek) Outcomes: Agreed on vision, scope, outline, workplan. Participants: MBWG Handbook Committee – working lunch

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