

**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Marine Boundary Working Group
March 14-15, 2001**

Draft Minutes

The Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) Marine Boundary Working Group (MBWG) met at NOAA Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD on March 13-14, 2001. 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, co-chair of the working group, called the meeting to order. Cindy Folwer and Lee Thormahlen (co-chair) welcomed everyone and said a few words about why this group was formed. This was the first meeting of the Marine Boundary Working Group. The objectives of the meeting were to reach consensus on the working group's purpose, gain an understanding of the boundary issues we face, identify priority issues for the group to focus on, describe the priority issues for a future problem-solving session; and agree on next steps.

Agenda Items

1. Tim Goodspeed from the NOAA Special Projects Office facilitated the meeting. He explained the objectives of the meeting and ground rules. Meeting participants introduced themselves and briefly described why they were here.
2. Next on the agenda was a review of the draft charter. Several comments were made. It was decided that a subgroup would continue to develop the charter and redistribute it to the working group before the next meeting.
3. The remainder of the first day was devoted to presentations by the various groups in attendance. Each person was given ten minutes to describe their marine boundary work and any issues or problems they have with regard to marine boundaries. The presenters were as follows:
 - Andrew Hulin and Mitchell Tartt (NOAA Coastal Services Center and NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries);
 - Doug Vandergraph – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Susan Hitch – Environmental Protection Agency
 - Lee Thormahlen – Mineral Management Service
 - Bob Smith – U.S. State Department
 - Frank Sannino- National Park Service
 - Joel Labissonniere – NOAA General Council
 - Mike Aslasken – NOAA National Geodetic Survey
 - Curt Loy – NOAA Office of Coast Survey
 - Joe Marinucci – U.S. Census Bureau
 - Donald Cambell – Federal Communications Commission
4. Using a roundtable approach, the attendees identified the issues they believe are most important to the working group. Each issue was listed on a flip chart and subsequently voted on. The top four priority issues were pulled from the list and breakout groups were formed to expand on these issues.
5. The final item on the agenda was to report on the priority issues. Each group summarized their priority issue using a predefined template and reported out to the group. These priority issues will be the basis for developing a more detailed action plan.

- The next meeting will be held in the Washington D.C. area in the late spring/early summer timeframe. More information will follow.

Items Distributed at Meeting

- Agenda
- Priority worksheet
- Marine boundary one-pager

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FGDC Marine Boundary Working Group Meeting
Wednesday-Thursday, March 14-15, 2001
NOAA Headquarters
1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD
Conference Room 6836 – SSMC3

Meeting Outcomes:

- Reach **Consensus on Group Purpose**
- Gain an **Understanding of the Boundary Issues** we face;
- **Identify Priority Issues** for the Group to Focus on;
- **Describe the Priority Issues** for a future Problem-Solving Session; and
- Agree on **Next Steps**.

Wednesday, March 14

- 12:30 Lunch/Welcome and Overview/Introductions
- 1:00 Meeting Outcomes and Agenda
- 1:15 Brief Review of Group Charter (Purpose/Objectives)
- 1:45 Snack Break
- 2:00 Presentations by Group Members (8 so far)
- 5:00 Review the Day and What's on for Thursday
- 5:15 Adjourn

Thursday, March 15

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Review Wednesday's work and present overview of Thursday's agenda
- 8:15 Identifying Issues
Using a roundtable approach, the attendees will identify the issues they believe are most important for the group to focus on.
- 10:00 Prioritizing Issues
Participants will vote to determine a general priority order for the identified issues. The results will be reviewed.
- 10:15 Snack Break
- 10:30 Describing the Issues
The group will then break out into teams of three or four each. Each team will take responsibility for describing two of the priority issues and identifying some ways to address or mitigate that concern.
- 12:30 Next Steps and Wrap-up
- Next Meeting
 - Follow-up Communications/Products

Submitted by

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