

MBWG Meeting
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- FGDC News and MCSD Updates (David Stein, NOAA)
 - 2008 Annual Report should be coming out over the next month or two
 - CAP grant submission is still open but closing over the next several weeks
 - CMECS standard is beginning to be reviewed and pushed through FGDC
- Maritime Boundaries Project
 - No updates
- Baseline Committee
 - Meeting was cancelled
- International Submerged Lands Management Conference (David Stein, NOAA)
 - Held in Traverse City, MI
 - David Stein (CSC), Brian M. Smith (CSC), Jim Fulmer (MMS), Bob Johnson (MMS) attended and presented on Marine Spatial Planning and the Multipurpose Marine Cadastre project
 - Focus was on public trust doctrine, alternative energy siting, sea-level rise in the Great Lakes
 - Questions were brought up dealing with lateral boundaries and how climate change is/could affect marine boundaries
- Minerals Management Service (Steve Kopach, MMS)
 - Focus has been dealing with the lifting of the Executive Order and moratoria in the Atlantic
 - Work Plan 2010-2015 is currently open for comment
 - Working to update Submerged Lands Act boundary, 8(g) Sharing Line, OPDs, and SOPDs

- Several permits have been submitted for meteorological towers for alternative energy siting
- National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Maritime Boundary Activities (Trent Palmer, NGA)
 - Maritime Boundaries issues handled by Political Geography Division at NGA
 - separate from office responsible for NGA hydro chart production
 - worldwide focus; lesser interest/responsibilities for domestic issues
 - Focused on
 - customer education
 - monitoring of maritime boundary, limit and claims/UNCLOS issues
 - creation of shapefiles representing agreed maritime boundaries and claims
 - correlated issue is geographic names
 - Publically-available resources are limited based on emphasis on Intel and DoD communities
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' Ocean Activities (Doug Vandergraft, USFWS)
 - A new opinion from our Solicitor states that the jurisdiction of the FWS encompasses the breadth of the territorial sea at those National Wildlife Refuges that are also Insular Possessions of the U.S.
 - National Wildlife Refuges are now an active layer on Google Earth. You can find them under the "Parks and Recreation" tab.
 - The NOAA Marine Protected Area Inventory now recognizes 107 National Wildlife Refuges as being MPA's. The FWS considers a total of 177 National Wildlife Refuges as being marine in nature.
 - The FWS has completed a Cadastral Geodatabase, which contains the digitized boundaries and land parcels for the entire National Wildlife Refuge System.
- Department of Homeland Security Overview (Anthony Huang, DHS)
 - As the Department was forming, a geospatial management office (GMO) was created
 - GMO has been more focused on policy and planning and systems architecture than data creation
 - A newly hired geospatial portfolio manager will look at all GIS data and notable GIS programs (8-12 programs)
 - Four major geospatial programs: FEMA, U.S. Border Patrol, Infrastructure Protection, and U.S. Coast Guard
 - Focus has been mainly on situational response and integration of data across DHS programs
 - HSIP (Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection) Gold and Freedom data sets
 - HSIP Gold is distributed to state, Federal, and local officials during a disaster event.

- HSIP Gold has more restrictions and is not publicly accessible
 - HSIP Freedom is available to government entities although it does not include the completed dataset
- Multipurpose Marine Cadastre Update (David Stein, NOAA)
 - New version is coming out at the end of the calendar year. Enhancements include new organization by theme, meta-lite information in the table of contents, and new data sets to include critical habitat (regional , west coast), proposed alternative energy limited leases, and enhanced base maps.
 - Policy for data submission is also being drafted.
 - Data model for the core marine cadastre layer is also near completion.
 - New marketing “rack card” is now available.
 - Briefings have been provided to the Gulf of Maine Mapping Initiative, Massachusetts Ocean Partnership, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program, and the Northeast Regional Ocean Council’s Alternative Energy Committee.
 - Meeting was held with MMS’ Alternative Energy Program to define additional requirements. Contact David Stein or Steve Kopach for meeting summary
- OMB A-16 Supplemental Guidance and Future Revisions (Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA)
 - Purpose of this exercise is to clarify the intent of A-16 and improve coordination; and set the framework to do portfolio management for our themes.
 - Develop a process to modify appendix E (data themes) to reflect current business.
 - There are currently 5 marine boundary related themes identified in appendix E. A subset of the MBWG will be working on a process to streamline and/or consolidate these themes.
 - Timeframe for new version of A-16 is sometime in 2010. The focus should be getting it done right, not quick.
 - More to come on this after the new year.

**FGDC Marine Boundary Working Group Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Federal Communications Commission, Room 3-B516**

**445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC**

Agenda

9:00 Coffee and bagels

9:15 Welcome and introductions

- Introductions
- Agenda review
- Highlights from last meeting

9:30 Updates from Agencies and Committees

- FGDC news and MCSD update – Tony LaVoi
- Maritime boundaries project - TBD
- Baseline committee update –Steve Kopach
- Submerged Lands Conference – David Stein
- Agency updates (All)

11:00 NGA Maritime Boundary Activities – Trent Palmer

11:30 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' Ocean Activities – Doug Vandegraft

12:00 Lunch

1:00 OMB A-16 Supplemental Guidance and Future Revisions

- Overview – Wendy Blake-Coleman
- MBWG Role – All

2:00 Multipurpose Marine Cadastre Update – David Stein and Adam Bode

2:30 Lateral Boundary Group Discussion – Cindy Fowler

3:30 FY 2009 Work Plan Discussion – Steve Kopach

4:00 Action items and next meeting