

Minutes  
Technical Subcommittee  
Gulf of Maine Ocean Data Partnership (GoMODP)  
October 28, 2004  
1 – 2 PM Conference Call

Those present: A. Ball, P. Bogden, B. Branton, J. Manning, S. Hale, J. Palmer

1. Accepted minutes last meeting, note amendment by Bob to section 2f.
2. A draft survey was provided to committee for use in developing the workplan. Committee discussion assumed that the strategy of using the GeoConnections site as initial data registration/discovery effort remains the plan.

Questions:

1. Do we want to fill out survey for every dataset, or for general case? (SH)
2. Do we want to define demonstration project and then limit datasets to that? (BB)

Discussion:

(BB) Some efforts are already underway. NMFS has an Oracle database that will be made available outside the firewall, BIO also has an Oracle db outside firewall. SQL\*net being used to connect these and make available to OBIS. DiGIR provides a service to take various formats/schemas to convert to DiGIR/OBIS standard.

One main activity of the Center for Marine Biodiversity is to encourage holders to bring data forward to OBIS – 10 collections currently, 750K records once ECNASAP database included

(PB) Rather than surveying the partners for datasets, instead understand what is out there for datasets, what discovery tools are being used?

For example, EPA has its own information system, is using XML connection, storette data is available on website and uses its own metadata standards, possibly containing the FGDC content, but packaged up the same way.

(BB) Need datasets identified, and in parallel – need to have an understanding of how we will implement the discipline-specific standards, OpenDAP, OGC, DiGIR

Conclusion:

We need a page or two from each provider indicating what data they have and how it is being served. Survey should be at a fairly high level.

Agreement:

- a. BB will send a sample of FGDC metadata collected as part of the CMB project for example purposes
  - b. SJM will fill out survey using this information and send out to everyone as a sample
  - c. SH to send copies of surveys already compiled to avoid “reinventing the wheel”
  - d. After the initial samples are ready, Con call members will fill out and evaluate the surveys using their own metadata. SM will go over these results with each person and use this to compile the final survey for use with each individual partner.
  - e. Goal is to have survey finalized by the end of next week.
3. Workplan discussion
- a. PB is working on fleshing out workplan contents and will send out for comment by tech committee members
  - b. GoMODP currently has several demonstration projects , namely those on the GoMOOS site and in the spiral bound book that Evan/Lew put together for CoML. We should at least ensure that we have collection level metadata for the data behind these projects
  - c. Committee members agreed to review draft workplan and comment.