

## Users/Historical Data Working Group Conference Call Notes January 24, 2013, 11:00 a.m. EASTERN

### **Participants:**

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Discussed the latest version of the “Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value” document.

### **Comments:**

General agreement on the updates and the scope.

Make sure NARA perspective is included prior to moving it up to the FGDC Coordination Group. They can also suggest useful links and resources to expand the guidance.

Explore developing a tool to support the guidance, including checklists or consideration lists. A checklist would help users decide where to start, how to go about the process and to document defensible decisions later.

While some decisions have been made on the value of geodata as it goes through the FGDC process of identifying items in the “National Geospatial Data Asset Portfolio,” there is additional guidance that can be made on the long-term value of those materials (while high-value in the near-term, they may not all have long-term value) as well as identifying non-NGDA assets with long-term value.

Document scope should be expanded to lay out the business case for “intermediary archives,” institutions that provide a middle support system between the creating organizations and the long-term stewards. Many of these organizations already exist (the NOAA Data Centers and [NARA Affiliated Archives](#) amongst others), but their role could be more clearly stated as the FGDC Lifecycle models for “archive” are fleshed-out more fully.

The quantity of data being produced makes it a near-impossibility for the traditional long-term stewards (libraries, archives and museums) to gain reasonable control of the materials without assistance at other stages of the lifecycle. This could include the establishment of “archives in the agencies” in addition to the expanded role of intermediaries.

The juncture points of these “handoff” points could be determined by the juncture points in the FGDC lifecycle model.

**Actions:**

Butch will send out an edited list of the “Common Elements of an Appraisal Process” extracted from the longer document. Call participants will volunteer to take a couple of items from this list and compile material for the section from the bibliography of geospatial appraisal documents. Butch will act as the central editor and point of contact for this activity.

Butch will also extract some of the “Overview of this Guidance Document” material into a separate document to share with the FGDC Coordination Group and other interested organizations to build the case for a new workflow and lifecycle model for the stewardship process which includes an expanded role for the creating agencies and the intermediary organizations.