

OREGON HYDROGRAPHY FRAMEWORK MEETING

Wednesday, March 14, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

BLM—Salem District Office

Attendees:

Cy Smith, DAS

Dale Guenther, REO

Dan Wickwire, BLM

Ian Reid, NRCS

Stephen Bown, USFS

Ken Adee, USFS

Bob Harmon, OWRD

Ryan Dalton, BLM

Agenda/discussion items:

1) Introductions

Introductions were made. Debbie Kirk has replaced Lori as the minute taker for the group.

2) Old/new business/review the agenda:

Bob mentioned the upcoming Fish and Wildlife Information Managers 2001 Data Standards meeting will be in Portland, November 4th through 7th. The hydro group will make an effort to give a presentation on the Northwest Hydrography framework at the conference.

Bob also mentioned that he will be giving a presentation on the hydro framework at the Northeast Oregon GIS conference in May (<http://www.eou.edu/gisconference/index.html>).

Bob introduced the new Oregon Hydrography Framework web page on the Oregon Geospatial Data Clearinghouse site, at:

<http://www.gis.state.or.us/coord/FrameLayers/HydroFrame.html>. Meeting notes, related documents, and links to partner sites are included there.

3) State GIS update.

Cy stated that the GIS portion of the budget seems to be doing well. The budget has passed the Ways and Means subcommittee and has been recommended to the full Ways and Means committee.

However, there are glitches. The GIS Program is paid for through statewide assessment with each agency paying a portion. Some agencies that just found out they are paying do not understand why. Cy will explain the process to these organizations.

The four top contributors are DOC, ODOT, OUS (university system) and DHS. DHS is becoming increasingly interested, calling often with ideas for projects. On the other hand, OUS, who contributes \$200,000 to the program, is asking for an exemption so they will not have to pay. Cy is sure this will not happen.

Ian asked what they get for the money. Cy responded that they pay for the Clearinghouse, GIS Coordination and framework.

a) OGIC "Certification" of the OR/WA Hydro Model

Cy suggested that take the Hydro Model to the OGIC Committee for "certification." The User Guide, some rules and responsibilities and benefit information should be presented as well. Ken, Dale and Bob will put together an overview for Cy. The next OGIC meeting will probably be in May, someone other than Cy will handle the presentation.

b) FGDC/OMB Framework Implementation Team Plan

The new name of FOG (Framework Oregon Group) is FIT (Framework Implementation Plan). The State of Oregon is running a pilot for the FIT concept. The idea is being implemented nationwide by the FGDC.

The FGDC wants a status plan with bullet points showing the efforts to get more organized and that we are sharing with Washington.

Every state with a FIT team should have someone on the Financial Solutions Team. This team identifies new resources to help fund the FITs such as Floating Bonds.

Cy and Bob will work on filling in the template for the FIT Plan and get feedback from the group.

A question was asked, How are we meshing the efforts by OR/WA model and USGS/EPA? Cy answered that we will not wait for USGS to create a nationwide standard. We can assume that if a state is using their own guidelines, and when a national set of guidelines are put into place, then that state would need to follow the new national guidelines.

It is suggested that a group be nominated, not just one person, as the Federal Champion. The IRICC could be used to coordinate as federal sponsor.

4) Clearinghouse

a) Server - Dale

The server is basically ready to go. The mail server needs some clean up to be done next week. The expectation is to have it operational by March 19th. The Beta testing will start at that time. 100K data is not required to begin beta testing but would be optimal. It will be necessary when the server goes public.

There has been no progress on the QA/QC consolidation.

Dale was tasked with reporting the status of the section event tables. Bob was tasked with getting the Washington framework contributors' e-mail addresses.

b) Data integration - Dan, Ken, Bob, Dale

Review of the NE group meeting (2/23)

Dan, Dale, Ken, and Bob attended a meeting of USFS and BLM GIS coordinators from around northeastern Oregon in Pendleton. A brief presentation was given to the group covering the activities of the framework group and its goals. General agreement was reached towards coordinating work on integrating data between the respective units where their linework overlap.

A good set of routing guidelines, that would cover all concerns, is needed. An important task will be getting Theme Managers for watersheds.

c) Tools - Ken, Dan, Dale

Michelle will not have the route and event editing tools done by the 23rd. It is hoped to be finished and ready for demonstration by the next Tool meeting at REO on April 3rd. Dale will send out a meeting invitation. There will also be training offered with these tools.

d) Documentation - Ken

The documentation has languished. Most members of the group are working on the tools. There has been a commitment from Kim to fund some tools but nothing has been said about moving some money to documentation.

5) 24K 5th-field (& 6th) watersheds - Ian, Dale, Mark, (w/ some notes from Bob)

Dan stated there would be a net meeting on 3/15 to review the 5th-field watersheds for the west side. The renumbering is done, top-to-bottom. Coos Bay made changes after the fact and Umpqua wants to change their boundaries now as well. Dale mentioned that Mt. Hood would be done within a few days. The deadline is May 11th.

For the 6th fields, Dale said there was a conference call on 3/13. They brainstormed and broke down tasks into three areas, 1) general scopes; 2) 4 laser pens to be ordered by REO and 3) Arcview training. Beginning May 21st, there will be three weeks worth of workshops—one for each state (WA, OR, & northern CA) covered by the IRICC/REO.

Dale stated that the next 6th field delineation meeting will be held on April 2nd. A pilot is being done at the BLM; they will use 100K streams. The concern is with the elevation models that will be used.

Dale explained that he has been trying to recruit GIS ArcView people to help with these meetings and if anyone knows someone that are interested to let him know.

Ken asked if any Hydrologists were available to assist with work on the 6th-field watershed delineation. He also asked where the Regional and National delineation protocols are. They are still in draft.

6) Wrap-up, next meeting - Bob, group

The group expressed the need to meet with the Washington hydro group again since it had been a while and there had been some personnel changes. The next Hydrography Framework meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 15th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the BLM, in Portland, in conference room 9B** (9th floor). Dan arranged for the location and Bob will coordinate with the folks in Washington.