

Part B - 3

LEAD AGENCY/BUREAU AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORT
(Agencies with Lead Responsibilities Assigned under the new Circular A-16 in
Appendix E - <http://www.fgdc.gov/publications/a16final.html#appendix>) (Please
provide a separate report for each activity for which you have the lead)

1. Program/Activity Name: **FGDC Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee**

2. What are the specific federal programs this data supports?

The Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee is charged with advancing the coastal and marine aspects of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). This is achieved through its member agencies and their various projects and activities that support the NSDI. Through its partnership building, standards development, and outreach, the Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee supports all of the agencies represented on the subcommittee and their constituencies.

3. Uses of Data: How does your data benefit customers and support agency missions?

The data, products, and standards produced by agencies serving on the Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee promote the goals of the NSDI and benefit those who have an interest in the coastal and ocean zones of the United States. Several of the agencies represented on the Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee have theme lead responsibility under Circular A-16. Please refer to the specific agency reports.

4. Charter/Plan: Do you have a current charter or plan for collection? If so - please describe (include how recently the charter/plan was implemented and whether it is in need of update).

Yes. The Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee has a charter that can be found at http://www.csc.noaa.gov/fgdc_bsc/overview/charter.htm. It was updated in 2000 and is not in need of further update.

5. Performance Measures

The Subcommittee has developed a work plan for FY2005-2006 that has milestones. Specific performance measures for those milestones have not been set.

6. Metadata Status: Is metadata discoverable and served through the NSDI Clearinghouse? What percentage of this theme's data has metadata and is in a Clearinghouse node?

Not applicable.

7. Standards: What is the status of this theme's data, process, transfer, and classification standards?

The Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee has been responsible for developing the following standards:

- a. *The Shoreline Metadata Profile of the Content Standards for Geospatial Metadata* – completed in June 2001
- b. *Part 5 of the NSDI Data Accuracy Standard: Hydrographic Data Accuracy Standard* – approved by Coordination Group on August 5, 2003. Pending FGDC endorsement.
- c. The Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee is currently participating in the development of the *National Shoreline Data Content Standard*.

8. Progress: List FY 2004 activities/progress to date (quantify where possible).

A few selected highlights of subcommittee activities and accomplishments are listed below:

- Appointed new Chair
- Developed an updated work plan that is responsive to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and National Research Council's Coastal Mapping and Charting recommendations.
- Developed a proposal for the *National Shoreline Shoreline Data Content Standard*.
- Completed Part 5 of the NSDI Data Accuracy Standard: *Hydrographic Data Accuracy Standard* (pending FGDC endorsement).
- Active partner in the E-Gov Geospatial One-Stop project.

9. Participation

The agencies include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the North Carolina Coastal Services Center for Geographic Information Analysis, and the Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI).

10. Planned Activities

The activities of the subcommittee will continue to support the development of the NSDI, but will also be focused on responding to recommendations in the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, and the National Research Council's (NRC) recently released Coastal Mapping and Charting Study. Additionally, the Subcommittee will coordinate with the Committee on Ocean Policy, the NCST Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, and the Interagency Coastal and Ocean Mapping Committee to respond to the White House's U.S. Ocean Action item to "coordinate ocean and coastal mapping activities." The Subcommittee's FY 2005 – 2006 Work Plan can be found at http://www.csc.noaa.gov/fgdc_bsc/.

11. Policy: Do you have a formal agency policy in place for full and open access or data sharing? Are you able to fulfill this policy and provide public access with your current agency financial resources as allocated or are you in pursuit of collaborative federal partnerships to support data access?

Not applicable.

Are there areas or issues regarding lead responsibilities for spatial data themes that require attention, or lessons-learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe. None at this time.