

NGAC Standards Coordination Subcommittee Report



**NGAC Public Meeting
March 22, 2017**

Objectives

- Review of 2016 Guidance
- Briefing on Subcommittee Activities
- Highlights of the Standards Report
- Modifications to the Report
- Next Steps

Standards Coordination Subcommittee

- ❖ **Guidance:** The FGDC requests NGAC advice on greater adoption and utilization of standards resulting in enhanced interoperability of geospatial data, services, and systems. The FGDC will also request recommendations on collaboration with voluntary standards organizations to enhance the implementation and uptake of endorsed standards.
- ❖ **Membership:** Carl Reed (chair), Gen. William Reddel (vice-chair), Talbot Brooks, Xavier Irias, Harvey Thorleifson, and Frank Harjo.
- ❖ **Federal Contacts:** Glenn Guempel and Ivan DeLoatch
- ❖ **Approach:** The specific standards-related study topics for consideration by the NGAC were jointly discussed and determined by FGDC standards representatives and the NGAC.
- ❖ **Timeframe:**
 - June 2016 NGAC Meeting – Status Report
 - September 2016 NGAC Meeting – Draft subcommittee feedback
 - December 2016 NGAC Webinar – Feedback, revise, & next steps
 - March 2017 NGAC Meeting – Review draft report & next steps

Subcommittee Activities

1. Initial briefing in June 2016
2. Subcommittee meetings at June and September 2016 NGAC meetings
3. Subcommittee conference calls & web meetings
4. Status reports at June and September 2016 NGAC meetings; December webinar
5. Revisions to the December draft

Highlights of the Draft Paper

- ❖ What is a standard?
- ❖ Who develops standards?
- ❖ Barriers to standard utilization
- ❖ WaterML Case Study
- ❖ Recommendations
- ❖ Summary

Modifications to the Report

- Deleted the outline
- Edited & formatted the document
- Changed a few of the headings
- Deleted the NAD case study
- Added suggested text to the barriers
- Combined Recommendation 2 as bullet #4 to Recommendation 1
- Added a bullet to Recommendation 3

Next Steps

- Share highlights of the paper
- Solicit feedback from the broader NGAC membership
- Adopt paper in principle at March 2017 NGAC meeting, pending minor editorial changes

Comments and Questions

