

**National Geospatial Advisory Committee  
October 12-13, 2021 Webinar Meeting Summary**

**ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Review and Adoption of June 2021 NGAC Minutes**

**DECISION:** The NGAC adopted the minutes of the June 29-30, 2021 NGAC meeting.

**FGDC Overview**

**ACTION:** FGDC staff is working with DOI offices to formalize a revision of the NGAC Charter, which will allow establishment of the new NGAC 3DEP subcommittee and appoint of subcommittee membership. The revised NGAC Charter should be released shortly. FGDC is also developing Operating Procedures that will describe the roles, responsibilities, and processes of the subcommittee.

**ACTION:** The next sets of appointments to the NGAC are under final review in the Department of the Interior. The nominations received from the most recent Call for Nominations will be used to fill NGAC vacancies in 2021 and 2022. The projected schedule for the next two rounds of appointments is Fall 2021 and early 2022.

**Landsat Advisory Group (LAG) Subcommittee**

**ACTION:** The LAG Subcommittee is planning to complete two papers by December 2021:

- **Task 1: Landsat in the Cloud Era**  
What innovations should NLI consider a priority in providing data and information products in the cloud? Recommending innovations requires an understanding of the current status, policies that may restrict or facilitate innovation, and how these innovations might be accomplished.
- **Task 2: Where is the “Water’s Edge” of NLI Scope?**  
Since Federal resources are limited, and we are in a “phase shift” in the Earth Observation community, what earth observation products should the Federal government provide to optimize benefit to the public?

**GDA Reporting**

**ACTION:** The NGAC will assign additional members and a new chair to the GDA Reporting Subcommittee.

**ACTION:** FGDC staff will schedule a meeting with the GDA subcommittee in Fall 2021 to brief the members on the timing and approach for the 2021 cycle for GDA reporting and discuss how NGAC comments on the reporting process are being addressed. The NGAC review of the draft 2021 GDA reports is scheduled to begin in February 2022 per the FGDC timeline.

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**Public-Private Partnerships (P3) / Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittees**

**ACTION:** The P3 and Stakeholder Engagement subcommittees will review and integrate the detailed community input from recent GDA workshop event with SC findings and provide a list of potential next steps / recommendations to the NGAC, including and potentially expanding on the following objectives:

- National inclusive & collaborative geospatial governance
- Pilot activity to test & harmonize governance with desired results
- Communication pathways that attract & maintain engagement

**FGDC Climate Mapping Report**

**ACTION:** FGDC staff will summarize the feedback received from the NGAC on implementation of the FGDC climate mapping report, as well as key questions or topics that should be addressed in the 120-day review identified in FGDC report.

**ACTION:** FGDC staff will continue to provide information to NGAC members about the status and results of the Census Opportunity Project (TOP) Climate/Smart Communities project.

**DECISION:** The NGAC adopted the following resolution:

*“The NGAC supports the findings and recommendations of the FGDC report, “Advancing the Nation’s Geospatial Capabilities to Promote Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Climate Planning and Resilience,” and recommends an immediate roll out of pilots, prototyping, and exploratory activities that complement and supplement the 120-day review described in the report. The NGAC believes that this parallel approach to addressing Federal climate mapping services will help align and accelerate the deployment of data and services to meet the needs of the Nation.”*

**Next Meeting:**

The next NGAC meeting will is tentatively scheduled for December 7-8, 2021. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.