

National Geospatial Advisory Committee September 2019 Meeting Summary

ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of June 2019 NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the June 11-12, 2019 NGAC meeting.

Geospatial Data Act

ACTION: The FGDC and NGAC will hold a joint strategic visioning session at the December NGAC meeting to contribute to the development of the next National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) strategic plan.

ACTION: FGDC established a small team to, 1) gather NGAC input on the scope/approach for the next NSDI strategic plan, and 2) help plan the joint FGDC/NGAC session at the December 2019 NGAC meeting.

ACTION: To assist in the planning for the October 2020 GDA status report to Congress from FGDC, NGAC members will compile:

- Models and best practices for annual reports, corporate reports, and other reports to Congress.
- Use cases demonstrating the value and utility of geospatial data and technology.
- Messaging opportunities (meetings, conferences, etc.) and key messages.

Public-Private Partnerships

ACTION: The subcommittee will develop a project outline prior to the December NGAC meeting.

Federal Geospatial Highlights

ACTION: The FGDC will convene an interagency review panel to evaluate nominations for appointment to the NGAC and make recommendations. Final decisions on appointments will be made by the Secretary of the Interior. The new appointments are expected to be finalized by December 31, 2019.

Landsat Advisory Group

ACTION: NGAC and FGDC leadership are updating the membership of the LAG, and working with USGS National Land Imaging Program staff to refine the next set of study questions for the LAG.

NGAC Operations Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC comments on the draft NGAC Bylaws document are due to Cy Smith by Thursday, September 12. A revised version of the paper will be provided to the NGAC prior to the December NGAC meeting.

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Cultural & Historical Resources Subcommittee

DECISION: The NGAC approved the paper, “Protecting Federal Cultural and Historical Geospatial Resources,” pending minor editorial changes.

ACTION: The subcommittee will work with FGDC staff to plan a briefing session on the paper for FGDC Cultural Resources Subcommittee agencies and other key stakeholders.

Next Meeting

The next NGAC meeting is planned for December 4-5, 2019 at the Bureau of Land Management offices in Washington, DC. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.