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Agenda

- Introduce our new "Christina"... Just kidding Tim!
- Discussion and review of progress on the ACT survey and Data Registry (Todd, Tanya)
- Review information from Ecotrust contractors on the Aug 7th webinar
 - Working Group review - progress update (if any to report)
 - scheduling and further tasks (Emilio, Chris, Andy)
- Update from the WCGA Meeting in Sacramento (Andy/Matt/Todd)
- Discussion and questions
- Review of Work Plan - Determining Next Steps (Todd/Andy/Matt)
 - Comments from ACT members
 - Comments from Data Network Members
- Round Table Networking Items (All ACT members)

Phase 1 Progress Webinar Debrief

- Months 1-3 of the Phase I work plan were supposed to focus on the inventory of ACT data needs and this work has been led by Jon Bonkoski of Ecotrust. Now that he has preliminary results for us to look at and work from, it might be a good time for the data working group to circle back to their members and review the results and determine next steps.
- Months 4-6 of the Phase I work plan switch focus to the preliminary technical scoping of the specifications of the catalog and data registry components. This part of the work program will be led by Tim Welch at Ecotrust. Tim was able to share some of his early work in time for the WCGA Executive committee meeting at the end of August, and so folks who participated in the August 24th webinar saw a preview diagram of the potential architecture. That diagram envisioned a backend catalog component, fronted by a thin skin registry component. The backend catalog component could be satisfied by incorporation of an existing off the shelf catalog solution, while the front end registry component will almost definitely be a custom product created to satisfy the specific needs of the community.
- Tim has started to create a comparison matrix for us that summarizes the relevant comparable features of various existing off the shelf catalog products and code libraries. From this exercise, it will begin to be possible to see which products might be adapted to suit our needs. In addition to the matrix, there is a companion document that describes the tradeoffs discovered in a narrative format. It is likely that a draft version of these documents will be ready for preliminary discussion by the IT working group sometime in October.

Feedback about webinar format

- Andy - have the communication modes used to date been adequate for folks to keep track of the process and enable good participation?
- Steve - webinars have been a good format for updates, but deep discussions in that format are difficult, so in person meetings are still desirable in for the times when we need to get into the weeds.
- Tim D - it would be great when Ecotrust gets to that point, to create a more annotated version of the architecture diagram that links to examples of the various components. This will help users who are less involved to visualize what we are working towards.
- Steve - not sure if we fully engaged the folks who have been watching from the sidelines
- Emilio - The point of the August 24th webinar was to broadcast out to the larger community, and so by necessity it was less in depth, but in general, more focused working groups will be more the norm as we move forward.
- Andy - we did intentionally go broad
- Chris - Data work group will follow up this week and have a call later this week
- Emilio - IT work group will spin up when they receive some of Tim's initial work products.

Working group next steps

- Data group to provide feedback, review spreadsheet, to get it to metadata spreadsheet?
- Chris needs to talk with Jon b. first, develop plan to work with spreadsheet – this week? – include Andy L
- IT group will meet after the Tech options available, early October?
 - Intersection of IT and Data will be around min metadata requirements, discovery metadata, and metadata lite? Should be helped by Tim's document
- Outreach group, vimeo/youtube channel?
 - Subdomain for media, related blog as part of OR Data Network domain – “coastal marine data.net”?

WCGA Annual Meeting

- 2 days, Aug 27-28, Sacramento, CA
- WCGA Executive Committee to take stock, see where ACTs where, determine what would continue in what form, WCGA/RPB discussion, MSP
- EXCOM wanting to recognize work among ACTs (no funding, no external guidance) but in order to survive needed to refocus priorities
- Polluted runoff disbanded, other ACTs would focus on communication (IEA, OAL, SCC, SFM, RE), EXCOM identified 3 priority areas (RDF, CC, MD)
 - ACT session (IEA, RE, SFM, MD, Spartina, Sediment)

- Discussion of approach, matchmaker, light infrastructure, connective tissue – not hosting data
 - Don't want to choose an ACT that has different needs per state (e.g. Renewable energy ACT), focusing on interoperability between systems
- EXCOM session
 - Broad overview, grant status,
 - Questions about approach, how to incorporate tribal knowledge?
- Andy - two items mentioned were continued strong connection to Tribes and tribal data, and suggestion that renewable energy might be a use case that is too complicated and different across the 3 west coast states. The suggested alternative use case that would be more uniform across states was Marine Debris.
- Todd- clear need to work with legislative community is a potential new area of work
- Emilio - ocean acidification network is moving forward with dealing with data issues. They are largely outside of the WCGA ACT universe, but as an emerging active topic area, it would be good to interface with them as they move forward.
- Todd - we did not hear any confirmation from NOAA about potential Phase II funding. We now expect to hear more about this at the end of September or beginning of October.

RDF ACT Work plan

- Comments from Data Network Partners
- Next steps, ACT respond to comments, incorporate suggestions
- ACT provide feedback by Sept. 21st
- ACT call discuss changes, Oct.
- Send out to public, 30 days
- Finalize work plan by end of year Hiring coordinator
- Generation of RFP, next phase
- Produce outreach materials

Roundtable

- Tanya - At the regional portals meeting hosted by NOAA CSC in June 2012, there was a presentation by Chris M. of GSA the host of Ocean.data.gov. In that presentation, it was noted that GSA was considering swapping out the backend component of data.gov. The platform is currently based on Socrata, and the proposed alternative was a product known as CKAN, which has emerged as a "Open Data" solution from the UK.
- Last week. FGDC made us aware that the evaluation of CKAN occurred over the summer, and GSA has indeed decided to move forward with the Socrata to CKAN platform switch. Tim Welch, who was at the NOAA CSC presentation has made sure to include CKAN in the matrix of off the shelf catalogs that he is evaluating under Phase I, so that the IT working group can understand where this product falls within

the spectrum of other products that may be more well known in our community.

- OR CAP project – updates for OR grant, catalog trainings
- CA Seafloor Mapping Project
- Data Portal workshop
- SLR viewer
- WCGA update
- Sea Sketch presentation

Scheduling in person meeting, Jan/Feb

- Work on agenda, what we want to accomplish
- Possibly early Jan (24th, 15th) bad for Steve S.
- Doodle poll for last week in Jan, Feb.
- Review phase one work
- Set up ACT for phase 2 work plan

Next Steps

- Please send comments on the work plan to Andy **by September 21st** so we can review them and incorporate in time for public review in October.
- There will likely be an in person meeting of the ACT some time in **Jan/Feb of 2013**. Expect a **Doodle poll** on that topic sometime soon.
- Please send items that you would like shared with the rest of the network to Todd and he will include them in his next communications
- The SeaSketch team has approached the ACT to do a presentation of the product, potentially at the November call (**November 6th**). So stay tuned for more details on that.