

NWDSN Tech Committee Minutes

Who: NWDSN Technical Committee

Where: Juniper Room, Skeena-Stikine Forest District
Tatlow Road, SMITHERS, BC

When: 9:30 am – 12:30 am, Monday, March 5th, 2007

Chair: D Morgan

Note Keeper: D Morgan

Topic	Annotation	Lead	Time
Confirm agenda and Review action items from previous meeting		W. Elliott/D Morgan	9:30
road conflation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> project status 	B Watson	10:00
Data Custodians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate vs. local data Data custodians vs. stewards Who is responsible for the data? 	D. Morgan	10:15
Coffee			10:45
Best Available Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update What data is accessible through BCeID? Loading internal government data to NWDSN 	W. Elliott	11:00
MoE wildlife data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Discussion - All 	B. Ells	11:15
Data Manager Tool and Map Viewer - issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical issues – see attached 	S Emmons/B. Ells	11:30
Action Items and Wrap-up		D Morgan	12:15

Confirm agenda and Review action items from previous meeting

- Action: Don to distribute IFPA monitoring guide.
- LRDW – BCeID accounts still can't access local data only published corporate data.
- data disclaimer on web page
- Action: Data administrator to ensure page has generic disclaimer
- non standard data – how to capture meta.
 - o What map services are available? – LRDW was publishing base data WMS, but no depth of information.
 - o How to make LRDW data more up to date?
 - Prefer post to LRDW and have it immediately available to all.

- However, interim solution is to post to NWDSN and lobby LRDW to post as soon as possible.
- Action: NWDSN, ILMB late April workshop to explore
- New members – MEMPR and Woodlot owners
 - Still outstanding – William to discuss with Francois then discuss with Butch.
 - MEMPR – may be interested in updating their data through NWDSN.
- Action: Data administrator to meet with OTW and MEMPR
- plan mapper web page www.planmapper.ca

Road Conflation

- Digital Road Atlas (DRA) – purchase \$500.00
 - because it is for sale – can't distribute, therefore purchase option.
- Business rule –
 - if attributed then could weed out – use steward field if MoT then doesn't get included.
 - Participants don't submit roads.

Data Custodians

- Custodians not resourcing the maintenance of their data.
 - they may designate stewards to look after the data on their behalf.
- Local users may modify and maintain a local copy that is more up to date than the custodian copy.
- Best available data – who distributes?
- Approach MoE Dean Peardy about future participation.
- Action: Data administrator to meet with MoE's Dean Peardy
- A lot of data doesn't have any meta and there is no information on its source, however it is in demand and people want information on the data.
 - Don't want to post information when you can't back up where it is from and the contact.
 - post meta data as source not known and why used, such as higher level plan.

Best Available Data

- spreadsheets of best available data loaded to the site
 - need to refine what layers will be posted and visible in spreadsheet
 - data currently posted for Bulkley is all data, need to trim to the data that is posted through the NWDSN- William to refine – check spreadsheet for second tab which contains layers available for FSP, etc.
 - Modification – keep all data- but highlight what can be accessed.
 - Follow up- Glenn Buhr would prefer only the data available displayed
 - spreadsheet will have file name and LRDW link and LRDW name, or linkable local data to NWDSN.

- spreadsheet can be printed off web page.
- What layers can be accessed through BCeID, which need to be replicated?
- Can request local data and have it posted under BCeID account? – PIR didn't have success with a RESULTS file.
- Ensure all local data has meta, cutodianship, etc – next phase
- Action: William to load the Lakes and Morice data to the site

MoE wildlife data

- engage MoE – talks with
 - SPI – wildlife inventory data base – telemetry, point data - <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wildlife/wsi/index.htm>
 - Ecocat – wildlife projects – incomplete - <http://srmapps.gov.bc.ca/apps/acat/>
 - In Smithers, Dean Peard is the MoE inventory contact.

Data Manager Tool and Map Viewer - issues

- Only data that is available locally should be available through the data manager, LRDW duplicates should be deleted.

What layers available for Veg update – Gary through Paul

- RESULTS submission – seamless update to VRI – more challenging than originally thought.
- once every 6 months update forest cover with RESULTS submission

Action Items and Wrap-up

- Don to circulate the minutes and Action items.

Next meeting:

- June 4, 2007

NWDSN Identified Technical Issues – compiled by Blair Ells

Date: 2007-02-06

1. Map viewer capability to display non-standard layers. Currently only standard layers are viewable. Without this capability the site doesn't have a benefit (related to non-standard layers) compared to an ftp site.
 - order of business on layers posted, which to be posted?
 - matrix identifies layers that are loaded
 - Do people want to view those layers?
 - not a priority
2. Administrators ability to delete a file they posted. This is essential!
 - Scott will investigate adding functionality.
3. Metadata format...it's ok, but there are boxes for projection and datum. In order to upload a file it has to be in Albers projection NAD83 datum anyway. These boxes appear redundant.
 - standard meta, not all files need to be in Albers, only aggregate need to be.
4. Batch uploading. It would be nice to upload more than one file at a time, although you still have to go into the properties of the file to input metadata, and set permissions for each file individually.
 - Still need meta
 - Also download – investigate batch download
5. Data manager organization. Right now it's one big list of available files. For example the Bulkley and Kispiox files are organized by MOF, but I think it would be more effective to have the data manager organized by actual TSA.
 - Organize by TSA – Scott to investigate – would need additional information on upload to id which TSA.
6. Does Nadina district, not have non-standard files to put here? I don't understand why only Skeena Stikine District is using this site for this type of data sharing? Do other districts not have data sharing issues?
 - yes – in process of being organized and reviewed.
7. If and when non-standard layers are viewable, I think the TSA boundaries should be present initially on the viewer were non-standard data is available.
 - TSA boundaries on mapviewer.
8. I am concerned that some of the information being uploaded from DSS is not the responsibility of DSS as custodians of the data. This may be internal to DSS (and has been discussed) but, should be reconsidered as a board meeting issue. For example if wildlife related data is to be uploaded this should be from MOE / ILMB, not MOF simply because we have a copy. I am not responsible for this data, and in many cases don't have the appropriate background on the file.
 - See minutes for discussion