

Hawaii Geographic Coordinating Council Meeting

November 30, 2000

Honolulu International Airport Conference Center

A quorum of the HIGICC Board was not present so all decision making actions were deferred.

Introductions--Eric Wong from USGS and on assignment to PDC was introduced. He will be working on developing metadata and integrating databases. Since USGS travel funds are tight, Eric will be filling in for Carol Ostergren when she is unable to attend. Per Carol, Eric reported that USGS is planning to develop a National Hydrography database at 1:24,000.

HIGICC Announcements--Rod Low reported that nothing new had been done regarding the HIGICC tax status. There was some discussion on the dues structure and whether it should be modified. For example, a question was raised on whether an organization that pays \$100 should still receive only one vote, as opposed to an individual who pays \$40 and also has one vote. One possible solution that was raised was to change the organization fee to \$120 and allow that organization up to three votes. Further discussion and decision making on this matter was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

Other Announcements—Rod Low announced that DRG's, LANDSAT images and some of the Emerge files can be downloaded off the U.S. FWS ftp site (Note: site may be temporarily down, but should be back up soon) which is: <ftp://fw1pie3.r1.fws.gov>.

NOAA officials from the Coastal Services Center in Charleston, South Carolina will be in Hawaii to conduct field checks to validate land cover classes as part of a project to produce land use/land cover maps of the major Hawaiian Islands using satellite imagery. This project is being carried out in coordination with the GAP analysis project.

NOAA also is working on updating the Environmental Sensitivity Index maps, which were primarily designed for oil spill response, but could be used for other applications. The maps identify sensitive areas such as historic sites, turtle nesting areas, best beaches, and other factors or resources that could be adversely affected by an oil spill. It is not clear at this time whether or not this will be made into a GIS data set.

Metadata Workshop—As a result of the receipt of the FGDC "Don't Duck Metadata" grant, plans are underway to hold workshops. Selima is coordinating this effort. The workshops are being planned for mid-January, when Doug Nebert (the Metadata guru from FGDC) will be in Hawaii. FGDC is very interested in having Hawaii become part of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). Hawaii is one of eight states currently not a part of the NSDI. With the grant monies, and pending Board approval, HIGICC could possibly pay for the following, as necessary: rental of class rooms, rental of computers, and airfare for a limited number of neighbor island participants.

Decision Items—Due to the lack of a quorum, Royce will e-mail the Board members asking whether there is consensus on the following issues:

- 1) All committee emails should CC the entire board so we are all aware of what each committee is doing.

2) HIGICC will fund the cost of training facilities for metadata workshops as specified in our grant and allowed by our budget.

3) HIGICC will fund cost of neighbor island metadata participants on an as-needed, case-by-case basis - as specified in our grant and allowed by our budget.

4) HIGICC will fund the cost (if any) of NSDI node administration – as specified in our grant and allowed by our budget. The hosting organization(s) should not have to bear an additional cost to serve as our NSDI node host.

Next Meeting—The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2001. Discussion items will include, but not be limited to: membership categories as raised at this meeting and initiate planning for the next GISMAP conference.

Imagery Sub-Committee Meeting

Rhett Rebold, designated chair, held the first Imagery Sub-Committee meeting after the general meeting. He stated that initially, he would like to compile a list of issues that are appropriate for the subcommittee to consider. Secondly, he would like to compile an inventory of all available imagery.

The participants indicated that the inventory should at least include the following:

Geographic Extent

Date

Contacts (who are the keepers?)

Instrument (Type-spectral and Resolution)

Restrictions (Licensing, Cost or Other Availability)

Derived Vectors (Classification Scheme or Aerial Photo Interpretation)

File Type

Coordinate System (Projection, Datum)

Completeness

Text File (All other miscellaneous information)