

Gulf of Maine Ocean Data Partnership Data Accessibility Project

Meeting, 10AM, 2/12/07 (Conf Call)

Present: Tom Shyka, Tom Gale, Deb Soule, Chris Polloni, Nick Wolfe, Jim Manning, Bob Groman, Annette Schloss

Review of project goals:

1. Need a review of partners data
2. Compile a report on how partnership is doing re: accessibility
3. Update partnership website with links to data

Discussion:

1. Discussion on project to date. On 12/1/06, Melanie Meaux queried the GoMODP GCMD Portal returning all links that included a "GET DATA" entry in the metadata. There were 73 entry returns. Jim Manning, Nicholas Wolff each looked at these returns. Broken links are an issue, but this is not the primary concern for this study, other than to note them. Interestingly, only one partner site had a link to the GCMD metadata. We now have a list of 100 more entries that did not have the "GET DATA" tag.
2. The scope of the project has changed slightly to include all metadata links, beyond what was originally on the partner survey.
3. Having a GoMODP partnership button on each partner's website would help to link to data - would this be a direct to GCMD or the GoMODP?
4. Decision made that we will use the GCMD portal as the source of data links. We agreed to append any links from the original partnership survey that are not on the portal list and note where they came from to create a complete accessibility list.
5. Nick will review the old survey to compile the complete list and to ensure that no one is left out.
6. Question of how to handle deleting data off of GCMD once it is obsolete was discussed
7. Review/editing of criteria:

Criteria

Description

Data accessible	Is the data accessible via the web?: Yes (Data is accessible if you can obtain actual information - either by query, direct access or automatic email result); No (No data, temporarily inaccessible, human intervention needed or proprietary data) or Broken link.
Software needed	Is special Software Needed to access data? Yes (special client download required)/No
Registration required	Is Registration Required to access data?: Yes (personal information for purposes of authentication required)/ No (email address for delivery only is not considered registration)
Formats	Data formats available for download (ASCII, NetCDF, html, spreadsheet, db, shapefile, other (describe))
Protocols	Data protocols available (WFS, OPeNDAP, WMS, other (describe))
Map Interface	Yes (Geographic Interface Available)/No
Description	General Notes

8. Sylvia to send draft criteria out to tech committee; ask for volunteers to review data links.
9. Nick to divide list of remaining sites to review into groups of ten links. This will include data from the original survey that are not on GCMD.