

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey****Biological Resources Division;  
Request for Public Comments on  
Information Collection To Be  
Submitted to OMB for Review Under  
the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A proposal for the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP).

*Current OMB Approval Number:* New collection.

**SUMMARY:** The collection of information referred herein applied to a World-Wide Web site that permits individuals to submit records of the number of calling amphibians at survey routes. The Web site is termed NAAMP. Information will be used by scientists and federal, state, and local agencies to monitor amphibian populations and detect population trends.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 5000.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 20,000 hours.

*Affected Public:* Primarily U.S. residents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain copies of the survey, contact the

Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313, or see the website at [www.mpl-pwrc.usgs.gov/amphibs.html](http://www.mpl-pwrc.usgs.gov/amphibs.html).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey****Federal Geographic Data Committee  
(FGDC); Public Review of the Shoreline  
Metadata Profile**

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FGDC is conducting a public review of the Shoreline Metadata Profile. The purpose of this public review is to provide software vendors and data users and producers an opportunity to comment on this standard in order to ensure that it meets their needs.

Participants in the public review are encouraged to provide comments that address specific issues/changes/additions that may result in revisions to the draft Shoreline Metadata Profile. All participants who submit comments during the review period will receive acknowledgement of the receipt of their comment. After comments have been evaluated, participants will receive notification of how their comments were addressed. After formal endorsement of the standard by the FGDC, the standard and a summary analysis of the changes will be made available to the public.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2000.

**CONTACT AND ADDRESSES:** The draft standard may be downloaded via Internet address [http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/status/sub5\\_6.html](http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/status/sub5_6.html).

Request for printed copies of the standard should be addressed to "Shoreline Metadata Standard," FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192 or facsimile 703-648-5755 or Internet at [gdc@usgs.gov](mailto:gdc@usgs.gov).

Reviewer's comments may be sent to FGDC via Internet mail to [gdc-shoreline@www.fgdc.gov](mailto:gdc-shoreline@www.fgdc.gov). Reviewer's comments may also be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send one hardcopy version of the comments and a softcopy version on 3.5-inch diskette in WordPerfect,

Microsoft Word, or Rich Text Format. Reviewers are strongly urged to use the template for sending comments that may be downloaded from Internet address <http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/directives/dir2d.html>

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following is the Introduction to the Shoreline Metadata Standard, submitted by the FGDC Bathymetric Subcommittee:

**Introduction**

In recent times, accurate delineation of the shoreline and the development of a shoreline standard have become important due to international and legal issues. With emerging technologies such as digital cartography, geographic information systems (GIS), Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD), digital data products, electronic charts, and the World Wide Web, temporal and spatial accuracy is very important when producing maps. The purpose of the "Shoreline Metadata Profile" is to address the complexities of shoreline data while serving the community of users involved with geospatial data "activities" that intersect the U.S. Shoreline.

**Objective**

This Shoreline Metadata Profile is the first in a series of standards that will define a Shoreline Data Content Standard. The metadata profile is to be used as an extension or profile to the existing Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM). The glossary and bibliography are informative annexes that will provide a basis for understanding the shoreline and related issues. Because the CSDGM only allows for the documentation of generic geospatial data, the Bathymetric Subcommittee felt it was necessary to develop a metadata profile that addressed shoreline data and data that intersects with the shoreline. The objective of the metadata profile is to capture the critical processes and conditions that revolve around creating and collecting shoreline data. The metadata produced using this standard will be important for clearinghouse activities to locate potential data sets and to indicate the fitness for use and accuracy of a given data set. This Standard is intended to serve the community of users who are involved with geospatial data "activities" that intersect the U.S. Shoreline. The purpose is to clarify (standardize) some of the complexities of shoreline data by developing a metadata profile, bibliography and glossary, which will be an extension or profile of the FGDC CSDGM.