

Minutes from NHD TWG meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2008

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Rusty McAllister, ANRC
Susan Horvath, PAGIS
Bill Sneed, USGS
Alan Price, ADEQ
Mary Barnett, ADEQ
Randy Puckett, ADEQ
Katy Hattenhauer, ADEQ

The ADEQ Director, Teresa Marks, and Deputy Director Karen Bassett, came to the meeting for a few minutes. Teresa signed the NHD MOU, we took photographs of the signing, and of the group, and then an NHD cake was served for the group. Teresa and Karen left to attend another meeting, but were very excited to be a part of this great effort!

Katy then made a few changes to the NHD Training manual that each participant received during the previous training we had. Katy took her notes, and turned them into pages to be inserted into the manual to make the manual a little easier to read for the sub-stewards. Katy also handed out a "list of things to keep in mind as the sub-stewards are going through the editing process".

Katy asked the participants if anyone was ready to get started with a HUC, or if they would like a refresher training course. All agreed to have a refresher training course. Katy will set one up for late November.

Katy discussed who all she has spoken with in the surrounding states, and what the next steps are. So far, Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi, and Louisiana do not have an official state steward, yet. Louisiana is very close, and Katy has been in contact with that person. Oklahoma signed their NHD MOU two months ago, and they are very interested in working with us on the bordering HUCs. Katy has not heard back from the new Texas steward, but the HUCs bordering Texas should already be fixed. It was decided that Katy will start working with Oklahoma on another border, since they are ready and interested.

Katy mentioned the status map and the website, just to remind everybody that all meeting notes and other documentation will be kept there. Katy will need to make a few changes to the status map, which will be coming up very soon.

Katy also reminded everybody to keep in mind the Guidelines Document from Policy Day, because this document along with the Training Manual is what all sub-stewards will go by.

A few GIS users have been using the Stream Order Classification shapefile as a good base layer for their maps. By selecting only SO 4-10 or 5-10, then creating a layer from the selection, it takes out all the small tributaries that make the map look very busy.

Katy mentioned a couple of things about how ADEQ is changing their datasets over to the NHD. One of the things currently in process is the Regulation 2 shapefiles, which are only used for cartographic purposes at this time. Once completed, these shapefiles will be available on GeoStor.

Katy needs to send the AR HUC Errors by Subbasin document as an e-mail attachment to everyone. She will change the document, first, to include the names of the HUCs, rather than just the numbers.

ADEQ and two major gas companies – Seeco and DeSoto – have signed an agreement for the gas companies to share their pipeline information if it crosses a waterway. Katy will include any pipeline data necessary into the NHD when a HUC is submitted to her.