

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
AND THE
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
FOR PROGRAM COORDINATION

Inasmuch as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the U.S. Geological Survey (Survey) have related interests in a number of programs areas, it is in the national interest that such programs be closely coordinated and mutually supportive. Accordingly, the Service and Survey agree:

1. To coordinate related programs within the full range of each bureau's responsibilities. These include, but are not limited to, programs involving the following activities:
 - Resource Management
 - Land and Resource Planning and Classification
 - Energy and Mineral Assessments and Surveys
 - Water Resource/Water Quality Investigations & Assessments
 - Wetlands
 - Environmental Hazards (e.g. floods, earthquakes)
 - Pollution Control and Cleanup, including Hazardous Wastes
 - Natural Resources Damage Assessments
 - Mapping, Surveying, and Remote Sensing
 - Geographic Information Systems & Electronic Data Processing
 - Global Climate Change and Acidic Precipitation
 - Biological and Ecological Investigations and Inventories
2. To cooperate and support the operation of all programs of mutual interest.
3. To exchange data, information, and findings of mutual concern.
4. To share program planning and budget information during the preparation stages, and to share information with budget implications, whenever appropriate.

The two Directors or Deputy Directors, accompanied by relevant staff, will meet semiannually or more often, if necessary, to resolve immediate problems.

A list of existing memoranda of agreement and understanding between the Service and Survey for specific activities is appended. This list will be reviewed semiannually to determine any necessary changes.

Appendix

(Signed Original on File)

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APPENDIX
TO USFWS/USGS MOU ON
PROGRAM COORDINATION

Existing (Bilateral) Memoranda of Agreement/Understanding Between the Service and the Survey*

1. Agreement for Cooperation in Promoting Awareness and Effective Use of both Agencies Products and Services, signed August 28, 1990 (National Mapping Division).
2. National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program Cooperation signed November 1, 1990.
3. MOU for sharing of services between USFWS and NBS to improve cooperation, coordination, and communication, signed April 4, 1995.
4. IAA for the use of the Advanced System Center at Reston, signed September 19, 1995 (National Mapping Division).

* Does not include multi-agency MOA/MOU in which both the Service and Survey are signatories, nor does it include Inter-Agreements involving fund transfers for time- or task-specific activities.