

FGDC Approval Process

The Coastal and Marine
Ecological Classification Standard
(CMECS)

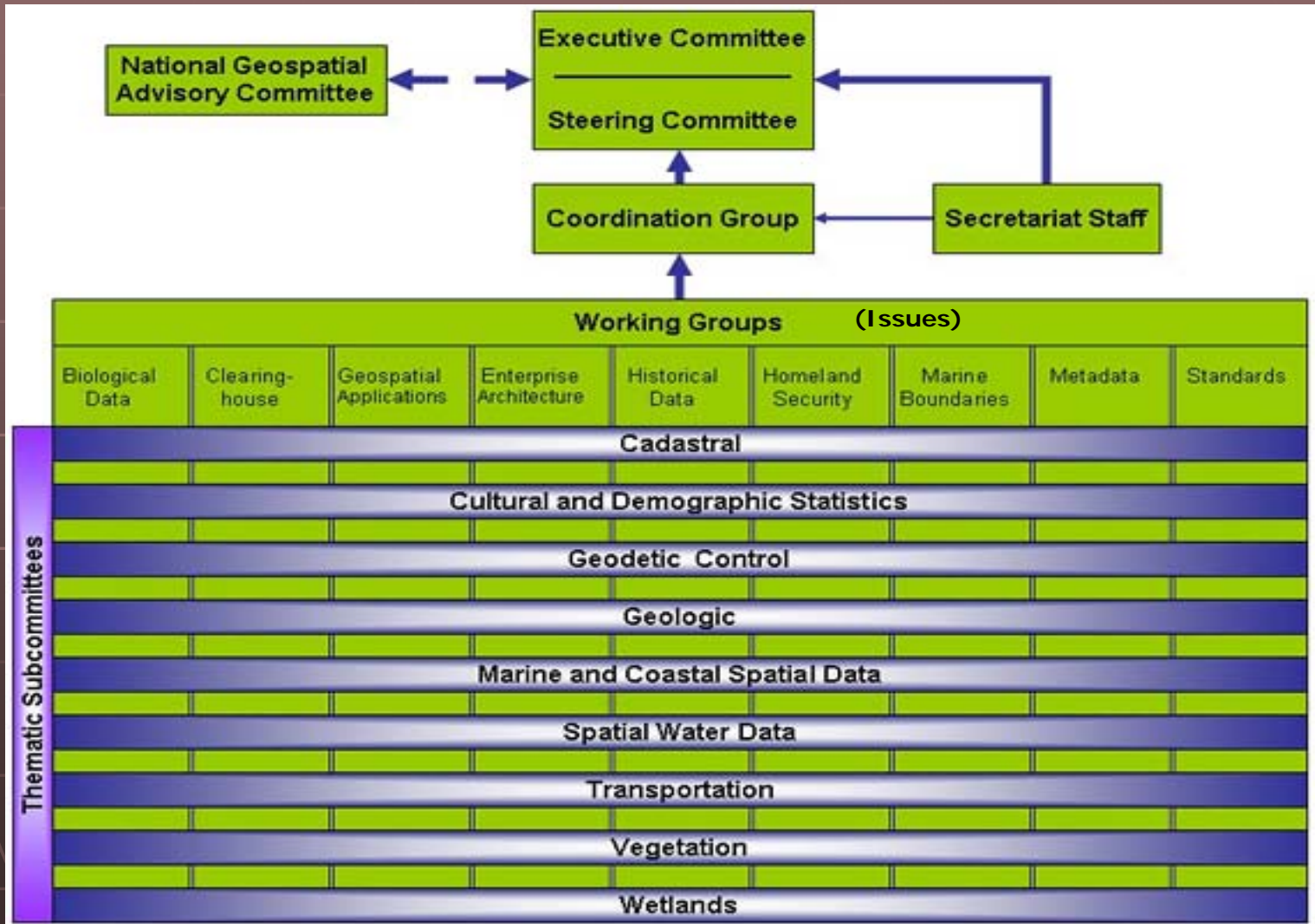
What Is FGDC?

- Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) promotes coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis
- 19-member interagency committee; key agencies:
 - Agriculture
 - Commerce
 - Defense
 - Homeland Security
 - Interior
 - EPA
 - NASA

Why Involve FGDC?

- Puts into place **guidance** (i.e., “business rules”) in support of improved collection, sharing, dissemination and use of geospatial data
- Fosters development/application/use of geospatial data **standards** when no voluntary consensus exists
- Approved standards become requirement for federal agencies and for groups receiving federal support
 - At a minimum, users must “report to” or “crosswalk to” standard
- No recognized standard for submerged marine habitats; **hence, CMECS**

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FGDC Standards under Development

- 14 Standards presently under development
- **CMECS among the most recently submitted**
 - Submitted: January 30, 2008
 - Sponsor: Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee
- Standard approval involves 12-step process

FGDC 12-Step Process

PROPOSAL STAGE

Step 1: Develop Proposal

Step 2. Review Proposal

PROJECT STAGE

Step 3. Set Up Project

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Step 4. Produce Working Draft

Step 5. Review Working Draft

REVIEW STAGE

Step 6. Review and Evaluate Committee Draft

Step 7. Approve Standard for Public Review

Step 8. Coordinate Public Review

Step 9. Respond to Public Comments

Step 10. Evaluate Responsiveness to Public Comments

Step 11. Approve Standard for Endorsement

FINAL STAGE

Step 12: Endorsement

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