2024 Bioscience Theme Work Plan

The Bioscience Theme Work Plan is intended to identify areas of opportunity within the Bioscience Theme where improvements can help further the Framework Program's goals and objectives and outline specific actions or tactics[1]. Major goals for the Bioscience Theme in 2024 include improving engagement, improving data governance and improving data accessibility.

Improve Engagement

Engagement Opportunities	Desired Results	Actions/Tactics	Due Date
Identify a FIT Lead	Identify a subject matter expert to lead or co-lead the Bioscience FIT and seek FIT approval and OGIC's endorsement.	1. Framework Coordinator will schedule quarterly meetings and provide communications as needed until a subject matter expert is identified as a FIT Lead, or co-FIT Lead.	On-going until FIT Lead is identified.
Meet Quarterly	Meet quarterly to support the Bioscience theme and encourage engagement and increase activity overall.	1. Framework Coordinator will schedule quarterly meetings or provide quarterly communications to keep Bioscience FIT engaged and up-to-date. 2. Bioscience meeting notes will be provided to the public on GEOHub Bioscience theme page.	Quarterly
Update List-Server	Update list-serve with current emails.	1. Framework Coordinator to clean up and update List serv 2. BioFIT members to engage others and invite them to join list serve/Bioscience FIT	Feb- March 2024

Improve Data Governance

Governance Opportunities	Desired Results	Actions/Tactics	Due Date
Update Fish Habitat Distribution Stewardship Plan	Update standard to clarify observation vs. opinion based entries.	1. Jon Bowers to lead effort to update minor changes to Fish Habitat Standard.	Feb – Apr 2024
Review Data Inventory	Review and recommend updates to Bioscience data elements within Framework Data Inventory	1. Framework Coordinator to lead an effort to review data inventory. 2. FIT Lead work with FIT Team to review existing Bioscience data elements in Framework Inventory. 3. Notify Framework Coordinator of any updates including: changes to existing data elements, removal of existing data elements, new data elements, or new data elements that should be added for future consideration.	Jul – Dec 2024

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[1] Performance Measures have been created to measure effectiveness of actions/tactics taken.

Improve Data Accessibility

Data Accessibility Opportunities	Desired Results	Actions/Tactics	Due Date
Encourage stewards of zipped data elements with updates coming due to consider feature services for publishing.	Reduce the number of zipped downloads on GEOHub and transition to feature classes as data elements are updated.	1. FIT Lead/Framework Coordinator to communicate with data stewards as updates become due or data elements extend beyond the expected update data in Framework inventory.	On-going

Encourage Data Development

Data Development Opportunities	Desired Results	Actions/Tactics	Due Date
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