

Specific examples of data-sharing challenges

Goals: Support the working group in determining what our WG goal will be and make it clear what problems we are trying to tackle

I had one person respond on their data sharing challenges:

Receiving data:

- Projection may not be clear
- No document or metadata
- Received data to be used for a certain project. Another project comes up where the data would be very useful to use, but permission is not given

Sending data:

- Finding out if a person requesting data is allowed to receive the data.
- Having to specify how/what projects a person can use the data for.
- Certain attributes may need to be removed before the data could be sent out.
- There could be different versions of the data – e.g. Anyone in Dept may have full dataset, other gov depts, may receive a different version, and public may receive a 3rd version. (Various fields may have to be removed)
- How to ensure someone is using the most up to date version
- Making sure have included metadata

Sending or receiving data:

- Internal capacity
 - Everyone believes in the philosophical importance of data sharing
 - But competing priorities and upcoming deadlines make it not feasible
 - Data aggregators need to solicit or recruit data

Black Ash example (Jocelyn, AC CDC):

AC CDC was contracted by Parks Canada to build a Black Ash model in NS. We sent the model to NS Department of Wildlife. To view the model, folks must request it at biodiversity@novascotia.ca and must agree to a location-sensitive data sharing policy.