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1. Please provide your name, organization and contact information, including email address. (This information will not be shared.)

2. Are you answering for your entire organization, for a smaller group, or individually?

a) Entire organization

b) Smaller group (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

c) Individual response

This is a tricky question. I am the one most often who has submitted DIF records for BCO-DMO. I therefore may be speaking for MOST of BCO-DMO but definitely NOT most of WHOI.

3. Are you a data producer, data consumer, or both?

a) Producer  b) Consumer  c) Both

Again, tricky question. Mostly we write DIFs and therefore would be producers? But in reality, we are data managers and both submit metadata to GCMD and occasionally help scientists find metadata besides ours in your system.

4. Please describe how the DIF is used in your organization.

We have regularly submitted metadata and created DIFs for the US GLOBEC Program. Since then, we have submitted DIFs when asked to do so by other scientists who use BCO-DMO to manage their data, but we also make it a practice to submit DIFs for all OPP projects because it is required.

5. Does this technical note contain internal inconsistencies? If so, please provide details.

Not that I could see.

6. Is any part of the technical note ambiguous or poorly explained? If so, please provide details.

I understood it fairly well, but I also didn't worry about understanding it completely because the help buttons that come with each field are so, well, helpful.

7. How will your organization or group respond to the DIF changes documented in this technical note? In particular, do you plan to update existing DIFs to take advantage of the new sub-fields available for publications / references?

OK. This one is ambiguous. When you say Publications/references, you are talking about the data being published as part of a paper? Not the publication of the DIF? That was my only question. In any case, I have no plans to update any DIFs at this time. If I know of publications in the future, I will update DIFs. I will not go back and update DIFs with publications that are already out. There are at least 8 volumes of DSR with papers.

8. Should the SPG endorse this RFC as a Technical Note - why or why not?

Yes. It might help clarify what goes into those new/renamed fields.