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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

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

a) Producer b) Consumer c) Both

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

Every product we distribute to the public must have an associated DIF.

DIFs are used to reference product information and collection level metadata

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

"DIF Changes - Release Notes 9.8.2"

"Summary field will now have sub-fields Abstract and Purpose which will map directly to fields in the FGDC CSDGM and ISO 19115."

It looks like, in this community, the separation of purpose out of an abstract is standard. But in normal usage, abstract may likely include purpose. Perhaps an appropriate syntax would be something like the following:

<Summary>

<Abstract>

<Abstract_text>text</Abstract_text>

<Purpose>text</Purpose>

</Abstract>

</Summary>

The following statement could be interpreted as inconsistent:

"The DIF Reference field will exist as free-text, but will now be offered as a structured set of sub-fields ..."

A clearer statement would be:

"The DIF Reference field will still exist as free-text, but will now also be offered as a structured set of sub-fields ..."

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

Please see #5.

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?

TBD, internal discussion is needed.

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

Yes. Overall, they are useful changes.