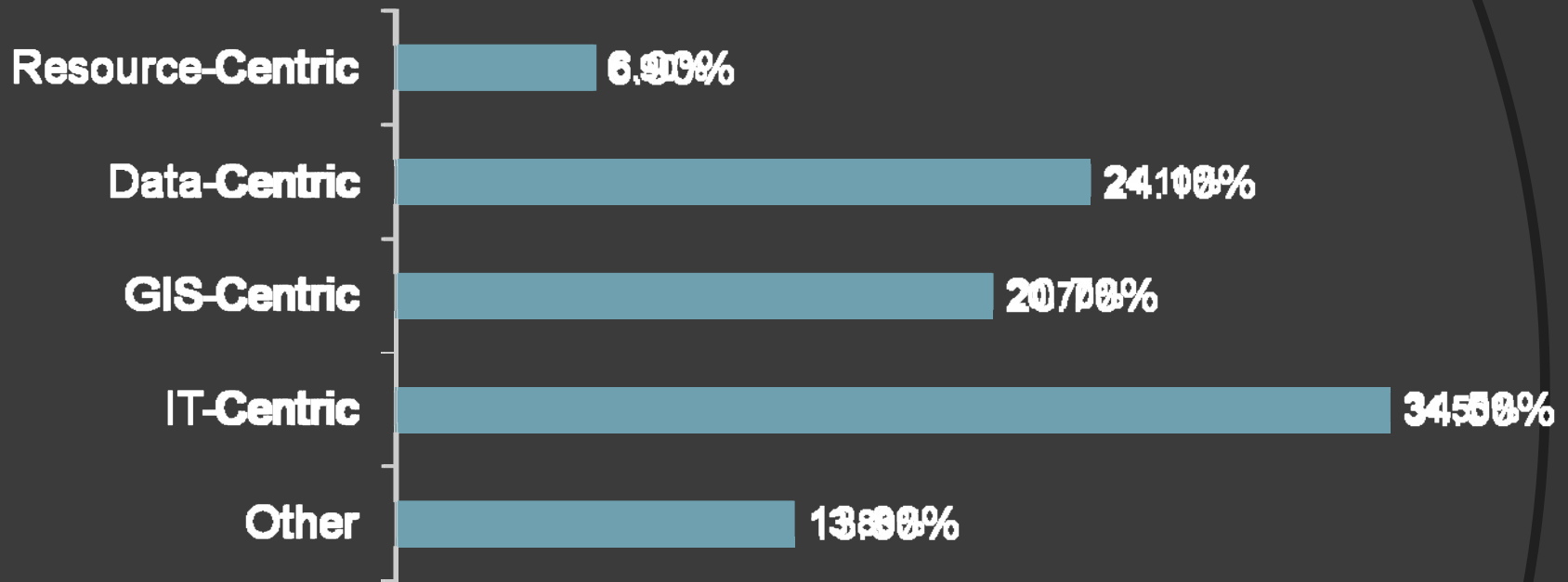


Results

OFWIM VISION SURVEY

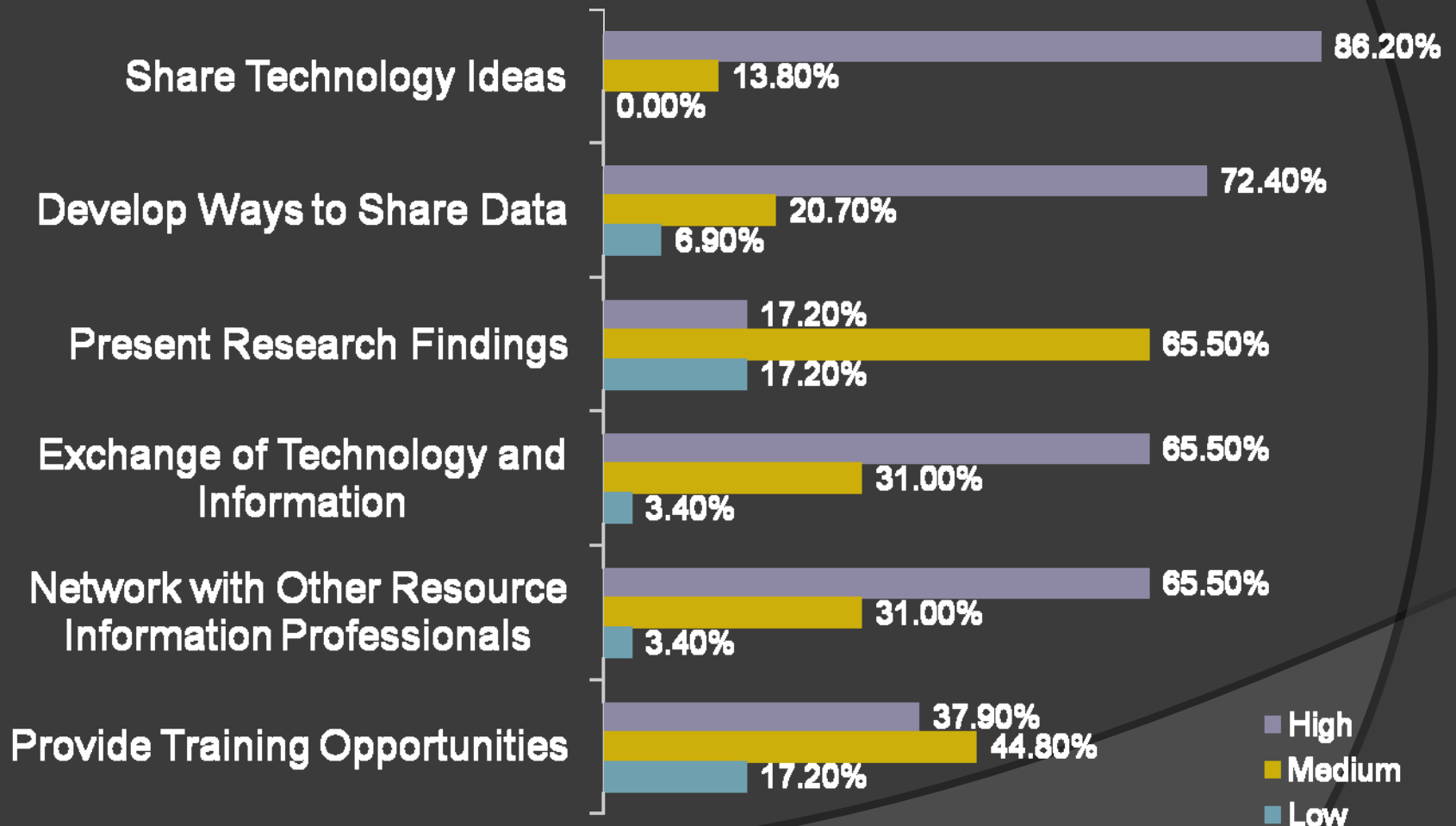
1 – Identify the category that best captures your job duties in regards to resource information



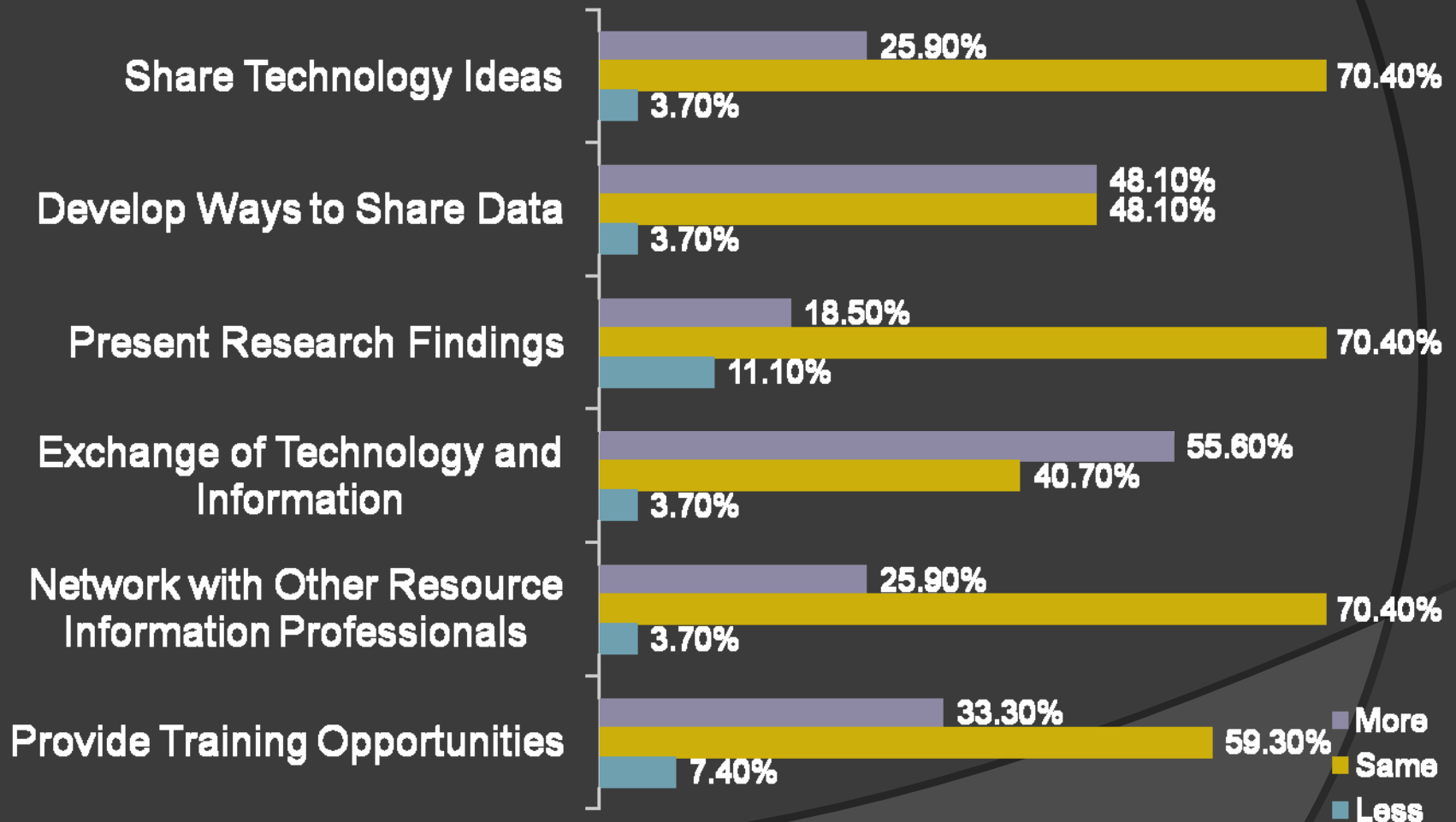
Other Responses

- Deal with both data and resources
- About 25% Resource, 25% Data, 40% GIS, 10% Politics
- All of the Above; and None of the Above; not Job Duties but a avocation
- Student

2a – Indicate the relative importance of each ways in which OFWIM addresses its goals



2b – Would like the level of emphasis in each area to be less, about the same, or more



3 – What other ways do you feel OFWIM has or could have an affect on what you do?

- ⦿ Not enough experience yet with the organization to provide meaningful feedback.
- ⦿ Present information management approaches in ways that are specific (and understandable) to natural resource management professionals.
- ⦿ Exposure to and exchange of ideas/technology
- ⦿ I am a new member, so I don't know yet.
- ⦿ Establish standards for data collection that would better facilitate sharing of data between agencies.
- ⦿ OFWIM could help "even the playing field" among agencies, making it easier to exchange information and data between organizations.
- ⦿ Offer certification as a professional in field of resource information management? Can never have too much training in emerging technologies.

3 – What other ways do you feel OFWIM has or could have an affect on what you do?

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- ③ The development of potentially common resource data management systems. Leveraging federal data management systems, expertise, and standards needs to occur more often.
- ③ Expand the promotion/use of open standards.
- ③ Blogs - for discussions between IT staff (especially developer level).
- ③ Communication - to state IT offices to ensure everyone is at least aware that OFWIM exists and how the OFWIM site can benefit them.
- ③ Surveys - of IT platforms: databases, operating systems, programming languages used, in-house written or third-party software purchased.
- ③ Providing fresh ideas into the methods we use to get information from the data collector to the end user.

3 – What other ways do you feel OFWIM has or could have an affect on what you do?

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- OFWIM conferences always provide new insight into projects that various organizations have embarked on and creates an environment in which sharing that information is very valuable. Most helpful would be a way to track this type of information throughout the year.
- OFWIM is a small professional organization, and it's size allows for much experience and leadership involvement within the governing body - the ExCom and the Committees.
- OFWIM provided assurance that we were on the right path and adhering to accepted industry standards. OFWIM provides a network to share critical knowledge of how to collect and use biological data to support and advance our agency's mission and to better understand our environment so we can meet the unprecedented challenges facing our world today.

3 – What other ways do you feel OFWIM has or could have an affect on what you do?

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- To be honest, I vacillate on whether I fit in with this organization. I am a biologist/ecologist first and a technology guy second, although I have the aptitude (but seem to be falling behind) and interest in the latter. I have found the people I get to interact with at OFWIM to be very helpful, not to mention a lot of fun. But, it still isn't clear to me how OFWIM wants to emphasize its mission, and who it wants to serve. To be useful to me, I prefer resource first, although I find there's much to be gained from more technologically oriented folks. If there is a way to structure meetings and other activities that recognize these distinctions while explicitly trying to blend them, I would find that helpful.

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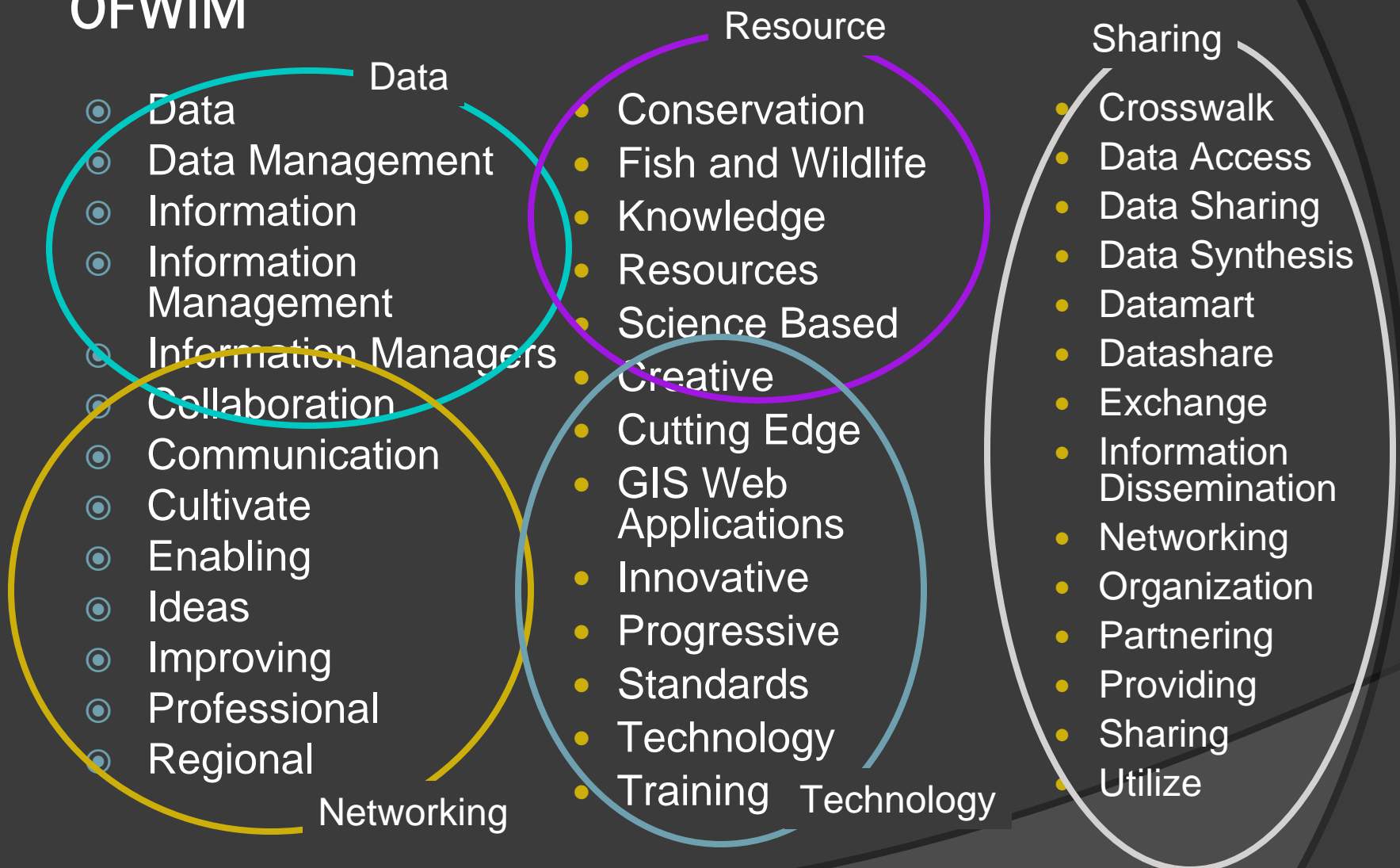
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- ⦿ Although this is mentioned above, I would like to stress the importance--OFWIM has provided the opportunity to network with others that have similar or related roles. I have many resources (contacts) now throughout the country that I would not have without being involved with OFWIM.
- ⦿ Basically stated in question 2. The most benefit I've received from this organization has been exchange of technology and information. This could be expanded even more
- ⦿ The primary usefulness of OFWIM to me is the exchange of information. I look to other folks' experiences to avoid making the same mistakes and finding better solutions to problems (sometimes a combination of others' approach).

4 – List keywords that you would use to describe OFWIM

- Data
- Data Management
- Information
- Information Management
- Information Managers
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Cultivate
- Enabling
- Ideas
- Improving
- Professional
- Regional
- Conservation
- Fish and Wildlife
- Knowledge
- Resources
- Science Based
- Creative
- Cutting Edge
- GIS Web Applications
- Innovative
- Progressive
- Standards
- Technology
- Training
- Crosswalk
- Data Access
- Data Sharing
- Data Synthesis
- Datamart
- Datashare
- Exchange
- Information Dissemination
- Networking
- Organization
- Partnering
- Providing
- Sharing
- Utilize

4 – List keywords that you would use to describe OFWIM



4 – List phrases that you would use to describe OFWIM

- Long-term data sets
- Meta-analyses
- Natural resources
- Fish and wildlife
- Information management
- Technology Transfer
- Promotes data and information exchange
- Information management network community
- Information technology
- Data sharing
- New Technology
- Data analysis techniques
- Professional networking
- Network with other resource information professionals to exchange technology and information developments, share technology ideas, and develop ways to share data
- developing standards

4 – List phrases that you would use to describe OFWIM (continued)

- Advance knowledge
- Realize national trends
- Decision making
- Improved access
- Integration of state/regional data
- Organized Wildlife Resources (Fish are Wildlife) Information (& Data) Sharing (and Analysis) Natural Resource (Data) Managers
- Promote communication and collaboration
- Information management, data exchange
- Technology issues for resource professionals
- Information exchange; sharing ideas; solving real-world problems
- Developing data networks
- Data development, career building, data sharing
- Knowledge and data exchange
- Attribute naming standards
- Mission critical data capture and utilization"

4 –How you see OFWIM benefiting you and/or your organization.

- Provide seamless access to data and information on fish and wildlife issues within a local, state, regional, and national context.
- OFWIM can help facilitate a more over-arching perspective of all the good things (collectively) information managers are doing across the discipline(s)
- Moving Information Management from Yesterday into Tomorrow -- Today.
- Show creative options on how we can use the fish and wildlife data we already have collected

5 – Other comments that weren't adequately captured

- I think more development and promotion of data and idea sharing portals such as the NBII site would be of great benefit to all members. If OFWIM could somehow be used as leverage (maybe a lobbying type concept?) to get agencies to adopt common data standards that would also be beneficial.
- Can OFWIM help identify the 'most innovative' work being done by each of the affiliated members across the represented agencies. Could they (collectively) identify how this could be done most efficiently?
- I wasn't sure of the distinction you intended among "Share Tech Ideas", "Develop ways to share data", and "Exchange of Technology and Information" in your question 2 of this survey. Develop Ways to Share Data was the most distinct of the 3 and I would focus on that. NBII's MARIS is an example ...
http://mercury.ornl.gov/metadata/nbii/html/nbii/www.nbii.gov_metadata_mdata_MISC_brdsp0003.html
- OFWIM is fairly small in membership; however, I have found this to be more beneficial than detrimental. Many (most) of us know each other and new members are welcomed by this "large" extended family--I know I felt this way when first attending an OFWIM meeting and then getting more involved. Although membership growth should be a goal, I don't think it should be a priority over other items (such as what/how OFWIM does to maintain its mission).

Where do we go from here?