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Hello Russ,
The Water Quality Team has reviewed the white paper and offers the following comments.

The team is in complete agreement with the first and last sections of the paper and feels that they are very well written. It was the middle section, the Discussion Section, that we were a little uneasy about. It was odd to us that any specific metadata standard (i.e, PHINS) would be "prescribed" in a conceptual paper that is advocating for decisions to be made by a concensus (DMC). But we may have misinterpreted the discussion. We thought that maybe just caveating the discussion a bit by indicating that PHINS is an example of a standard that a particular team (EIA) has decided is best to use for a particular type of data (habitat mapping), that would be appropriate to bring before the future DMC for official "blessing". Did we misunderstand? Some clarity on this would be appreciated as we approach the All Hands discussion of the paper.

Thank you again, Russ, for drafting this important paper and bringing it into the GOMA discussion. Our team is highly supportive of a DMC concept where decisions are made collectively and in

recognition of all teams' needs.

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