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Subject: Release of BioData Version 4.0

The Office of Water Quality is pleased to announce the release of BioData version 4.0. This release implements the ability to manage fish community data collected using a wide variety of state, federal, and other published sampling protocols. Until now users have been limited to managing data collected using the U.S. Geological Survey National Water-Quality Assessment and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Rivers and Streams protocols. BioData version 4.0 will support Science Center projects using other fish community protocols.

This update is the first in a series of system releases planned for fiscal year 2015 that will extend BioData to support for a wider variety of macroinvertebrate sampling protocols and data batch loading capabilities.

The new capabilities for entering fish samples according to a user-specified protocol are briefly illustrated [here](#).

Additional information is also available at the [BioData Support site](#).

For more information or to arrange BioData orientation and training webinars, please contact Pete Ruhl (pmruhl@usgs.gov, 703-648-6841).

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Signed,

The Office of Water Quality 10/2/14

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