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Dear Colleagues,

We achieved our goal 'Fish GIS for ALL' by the last 7th Symposium (2017) (Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan). This goal was set out in the 1st Symposium (March 2-4, 1999) (Seattle, WA, USA), 22 years ago (exactly same day, today, March 2, 2020).

Thus, we will not organize further symposia anymore, but we will do the ad hoc workshops, seminars etc. irregularly in the smaller scale if there are requests and demands.

We very much appreciate your great contributions, supports, enthusiasms and warm friendships over 22 years since our 1st symposium in 1999. Especially we were very happy to see all of you (very nice people) from many different countries and cultures, which are now our treasures forever.

Special thanks for the seven local organizers! Without you, we could not achieve such successful, friendly and fruitful symposia.

Hope that all of you continue progressing your Fish GIS works for people in the world, especially peace and happiness for people in the world, which are our ultimate goals and dreams.

Sincerely yours,

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1st symposium (March 2-4, 1999) (local organizer, NOAA/NMFS, Sandpoint)
(Double Tree Hotel, Seattle/Tacoma Airport, Seattle, Washington State, USA)



7th (last) symposium (August 21-25, 2017)
(local organizer and venue) Hakodate Research Center for Fisheries and Oceans
(Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan)