Topic 16:

How Can I Make My Own Maps in Google Earth

Scenario: The web-based maps do not allow the flexibility to build custom maps. It would be nice to be able to add individual map layers to a program like Google Earth

Tools to Use: The Data Dictionary, Google Earth

Instructions: Go to the Data Dictionary on the MBCDP web-site and navigate to the map layer of interest. At the bottom of the data documentation tab is a link to download KMZ versions of each map layer. These are formatted with symbology and attribute pop-ups so they can be used directly in Google Earth.

For instructions on how to use Google Earth with the KMZ files available through the MBCDP web-site, go the Mapping with Google Earth web-page.

Variations on this Exercise:
- KMZ map files can be used in a variety of freemapping programs besides Google Earth. They can be loaded into
  - Google Maps (My Maps)
  - ArcGIS Earth
  - QGIS