

ArcGIS Pro eDNA Editing Manual

IC eDNA Monitoring Program



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1.0 ArcGIS Pro – Version 3.5

1.1 Start a New Project Template

Start an ArcGIS Pro (Pro) Map Template by selecting Map from the Blank Templates list (Figure 1). Give the project a unique name (ex: La Crosse FWCO eDNA 2026) and specify the location of where to store the Pro project file and create a folder if needed to store the project file and eDNA field data. Click Ok when finished.

1.2 Folder Connections

The folder specified to store your project file will automatically show under the Folders option in the Catalog Pane, If the Catalog Pane does not appear on the right side in Pro, Go to the View Tab and Select Catalog Pane in the Windows group.

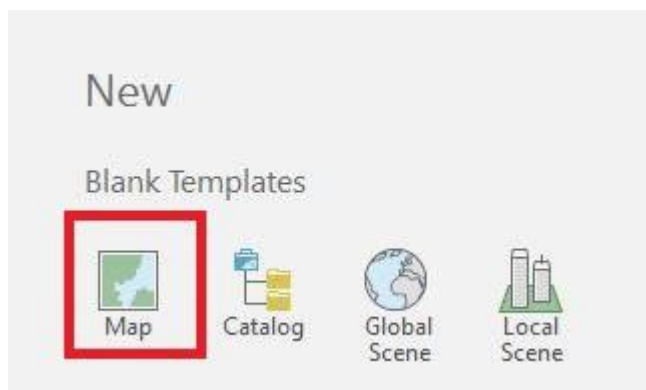


Figure 1. The ArcGIS Pro 3.5 New Project Screen

- 1) To establish a new folder connection, right-click on Folders in the Catalog Pane and select “Add Folder Connection” to link to a folder on the computer (Figure 2).

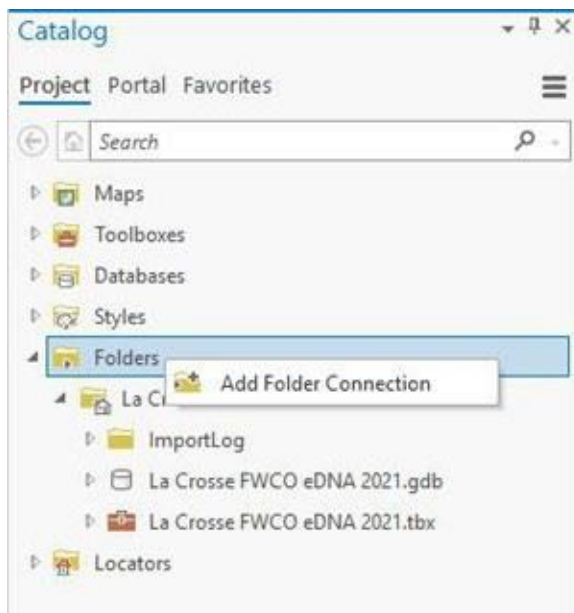


Figure 2. The Catalog Pane View in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) A “Connect To Folder” window will appear which will allow you to navigate and select the folder of interest. Click “Ok” and the folder will be added to the Catalog Pane under Folders (Figure 3).

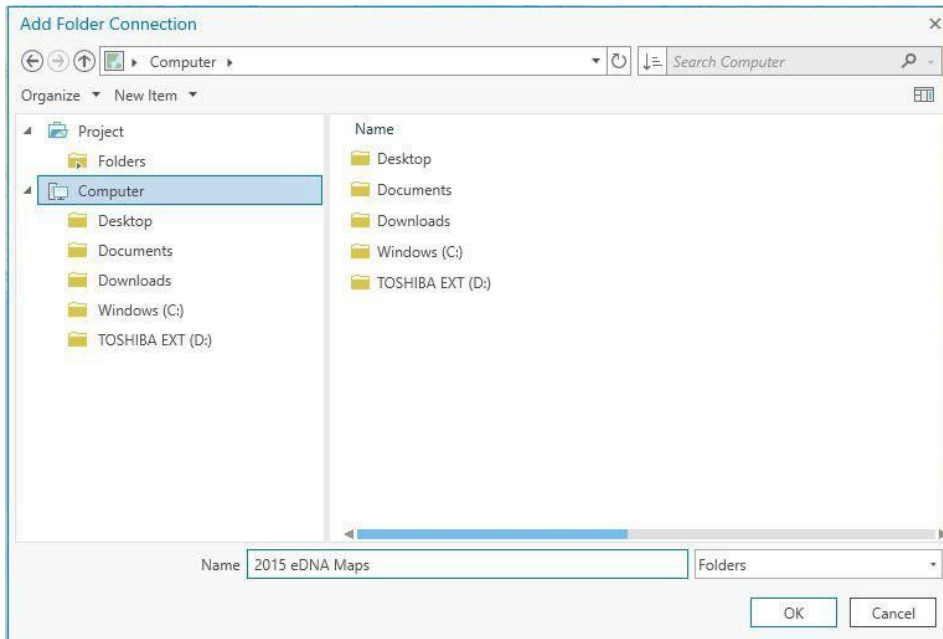


Figure 3. The Add Folder Connection Folder Options Window in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) To Connect to a Folder not stored on the Computer, Copy the folder path to the folder of interest and paste the path into the Name box and click Ok. The folder will be added to the Catalog Pane under Folders.

2.0 eDNA Fisheries ArcGIS Online Web Map

2.1 Access ArcGIS eDNA Fisheries Online Web Map

- 1) To access the online Fisheries eDNA Sampling map through Pro, the individual needs to be logged into the ArcGIS Online account by going to the top right-hand corner of the Pro screen and expand the Not signed in menu (see below). Select Sign In (Figure 4). The sign in process is the same as signing into the Field Maps App (**refer to Field Maps App Log in Section 1.2**).

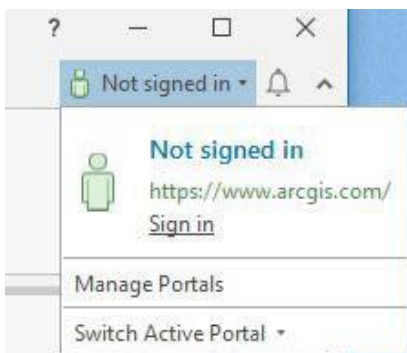


Figure 4. The Sign In Options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) After signing in, go to the Catalog Pane, select “Portal” from the top menu (Figure 5).

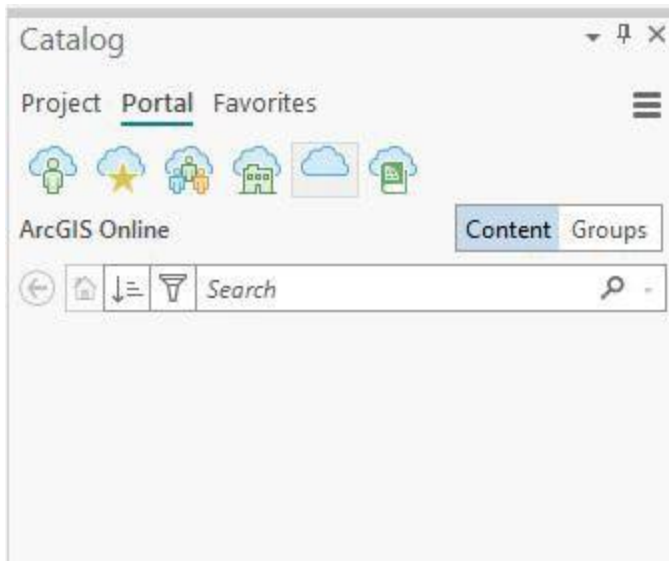


Figure 5. The Catalog Pane View with the Portal Option Selected in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) Next, select the “My Groups” icon (Figure 6).



Figure 6. The My Groups option in Portal

- 4) In the search bar, type in Fisheries “eDNA Sampling” and hit enter. Right-click on the “FWS IC eDNA Sampling Map 2026” to open the map in Pro (Figure 7).



Figure 7. The Catalog Pane View with the eDNA Sampling search text under My Groups in the Portal option used to find the FWS IC eDNA Sampling Map 2026

3.0 Select and QA/QC Individual Office eDNA Data

3.1 Common Errors Checklist

Common errors to look for in the Invasive Carp eDNA field data feature layer when conducting QA/QC checks in ArcGIS Pro.

- 1) Check the map and ensure all your sample points are displaying on the target waterbody.
- 2) Snap blank samples to the appropriate field data point if not already snapped.
- 3) Check state line layer in map to ensure the correct state has been identified for the sampling point.
- 4) Check for null values in each data field.
- 5) Check the date collected column for any dates and times outside of the date/time range of collection.
- 6) Look for repeat or incorrect Regional Unique IDs.
- 7) Run “Calculate Geometry” on the Latitude and Longitude fields if necessary.
- 8) Please make note of any environmental conditions that may affect the quality of the samples in the comments field.

3.2 Create Local Copy for Editing.

A local copy of the data needs to be created before editing the eDNA sample points.

- 1) Click the “FWS IC eDNA Sampling Map 2026” tab to activate, if not already active (tab should be highlighted in blue).
- 2) Zoom in to the extent of the sampling points. Make sure all the sampling points can be viewed in the map extent. It is **imperative** to zoom-in to the area of interest that needs to be edited. The local copy that is created will be based off the current extent displayed in ArcGIS Pro.
- 3) Next, created an offline version of the map by selecting “Download” under the “Download Map” tool in the Offline group under the Map tab in Pro (leave “Include basemap & tile layers” unchecked) (Figure 8).

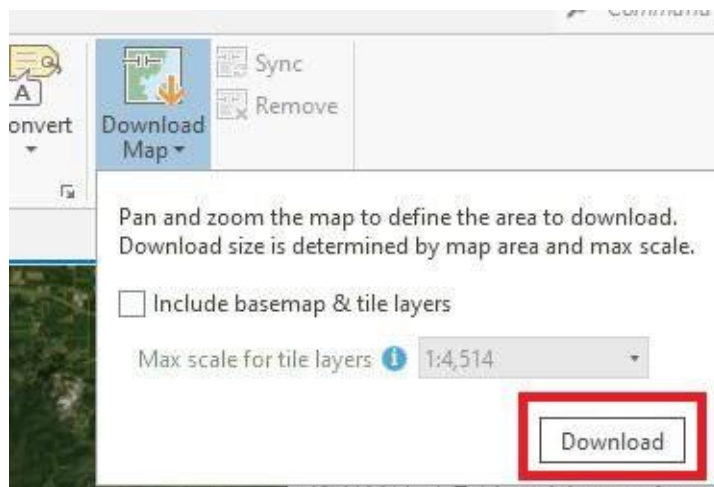


Figure 8. The Download Map option in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) The offline map download is successful if the “Sync” and “Remove” options are no longer greyed out under the Offline Group (Figure 9).

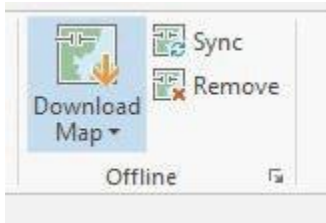


Figure 9. The Download Map Activated in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

Important! Double check to make sure only the targeted office data has been downloaded by using the Select by Attributes tool to check the Sampling Station ID Code field only has one office value (La Crosse FWCO, Ashland FWCO, etc.). Sampling Points are also color coded by sampling Basin. **See Section 3.3.2 Select by Attributes.**

3.3 QA/QC of eDNA Data: Identifying Data Issues in Pro

3.3.1 Attribute Table

- 1) Right-click on the feature layer to open the attribute table (Figure 10).

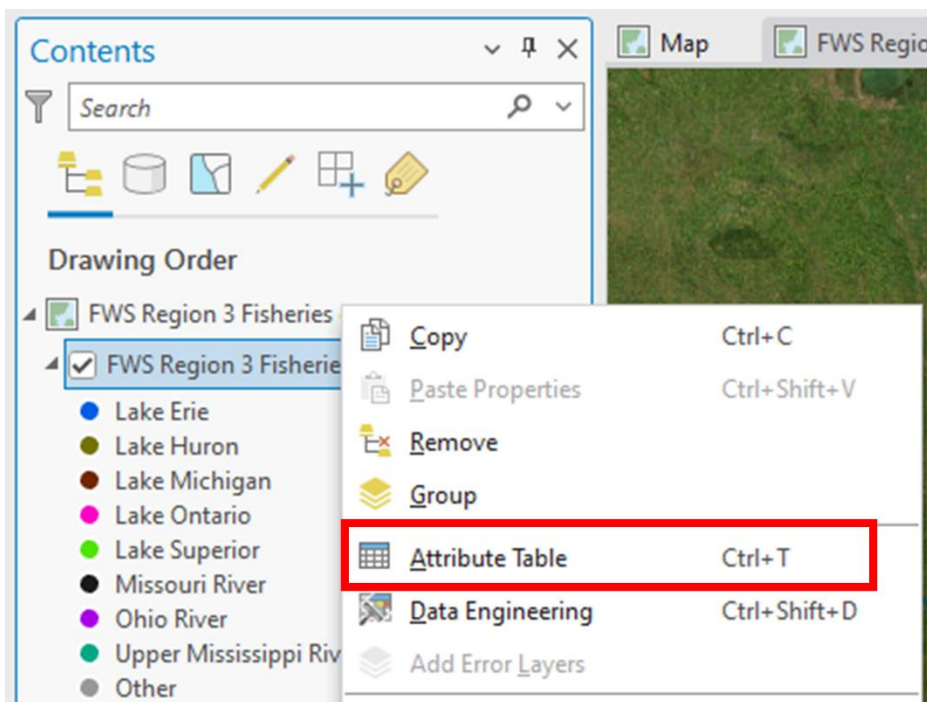


Figure 10. The Contents View in ArcGIS Pro 3.5 with the Layer Options Expanded.

- 2) Right-click on each field to sort the data ascending and descending to check for null or incorrect values (Figure 11 and Figure 12).

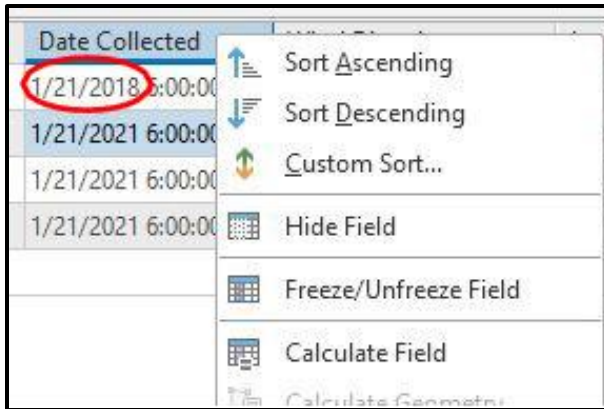


Figure 11. The Attribute Table Field Options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

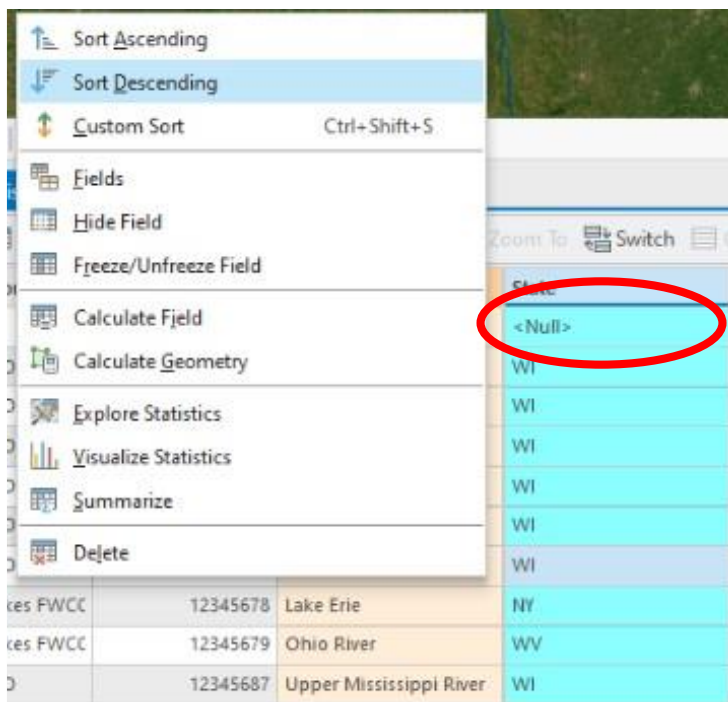


Figure 12. The Attribute Table Field Options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) To fix a data value, click on the data record in the table to edit the value. To batch edit records **see section for “Field Calculator”**. Pay attention to the date and time fields and ensure both are accurate.
- 4) After making changes to the table, go the “Edit” tab in the top ribbon of Pro. Select “Save” under the Manage Edits group to save any edits that have been made to attributes. Use the “Discard” button to undo any recent edits that have been made (Figure 13).

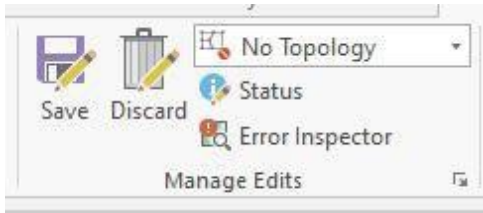


Figure 13. The Manage Edits group under the Edit Tab in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

3.3.2 Select by Attributes

- 1) Right-click on the feature layer to open the attribute table (Figure 14).

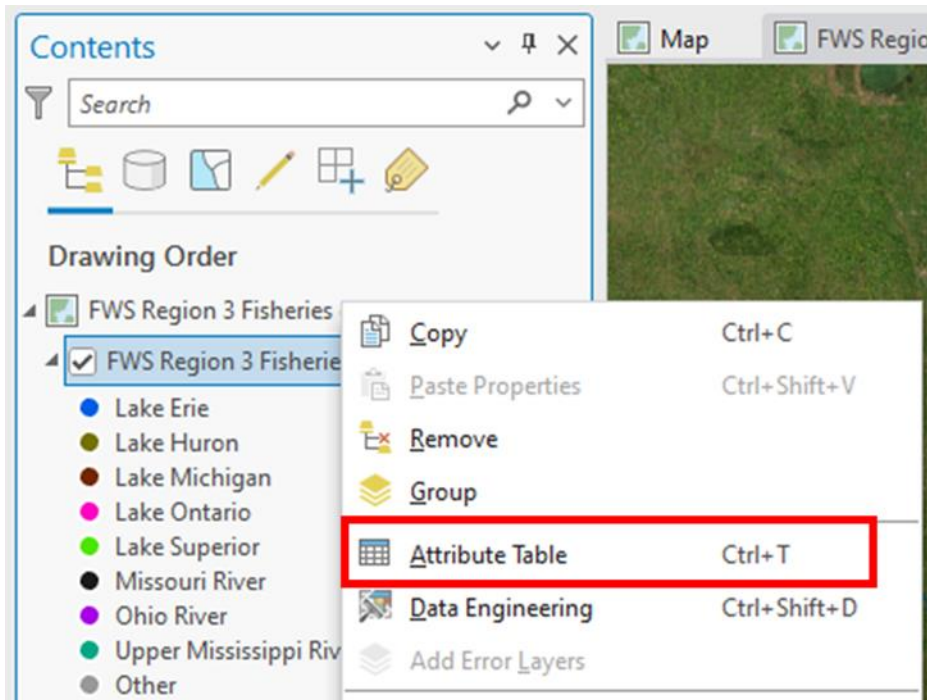


Figure 14. The Contents View in ArcGIS Pro 3.5 with the Layer Options Expanded.

- 2) Select the “Select by Attributes” tool in the table header (Figure 15). “Select by Attributes” can also be accessed in the Map tab under the Selection group in Pro.

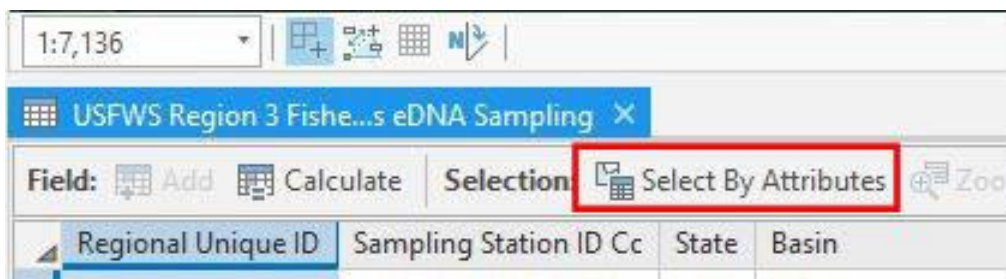


Figure 15. Attribute Table View in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) The “Select by Attributes” tool can be used to query for certain records in the database to check for null values or check for data accuracy. In this example, a new expression can be selected, and the field (Regional Unique ID) can be selected from the list for “Where” and “is

equal to” can be selected for the expression and the value list can be used to view the unique values for the Regional Unique ID field (Figure 16).

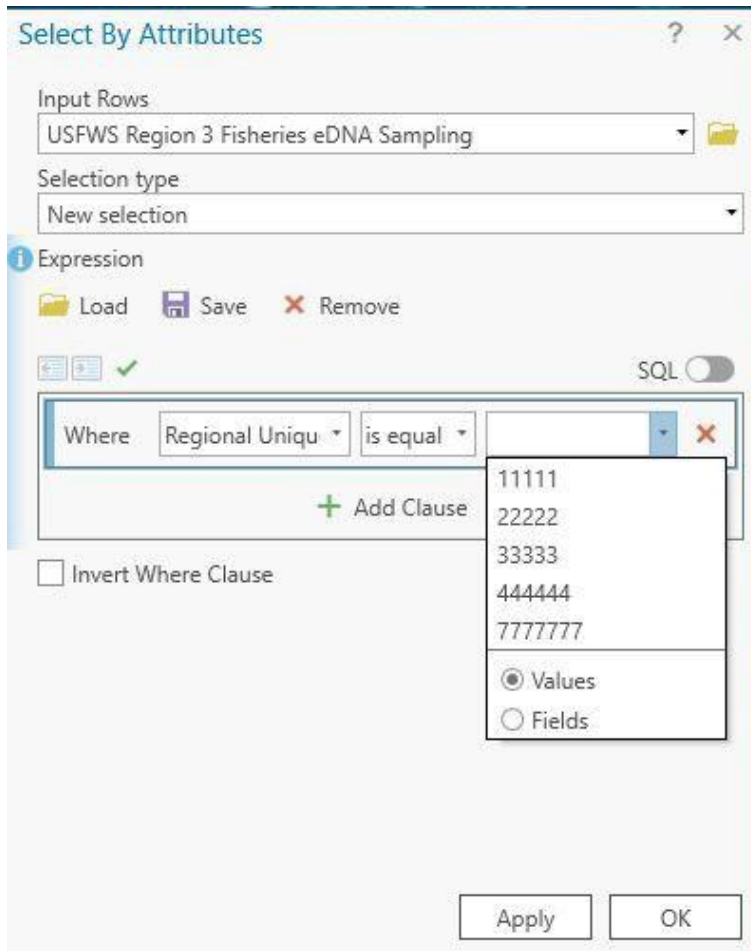


Figure 16. The Select By Attributes Tool in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) A value for Regional Unique ID can then be selected from the list of values. Select “Apply” to highlight the record in the table (Figure 17).

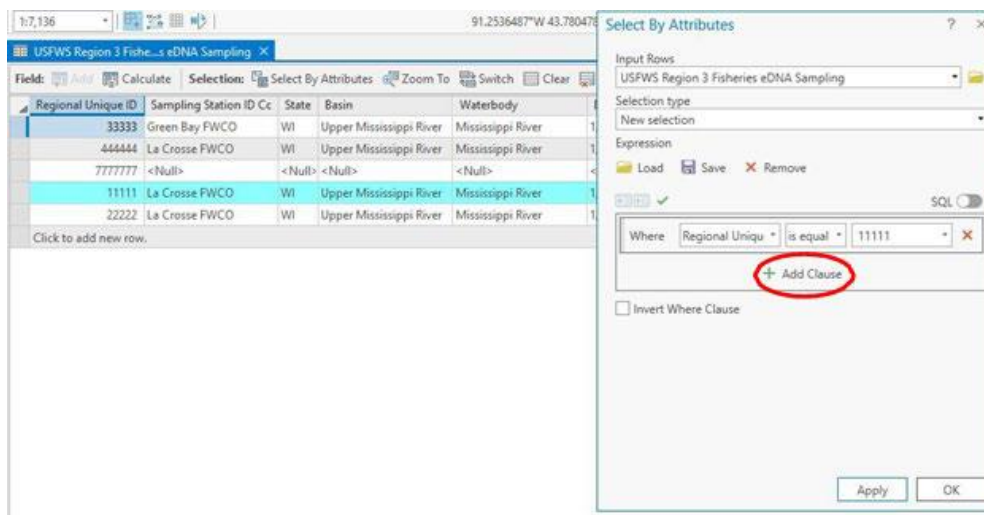


Figure 17. A record selected in the Attribute Table of ArcGIS Pro 3.5 based on the expression in the Select By Attributes Tool

5) Check for null values in the data by setting the expression to “is null” (Figure 18).

Null values can also be found using the ascending and descending functions for each field see **Section 3.3.1**. Run this expression on each of the data fields to make sure data is complete. If running the expression doesn’t highlight any of the records, then the data has a value entered for the respective field.

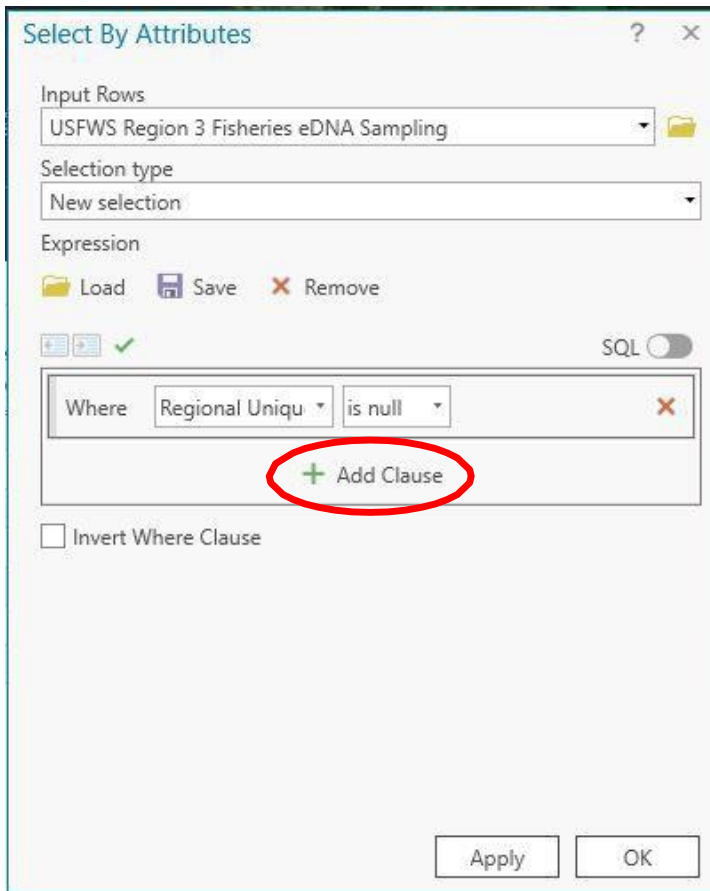


Figure 18. The Select By Attributes Tool in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 6) Use the “Select by Attributes” on multiple fields to check records for completeness and accuracy. The “Add Clause” can be used in the tool to select more than one record by using the “Or” or “And” clauses (Figure 18).

3.3.3 Find Duplicate Records

- 1) Go to the Analysis tab in the top ribbon. Select “Tools” from the Geoprocessing group (Figure 19).

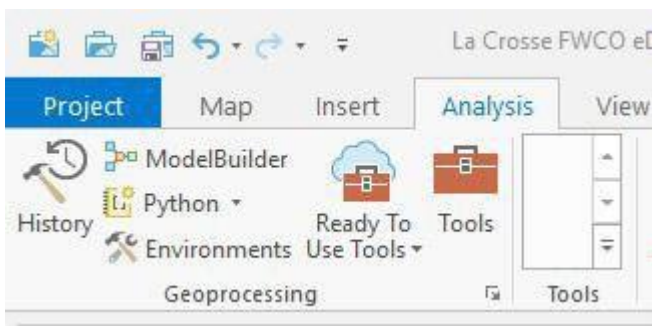


Figure 19. The Geoprocessing group under the Analysis tab of ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) Use the “Find Tools” search box in the Geoprocessing pane to locate the “Find Identical” tool (Figure 20).

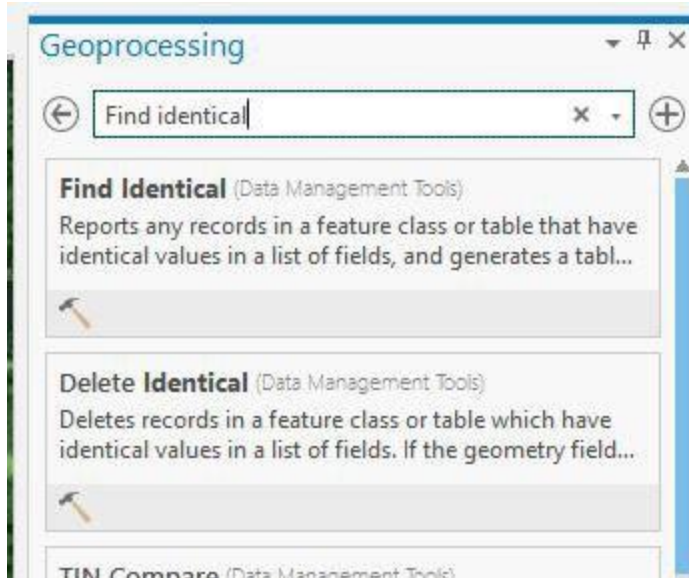


Figure 20. The Geoprocessing View in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) Select the “Find Identical” tool. Input the Feature Layer and navigate to a folder to store the output dataset. Input the Regional Unique ID as the field. Check the box “Output only duplicate records” (Figure 21). Select “Run”.

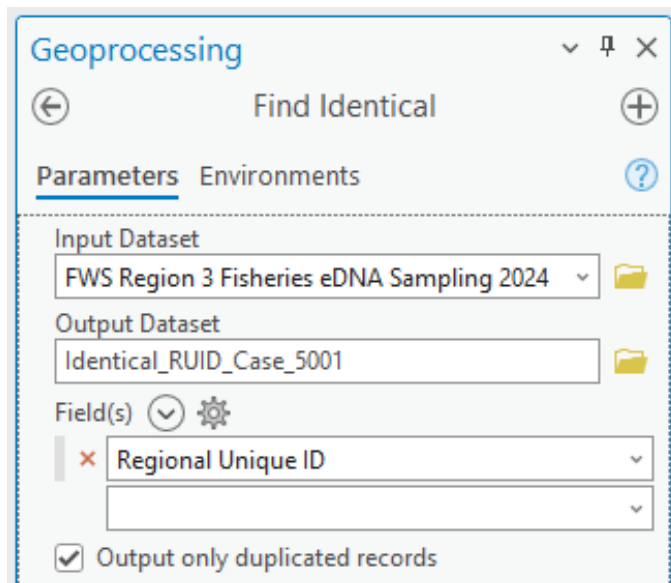


Figure 21. The Find Identical Tool Window Under the Geoprocessing tools in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) If no identical values are found, the tool will complete with a warning: “Find Identical tool completed with warnings.” Check the View Details and expand the messages group to ensure “No duplicate(s) found” (Figure 22). The output table will have no records in it when opened.

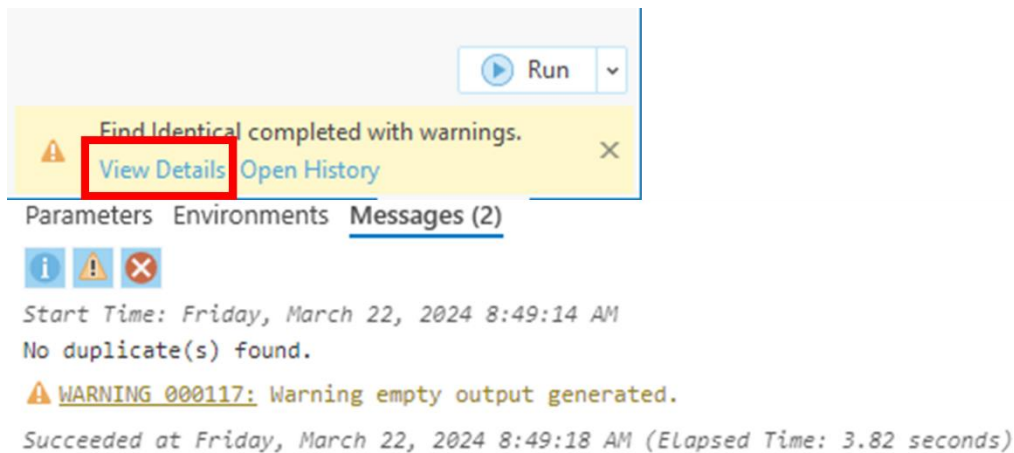


Figure 22. Geoprocessing Tool Message Section in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 5) If there are identical values in Regional Unique ID field, the tool will complete successfully with no warning messages.
- 6) Open the output table in the Contents Pane in Pro by right-clicking the table and selecting "Open" (Figure 23).

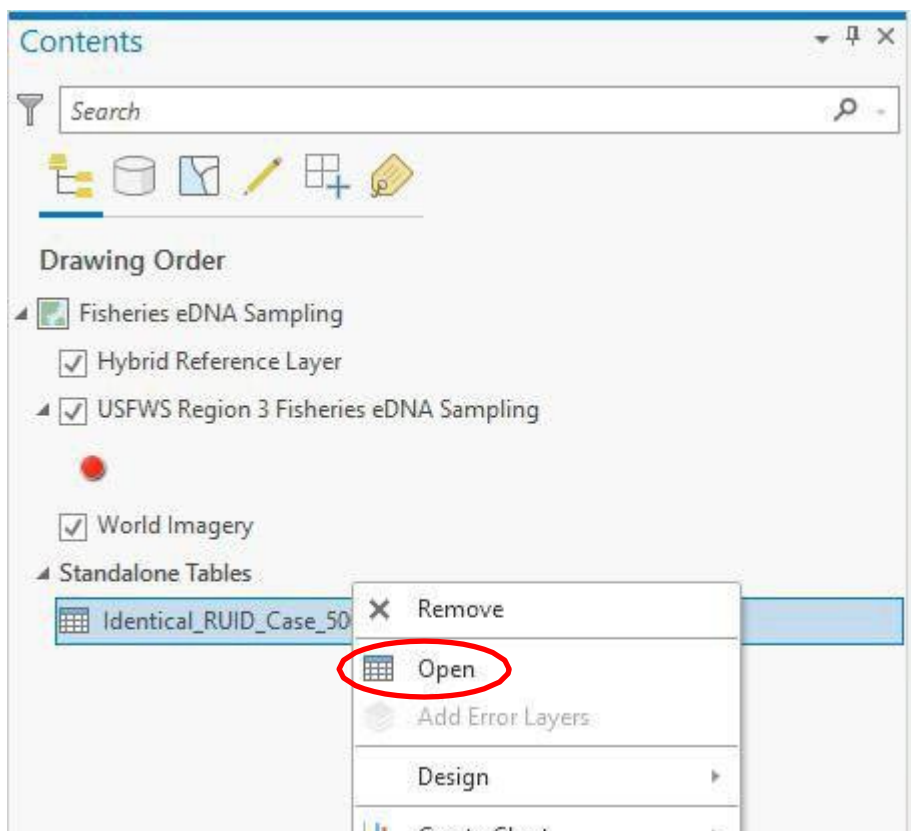
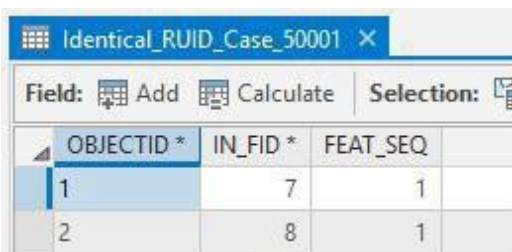


Figure 23. The Content View Panel in ArcGIS Pro 3.5 with the options window open for a Standalone Table

- 7) If there were duplicate records, the IN_FID field matches to the OBJECTID field from the input dataset and the FEAT_SEQ groups the same duplicate records by number (Figure 24).

For example, IN_FID (OBJECTID) 7 and 8 are the sample duplicate record due to the “1” appearing in each of the FEAT_SEQ cells.



OBJECTID *	IN_FID *	FEAT_SEQ
1	7	1
2	8	1

Figure 24. Attribute Table View in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

3.4 QA/QC of eDNA Data: Editing in Pro

3.4.1 Using the “Calculate Field” tool

- 1) Use the “Calculate Field” tool to change multiple records at once. Select the records that need to be changed through “Select by Attribute” or by manually selecting the gray boxes by each record, then right click on the field of interest and select “Calculate Field” (Figure 25).

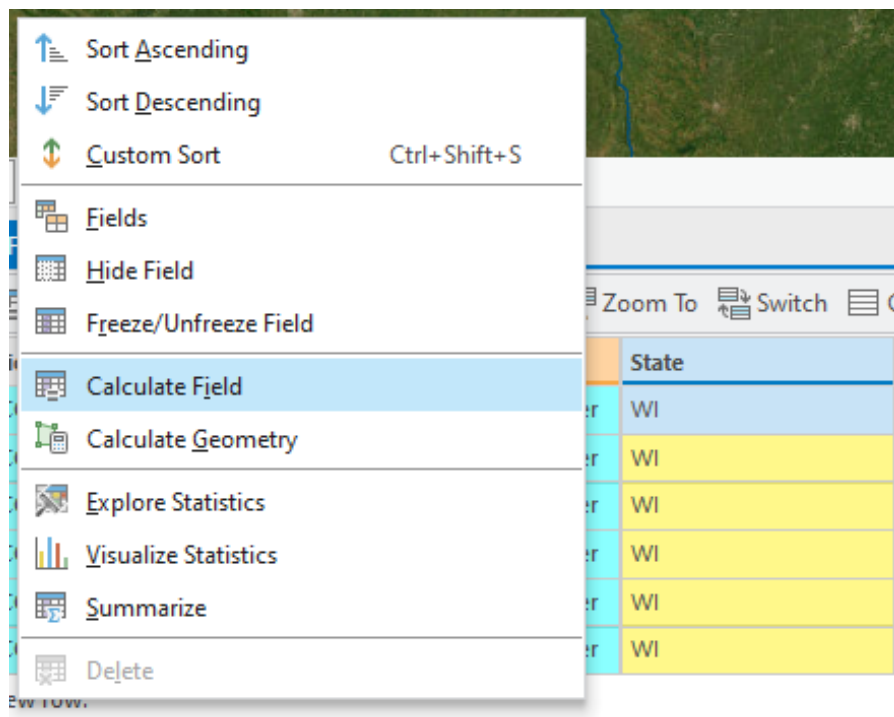


Figure 25. The Attribute Table Field Options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) Enter the information that will populate the selected records in the blank box and keep all the default settings in the Calculate Field window (see below). If the information is text, put quotes around the text. Make sure to enable “Use the selected records” and “Enable Undo” by toggling to blue. Select “Ok” to change the records (Figure 26).

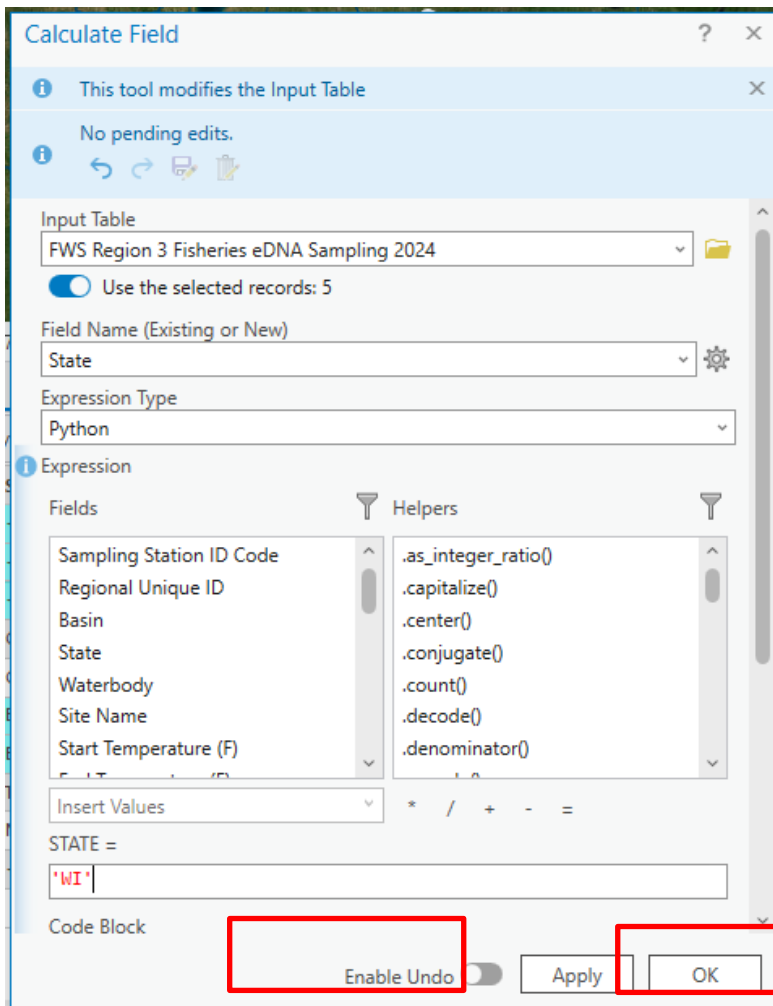


Figure 26. The Calculate Field Tool Window in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) Then, only the selected records will have the changed information from the “Calculate Field” tool (Figure 27). Clear the selection in the attribute table or under the Selection group in the Map tab.

FWS Region 3 Fisheri...A Sampling 2024

Field:

Add

Calculate

Selection:

Select By Attributes

Zoom To

Switch

Clear

Delete

Copy

	Sampling Station ID C...	Regional Unique ID	Basin	State	Waterbody
1	La Crosse FWCO	12345001	Upper Mississippi River	WI	Other
2	La Crosse FWCO	12345002	Upper Mississippi River	WI	Other
3	La Crosse FWCO	12345003	Upper Mississippi River	<Null>	Pool 16
4	La Crosse FWCO	12345004	Upper Mississippi River	<Null>	Pool 16
5	La Crosse FWCO	12345005	Upper Mississippi River	WI	Pool 8
6	La Crosse FWCO	12345006	Upper Mississippi River	WI	Pool 8
7	Lower Great Lakes FWCC	12345678	Lake Erie	NY	Tonawanda Creek
8	Lower Great Lakes FWCC	12345679	Ohio River	WV	Other

Figure 27. Attribute table view in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) “Save” Edits under the Edit tab in Pro or “Discard” edits if a mistake was made.

3.4.2 Calculate Geometry

- 1) Use the “Calculate Geometry” tool to populate the Latitude and Longitude fields (Figure 28). If a point is **added** or **moved** after running “Calculate Geometry”, the **coordinates need to be updated in the latitude and longitude fields** (re-run the “Calculate Geometry” tool).

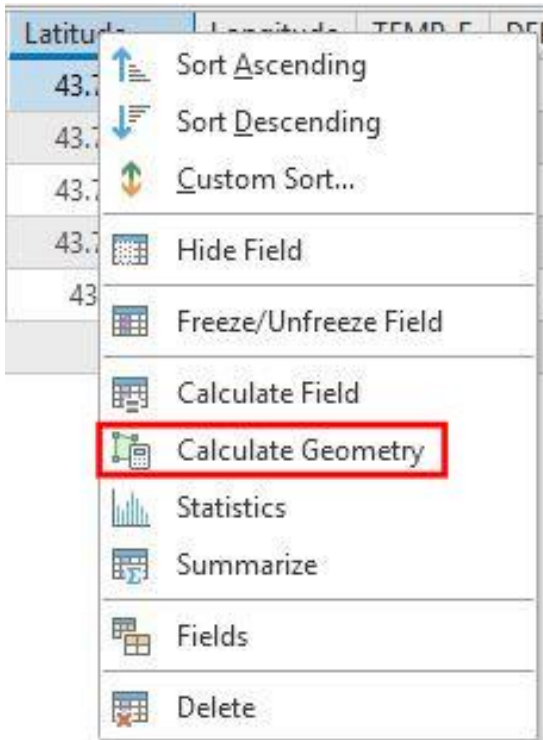


Figure 28. The Attribute Table Field Options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) To update latitude and longitude values, right-click on either the Latitude or Longitude fields and select “Calculate Geometry” (Figure 28).
- 3) Enter in Latitude and Longitude for the Target fields with “Point y-coordinate” for Latitude and “Point x-coordinate” for Longitude. Set the Coordinate Format to “Decimal Degrees” and select Ok (Figure 29).

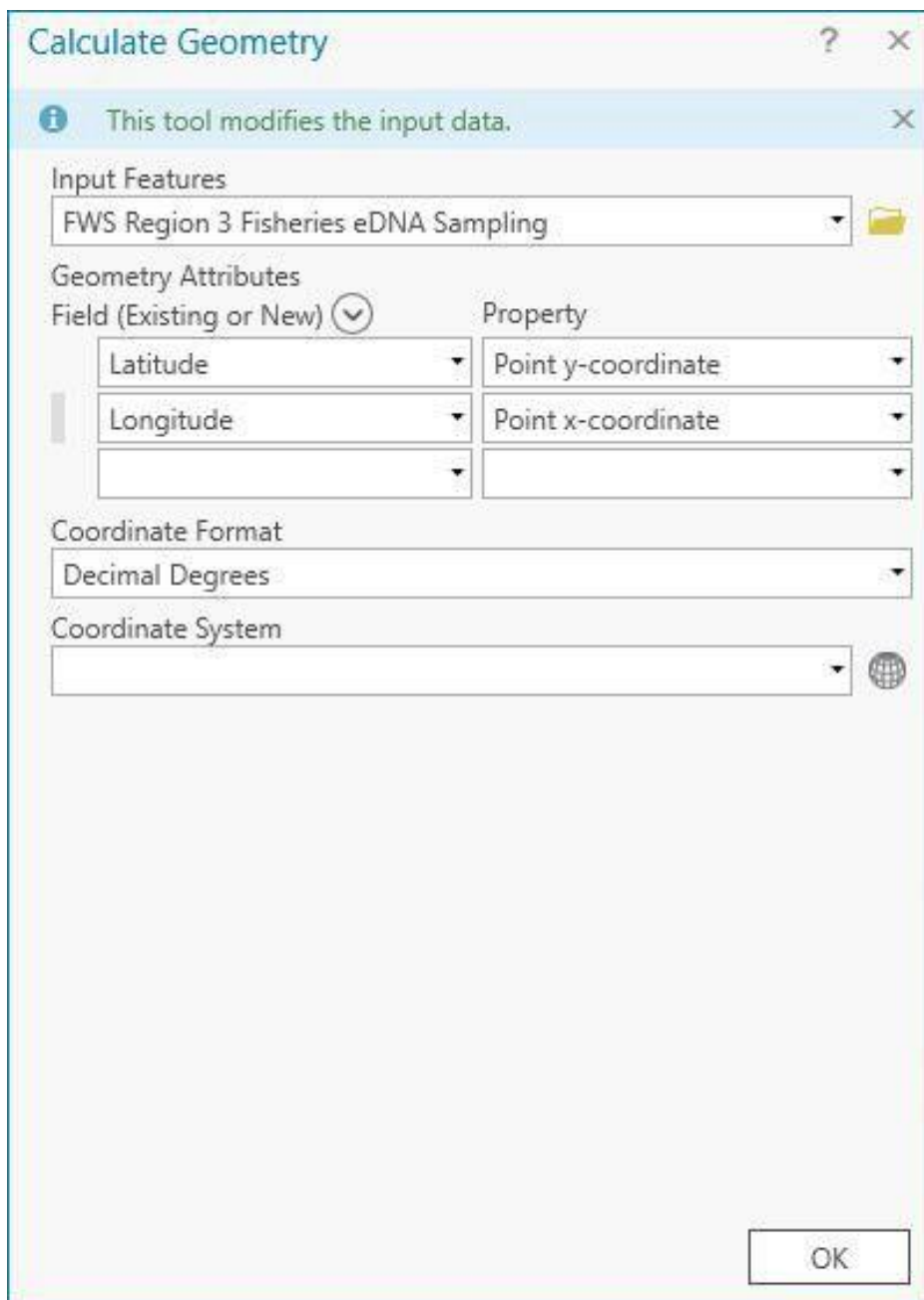


Figure 29. The Calculate Geometry Tool Window in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) The coordinates will be updated in the Latitude and Longitude fields.

3.4.3 Creating a Feature Point

If a sample point was not submitted in the field or is missing, a point can be created for that sample in Pro (Figure 30).

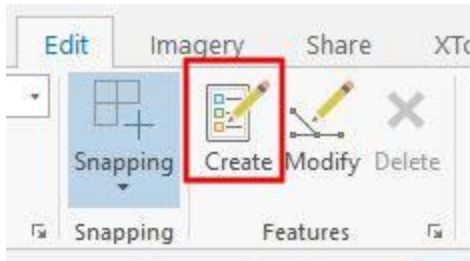


Figure 30. The Features group under the Features tab of ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 1) Go to the Edit tab in the project. Click on the “Create Features” tool under the Features Group (Figure 30).
- 2) The “Create Features” panel will appear on the right side of the project. Select one of the appropriate Basins to add a new feature under the FWS Fisheries eDNA Sampling Feature Layer to add a point to the map (Figure 31).

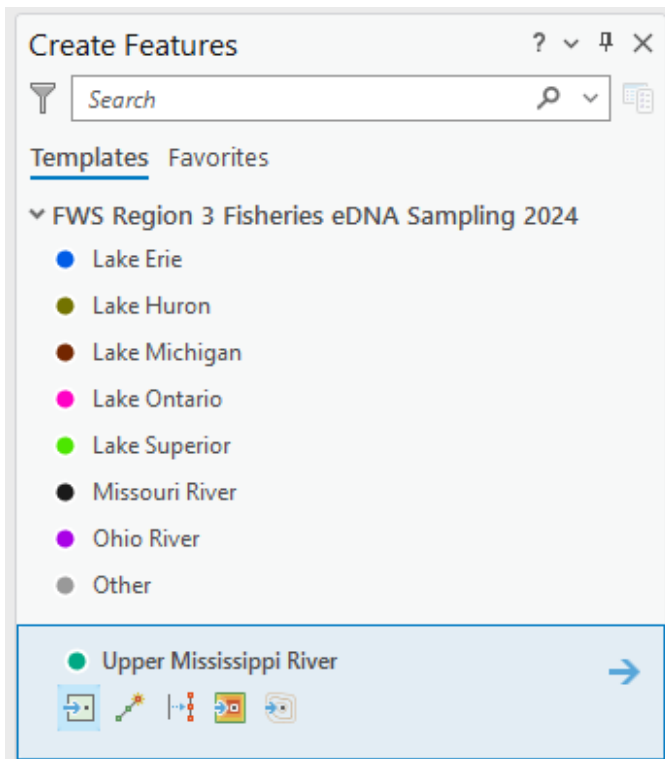


Figure 31. The Create Features Tool Window in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) Next, use the “Active Template” to fill out whether the sample is a blank or not. Then, click a spot on the map to add the new point (Figure 32).

Enter attributes for features you are about to create.

Sampling Station ID Code	<Null>
Regional Unique ID	<Null>
Basin	Upper Mississippi River
State	<Null>
Waterbody	Other
Site Name	<Null>
Start Temperature (F)	<Null>
End Temperature (F)	<Null>
Date Collected	<Null>
BLANK	No
Collection Time	<Null>
Processing Time	<Null>
COMMENTS	<Null>

Figure 32. The Active Template sub-tool Under the Create Features Tool in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) Use the Active Template (Figure 32) or the Attribute Table to fill out the rest of the tabular data (Figure 33).

	Regional Unique ID	Sampling Station ID...	State	Basin	Waterbody
1	111111	La Crosse FWCO	MN	Upper Mississippi River	Pool 8
2	222222	La Crosse FWCO	MN	Upper Mississippi River	Pool 8
3	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	Upper Mississippi River	Other
Click to add new row.					

Figure 33. Attribute table view in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

If there are specific coordinates associated with the sample point then the Absolute X, Y, Z option can be used to add them.

- 1) Open the “Create Features” panel.
- 2) Select “New Feature” in the panel and right-click anywhere on the map. Choose “Absolute X, Y, Z” (Figure 34).



Figure 34. The New Feature Tool Options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) In the Absolute X, Y window, use the drop-down arrow to select decimal degrees (dd).
- 4) Enter the latitude and longitude of the point and press enter when finished. The point will appear in the specified location (Figure 35).

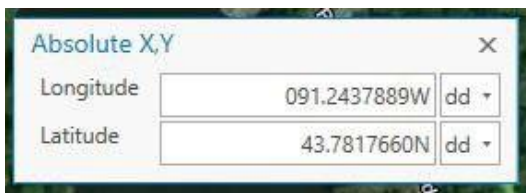


Figure 35. The Absolute X, Y Create Feature Option in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

Make sure to leave the W and N at the end of each coordinate and leave the negative sign out for the Longitude.

- 5) “Save” Edits under the Manage Edits group or “Discard” if a mistake was made. Exit the “Create Features” panel to stop adding new features. **Important!** Update coordinates using **“Calculate Geometry.”**

3.4.4 Moving a Feature Point

- 1) Turn off the State Reference layer in the Contents Panel (Figure 36).

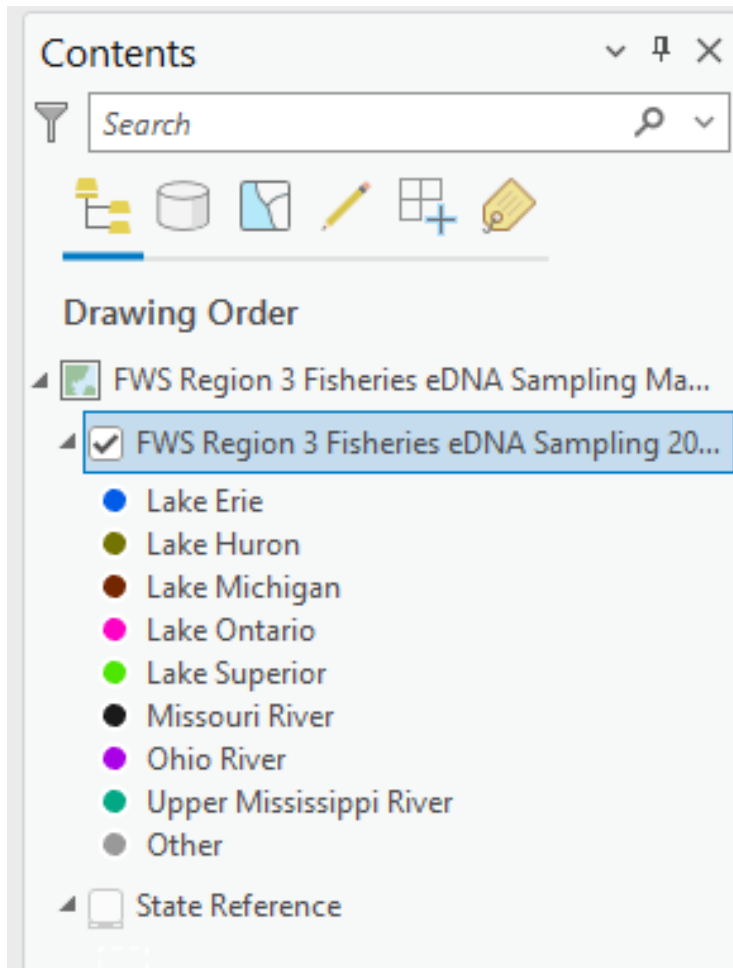


Figure 36. The Content View Panel in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) To move a sample point, use the “Select” tool under the Selection group under the Edit tab and select the point.
- 3) Next, Select the “Move” tool under the tools group in the Edit tab.
- 4) Use the mouse to click and drag the point to a new location on the map. Select the “Finish” option in the tool dialog box to change the location of the point. **Important!** Update the coordinates using **“Calculate Geometry”**. Save the Edits.

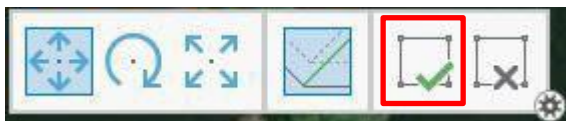


Figure 37. The Move Tool sub-options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 5) If the point has a specific coordinate location that it needs to be moved to, right-click the selected point, and select the “Edit Vertices” option (Figure 38).

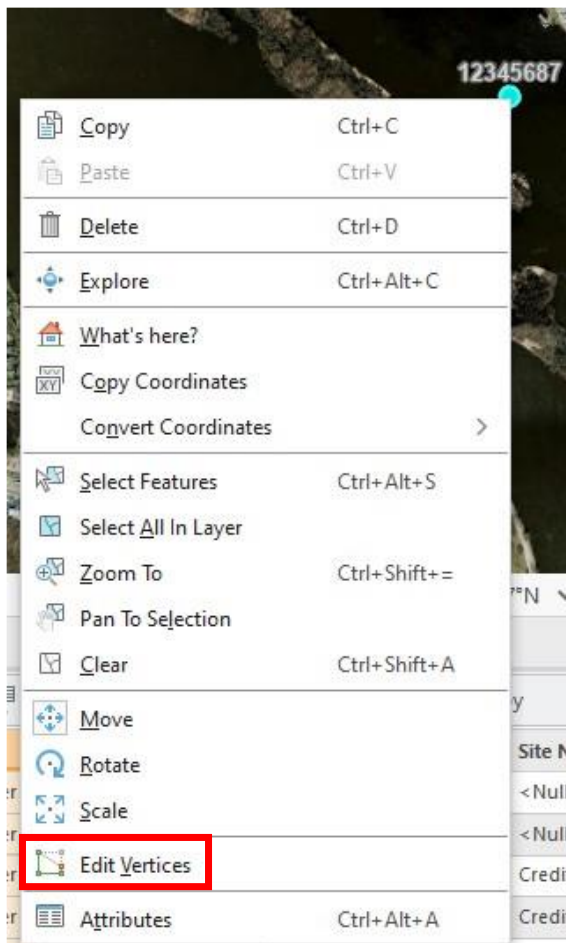


Figure 38. Tool Options for Point Layer in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 6) An “Edit Vertices” panel should appear. Next, hover the mouse arrow over the selected point until an arrow icon appears. Then, right-click the point to bring up an options window.
- 7) Select the “Move To” option in the options window (Figure 39).

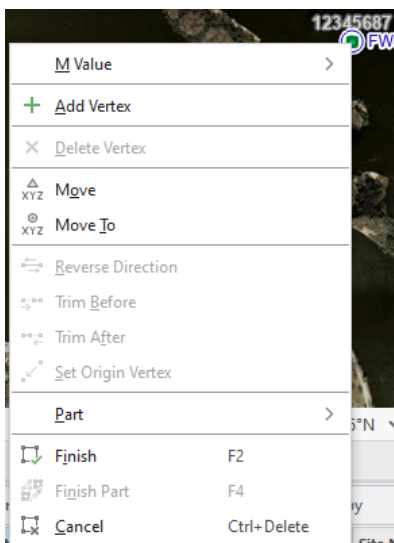


Figure 39. Vertex editing options in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 8) In the “Move To” window, use the drop down arrow to select decimal degrees (dd). Enter the latitude and longitude of the point and press enter when finished.
- 9) The point will appear in the specified location. A highlighted point will remain in the previous place the point was located and can be removed by selecting “Clear” selection under the Selection group under the Edit tab, or by right-clicking on the selected point and selecting “Move”. **Important!** Update coordinate using “**Calculate Geometry**”.

3.4.5 Snapping Feature Points Together

- 1) Enable “Snapping” under the Snapping group under the Edit tab. Make sure “Snapping” is toggled on and the point snap option is on (highlighted in blue when enabled) (Figure 40).

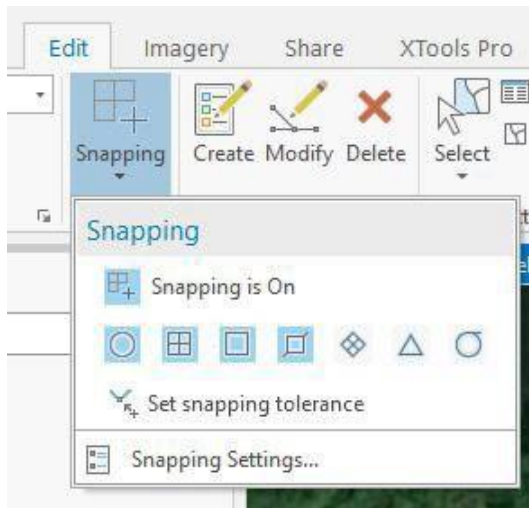


Figure 40. Snapping group under the Edit tab in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 2) Follow **Section 3.4.4** to move a sample point on top of another sample point to snap the points together. A circle will appear around the point being snapped to (Figure 41). Once snapped, the points will share the exact same latitude and longitude. **Important!** Update coordinates using “**Calculate Geometry**”.



Figure 41. The new move location for a point in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

3.4.6 Appending Data to Geodatabase (Field Maps App or iPad failure)

- 1) If data needed to be collected outside of the Field Maps App due to a severe technical issue, record the data on a paper data sheet and transcribe the field data to the provided excel sheet located on the R3 eDNA SharePoint site under ArcGIS Resources.

Note: If needed, coordinates can be captured as Waypoints on a Fish Finder. Match the waypoint number to the eDNA sample number to keep track of sample locations. Export the Waypoints to add the coordinates to the provided excel sheet. Enter the name of the device and datum used to capture waypoints in the “Comments” field.

- 2) QA/QC the data in Excel using similar tools such as “Sort” and “Find and Replace” to identify null values, duplicate Regional Unique ID values, and incorrect data entries. **Double-check coordinates.**
- 3) Send the QA/QC’ed Excel file to the eDNA database manager, Jeena Koenig (jeena_koenig@fws.gov). The data will be added to the final database on the FWS Enterprise Warehouse and in AGOL if the data is part of traditional sampling.

4.0 Uploading QA/QC eDNA Data to ArcGIS Online

- 1) Once all the edits have been made, “Save” edits under the Edit tab in the Manage Edits group.
- 2) Export either a table or feature layer of the final data to your office data repository by right clicking on the feature layer and selecting the data option to either export a feature layer or a table (Figure 42). Or use the “Table to Excel” tool. Make sure to select the “Domain and Subtype Description” option in the “Table to Excel” tool (Figure 43).

Note: Make sure the selection is cleared before exporting the data. **Make sure data is not shared with the public during eDNA collection season unless permission is given by the eDNA Coordinator.**

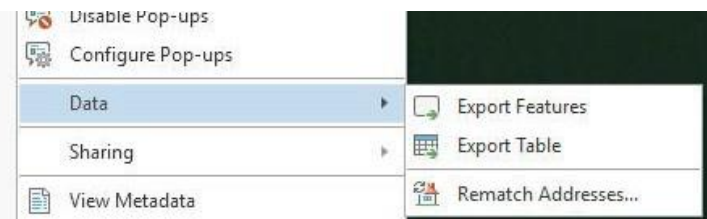


Figure 42. The Content View Panel in ArcGIS Pro 3.5 with the options window open for a Feature Layer

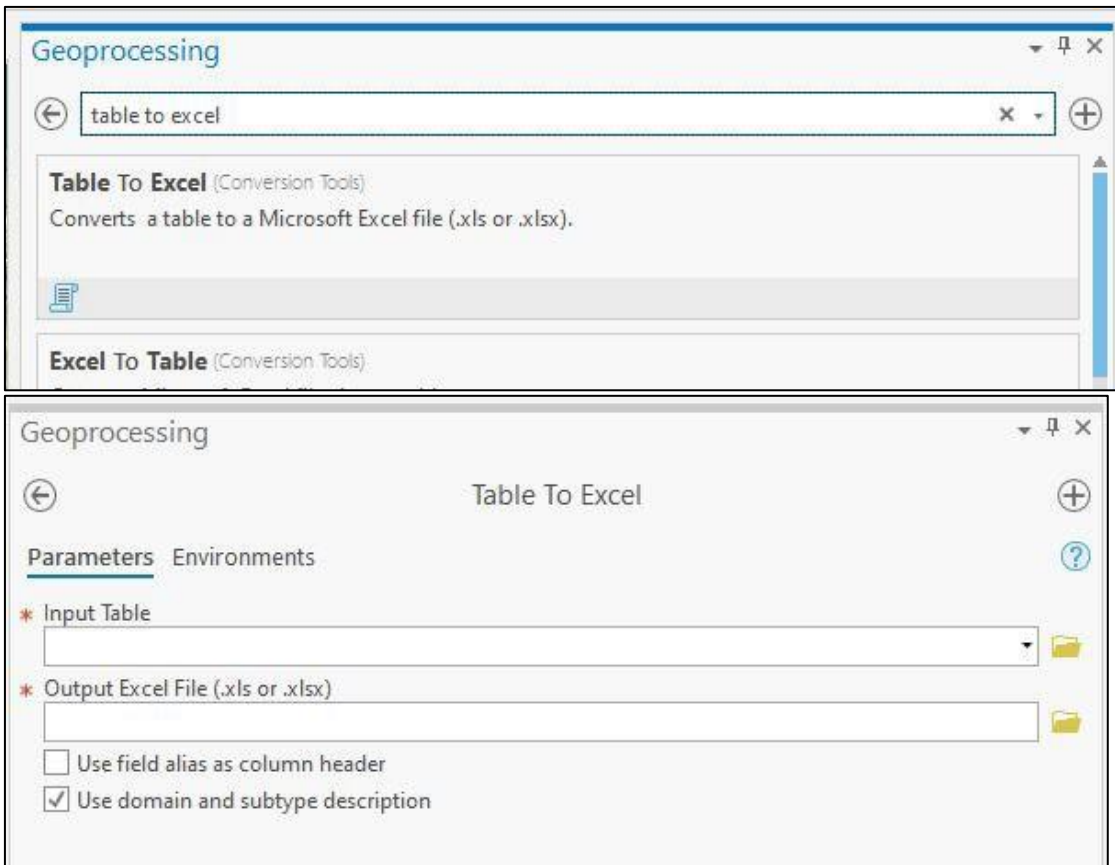


Figure 43. The Geoprocessing Pane with Table to Excel Tool opened in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 3) The data can then be uploaded back to ArcGIS Online (AGOL) by going to the map tab and selecting “Sync” under the Offline group (Figure 44).

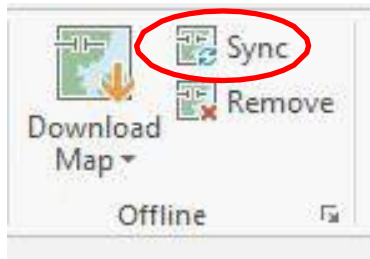


Figure 44. The Offline group under the Map Tab in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 4) Check under your default folder in the Catalog Panel to make sure file geodatabase is gone after successfully enabling “Sync”. If it’s not gone, manually delete the file geodatabase (Figure 45).

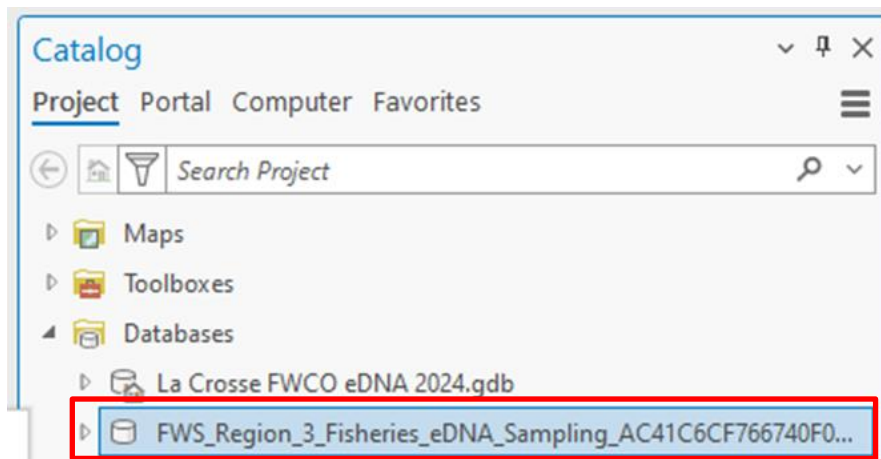


Figure 45. The Catalog view Panel in ArcGIS Pro 3.5

- 5) Save the Pro Project with the FWS R3 Fisheries eDNA Sampling Map to use again for future editing. Re-add the map if newly created feature points do not appear.

Note: When accessing the online web map, make sure to download a local copy of the data when editing is needed. Previously downloaded local copies may not reflect data that has been collected after the local copy was created.

Note: Make sure to either Remove or Sync the feature layer to AGOL when finished with the editing process. **Please don’t leave mobile geodatabases unresolved on the computer.**

***Non-Traditional and Research data are not posted to the public facing AGOL feature layer or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service eDNA website. See the corresponding ServCat repository record to access and download data for the program.**