

Arctic MSI Services, NAVAREA XIX
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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document contains information about the planned implementation timeline for NAVAREA XIX and the requirement for training, assistance and support to achieve full operational capability.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents: COMSAR 12/15, CPRNW10_3-1, CPRNW10_3.3

1. Based on paragraph 3.34 in the final report of COMSAR 12, the chairman of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Correspondence Group on Arctic MSI Services requested the administrations involved to prepare a document addressing the revised terms of reference.
2. Information regarding broadcasting of MSI messages in NAVAREA XIX is provided in document CPRNW10_3.3.
3. The Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA) plan to provide full MSI service in NAVAREA XIX from January 1. 2010, with a trial service from July 2009.
4. Based on this timeline NCA need an operator training course to be arranged by IHO during spring 2009. The date and location will be at IHO discretion. If required, NCA can host the operator training course.
5. NCA further needs for operators to carry out on the job training with an existing NAVAREA Coordinator during late spring/ early summer 2009.
6. NCA will need some support from an experienced NAVAREA Coordinator to develop the appropriate procedures required.
7. The MSI service will be provided from a VTS central. The central is manned around the clock with certified VTS operators. All VTS operators are master mariners. The VTS central is equipped with state of the art surveillance and communication equipment.
8. The information is presented for consideration and approval by CPRNW 10.