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IHO TIDAL COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

References: 1. XVth IH Conference, Decision No. 1
2. IHB CL 57/1998

Dear Sir,

Under cover of Reference 2, the Bureau distributed the revised Terms of Reference of the IHO Tidal Committee to Member States for their approval and, at the same time, asked for objections and/or any proposals for enhancements.

In its response France pointed out that a text correction should be applied to the French version of the Terms of Reference; this has been done.

As no objections were raised and no proposals for enhancements other than that above were made, the Terms of Reference are considered approved.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Commodore John LEECH
Director

Encl.: - IHO Tidal Committee Terms of Reference

IHO TIDAL COMMITTEE**TERMS OF REFERENCE****Membership**

Membership of the IHO Tidal Committee is open to all Member States wishing to participate. Representatives are nominated by IHO Member States. The Committee may invite observers to participate in its deliberations during and between meetings. Observers are not entitled to vote.

Organization

The business of the Committee will be conducted by a Chairperson or a Vice-Chairperson. The Committee will conduct its business mainly by correspondence. Meetings will usually be held at intervals of about 18 months. The functioning of the Committee will be regulated by an internal document, the "Terms of Procedure".

Objectives

1. To make recommendations concerning any tidal and related matters requiring discussion, development and coordination within the IHO.
2. To cooperate with other IHO bodies where tidal matters are concerned.
3. To advise on questions related to vertical datums.
4. To advise on issues related to the IHO Tidal Constituent Data Bank.
5. To advise on issues concerning the exchange and distribution of tidal and related data.
6. To advise on questions related to tidal observations, analysis and predictions.