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**CIRCULAR LETTER 42/2000**  
**25 September 2000**

**IHO TIDAL CONSTITUENT DATA BANK**

Reference: IHB CL 19/2000

Dear Sir,

In the above referenced Circular Letter, the Bureau provided a detailed description of the development of the IHO Tidal Constituent Data Bank and of issues related to its management and the release of data, and proposed to terminate the operation of this centralized Data Bank and to replace it by a system of national databases.

The Bureau is grateful to the 38 Member States who returned the Voting Form. All of the responses were in favour of the proposal. Thus the majority required for the adoption of the proposal has been obtained, as the simple majority requires 33 votes in favour (cf. Convention on the IHO, Article VI 6.).

As a result of this decision, the IHO Tidal Constituent Data Bank will no longer operate and Member States should strive to replace it by a system of national databases as outlined in CL 19/2000.

It is recalled that the adoption of this proposal entails the following actions:

- Cancellation of the IHO Special Publication No. 50 "IHO Tidal Constituent Bank – Station Catalogue"
- Modification of Resolutions A 6.7 and A 6.8
- Cancellation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Resolution K 1.7.

The Directing Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Canadian Hydrographic Service for setting up the IHO Tidal Constituent Bank and for running it for more than 20 years.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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President