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NEW BATHYMETRIC PUBLICATION – IHO-IOC GEBCO COOK BOOK (B-11)

- References:
- a) IHB CL 06/2012 – New Bathymetric Publications, dated 24 January 2012
 - b) IHB CL 21/2012 – Withdrawal of IHB CL 06/2012, dated 16 February 2012

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Reference a), which invited Member States to approve two new Bathymetric Publications, was withdrawn by reference b). As reported in paragraph 5 of reference b), the IHB is now seeking approval of the IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book via this new Circular Letter.

2 GEBCO (General Bathymetric Charts of the Ocean), a joint IHO-IOC project which brings together a group of international experts, whose aim is to provide the most authoritative publicly available bathymetry of the world's oceans for scientific and educational use, has prepared a new draft publication to be called the IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book. The GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) has requested the IHB to circulate this draft publication to Member States for adoption as IHO Publication B-11.

3 The IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book is intended to provide an educational resource for a wide range of persons interested in preparing gridded datasets from bathymetric data. Dr Karen Marks of NOAA has acted, and will continue to act, as Chief Editor under the direction of the Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM) and the GGC. The various sections of the Cook Book have been written by a wide variety of individuals and range from simple descriptions to the development of complex algorithms. It is intended that this will be a "live" document which will be continuously updated and added-to as different equipment and techniques become available. As stated above it is intended to provide an educational resource and is not a "standard" or definitive reference that specifies the way for gridded datasets to be produced.

4 The draft version of the IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book can be downloaded from the IHO Publications Download page (http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/IHO_Download.htm). This page provides a link to the publication edited by Dr Marks, thereby ensuring that any download will contain the latest text.

5 Member States are requested to approve the publication of B-11 by completing the voting form in the Annex and returning it to the IHB by **20 April 2012**. When IHO Member States have approved the publication the IHB will seek the approval of the IOC.

6 Those Member States who had already responded to CL 06/2012 approving the publication of B-11 are kindly requested to reply again to this Circular Letter.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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1. *Do you approve the publication of the IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book (B-11)?*

Yes

No

Comments (if any):

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