

The XVIIth IHC held in Monaco in May 2007 approved the re-organization of the Committee Structure of the IHO. The revised structure will come into force no later than 1 January 2009.

The IHO will have two main committees: The Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC); and the Inter Regional Co-ordination Committee (IRCC). CPRNW will come under the IRCC as the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings Sub Committee (PRNW).

The IHC also agreed that the chairs of the existing CHRIS and CBC together with the IHB should undertake any necessary further harmonisation of the committee documents, and that the chairs of CHRIS and CBC should assume the position of chairs of the HSSC and IRCC upon their formation and until such time as the committees elect chairs in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

The existing TOR for CPRNW as promulgated by IHB CL 112/2005 are attached at Annex A. The new TOR as approved by IHC XVII are at Annex B and a schematic of the revised committee structure is at Annex C.

COMMISSION ON PROMULGATION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (CPRNW)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Considering the need to provide an internationally co-ordinated network of broadcasts containing information which is necessary for safe navigation at sea, the International Hydrographic Organization established a Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) with the following Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure:

1. Terms of Reference

1.1 Monitor and guide the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)/ International Maritime Organization (IMO) World Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) which includes NAVAREA and coastal warnings.

1.2 Study and propose new methods to enhance the provision of navigational warnings to mariners at sea.

1.3 Facilitate the implementation of the major changes in procedures for disseminating navigational warnings which are required by the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), adopted by the IMO.

1.4 Provide appropriate guidance to concerned IHO Member State Representatives to further the evolution of the WWNWS with respect to the full implementation of the GMDSS to include attendance at the Conferences of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and to develop and monitor standards for watchstander training.

1.5 Encourage the development of bilateral or multi-lateral arrangements between NAVAREA, Sub-Area and National Co-ordinators in the provision of navigational warnings.

1.6 Prepare and review the various guidance documents for the WWNWS and evaluate any proposed amendments prior to formal IHO or IMO consideration.

1.7 Co-operate with other international organizations concerned with improving the global standards for disseminating Maritime Safety Information, namely IMO, WMO and IMSO.

2. Rules of Procedure

2.1 The Commission is composed of NAVAREA Co-ordinators, Member States, the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) and Ex-Officio Representatives from IMO, WMO and IMSO.

2.2 Member State Representatives, the Commission as one whole, or the International Hydrographic Bureau may invite Observers, through the Chairman, to the Commission meetings.

2.3 The Commission works mainly by correspondence with a meeting normally held every year. The venue and dates of the meeting will be proposed 1 year in advance, preferably at the end of each annual meeting.

2.4 The Chairman is elected by the Commission from its membership at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference. A Chairman may serve more than one term. The Vice-Chairman will be the representative of the IHB.

2.5 Recommendations of the Commission will be submitted to the IHO Member States for adoption through the IHB Directing Committee.

2.6 Progress will be reported to the Member States through the Annual Report of the IHB and by means of a report to each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference.

PROMULGATION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNING SUB COMMITTEE (PRNW)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Monitor and guide the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)/ International Maritime Organization (IMO) World Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) which includes NAVAREA and coastal warnings.
2. Study and propose new methods to enhance the provision of navigational warnings to mariners at sea.
3. Facilitate the implementation of the major changes in procedures for disseminating navigational warnings which are required by the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), adopted by the IMO.
4. Provide appropriate guidance to concerned IHO Member State Representatives to further the evolution of the WWNWS with respect to the full implementation of the GMDSS to include attendance at the Conferences of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and to develop and monitor standards for watch stander training.
5. Encourage the development of bilateral or multi-lateral arrangements between NAVAREA, Sub-Area and National Co-ordinators in the provision of navigational warnings.
6. Prepare and review the various guidance documents for the WWNWS and evaluate any proposed amendments prior to formal IHO or IMO consideration.
7. Co-operate with other international organizations concerned with improving the global standards for disseminating Maritime Safety Information, namely IMO, WMO and IMSO.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. The Sub Committee is composed of NAVAREA Co-ordinators, Member States, the International Hydrographic Bureau (*“the International Hydrographic Bureau”* to be replaced by *“the Secretariat”* when the Secretariat is established) and Ex-Officio Representatives from IMO, WMO and IMSO. The Commission may invite observers to participate in the activities of the Commission.
2. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by the Sub Committee from its membership at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference. IHO Administrative Resolution T 1.1 shall govern the length of tenure. The Sub Committee shall also have a Secretary, nominated by the Directing Committee of the International Hydrographic Bureau (*“the Directing Committee of the International Hydrographic Bureau”* to be replaced by *“the Secretariat”* when the Secretariat is established).
3. The Chairman shall have a seat in the IRCC and shall report on the activities of the Sub Committee to the IRCC Chairman for further report to each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference (*“each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference”* to be replaced by *“each ordinary session of the Assembly through the Council”* when the Council and Assembly are established).
4. The Sub Committee shall have its permanent secretariat at the IHB, Monaco. The Secretariat shall provide the secretarial and administrative support needed to gather, hold and disseminate information on behalf of the Sub Committee. The Secretary shall provide a summary of the Sub Committee’s activities to be included in the IHO Annual Report.
5. The Sub Committee shall normally hold a meeting every year in early September, whenever possible in conjunction with another related conference or meeting. The venue and date of the meeting shall be decided at the previous meeting, in order to facilitate participants’ travel arrangements. Extraordinary meetings can be called by the Chairman or any appointed member, as considered necessary, with the agreement of the simple majority of all members of the Sub Committee.
6. Confirmation venue and date shall be announced at least six months in advance. All intending participants shall inform the Chairman and Secretary in advance of their intention to attend meetings of the Sub Committee.
7. Members are expected to attend every meeting of the Sub Committee. Members who are not able to attend a meeting should appoint a proxy or send to the Chairman and Secretary, prior to the meeting, a written contribution on relevant items of the agenda.

8. Between meetings, the Sub Committee's business will be progressed by correspondence. E-mail communication will be the normal method. Papers and information material will be posted on the Sub Committee's section of the IHO web-site.

9. Decisions should generally be made by consensus. If votes are required, decisions shall be taken by simple majority of Members of the Sub Committee present and voting. When dealing with matters by correspondence, simple majority of all Members of the Sub Committee shall be required.

10. Recommendations of the Sub Committee shall be submitted to IHO Member States for adoption through the IHB or International Hydrographic Conference as appropriate. ("*IHB or International Hydrographic Conference*" to be replaced by "*Secretariat to the Council or General Assembly*" when the Council and Assembly are established).

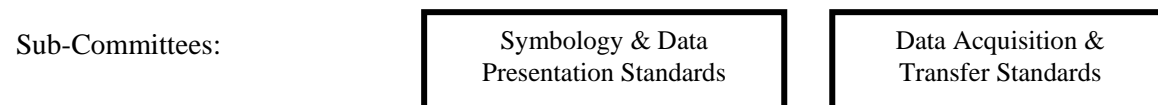
11. The draft minutes of meetings shall normally be distributed by the Secretary within six weeks of the end of meetings and member comments should be returned within three weeks. Final minutes should be distributed and posted on the IHO website within three months of a meeting.

12. The working language of the Sub Committee shall be English.

13. These Rules of Procedure can be amended in accordance with Technical Resolution T1.1 (present system) or Article 6 of General Regulations (future system). Committee.

ORGANIZATIONAL DIAGRAMS FOR HSSC AND IRCC

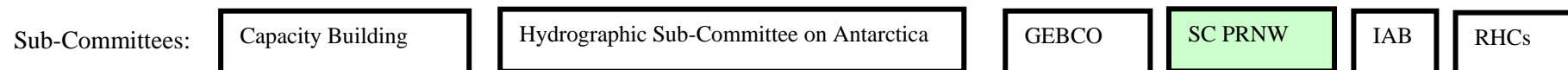
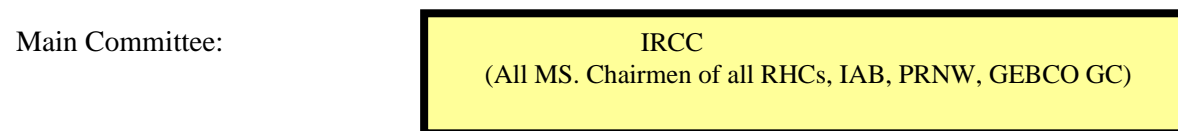
HSSC



Other Subordinate Bodies: M-15, S-32, S-60, ABLOS, as required

Liaison with: Inter-Organizational Bodies

IRCC



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