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WORLD-WIDE NAVIGATIONAL WARNING SERVICE - SUB-COMMITTEE

WWNWS-SC Letter No. 01/2019

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11th Meeting of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub Committee (WWNWS11)

Dear Colleagues,

As previously announced in August 2018, the Eleventh Meeting of the WWNWS-SC will be held from 26 - 30 August 2019 at the Hotel Halifax located in Halifax, Canada. As I anticipate a full agenda with discussions concluding late on the last day, I encourage you to make your travel arrangements to depart on Saturday 31 August 2019 or later.

Logistical information and details of the hotel venue are attached to this letter at Enclosure 1 along with the registration form at Enclosure 3; the hotel booking form/online link will be provided when made available by the hotel. The Provisional Agenda for the Meeting is attached, Enclosure 4. Templates for submitting papers to the meeting are available for download from the WWNWS page of the IHO web site at: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/CPRNW/WWNWS11/WWNWS11.htm.

Delegates should note that the period is a peak season and a special rate has been negotiated with the hotel for the period 26 August to 30 August, details are in Enclosure 2. Delegates are advised that the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) is unable to provide daily transport for other hotels and that any delegates selecting another hotel will need to pay for breaks and lunches in addition to their own hotel fees.

Please note that all documents should use the WWNWS11 document template with the exception of NAVAREA Self Assessments under Agenda Item 3.2 which should use the Self Assessment Template. Documents should be numbered WWNWS11_Y/Y/Y-X where Y/Y/Y are the Agenda Item number. For example a paper that deals with the e-Navigation which is Agenda Item 3.4.3 should therefore be numbered WWNWS11_3/4/3-X. X will be a sequential letter A-Z allocated by David Wyatt as papers are received. Self Assessments by NAVAREA Co-ordinators should be numbered WWNWS11_3/2-X where in this case "X" is the NAVAREA number. It is important that documents are submitted in "Word" format and not as pdf files, any documents for up-loading, submitted in pdf format, will be returned to the originator for re-submission. David Wyatt will convert them to pdf files before they are loaded on to the WWNWS11 web page.

Please note that for Agenda Item 3.2 "Self Assessments by NAVAREA Co-ordinators", NAVAREA Co-coordinators should prepare a NAVAREA assessment paper using the document template mentioned above and should outline existing and planned navigational warning facilities, SafetyNET, Iridium and NAVTEX, in their NAVAREA to meet the requirements of the GMDSS. Note there have been some minor amendments to the previous template, so it is important you use the version provided on the WWNWS11 webpage.

I also ask all members to review the current List of WWNWS Action Items, Enclosure 5, and available from the WWNWS11 web page, where it is updated as new information is provided. Please provide David Wyatt with updated information as soon as it is appropriate and be ready to report on progress at the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of papers for consideration at the meeting is **2 August 2019**; please note this is not a target date. All documents will be posted on the above website as soon as possible after their receipt by the IHO Secretariat.

Anyone who requires a personal letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa to enter Canada is requested to inform Lucia Bakker (<u>Lucia.Bakker@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</u>) as early as possible. If there are any other concerns, please feel free to contact me otherwise I look forward to seeing you in Halifax.

Very Best Regards,

PETER DOHERTY CHAIRMAN

Enclosures:

- 1. Logistic information.
- 2. Hotel booking form (to be provided when available).
- 3. WWNWS11 registration form
- 4. WWNWS11 provisional agenda.
- 5. Current list of Actions from WWNWS10.