



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Report of the HDWG

to HSSC4

September 2012

Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The draft revised/new definitions and “Business Rules”, as agreed by the HDWG and endorsed by HSSC-3 were circulated to IHO Member States in IHO CL 11/2012. The IHO Member States’ agreed final definitions and version were circulated in IHO CL 76/2012.



Outstanding issues

- ✦ Some of the amended definitions endorsed and circulated above, although generally agreed by MS, did generate considerable discussion and it is felt there may be a requirement for further review of these definitions in light of the comments received.



Problems

- ✦ The HDWG continues to function with the review of proposed definitions being undertaken by two English-speaking members and the secretary. The retirement of the current chairman at the end of 2012 highlights the need for greater Member State involvement in the vital work of the HDWG and an urgent need for the appointment of a new chairman. The input of representatives of Member States is encouraged, particularly those whose first language is not English, in order to ensure that the dictionary best serves the interests of all.



Future work programme

- ✦ The received proposals from CSPCWG, SNPWG, TWLWG and one from the IHB for definitions to be considered for S-32 are ongoing. These are tasks A-1, B-6 to B-10 in the draft Work Plan which is enclosed at Annex B are ongoing.



Future work programme

- ✦ Two new proposals from UKHO for revised definitions are included in the draft WP as tasks B11 and B12.
- ✦ The HDWG will commence Work Item A2 to review all existing definitions in S-32 in order to identify those which HDWG considers do not fall within the guidance set out in Section 3 of the S-32 Business Rules.



Action requested of HSSC

- a) note the report
- b) re-appoint the HDWG to continue its work under its current Terms of Reference
- c) approve the work program at Annex C

