



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Report of the HDWG

to HSSC 6

November 2014

Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ **Definitions endorsed by HSSC-5 were circulated to Member States via IHO CL 19/2014 and adopted as announced in IHO CL 47/2014.**
- ✦ **Further work has been hampered by the lack of commitment from the IHO and WG members.**



Outstanding issues

- ✦ The principle of uniqueness of IHO definitions, sanctioned by a majority of votes, must be reconfirmed in the ToRs
- ✦ Why should English definitions be subject to votes whilst neither French nor Spanish terms are?
- ✦ **There is a need to simplify the ToRs and Business rules to reflect the scarcity of funds and HR resources.**



Problems

- ✦ Response to the **requests for greater Member State involvement** elicited some new members of the WG as well as confirmation of some existing members.
- ✦ The HDWG appears to have a sound geographical spread; however active engagement of all members in the review of proposed definitions will be necessary to ensure a fair distribution of workload and that the dictionary best serves the interests of all.
- ✦ It is considered vital for the WG to meet face-to-face during 2015 to establish an identity, develop some ownership, momentum and progress the outstanding work items.
- ✦ The time has now been reached for IHO member states and HOs to either back-up the importance of the HD with real action or for the HDWG to be placed in abeyance.



Future work programme

- ✦ Prior to undertaking the 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, it is recommended that the ToRs be upgraded in a realistic way.



Action requested of HSSC

- a) **note** the report
- b) **task** an ad-hoc subgroup to review the current HDWG ToRs and Business Rules
- c) **re-appoint** the HDWG to continue its work under the new set of rules
- d) **approve** the work program at Annex B
- e) **approve** the proposed new and revised definitions at Annex C
- f) **decide** on future of HDWG, notwithstanding other proposals with respect to the reorganization of HSSC subordinate bodies and the commitment of IHO member states and HOs





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