



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Future of the Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group

HSSC-7

November 2015

Agenda item 5.9

IHB

Background

- ✦ IHO Work Programme 2013-2017
 - Task 2.11.1: maintain and extend the IHO Hydrographic Dictionary in English, French and Spanish
 - Task 2.11.2: develop the Spanish language Wiki version of S-32 with commercial contract support
- ✦ IHO CL76/2012: HDWG business rules approved by the Member States
- ✦ HSSC-4: HDWG membership identified as a critical issue
 - Action HSSC4/34: IHB to invite Member States to provide experts to HDWG and report, in liaison with HDWG, to HSSC5 on the options for continuing the maintenance of the Hydrographic Dictionary (S-32)
 - IHO CL 102/2012 invited Member States to review their participation, including nomination of candidate office bearers and expert contributors from Industry, and report on their intention => IHO CL 102/2012
- ✦ HSSC-5: HSSC approved the continuation of the HDWG work under its current terms of reference, and endorsed the work plan
 - HSSC confirmed the need for a face to face meeting and invited the WG to act accordingly.
- ✦ HSSC-6:
 - Action HSSC6/05: Chairs of S-100WG, DPSWG, HDWG to investigate the interactions between their activities and report at HSSC-7
 - Action HSSC6/33: AU to liaise with HDWG Chair and Members by correspondence in order to draft new business rules for the HDWG, focused on database approach and addressing relation with the S-100 Registry on one hand, with HSSC WGs and other IHO and inter-organizational bodies (such as SCUFN) on the other hand
 - Action HSSC6/34: HDWG to consider the need for a face-to-face meeting in 2015 and report to HSSC-7 on the transition and implementation plan of the new business rules taking into account available resources



Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ Significant development: update of the Spanish version of S-32 by the IHB Project Officer seconded by Peru
- ✦ Little or no progress on the other work items due to lack of commitment from the WG members
 - Current membership:
 - Active:
 - France (Chair)
 - Peru (seconded Project Officer)
 - IHB (Secretary)
 - Expert Contributor
 - Passive:
 - Argentina
 - Australia
 - Brazil
 - Spain
 - USA



Progress on HSSC action items

- ✦ HSSC6/05: on-going, no specific feedback to HSSC-7
- ✦ HSSC6/33: see HSSC7-05.9B INF6
 - freeze S-32 as an archive
 - develop a S-100 Register derived from S-57 set of definitions to meet the requirements of S-100 and related product specifications
 - maintenance of S-100 definitions through the S-100 Registry Manager under supervision of the Executive Control Body
 - disband HDWG
- ✦ HSSC6/34: postponed



Proposed way forward

- ✦ Task S-100WG to specify its requirements in terms of definitions, register(s) and procedures
- ✦ Task HDWG (Chair + ?? + IHB) to investigate options (scope, format / content management system, languages, cross-references, maintenance regime, ...) and associated resource requirements and timeline to produce [and maintain] a reference edition of S-32
- ✦ Review the outcomes of both tasks at a dedicated workshop in Monaco in [Sep 2016]
- ✦ Submit a consolidated proposal to HSSC-8

