

SECOND MEETING OF THE IHO REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO – IRCC2
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**Report of the work of
The Nordic Hydrographic Commission(NHC)**
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The Nordic Hydrographic Commission (NHC) consists of the following 5 members: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. In April 2010 the 54th annual meeting was arranged. Norway will have the chair until the next meeting.

Based on a standing agenda, actual IHO issues and hydrographic matters of regional interest are dealt with. We would like to highlight the following from the last meeting:

- *Print on Demand (PoD)*. This issue is of common interest and views on how to proceed and implement have been discussed. Norway will implement a solution for part of its portfolio in 2010.
- *Working groups*. NHC has long tradition on establishing Working Groups or Workshops for examination of subjects of special interest. A workshop on Validation on Multibeam Data and a meeting in the Nordic subgroup to the IHO Data Quality WG have been arranged since last meeting. A workshop on Nautical Publications and a meeting in the Nordic Chart production Expert WG to be hold later in 2010.
- *Organization of surveying*. Some of the Nordic countries have long experience in contracting private companies. Some recent experience on out-sourcing, and also in-sourcing, was presented.
- *Creation of a neighboring Hydrographic Commission*. The ongoing process of establishing an Arctic Regional HC is considered to not be in conflict with the statues and work of NHC.
- *C-55*. Some shortcomings of C-55 were discussed. The overview of percentage of area covered does not give any indication on the quality of the data.
- *Cooperation between the RENC's*. NHC members has been involved in the discussions in a closer cooperation between the RENCs. A framework agreement for further cooperation has been signed, and the process to develop a common platform is ongoing.