

Second meeting of the IHO Inter Regional Coordination Committee

IHO-IRCC2

Report of the Work of the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC)

(May 2010)

The Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC) consists of 8 Member States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Poland, Russian Federation, Sweden and the associate Member Lithuania. BSHC meets annually. The 14th meeting was held in Copenhagen, Denmark 15-17 September 2009. The BSHC Chair is currently held by Denmark, represented by Ms. Charlotte Wiin Havsteen. Next meeting is 21-23 September 2010 in Gdansk, Poland.

The BSHC deals regularly with IHO themes and hydrographic matters of regional importance. This is reflected in the standing agenda.

The most important IHO issues that are currently being addressed are:

- Strategic aspects of the further development of the IHO, including the importance of an active role in the IRCC,
- the implementation of the adoption process for IHB S-100

The most important aspects concerning technical issues of the activities of the HO

HELCOM Meeting in May 2010 in Moscow approved a Minister Declaration including a plan for the re-surveying of the Baltic.

- Marine Spatial data Infrastructure
- Inclusion of Baltic Sea MRG into IHO S-49
- Shallow Water Bathymetry to improve IHO/IOC GEBCO Grid
- Baltic Sea Depth Database
- ENC coverage abd END harmonisation

BSHC cooperation with other organisations

- BaltSeaPlan
- Nordic data Quality WG
- EU Strategy for Baltic Sea

For further information please see the minutes of the meeting on the IHO website.