



NORDIC HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

NHC input to IRCC04 Singapore, 7-8 June 2012

1. General

The 56th meeting of the NHC took place on 19-21 May in Copenhagen (Denmark). Denmark was chairing the meeting. The meeting report will be available shortly on the IHO website. Since the Danish Maritime Safety Administration was closed in October 2011, the responsibility for hydrographic services has been transferred to The Danish National Survey and Cadastre (KMS). Mr. Sigvard Stampe Villadsen took over from Mr Svend Eskildsen as national hydrographer and chairman of NHC for the period 5 October – 21 May. Mr. Patrik Wiberg (Sweden) is chairman of NHC since 21 May 2012.

The main issues of the meeting were:

- Improved data exchange implementation.
- Presentations of joint hydrographic projects in the region.
- Joint actions for harmonisation of Nordic bilateral agreements with UKHO.
- National policies on restricted access to high resolution bathymetric data
- MSDI in the Nordic Countries.

The NHC has formed the following Working Groups:

- Multibeam validation Workshop. Yearly meeting.
- Nordic DQWG
- Nordic Nautical Publication WG,
The NHC members agreed that a joint workshop approach should be continued, and an Action Item was added for Denmark to take the initiative in inviting the NHC, ARHC and BSHC members to the next workshop. The workshop should be held in Europe with the option of teleconference
- Nordic Paper Chart Expert Group.

2. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for the NHC)

IRCC03/01: Implement actions to accelerate the process of ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention in order to meet the end of 2011 deadline.

All NHC member states have approved the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention

IRCC03/02: Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership. RHCs Permanent. Report results to IRCC4.

This issue was considered at the 56th NHC meeting. The importance of a swift approval was reiterated for the NHC members.'



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IRCC03/18: Update the report to IRCC Chair on the implementation of the guidance for the preparation and maintenance of International chart schemes (CL 23/2010 of 3 March 2010).

NHC members are covered in the reports from ARHC, BSHC and NSHC.

IRCC03/19 :Report to IRCC4 on:

a) their experience in dealing with marine disasters in relation with IHO guidelines (TR 1/2005),

b) strategies to involve non-IHO MSs in RHC's activities.

a. Nothing to report.

b. Not relevant for NHC.

3. Proposals

No formal proposals were made.

It was discussed whether a prolonged period of membership of IRCC would be an advantage.

It is the opinion of NHC that a prolonged period of membership will further improve the efficiency and continuity of IRCC.

IRCC4 is invited to take note of the report.

For the chairman of NHC

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