

NORDIC HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (NHC)

NHC input to IRCC6

Paris, France 19-20 May 2014

1. Chair: *Mr Jukka Varonen* until 30 November 2013
Mr Rainer Mustaniemi since 1 December 2013
2. Membership: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden
3. Meetings: No meetings since IRCC5. The next NHC58 meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland, 19 -20 August 2014.

NHC57 in April 2013 initiated the revision of NHC Statutes. The intention is to update and clarify the existing statutes, and to address the situation when the new amended IHO Convention enters into force.

4. NHC Working Groups:

- Multibeam validation Workshop planned to have its next meeting in Denmark in 2014.
- Nordic Nautical Publication WG. Works in close cooperation with HSSC SNPWG.
- Nordic Paper Chart Expert Group had its meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, 25-26 September 2013. Main issues were to review practices within production of charts, selection criteria for chart contents, experiences on improved data exchange, and information on pilot project on harmonization of depth presentation on charts and technical platforms in each HO.

5. Status of IRCC5 actions (relevant for the NHC)

No	ACTION	RESP.	DEADLINE	STATUS-NHC
IRCC5/01	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership	RHCs	Permanent. Report to IRCC Chair Dec 2013	For NHC there is only approval missing: for Vietnam from Norway
IRCC5/04	Comply with the CBSC Procedures and ensure the timely provision of the appropriate documentation that justify expenses associated to CB projects, and to demand refund, if needed, not later than one month after the event has finalized	RHC	Permanent	No CB projects for the time being
IRCC5/07	Consider the participation of the stakeholders at the RHC conferences	RHC Chairs	Before IRCC6	To be discussed at NHC58

No	ACTION	RESP.	DEADLINE	STATUS-NHC
IRCC5/16	Provide the IRCC Chair with their report on the progress of the relevant tasks of the IHO 2013 Work Programme.	RHCs and IRCC subsidiary organs	by the end of Jan 2014	To be reported via the adjacent RHCs: BHSC (INT Region E), NSHC (INT Region D) and ARHC (INT Region N).
IRCC5/18	RHC Chairs to publicize the CB Stakeholders Forum.	IRCC Members	Before the forum	Norway participates.
IRCC5/19	Provide to the IRCC Chair the estimated values of SPIs and agreed WPIs as of 31 December 2013 and target values for 31 December 2017, complemented by the comments on the difficulties encountered and suggestions for the way forward	RHC Chairs	by the end of Jan 2014	Now essential updates since the report to IRCC5
IRCC5/20	Consider proposing agenda items to the next EIHC5	RHC Chairs	January 2014	No proposals
IRCC5/28	Encourage RHCs to support GEBCO regional mapping projects and report back to IRCC	RHC Chairs	IRCC6	Norway forwarded some high resolution data and Denmark, Finland and Sweden within Baltic Sea Depth model to GEBCO.
IRCC5/29	Encourage participation of Stakeholders in the region on IFHS-IHO Stakeholders of October 2013	RHC Chairs	Before October 2013	Norway participated.
IRCC5/34	Encourage Member States and representatives of industry and academia to promote and to work together to ensure that the best possible use is made of Satellite Derived Bathymetry	RHC Chairs	IRCC6	No actions
IRCC5/35	Encourage discussions on how Crowd Source Bathymetry can be used in official navigational products and report back to IRCC6	RHC Chairs	IRCC6	No actions
IRCC5/36	Provide material to the IHB to promote the achievements of IRCC Bodies including CBSC, GEBCO,	RHC Chairs and subsidiary bodies		No actions

6. Proposals

No formal proposals were made.

IRCC6 is invited to take note of the report.

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Chair of NHC