

## Paper for Consideration by NCWG

### NOAA Custom Chart Web Application

<b>Submitted by:</b>	US (NOAA)
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	The NOAA Custom Chart web application is currently being prototyped by the US NOAA Coast Survey. It enables users to define the extent, scale, and paper size of their own customized paper chart. The output is a GeoPDF created from the latest NOAA ENC data.
<b>Related Documents:</b>	NCWG5-12.5A INF, "US Plans for Future of NOAA Paper Charts"
<b>Related Projects:</b>	None

#### Introduction / Background

The online NOAA Custom Chart (NCC) application enables users to create their own charts from the latest NOAA ENC data. Users may define the scale and paper size of custom-made nautical charts centered on a position of their choosing. NCC then creates a geospatially referenced Portable Document Format (GeoPDF) image of a nautical chart. Chart notes and other marginalia are placed on a separate 8 ½" x 11" PDF page. Users may then download, view, and print the output. NCC is an easy way to create a paper or digital backup for electronic chart systems or other Global Positioning System (GPS) enabled chart displays.

#### Analysis/Discussion

A comparison of the 1:100,000 scale NOAA standard approach Chart 16204 of Port Clarence, Alaska and the corresponding 1:80,000 scale NOAA Custom Chart GeoPDF may be made by viewing the attached chart images. The related NOAA effort to rescheme the entire NOAA ENC product suite into a standard, gridded layout of rectangular cells using only 12 standard scales will enable NCC to present a uniform chart with consistent depth contour intervals and no discontinuities at ENC cells boundaries.

Although it looks different from a traditional NOAA chart, NCCs show the latest data as compiled in NOAA ENCs and will be an adequate backup. Selection of standard ECDIS display options, such as simplified or "paper chart" symbols and setting a safety depth contour to highlight is also enabled in NCC. NCC charts are not yet considered to meet USCG chart carriage requirements, although this possibility is being explored. The prototype is in the early phases of development and many improvements are needed to make NCC a viable replacement for traditional paper nautical charts, or even as a simplified backup. Some ideas that we are working on include:

- Improving the user interface
- Providing an option to use NOAA symbology for navigational aids that is more familiar to US mariners.
- Pre-building a set of popular charts based on some of the existing standard chart footprints.
- Keying information about anchorages, restricted areas, and similar features to an icon on the NCC charts and printing related information on the NCC "notes page."
- Placing a CATZOC diagram and other marginalia on the NCC "notes page."

NCC prototype is at <https://devgis.charttools.noaa.gov/pod>. Questions and comments regarding NCC may be submitted through the NOAA ASSIST feedback form at:  
<https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist>.

## **Action Required of the NCWG**

The NCWG is invited to:

- a. note the info paper,
- b. evaluate the NCC functionality and provide feedback to NOAA on its performance.

NOAA encourages users to submit inquiries, discrepancies or comments about this chart at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/contact.htm>.

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This figure is a detailed nautical chart titled "PORT CLARENCE AND APPROACHES" located in the UNITED STATES ALASKA - WEST COAST. The chart spans from approximately 168°W to 15°E longitude and 65°N to 10°S latitude. It includes a scale bar for 1:100,000 at 65°10'N, a compass rose, and a vertical scale.

The chart features several key features:

- Topographic and Bathymetric Data:** Contours and soundings (in fathoms) are shown across the area, with depth values ranging from 0 to over 100 fathoms.
- Water Bodies:** The Bering Sea to the west, the Chukchi Sea to the north, and various inlets like Grantley Harbor, Brevig Lagoon, and the Anaktuvuk River are depicted.
- Land Features:** The Yukon Mountains, Cape Prince of Wales, King Island, and numerous smaller islands and peninsulas are labeled.
- Human-made Structures:** Port Clarence, Pt. Spencer, and other coastal settlements are marked.
- Navigational Aids:** Light buoys (e.g., Pt. Spencer, Pt. Clarence), light towers, and radio stations (e.g., Pt. Clarence, Pt. Spencer) are indicated.
- Maritime Information:** Includes charts of approach routes, danger areas (e.g., Pt. Clarence), and specific hazard notes (e.g., magnetic variation).
- Notes and References:** Provides information on chart history (continued from CHART 18200), sources (NOAA Surveys 1990-2001, 1970-1989, 1960-1969, 1950-1959, 1940-1949, 1930-1939, 1920-1929, 1910-1919, 1900-1909), and hydrographic details (e.g., 100% bottom coverage, partial bottom coverage).

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
# Port Clarence and Approaches

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS - SCALE 1:100,000

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**SAMPLE CHART : NOT FOR NAVIGATION**  
Port Clarence, Alaska

UNITS IN METRES

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WGS 84

Generation Date: 29 October 2019

**AUTHORITIES**  
Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey with assistance from the Corps of Engineers, Geodetic Survey, U.S. Coast Guard and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

**POLLUTION REPORTS**  
Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center (1-800-422-8811) or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (50 CFR 150).

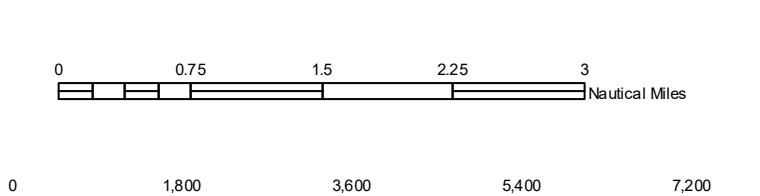
**CAUTION - TEMPORARY CHANGES**  
Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation will not be indicated. See Local Notice to Mariners for information on temporary changes.

**CAUTION - LIMITATIONS**  
Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to navigation are listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geodetic Survey Circular 17. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial beacons are subject to error and should be used with caution.

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**Projection Information**  
WGS 1984 World Mercator (Calculated)  
SCALE 1:80000 at Lat. 65°6.67' N  
GCS WGS 1984



**RADAR REFLECTORS**  
Radar reflectors have been placed on many major port facilities and buoys. Radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

**CAUTION**  
**SEABED PIPELINES AND CABLES**  
Additional construction of seabed pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. These pipelines and cables may be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Vessels should exercise extreme caution when operating vessels in depths where pipelines and cables may exist, and when dredging or bottom trawling operations are conducted. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or painted structures.

**ADS TO NAVIGATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Guard List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.  
**0°22'40"W Annual Change**  
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0°22'40"E Annual Change  
0°22'40"E Annual Change

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
Additional information can be obtained at [www.ngdc.noaa.gov](http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov).  
**TIDAL INFORMATION**  
For tidal information see the NOS Tide Table publication or go to <http://tcc-ops.noaa.gov>.

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TITLE: NOTE1

Note1: Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

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NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 9. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Anchorage, Alaska.

TITLE: NOTE5

Note5: Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

TITLE: NOTE17

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