

Paper for Consideration by HSSC 10

Creation of New IHO Guidance Classification Criteria

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Executive Summary:	There are several current and proposed IHO publications that contain only guidance or best practice information. It is therefore proposed a new IHO classification criteria is created - G : Guidance Publication
Related Projects:	S-100

Background

The current IHO classification for publications does not contain criteria for guidance documentation. As such the IHO ENCWG are managing publications that are classified as Standards or Specifications but do not fit this classification criteria.

Current IHO Classification Criteria

- B - Bathymetric Publications (Mainly related to GEBCO)*
- C - Capacity Building Publications*
- M - Miscellaneous Publications (including Basic Documents)*
- P - Periodic Publications*
- S - Standards and Specifications*

Discussion

The classification of IHO publications should accurately reflect their content, unfortunately this is currently not the case. IHO S-65 ENC's: Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance and S-66 Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements are both classified as Standards but contain only guidance and general information. The incorrect classification of publications could lead some users to misinterpret where a strict requirement exists and when it's a piece of guidance information.

Recommendations

To address this shortcoming it is proposed the IHO add a new classification criteria G : Guidance Publication

Justification and Impacts

There are several other proposed IHO publications being developed that would currently not fit the classification criteria.

Action Required of [HSSC] [Relevant HSSC WG]

The [HSSC] [Relevant HSSC WG] is invited to:

- a. endorse
 - b. agree
 - c. note
- et cetera.