**SCUFN31-01D**

## Paper for Consideration by SCUFN

**Amendment to the SCUFN TORs**

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| ***Submitted by:*** | IHO Secretariat (as SCUFN Secretariat) |
| ***Executive Summary:*** | Following decision made at SCUFN-30, and in alignment with the amendments proposed for Ed. 4.2.0 of Publication B-6 (see Appendix A, Section 1), this document proposes an amendment to Clause 2.8 of the SCUFN terms of reference, by which proposals which are to be considered at SCUFN meetings must be submitted at least two months before meetings. |
| ***Related Documents:*** | SCUFN TORsSCUFN30 Report, section 6Note in SCUFN webpage > Miscellaneous > Proposal Form  |
| ***Related Projects:*** | N/A  |

## Introduction / Background

1. At SCUFN30 in 2017, it was agreed that “*The deadline for submission of proposals before a SCUFN meeting will be modified from 30 days to 60 days so SCUFN Members and the SCUFN Secretariat get more time to upload the relevant documents and consider the proposals*.” (SCUFN30 Report, Section 6).
2. Accordingly, the draft Ed. 4.2.0 of Publication B-6 currently in preparation, includes in Section 1 of its Appendix A, an amendment indicating that proposals have to be submitted no later than two months before an annual SCUFN meeting.

**Analysis/Discussion**

1. The following amendment to Clause 2.8 (in blue) is proposed to implement this decision:

"2.8 *Proposals which are to be considered at SCUFN meetings must be submitted two months ~~30 days~~ before meetings, preferably in a digital ~~electronic~~ form. ~~, or 60 days if in analogue form.~~”*

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. SCUFN members take note of this paper and support the proposal in section 3.

**Justifica**t**ion and Impacts**

5. Noting that very often, proposals are received on the date of the deadline for submission (30 days until now), the revised Clause 2.8, as proposed, should:

a. give more time to the SCUFN Secretariat and SCUFN Members in charge of [www.scufnreview.org](http://www.scufnreview.org), to upload proposals and associated documents, shp files,

b. give more time to SCUFN Members to pre-review the proposals in preparation of SCUFN meetings so this can facilitate and speed up the decision making process at plenary meetings,

c. give more time to the SCUFN Secretariat to identify inconsistencies before proposals are uploaded for being reviewed, so consultation with proposers can be undertaken prior to meetings.

6. The proposed amendment has no impact on the content of Publication B-6, as a similar amendment is drafted in the proposed new Ed. 4.2.0. of B-6, so the two documents remain consistent.

**Action required of SCUFN**

7. SCUFN is invited to:

a. note this paper;

b. consider the recommendations made in section 4;

c. subsequently submit the proposal for amending the SCUFN TORs to the GGC for approval, in accordance with Art. 9 of the GGC TORs.