

Paper for consideration by SNPWG16

Terms of Reference Review

Submitted by:	SNPWG Chairgroup
Executive Summary:	Proposed revision of the SNPWG ToR to reflect HSSC4 request
Related Documents:	http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/TOR/SNPWG_TOR.pdf
Related Projects:	SNPWG work, S-100

Introduction / Background

This WG is a subsidiary of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC). Its work is subject to HSSC approval.

Terms of Reference (ToR) are the basis of the SNPWG's work. Consequently, any amendments of the ToR require endorsement by HSSC.

Analysis/Discussion

Since HSSC has assigned the working item "Elaborate minimum requirements for the presentation of the content of this product – which is not necessarily to be fully integrated into ECDIS." to SNPWG, an amendment of the current ToR might be necessary or at least useful.

The Chairgroup has checked the ToR against this working item and has identified 2 parts of the current ToR which should be taken into consideration. These are:

1. Objective

To develop guidelines for the preparation of nautical publications, in a digital format compatible with ECDIS.

2. Procedures (paragraph 1)

a) The WG should:

- (i) Investigate the data format specifications, content and display requirements of digital nautical publications intended for use in ECDIS.
- (ii) Draft guidance document(s) and/or revised technical resolutions, as appropriate.
- (iii) Liaise with relevant IHO Technical WG's to ensure, technical feasibility and compatibility of any developed proposals.

The said part of the ToR should reflect the new HSSC working item. That means an integration of devices other than ECDIS or verbally "requirements for the presentation- which is not necessarily to be fully integrated into ECDIS" should be mentioned at the referred places.

Conclusions

The revised ToR would reflect the HSSC working item assigned to SNPWG.

Recommendations

The group should discuss how to build in these requests into the ToR.

Justification and Impacts

The inclusion would allow:

- an extension of the SNPWG work,
- the inclusion of more technical expertise by the SNPWG,
- HOs to produce products other than ECDIS conformant based on the SNPWG data model,
- a closer liaison with the other HSSC WGs,

The inclusion would be handled at a medium priority.

Action required of SNPWG16

The SNPWG16 is invited to:

- a. consider the proposal,
- b. draft an amendment of the ToR.