

Paper for consideration by SNPWG18

HSSC6 report

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Executive Summary:	Information on the outcome of HSSC6
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Introduction / Background

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

HSSC meets annually and the SNPWG has to report the status of the work plan, the major achievements and the problems occurred during the reporting period.

The 2014 meeting took place at the Marina del Rey Hotel in Vina del Mar, November 2014.

Discussion

The main topic of the meeting was the report of the various working groups. Significant progress in the S-100 Edition 2 development was reported. The HSSC endorsed the version 2 and it is anticipated that the member state endorsement will be in spring 2015.

One further item which has effects on the SNPWG work was the discussion of the working group restructuring. The committee agreed that TSAMD and DIPWG should be reorganised into an S-100 WG and an ENC Maintenance Working Group.

The Tidal Level and the Surface Current WGs will be merged within the next two years. The MSDIWG will be under the IRCC responsibility in the future.

The proposed merger of SNPWG and CSPCWG is no longer an issue. The relevance of both working groups will be evaluated every year. That is not different from the current procedure.

Considering the e-nav strategy initiated by the IMO, the focus of the SNPWG work has slightly be changed to reflect this development. Consequently, the group will be renamed into Nautical Information Provision WG (NIPWG) with new Terms of Reference and an amended work plan.

The Committee took note of and endorsed the SNPWG report. The Committee was impressed on the progress made so far. Due to the expected reorganisation, the proposed amendments of the Terms of Reference were rejected.

The proposed improvement of the working group performance, especially of the new S-100 WG, was appreciated and the S-100 WG was invited to consider this idea.

Our idea to initiate a closed cooperation with IALA to find a common Unique Identifier for light information was rejected. The committee considered that this initiative was premature. Rather, the group was advised to monitor the S-201 ProdSpec development. S-201 describes a data transfer format for AtoN information and is under development at the relevant IALA committee.

Conclusions

The importance of the SNPWG was underlined by the HSSC. The name of the group will be changed to reflect the relations to the IMO e-nav initiative. The group should continue the work with amended ToR and work plan.

Recommendations

The SNPWG18 is invited to start the transformation process. That includes a new WG name, the update of the ToR and the update of the work plan.

Justification and Impacts

The new name, the amended ToR and the new work plan will have little impact of the current WG work.

Action required of SNPWG18

The SNPWG18 is invited to:

- a. note this paper.

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