

# Agenda Item for Consideration by ARHC

ARHC2-03B

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### North Sea Hydrographic Commission Consideration of NAVAREA Proposal for ARHC Area of Responsibility

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Norway
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	The NSHC is recommending the new International Chart Region N be established consistent with the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission with the southern limit bordering the NSHC as 69 degrees north.
<b>Related Documents:</b>	none
<b>Related Projects:</b>	none

#### Introduction / Background

The ARHC proposed to the NSHC that the newly established Arctic NVAAREAS be adopted as defining the area of responsibility for the ARHC. The NSHC considered the proposal and subsequently made an alternative proposal, which was presented at the IRCC3 . Action Item IRCC3/08 request the ARHC to *resolve the definition of the southern borders of the ARHC and associated INT Chart scheme in conjunction with neighbouring RHCs.*

#### Analysis/Discussion

In formation of its recommendation the NSHC considered section 3 of the IHO M-3 Resolution 2/1997 as amended (former TR1.3) which states that ‘Geographical areas of the RHC will normally coincide with INT chart regions, modified as appropriate to meet regional requirements and special circumstances’.

Additionally, it considered the present INT scheme in the area for Region D (Aligned with NSHC), noting that the southern limit of the newly adopted INT chart 175 – NO 515 (69° N), nearly coinciding with the southern limits of the 1:35M INT charts 100 & 113.

#### Conclusions

The southern limit of the Arctic NAVAREAS bordering on the NSHC were not the most ideal configuration given existing INT coverage and recommended a refinement.

#### Recommendations

The NSHC recommended that:

- 1) The new INT Charting Region N be consistent with the ARHC, and
- 2) The NSHC adopt the parallel 69° N as the new northern limit for the NSHC and INT Chart Region D

#### Justification and Impacts

Improved alignment of INT chart regions with Regional Hydrographic Commission

#### Action Required of ARHC

The ARHC is invited to: consider this NSHC recommendation in its decision on the area of responsibility for the ARHC