

**Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission (ARHC)  
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**Paper for consideration by ARHC**

**INT Chart Region N. The process of establishment**

**Submitted by:** Norwegian Hydrographic Service

**Executive Summary:** The formal establishment of INT Chart Region N accomplished. An INT Chart scheme for the region to be established.

**Related Documents:** ARHC International Chart Coordination Working Group (AICCWG). Drafted Terms of reference and Rules of Procedures.

**Related Projects:** none

**Introduction / Background**

ARHC2 elected Norway to be the INT Chart Coordinator for Region N. Norway was also tasked to take the necessary steps to formalize the establishment of an INT Chart Region N coincident with the ARHC; including informing IHB of details that require adjustment (Action Item ARHC2-03B).

ARHC2 also tasked Norway to prepare a proposal on the establishment of a chart advisory group with a draft TOR for ARHC consideration. The draft TOR is prepared as a related document. The TOR and Rules of Procedures are based on the templates for International Charting Coordination Working Group (ICCWG) annexed to the publication S-11, Part A.

**Analysis/Discussion**

As a initial action the Norwegian Hydrographic Service in November 2011 wrote a letter to IHB informing about the decision taken at ARHC2, informing about the agreement reached between NSHC and ARHC on definition on adjacent limits between the two regions and asking for advice on how to proceed with the formal establishment of INT chart Region N. Later on in the process the Chairman of the Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) was consulted for advice and for updating of Publication S-4. The correspondence with the Chair of CSPC clarified the action need to be taken by different bodies.

The publication S-11 will be updated by IHB on information available so far. The

construction of a new Catalogue entry for Region N to be compiled by the INT Chart Coordinator and sent to IHB, when an INT Chart scheme is established.

Update of publication S-4 will be taken care of by the CSPCWG

### **Conclusions**

The formal establishment of INT Chart Region N is done. Further work of establishing an INT Chart scheme to be conducted by the INT Chart Coordinator, assisted by the AICCWG members.

### **Recommendations**

The ARHC notes this information and takes the necessary action.

### **Justification and Impacts**

Not required.

### **Action Required of ARHC**

1. To note the report.
2. To nominate a member to AICCWG from each member state.