

**Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission (ARHC)
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Report of the Arctic International Charting Coordination Working Group (AICCWG)

Submitted by:	Chair of AICCWG, Norway.
Executive summary:	This paper reports on efforts of the AICCWG, covering Region N, in 2015-2016. There is not much progress in the work. Very few INT-charts to coordinate.
Related documents:	- ARHC3-3.1.2 Term of Reference and Rules of Procedure for AICCWG, final version published on the IHO webpage for ARHC. - ARHC2-04 D INF1 Status of Arctic Ocean Nautical Chart Coverage
Related projects:	None

Introduction/Background

The AICCWG was established at the ARHC-3 meeting in Tromsø, Norway, October 2012. A Draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure (ToR) was presented at the meeting. Norway was tasked to circulate the draft AICCWG ToR for ARHC approval. Members were asked (Action Item ARHC3-11) to provide comments and suggested amendments to the proposed ToR by 1 December 2012. No change was proposed.

All Member States were asked to nominate a member to AICCWG. Norway accepted to chair the working group. The current membership of the AICCWG is:

- Norway: Kjetil Wirak kjetil.wirak@kartverket.no
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Analysis/Discussions

An extensive collocation of all existing Charts and ENCs were made by Canada to the ARHC2 meeting in 2011, see http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/rhc/ArHC/ArHC2/ARHC2-04D-INF1_Status_of_Arctic_Ocean_Nautical_Chart_Coverage.pdf. The report gives an overview for all Charts and ENCs in the Arctic region. It is important to keep this report up to date as this will be a highly useful tool for reporting of status of charting in the Arctic to the WENDWG and others.

The working group is fully manned, but the expected progress has been slow.

The five countries have very different approach to the publishing of INT-charts. The variation spans from issuing all charts as INT-chart to more or less no INT-chart. The area covered by ARHC is to a great extent within national waters of the Member States and the charting (paper and ENC) is taken care of by the respective countries.

The AICCWG intend to focus on the following tasks:

1. Follow up each ARHC MS plans for INT Charts the coming 5 years (Action ARHC 5-05).
2. To develop an international chart scheme for the region based on each country charting its own waters.

INT Charts

In cooperation with IHO, the Arctic region has been given Numbers for the Paper charts.

The tool for organizing INT charts (the new INT Chart Web Catalogue and INT Chart Web Manager Services) developed by IHO is being used.

Current status of INT-Charts in Region N:

- 8 Charts (all Norwegian) are issued as INT charts.
- 4 more Charts are planned to be issued. (NO)

Recommendations

Action required of ARHC

The ARHC is invited to:

1. To review the 2016 report
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