

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Circular Letter 07-2012

August 1, 2012

To: All MACHC Member State National Hydrographers

Subject: MACHC International Charting Coordination Working Group

(MACICCWG)

Ref: MACHC Action 12.1.10

Dear MACHC National Hydrographer,

At the 12th MACHC in St. Kitts, the MACHC agreed to formally establish the MACICCWG as per action 12.1.10. The Terms of Reference adopted at the meeting call for the selection of a new Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator. Therefore, this will be added as an agenda item at the upcoming 13th meeting of the MACHC in Antigua, Guatemala.

Furthermore, in preparation for the meeting, the U.S. (as the chair of the former Electronic Chart Committee) and Brazil (chair of the former INT Chart Committee) propose to host a conference call for all interested MACHC members to initiate advance discussions of how to best consolidate the work of the two former committees. The results can then lay the groundwork for a new work plan to be developed and adopted at the upcoming MACHC meeting.

A conference call was already scheduled on September 12, 2012 as part of the former ECC work plan and should be on the calendars of many of the potential participants already. A draft agenda is attached for reference. Any comments and input to the agenda is welcome and should be directed to Mr. John Nyberg of U.S. NOAA who can be reached at John.Nyberg@noaa.gov.

Also note that in advance of the MACHC-13 plenary there will be a pre-meeting of the MACICCWG on Monday, November 19 from 9:00-14:00. Please plan your travel accordingly if you wish to attend. Therefore, please confirm with Mr. Nyberg at your earliest convenience if you will: 1) participate in the conference call and 2) participate in the November 19 MACICCWG pre-meeting before the MACHC-13 plenary.

Regards

Rear Admiral Nicholas Lambert

UK National Hydrographer and MACHC Chair



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MACHC International Charting Co-ordination Working Group Conference Call

DRAFT AGENDA

12 September 2012 9:00-12:00 Eastern Daylight Time

- 1. Review MACICCWG Terms of Reference
 - -Confirm membership
 - -Working Group vs. Committee?
 - -Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator
- 2. Electronic Chart Coverage Status Update
 - -Atlantic (gaps/overlaps)
 - -Pacific (gaps/overlaps)
- 3. INT Chart Coverage Update
 - -Atlantic (gaps/overlaps)
 - -Pacific (gaps/overlaps)
- 4. MACICCWG Work plan and Products
 - -Annual progress report for ENC and INT chart coverage
 - -Updated S-11
 - -GIS shape files
 - -Other?
- 5. MACICCWG input for WEND WG meeting (September 21-22, London)
 - -Implementation Guidelines and Amplifying Annex
- 6. Any other business