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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Letter 10 / 2010  
02 June 2010

To: Captain (RN) Jamie McMichael-Phillips  
WEND Working Group Chair

Subject: **WEND Report do IRCC-2**

Reference: Letter dated of 24 MAY 2010.

Dear Captain McMichael-Phillips,

1. I acknowledge your letter dated of 24 May 2010 asking data regarding ENC coverage each Regional Hydrographic Commission. This letter has the purpose to attend your inquiry.
2. The MACHC is highly engaged on assessing the existing ENC coverage within the MACHC Region. As of this report, the MACHC's Electronic Chart Committee (ECC) is currently executing an aggressive work plan to assess the status of medium and small scale ENCs within the Region. Part of this work plan is to propose and document actions to address gaps in ENC coverage and ENC deficiencies, such as overlapping data. These very issues will be actively discussed and addressed at an ECC meeting held the day before the IRCC starts in New Orleans. Although the MACHC would like to be able to report actual numbers at this time, we do not yet have a complete picture since we are in the assessment stage. The results of the ECC's analysis will be delivered to the upcoming MACHC meeting (November 2010) in a forthcoming comprehensive report on ENC status in the MACHC Region. This report will be made available to the MACHC Chair who will disseminate it to International Hydrographic Bureau, the IRCC and other interested parties. In the interim, most of the main gaps in production of Band 2 & Band 3 ENCs by MACHC Member States are currently covered by UKHO as part of the Admiralty Vector Chart Service (AVCS).
3. Regarding the French proposal. MACHC Chair, in principle, has nothing against it, once in some way what is proposed is exactly what MACHC is working on. However, to have an Official position on it, it is necessary a consult to Member States which will require one month.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that my staff and I are at your disposal for any further need or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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