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Paper for consideration by MBSHC

Proposal for revising the Rules of Procedures for MBSHC selection to the Council

Submitted by:	Chairman
Executive Summary:	<p>The Rules of Procedures for MBSHC selection to the Council were adopted by the MBSHC in 2013 during MBSHC18. It was learnt in IRCC7 which was held in Mexico between 1-3 June 2015 that MBSHC was the only RHC which has adopted those rules of procedures. After the clarification of IHB president Robert WARD it is understood that;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selected MSs from RHCs will not represent the relevant RHCs but their MSs. 2. A mechanism should be considered if the selected MSs can not conduct their duties. <p>Therefore the adopted Rules of Procedures for MBSHC selection to the Council is revised in order to reflect those considerations.</p>
Related Documents:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adopted Rules of Procedure for MBSHC selection to the Council in 2013. b. IHO General Regulations Article 6 and Article 16 (not in force)
Related Projects:	
Enclosure:	

Introduction / Background / Analysis / Discussion

1. The Rules of Procedures for MBSHC selection to the Council was adopted by the MBSHC in 2013 during MBSHC18. It was learnt in IRCC7 which was held in Mexico between 1-3 June 2015 that MBSHC was the only RHC which has adopted those rules of procedure. After the clarification of IHB President Robert WARD it is understood that;

- a The selected MSs from RHCs will not represent the relevant RHCs but their MSs.
- b. A Mechanism should be considered if the selected MSs can not conduct their duties.

2. As the adopted Rules of Procedures for MBSHC selection to the Council states that the MSs selected to Council will represent the MBSHC and there is no rule to handle if the selected MSs can not conduct their duties it is necessary to revise the adopted rules of procedure accordingly.

3. Therefore the revised rules of procedures with some minor changes in order to make it simple have been drafted and included in Annex A and with the track changes in Annex B.

Recommendations

4. MBSHC members to discuss and consider the revised rules of procedures.

Action required of MBSHC

5. The MBSHC is invited to endorse the revised rules of procedure for MBSHC selection to Council and to include those procedures in MBSHC Statutes.

RULES FOR SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES FROM MBSHC
TO THE IHO COUNCIL

Selection from MBSHC to the IHO Council shall be determined in compliance with IHO General Regulations Art.2 and Art.16.

1. MBSHC Member States who wish to be selected from another Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) shall inform the MBSHC Chair and the IHO Secretary-General six months before the ordinary session of the Assembly.
2. Member States who wish to be selected from MBSHC to the Council shall submit their application to the Chair and the IHO Secretary-General six months before the ordinary session of the Assembly.
3. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats allocated for MBSHC by the IHO Secretary-General, then the aforementioned candidates will be automatically selected.
4. If the number of candidates is less than the number of seats allocated, the candidates will be automatically selected. Remaining positions will be selected, under the supervision and follow up of MBSHC Chair, from a list of all MBSHC Member States in French alphabetical order, except for those States who are candidates of another RHC, giving preference firstly to the remaining States that have never been selected before, and secondly to those that have been selected the longest time ago.
5. If the number of candidates is more than the number of seats allocated, a voting will take place at a Conference of the MBSHC, or by correspondence if no MBSHC Conference is scheduled in the six months prior to the Assembly. Each Member State will submit one voting paper listing the Member States from the list of candidates equal to the number of the seats allocated. The highest voted candidates will be selected from MBSHC. In case of a draw the Chair will cast a deciding vote.
6. The Chair shall notify MBSHC Member States of the results.
7. In case the selected State is unable to carry out its duties, the aforementioned selection process will be repeated.
8. All expenses connected with the participation to the Council shall be defrayed by their respective States, in accordance with IHO General Regulations Art. 3.

RULES FOR ~~THE DESIGNATION~~ SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES ~~OF FROM~~ MBSHC REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE IHO COUNCIL

~~Selection~~ Designation of ~~from~~ MBSHC Representatives to the IHO Council shall be determined in compliance with IHO General Regulations Art.2 and Art.16.

1. ~~MBSHC Member States who wish to be selected from another Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) shall inform the MBSHC Chair and the IHO Secretary-General six months before the ordinary session of the Assembly.~~

~~1-2. All Member States who wish to be selected from MBSHC to the Council of the MBSHC will be asked by MBSHC Chair, to shall submit their application to the Chair and the IHO Secretary-General candidacies to be designated as MBSHC representatives to the IHO Council six months before the ordinary session of the Assembly; copying its application to IHO Secretary General.~~

~~2. MBSHC Member States who wish to be designated as representatives of another Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) shall inform the MBSHC Chair.~~

3. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats allocated for MBSHC representatives assigned by the IHO Secretary-General, then the aforementioned candidates will be automatically selected ~~designated as representatives~~.

4. If the number of candidates is less ~~lower~~ than the number of seats allocated ~~representatives assigned~~, the candidates will be automatically selected ~~designated as representatives~~. Remaining positions will be selected ~~designated~~, under the supervision and follow up of MBSHC Chair, from a list of all MBSHC Member States in French alphabetical order, except for those States who are candidates ~~on behalf~~ of another RHC, giving preference firstly to the remaining States that have never been selected ~~representatives~~ before, and secondly to those that have ~~not~~ been selected ~~representatives for the longest time ago~~.

5. ~~If a case~~ the number of candidates is more ~~higher~~ than the number of seats allocated ~~representatives assigned~~, a voting will take place at a Conference of the MBSHC, or by correspondence if no MBSHC Conference is scheduled in the six months prior to the Assembly. Each Member State will submit one voting paper listing as many ~~the~~ Member States from the list of candidates equal to the number of the seats allocated ~~as representative positions have been assigned to the MBSHC~~. This voting will only be valid if at least two thirds of all MBSHC full Member States are ~~present or have voted by correspondence in due time~~. The highest voted candidates will be selected from MBSHC. In case of a draw the Chair will cast a deciding vote.

~~6. The highest voted candidates will be designated as the MBSHC representatives in the IHO Council. In case of a draw the MBSHC Chair will cast a deciding vote. The Chair shall notify MBSHC Member States of the results.~~

~~6-7. In case the selected State is unable to carry out its duties, the aforementioned selection process will be repeated.~~

~~7-8. All expenses connected with the participation of delegates to the Council shall be defrayed by their respective Country/States, in accordance with IHO General Regulations Art. 3.~~