

NHC 59th meeting
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Reykjavik - Iceland

Nordic Nautical Publication WG report



Nordic Nautical Publication WG status

On December 13-14, 2011, the NNPWG arranged a workshop for members of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission, the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission and the Nordic Hydrographic Commission. Hosted by the German Hydrographic Office BSH, the purpose of the workshop was to investigate the current state of nautical publication management, updating and distribution among the three regional commissions' member states.

Given the importance of existing standards, agreement and regional cooperative efforts, the workshop participants agreed that **in the short term**, they will consider:

- reporting to NHC with proposals for a workshop in 2012 under the aegis of NHC with invitation to ARHC and BSHC, (NHC has approved a workshop in 2012)
- conducting individual and shared cost-benefit analyses of continued joint work; and
- begin to address the shortcomings of the NP1/2/3 approach with IHO.

In the longer term, the workshop participants agreed that it would be important to consider the potential value of:

- new standards; and
- codification in formal platforms.



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Conclusions and recommendations:

It was agreed to postpone the work in the Nordic Nautical Publication WG until the restructuring of the working groups of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) was finalised and ToR for NCIWG is approved and the necessary resources was allocated to the WG.

It was agreed that Denmark should make a presentation in order for NHC 59 to discuss if there is a need for NNPWG in the future.

It was agreed hat each MS should gives a status report about their nautical publications at NHC 59.



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The Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee is the technical steering committee of the IHO.

(HSSC was formerly known as the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS)).

Objectives:

To promote and coordinate the development of standards, specifications and guidelines for official products and services to meet the requirements of mariners and other users of hydrographic information. See **Terms of Reference** for further details.

Members:

Organizations (NGOs) accredited with the IHO and other organizations/institutions that have been formally recognized by the IHO may participate as observers where matters of special interest to these organizations are being

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NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHY WORKING GROUP (NCWG)

Objectives:

The NCWG, and the publications for which it is responsible, provides a core of expertise on the basic concepts of charting. Whatever physical form the chart or publications may take, the fundamental concepts and elements of marine cartography remain the same. See the NCWG Terms of Reference for further information.

Tasks:

NCWG has been tasked by HSSC to:

- Revise, develop and maintain IHO Publication **S-4** "Chart Specifications and Regulations for INT Charts";
- Revise, develop and maintain Part A of IHO Publication **S-11** "Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes";
- Maintain **INT1, INT2 and INT3** (with national Hydrographic Offices' assistance);
- Develop new symbology.



NAUTICAL INFORMATION PROVISION WORKING GROUP (NIPWG)

Ref: 6th HSSC Meeting (Viña del Mar, Chile, November 2014)

1. Objective

- a) To develop and maintain guidance, resolutions and specifications in order to provide shipboard users the necessary and up-to-date information in a timely manner to allow for the planning of a safe route for the intended voyage and the safeguarding of the ship's navigation throughout the voyage;
- b) To support the development and maintenance of related specifications in liaison with the relevant IHO bodies and non-IHO entities;
- c) To monitor the evolution of the requirements and regulations of marine navigation.
- d) To develop and maintain the relevant IHO publications for which the WG is responsible.



Conclusions and recommendations:

It will be possible for NHC and its MS to address the shortcomings of the NP1/2/3 and address these shortcomings to HSSC and its WG. Especially the NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHY WORKING GROUP (NCWG) should be considered as an appropriate WG to deal with these matters

In a longer term, the NHC MS could address and investigate the potential value of new standards; and codification in formal platforms through HSSC and its WG. Especially the NAUTICAL INFORMATION PROVISION WORKING GROUP (NIPWG) should be considered as an appropriate WG to deal with these items.

In order to optimize resources and prevent parallel work it is recommended that NHC discontinues the work of NNPWG.

It is recommended that each MS gives a yearly status report about their nautical publications and if deemed appropriate NHC can address relevant items to HSSC.

Actions required from the NHC 57th Conference:

The NHC 59th Conference is requested to consider this report and to take appropriate actions.

