

# WEND Working Group Update

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# WEND WG

- WEND WG is comprised of representatives from the Regional Hydrographic Commissions
- Monitors and advises the IRCC on the development of adequate ENC coverage
- Manages revisions to the WEND principles and WEND guidelines for member state approval
- WEND WG Meeting held 20/21 Sep in London, UK



# Three Components

- 1997: WEND Principles —Technical Resolution adopted by IHC
- 2008: Guidelines adopted by WEND to advance implementation of principles
- 2011: Proposed Amplifying Annex to give more specific guidance to address overlap/gap issues and asked RHCs to take an active role in resolving them



# Example RHC Actions from Proposed Amplifying Annex

*For Gaps:*

- *Identify gaps within the region*
- *Liaise with coastal states to fill the identified gap*
- *Encourage the use of bilateral agreements to fill the gap*
- *Facilitate communication between coastal states to fill the gap under other arrangements.*



# Example RHC Actions from Proposed Amplifying Annex

*For Overlaps:*

- *Create an inventory of overlaps within the region*
- *Produce a risk evaluation report for overlaps that have significant navigational differences*
- *If there are significant differences the producing nations should issue a NAVAREA warning*

*WEND WG will also be producing a risk assessment template for RHCs use in 2013*



# WEND Principles – Current Status

- IHC approved a minor amendment to the WEND principles
- IHC referred back to WEND the guidelines and amplifying annex to address MS concerns:
  - RHC role clarification (*facilitative rather than decision maker for MS*)
  - How are bi-lateral agreements (formal/informal) to be documented in the WEND guidelines – if at all



# WEND Guidelines Revision

WEND WG decided on the following:

- The amplifying annex and the guidelines will be merged into a single document
- EUSPs did not have a role in dealing with Overlaps – that is the responsibility of the Coastal States with facilitation from the RHCs
- RHCs are responsible for the overall risk assessment of gaps and overlaps within their region
- Bi-lateral and informal arrangements need clarification

Small Drafting Group was formed:

- Canada, Turkey, UK, US, and IHB



# WEND Guidelines Revision

- Drafting group has submitted its revised guidelines to WEND WG 21 January 2013
- Revised Guidelines will be submitted to WEND members for consideration
- WEND Members to share with their RHCs (February/March 2013)
- Once the guidelines are finalized by WEND (April 2013) they will be submitted to the IRCC (June) for approval
- Upon IRCC approval, the IHB will circulate the WEND Guidelines to Member States for approval as a Technical Resolution





**Thank You**  
**Any Questions?**