PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE IHO RESOLUTION 2/1997

Submitted by:	IRCC Chair
Executive Summary:	This paper proposes amendments to the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended, as a response to Decision A-1/5, and includes the establishment of an IRCC document on the Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Hydrographic Commission Chairs.
Related Documents:	Decision A1/5/o – Review of IHO Resolution 2/1997
Related Projects:	N/A

Introduction and Background

1. IRCC was tasked by the Assembly at its first session (A-1) to review the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended *Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions - RHC* in accordance with Decision A-1/5 on Pro-9 (item o).

Analysis and Discussion

2. The draft revised IHO Resolution 2/1997 (Appendix) updates the framework under which the IHO and the RHCs cooperate and aligns this relationship with the IHO General Regulations as amended.

Conclusions and Recommendations

3. This proposal brings the IHO Resolution 2/1997 to date and align it with Article 8 of the IHO General Regulations as directed by Decision A-1/5. The Council is invited to endorse the draft revised IHO Resolution 2/1997 *Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions – RHC*.

Justification and Impacts

4. This proposal brings the IHO Resolution 2/1997 to date and align it with Article 8 of the IHO General Regulations as directed by Decision A-1/5 (item o) in order to better reflect the cooperation between the IHO and the RHCs.

Action Required of the Council

- 5. The Council is invited to:
 - a) endorse the amendments to the IHO Resolution 2/1997 (Appendix to Annex-B),
 - b) take any other action as it may be considered appropriate.