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Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG

Report to CSPCWG9 on HDWG Activities

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Executive Summary:	Report on HDWG Activities Since CSPCWG8.
Related Documents:	IHO On-line Hydrographic Dictionary HSSC3-05.9A – HDWG Report HSSC4-05.9A – HDWG Report IHO CL 76/2012
Related Projects:	S-4/INT1 development

Introduction / Background

1. The IHO Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group (HDWG – formally the Committee on the Hydrographic Dictionary (CHD)) is a technical Working Group of the IHO HSSC. Its primary objectives are to review and update the different volumes (English, French and Spanish) of the Hydrographic Dictionary on a continuing basis; to liaise with other IHO bodies developing publications containing glossaries to ensure consistency; and to liaise with bodies of other organisations developing dictionaries and/or glossaries. Review and update of the Hydrographic Dictionary is done only on the on-line “Wiki” Hydrographic Dictionary which can be accessed via the IHO web site.

2. The HDWG consists of membership from 8 IHO Member States and the IHB, which acts in the Secretarial role. The Working Group is chaired by the US. Although the Working Group aims to meet at least every two years, all business conducted by the HDWG is currently being done by correspondence, principally through a Discussion Forum hosted by the IHB. The last meeting of the Working Group (which met as the CHD) was in 2001.

Analysis / Discussion

3. All new/revised definitions and the HDWG “Business Rules” endorsed by HSSC3 were circulated to IHO member States via IHO CL 11/2012, and adopted with minor amendments as announced in IHO CL 76/2012. For a full summary of the HDWG proposals submitted to HSSC3, refer to paper HSSC3-05.9A – HDWG Report.

4. The following is a summary of the activities of the HDWG since CSPCWG8 that may of interest to the CSPCWG (NOTE: The full list of recommendations can be found in paper HSSC4-05.9A – HDWG Report):

- Little progress has been made on the HDWG Work Program since HSSC3. The retirement of the previous Secretary (Steve Shipman – IHB) in mid-2012 and the pending retirement of the HDWG Chair at the end of 2012 mean that two of the three active members of the Working Group will no longer be contributing to the on-going work of the HDWG. IHB has appointed a new Secretary but more contribution is required by IHO Member States, particularly those for which English is not the first language, for the Working Group to function in an adequate and timely manner.
- As a result of feedback received from IHO CL 11/2012, HDWG may be required to initiate further discussion regarding the definitions of “altitude”, “elevation” and “height”, pending discussion at HSSC4.

5. There have been no new and revised definitions submitted to HSSC4 for endorsement.

6. Work Items currently in the HDWG Work Program include CSPCWG submissions regarding definitions for “aquaculture” (new term) and “phase of a navigational light” (revised definition). These Work Items are programmed to be completed during 2013. The Working Group will also be commencing

the review of all terms in the Dictionary for conformance with the proposed “Business Rules” as an approved new Work Item from HSSC3.

Conclusions

7. Continued monitoring of HDWG activities by the CSPCWG is required in order to assess the impacts of new or revised terms and definitions on IHO Publications for which CSPCWG is responsible, notably S-4 and INT1.

Recommendations

8. None.

Justification and Impacts

9. None.

Action required of CSPCWG

10. The CSPCWG is invited to:

- a. note this report.
- b. note issues within the report of interest to CSPCWG.