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**Paper for Consideration by HSSC
Comment and Proposal from CSPCWG Chair related to the
Report of the Correspondence Group on HSSC Working Groups' Restructuring (CGHR)**

Submitted by:	CSPCWG Chair
Executive Summary:	This paper invites HSSC to reconsider the name of the CSPCWG, subject to the outcomes of discussions related to the activities of the CGHR.
Related Documents:	HSSC6-04.2A - <i>Report of the Correspondence Group on HSSC Working Groups' Restructuring (CGHR)</i> HSSC5-05.5B - <i>Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) – Proposed Change of Name</i>
Related Projects:	HSSC Work Plan

Introduction

1. Paper HSSC6-04.2A reports on the outcome of the Correspondence Group on HSSC Working Groups' Restructuring (CGHR) established by HSSC5. As stated in this report, the CGHR is chaired by the Chair of HSSC and composed of the Chairs of the working groups affected by the restructuring, including the Chair of the CSPCWG. This paper is submitted as a supplementary proposal to reconsider a name change for the CSPCWG as submitted to HSSC5 (HSSC5-05.5B), dependant on the outcome of the considerations of HSSC regarding the recommendations of the CGHR.

Analysis/Discussion

2. Paper HSSC5-05.5B proposed that the HSSC consider a name change of the CSPCWG to better reflect the forward-looking activity of the WG in the continuing development of nautical cartography to meet the needs of standard nautical (paper) and electronic (ENC) charts, the relationships between them and their respective roles in serving the mariner. An unfortunate side effect of the inclusion of the "PC" in the WG name has been the perception that the CSPCWG is focussed only on the paper chart. This perception, coupled with the likelihood that ENC will replace the paper chart as the principle nautical chart medium used by mariners in the near future (if not already), has resulted in the questioning of the relevance of the WG, particularly now that a major Work Item of the WG, the revision of S-4 part B, is nearing completion. Indeed, this perception is cited as an argument for the merging of the CSPCWG and the SNPWG by the HSSC Chair (refer Annex C to HSSC6-04.2A). Further, the inclusion of "PC" in the WG name promotes the misconception that S-4 is a standard that is only relevant to paper charts, contrary to the scope of S-4 as described in clause B-103 (and repeated elsewhere in S-4) and in the Terms of Reference for the CSPCWG.

3. Discussion on paper HSSC5-05.5B was deferred HSSC5 due to discussions regarding the re-structuring of HSSC WG's and the establishment of the CGHR.

4. CGHR discussions raised some concerns over the proposal to merge the CSPCWG and the SNPWG into the NICWG (later changed to NIPWG) (refer HSSC6-04.2A paragraph 17). The resulting conclusion and recommendations of the CGHR are summarised in HSSC6-04.2A paragraph 34:

34. Although there is some reluctance to accept merging the CSPCWG and the SNPWG into the NIPWG, this move seems sufficiently supported to be considered as a realistic medium-term objective. There is general consensus for the other elements of the new structure. On the

basis of the inputs and comments provided by CGHR members and Member States, the following provisions are proposed for the consideration of the Committee:

- a. *Confirm the establishment of the S-100WG and ENCWG to succeed the TSMAD and DIPWG;*
- b. *Confirm the merger of the TWLWG and SCWG into the TWCWG;*
- c. *Transform the SNPWG into the NIPWG [Nautical Information Provision Working Group] with a focus on developing the general specifications of the services required to support e-navigation;*
- d. *Prolong the existence of the CSPCWG subject to the annual review of its existence by the HSSC with a focus on the future of chart products as a basic component of e-navigation.*

5. While I am sceptical as to the extent that the proposed merger of the CSPCWG and the SNPWG is “sufficiently supported” as a medium-term objective, I am at least hoping that the proposal as outlined in (d) above will be agreed by the HSSC.

6. On this assumption that the HSSC will approve the continuation of the CSPCWG as a stand-alone HSSC WG at least for the immediate future, it is suggested that the HSSC further consider the re-naming of the WG to the **Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG)** as proposed in paper HSSC5-05.5B.

Conclusion

7. As outlined in paper HSSC5-05.5B:

8. There is a clear need for a WG focusing on the content, generalization and presentation of a chart product regardless if it is a paper chart or an ENC. In this aspect, the word “**Cartography**” describes the core of what we want to achieve: presenting complex marine geospatial data in a safe, clear and understandable way for the user, promoting standardization and developing specifications for emerging requirements for nautical charts.

Recommendations

9. The Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) is renamed the Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG).

Justification and impacts

10. The benefit is to establish a focus on looking forward to the challenges in Nautical Cartography in a name that best recognises the WG’s scope and purpose.

11. No negative impacts are identified.

12. If agreed, the WG’s Terms of Reference will be reviewed to ensure alignment, with the name to take effect at the conclusion of the next meeting (CSPCWG11, Rostock, April 2015).

Action required of HSSC

13. The HSSC is invited to:

- a. **Note** this paper,
- b. **Consider**, dependant on the outcome of discussions related to paper HSSC6-04.2A, re-naming the CSPCWG to the NCWG as outlined in paper HSSC5-05.5B.
- c. **Take any other actions** considered necessary.