

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE IHO RESOLUTION 2/1997 AS AMENDED

Submitted by:	IRCC Chair
Executive Summary:	This paper proposes amendments to the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended, as a response to Decision C2-20.
Related Documents:	Doc. C2-4.2, Report of the IRCC to C-2, Annex B Decision A1/5/o, Review of IHO Resolution 2/1997 Decision C2/20, 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).
2. IRCC10 endorsed the draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended in order to ensure consistency with the IHO General Resolutions as amended, subsequently submitted by the IRCC Chair to the Council (Doc. C2-4.2, Report of the IRCC to C-2, Annex B). Member States approved the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended (IHO CL 08/2019) following endorsement by the Council.
3. Decision C2/20 of the Council tasked the IRCC to prepare more substantive changes to IHO Resolution 2/1997 and to submit the consolidated amendments to the IHO Resolution 2/1997 at C-3 for subsequent consideration by A-2.

Analysis and Discussion

4. The draft revised IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended (Appendix), proposes more substantive changes and 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

5. 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 and Decision C2/20. The Council is invited to endorse the draft revised IHO Resolution 2/1997, as amended *Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC)*.

Justification and Impacts

6. The proposed amendments to the IHO Resolution 2/1997 align it with Article 8 of the IHO General Regulations and better reflects the cooperation between the IHO and the RHCs, the mechanism for coordinating and reporting and the roles and responsibilities of the RHC Chairs.

Action Required of the Council

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

Appendix:

Draft Proposed Amendments to the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended *Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC)*