

Agenda Item for Consideration by ARHC

ARHC2-03A

2nd Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission Meeting Copenhagen, Denmark, September 28-29, 2011

United States – Canada Hydrographic Commission Consideration of NAVAREA Proposal for ARHC Area of Responsibility

Submitted by:	Canada and United States
Executive Summary:	The 34 th meeting of the USCHC agree to the ARHC1 proposal to use the Arctic NAVAREAS XVII – XXI as the area of ARHC coverage
Related Documents:	Minutes 1 st Meeting of the ARHC http://88.208.211.37/srv1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=435&Itemid=690 Minutes 34 th Meeting of the USCHC http://88.208.211.37/srv1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=425&Itemid=384
Related Projects:	none

Introduction / Background

USCHC discussed the matter of the Arctic NAVAREAS as area of coverage for the ARHC at its 34th meeting in Tampa, Florida, USA, April 2011.

Analysis/Discussion

USCHC agreed to the ARHC1 proposal to use the Arctic NAVAREAS as the area of coverage for the ARHC. The USCHC agree to the following text as its understanding and clarification of the Arctic NAVAREA coverage as it borders USCHC coverage as follows:

The United States – Canada Hydrographic Commission (USCHC) approve the adoption of the five new Arctic NAVAREAS XVII – XXI as the area of coverage for the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission. The USCHC wishes to note on the record that this ARHC coverage excludes specific geographical maritime areas that border on these Arctic NAVAREAS specifically, the Bering Strait, Hudson Strait, Hudson Bay and the southern portion of Baffin Island and Davis Strait.

Conclusions

Arctic NAVAREAS bordering on the USCHC are sufficient to define the areas of responsibility for each of the two Regional Hydrographic Commissions (ARHC & USCHC)

Recommendations

USCHC recommends ARHC adopt the Arctic NAVAREAS XVII and XVIII.

Justification and Impacts

USCHC acknowledges that Arctic NAVAREAS XVII and XVIII will border or include waters of the Russian Federation and Denmark respectively.

USCHC reiterates that its recommendation to adopt NAVAREAS XVII and XVIII as area of ARHC responsibility excludes the geographical areas of the Bering Strait, Hudson Strait, Hudson Bay and the southern portion of Baffin Island and Davis Strait

Action Required of ARHC

The ARHC is invited to: consider this USCHC approval of Arctic NAVAREAS for ARHC coverage.