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## U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan

<b>Submitted by:</b>	The United States of America
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	The <i>U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan</i> provides information about existing, recently released, and proposed new raster charts and electronic navigational charts in U.S. Arctic waters. Originally released in 2011, a new draft edition of the <i>Plan</i> was released for public review and comment in June 2015. A final version of the new edition will be published in the next few months. The ARHC is invited to comment on the draft document.
<b>Related Documents:</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan</a>
<b>Related Projects:</b>	None

### Introduction / Background

The first *U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan* was published in 2011. The *Plan* provides information about existing, recently added, and proposed new raster (paper) nautical chart and Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) coverage in U.S. Arctic waters. Existing and proposed ENC coverage is shown in a series of graphics depicting the extent of different usage (or scale). Descriptions of proposed new raster charts are also provided. Recently added and proposed new ENC coverage is based on existing or proposed raster chart footprints. The final extent and display scale of the ENCs may vary slightly from their corresponding raster chart counterparts.

### Analysis / Discussion

This edition of the *U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan* provides a sharper focus on the descriptions of recently published first editions of charts proposed in the original 2011 plan and ongoing plans for new nautical chart coverage. The primary purpose of the plan is to propose new chart coverage in the Arctic and to encourage feedback from stakeholders on the extent, scale and other aspects of the proposed new coverage. Three of the original 14 new charts proposed in the initial plan have now been published.



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*Draft for Public Comment – Comments due by Oct 1, 2015 – See Page 7*  
**A Plan to Support Sustainable Marine Transportation in Alaska and the Arctic**

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Marine Chart Division

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The plan may be downloaded from the NOAA website at:

[http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/docs/Arctic\\_Nautical\\_Charting\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/docs/Arctic_Nautical_Charting_Plan.pdf)

Although the official public comment period ended on 1 October 2015, ARHC Members are encouraged to comment on the plan, if they wish to, through 15 November 2015.

### **Conclusions**

The U.S. has provided the public with information about proposed coverage and scales of new nautical products and is making steady progress in improving nautical chart and ENC coverage in U.S. Arctic waters.

### **Recommendations**

ARHC to note the Information Paper and provide feedback.

### **Action Required of ARHC**

ARHC is invited to:

- a. note the information paper
- b. provide comments regarding the *U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan* to [colby.harmon@noaa.gov](mailto:colby.harmon@noaa.gov) by 15 November 2015.