



WEND Working Group Update

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WEND WG

- WEND WG is comprised of representatives from the Regional Hydrographic Commissions
- Monitor and advise the IRCC on the development of adequate ENC coverage
- Manage revisions to the WEND principles and WEND guidelines for member state approval
- WEND WG Meeting held Sept 20 and 21st, London, England



Three Components

- 1997: WEND Principles—Technical Resolution adopted by IHC
- 2008: Guidelines adopted by WEND to advance implementation of principles
- 2011: Proposed Amplifying Annex to give more specific guidance to address overlap/gap issues and asked RHCs to take an active role in resolving them



Example RHC Actions from Proposed Amplifying Annex

- *For Gaps:*
 - *Identify gaps within the region*
 - *Liaise with coastal states to fill the identified gap*
 - *Encourage the use of bilateral agreements to fill the gap*
 - *Facilitate communication between coastal states to fill the gap under other arrangements.*



Example RHC Actions from Proposed Amplifying Annex

- *For Overlaps:*
 - *Create an inventory of overlaps within the region*
 - *Produce a risk evaluation report for overlaps that have significant navigational differences*
 - *If there are significant differences the producing nations should issue a NAVAREA warning*
- *WEND WG will also be producing a risk assessment template for RHCs use in 2013*



WEND Principles – Current Status

- IHC approved a minor amendment to the WEND principles
- IHC referred back to WEND the guidelines and amplifying annex to address MS concerns:
 - RHC role clarification (*facilitative rather than decision maker for MS*)
 - How are bi-lateral agreements (formal/informal) to be documented in the WEND guidelines – if at all



WEND Guidelines Revision

- WEND WG decided on the following:
 - The amplifying annex and the guidelines will be merged into a single document
 - EUSPs did not have a role in dealing with Overlaps – that is the responsibility of the Coastal States with facilitation from the RHCs
 - RHCs are responsible for the overall risk assessment of gaps and overlaps within their region
 - Bi-lateral and informal arrangements need clarification
- Small Drafting Group was formed:
 - Canada, Turkey, UK, US, and IHB



WEND Guidelines Revision

- Drafting group will submit its revised guidelines to WEND WG by November 30th
- Revised Guidelines will be submitted to WEND members for consideration January 2013
- WEND Members to share with their RHCs (February/March 2013)
- Once the guidelines are finalized by WEND April 2013 they will be submitted to the IRCC (June) for approval
- Upon IRCC approval, the IHB will circulate the WEND Guidelines to Member States for approval as a Technical Resolution

