

US-Canada Hydrographic Commission

International Hydrographic Organization

Report to the Sixth Meeting of the
IHO Inter Regional Coordination Committee
Paris, France
May 19-20, 2014

Report from the US-Canada Hydrographic Commission

1. **Chair:** Denis Haines (Canada)
Vice Chair: RDML Gerd F. Glang (USA)

2. **Membership:**
Full Members: Canada
United States of America

Organizational update:

For Canada

Denis Haines assumed duties as Dominion Hydrographer in March 2014.

For the United States

No updates since IRCC-5.

3. **Activities:**
 - a. Meetings
 - i. Since IRCC5:
 - a) Chart Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting (February 2014)
 - b) 37th USCHC met in Newfoundland Canada on (April 16, 2014).
 - ii. Next event
 - a) OCS-CHS Organizational (video meeting conference call),
 - b) 38th USCHC meeting is tentatively scheduled in 2015 in Washington D.C.
 - b. Projects
 - i. Trans-boundary ENC Overlap Resolution
 - c. Reports
 - i. USCHC37 Commission Minutes
 - ii. CAC Committee Report (February 2014)
 - iii. USCHC36 Commission Report to the IRCC-6
 - d. Representation in IHO Working Groups

4. Main Items under Consideration:

a. Print on Demand

In April 2014, NOAA stopped using the government printing and distribution system originally adopted in 1861. As of April 2014, NOAA has now authorized seven companies to sell NOAA's paper nautical charts that are printed when the customer orders them -- or "on demand." The information on the charts is still maintained by NOAA, and the charts are corrected with Notices to Mariners up to the week of purchase.

b. Enhancing management and operational-level exchanges between hydrographic offices on an annual basis.

c. sharing R&D results in emerging technologies

d. ensuring responsiveness of the RHC to the action items of the IRCC and active participation in the working groups of the HSSC. See Appendix A.

5. Recommendations to the IRCC-6 TDB

6. Conclusions

The USCHC continues to be an effective body for the Member States. It serves as an important avenue for communication in address issues of mutual interest.

Appendix A

U.S.-Canada Representation in Working Groups of the IHO

As of April 2014

NOTE: Assembled from a review of the participants of recent meetings. Should be reviewed if we want to do this

| | <i>U.S.</i> | <i>Canada</i> |
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| SCWG | Kurt Hess (OCS) (chair) | Louis Maltais (Vice-chair) Bodo de Lange Boom |
| TSMAD/DIPWG | Julia Powell (OCS) Colby Harmon (OCS) Robert Greer David Grant | Lynn Patterson |
| WEND | Julia Powell (OCS) | Sean Hinds (Vice Chair) |
| DPSWG | None | None |
| SNPWG | Tom Loeper (OCS) Mike Kushla (NGA) | Sean Hinds (tent) |
| CSPCWG | Robert Heeley Jacqueline Barone (NGA) | David Prince |
| DQWG | Sean Legeer Brian Heap (NGA) Lucy Hick Jerry Mills | Michael Goguen |
| MSDIWG | Maureen Kenny Kurt A. Nelson John W. Von Rosenberg (NGA) | Kian Fadaie |
| TWLWG | Stephen Gill | none |
| SCWG | Kurt Hess Chair (OCS) Dave Enabnit (OCS) Carl Kammerer Russ Ives (NGA) | Bodo de Lange Boom Louis Maltais (vice-chair) |
| ABLOS | none | Sunil Bisnath (chair) |