



5th Meeting of the IHO Council

“Council role in Annual Assessment of the implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan in support of anticipated Report to Assembly-3”

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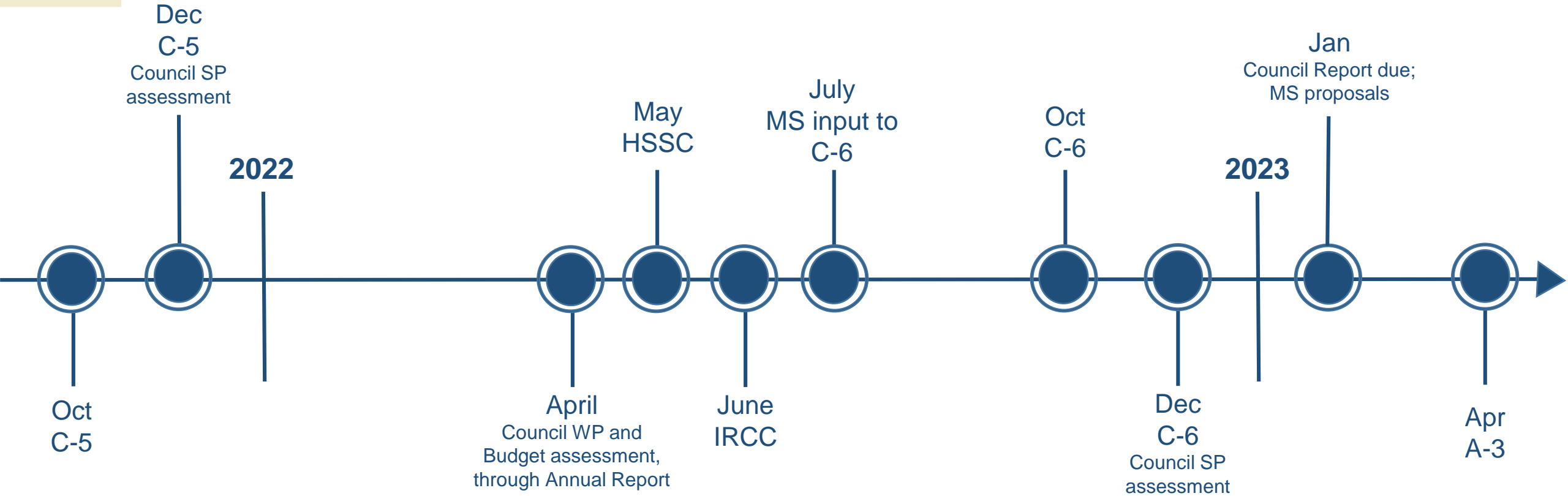
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TIMELINE TO A-3

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“6. The Chair of the IHO Council shall organize and prepare an annual summary of the implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan for 2021 and 2022. For this purpose, the Chair of Council is invited to constitute any team they wish to call upon from the membership of the Council and the membership of the IHO itself, including the IHO Secretariat.”

- Allows the Council Chair full flexibility regarding scope, length, highlights, etc...
- Completion by year-end in 2021 and 2022
- Can be a public document or limited for internal purposes as warranted
- Only two cycles (approximately 14 months) to facilitate early preparations to IRCC, HSSC, IHO SG, C-6, and A-3



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PREMISE AND RATIONALE

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- The Council is the only body with core oversight of all three IHO programs
- Some of the SPIs may involve a perspective beyond one particular program
- The membership will benefit from a high level summary of key developments, trends, and issues for addressing at the appropriate level
- An assessment is only informational and can be distilled, repackaged, modified as warranted into other IHO uses (such as the annual report)
- An annual assessment will foster early preparation for IHO SP implementation report to the full Assembly

Assessment “*the action or an instance of making a judgment about something*”*

*<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/assessment>



- It is likely the implementation of the IHO SP will require efforts of multiple committees and working groups.
- A “stove-pipe” allocation of responsibility to implement SPIs will not address the intended outcomes of the three IHO SP goals
- A concise, high level comprehensive perspective directly from the National Hydrographic authorities is needed to properly articulate operational considerations, success stories, implementation barriers, etc...
- An annual assessment cannot be relegated to any one lead of the three IHO Work Programs
- The IHO SP should be a key agenda topic at A-3.* The Council Chair should deliver that report. The 2021 and 2022 Assessment exercise will foster good preparations and feedback from the member states going into A-3.

*Key highlights at A-3 may include, among others, the IHO SP implementation, the S-100 Roadmap, and the WEND-100 next generation of services



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WHAT DOES AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LOOK LIKE?

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- Whatever the Council Chair deems but the thinking is
 - High level
 - Governance-oriented
 - For example, “are good and timely processes in place to report out targets and SPIs?”
 - Short, scannable and useful
 - Selective in offering observations of status, positive notes, as well as suggested notes for attention
 - Helpful toward the IHO SP implementation report to A-3
 - Possible input to the IHO Annual Report
 - Reflective of efforts across the IHO Programs toward the Goals, Targets and SPIs
 - Helpful toward annual meetings of IRCC and HSSC
 - Audience: Program (1, 2, 3) Chairs and all member states



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PROPOSAL: OFFERING A TIMELY FLY THROUGH THE WORK OF THE IHO WITH REGARDS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN

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ACTIONS REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

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The Council is invited to:

- a. Consider the benefits of a consolidated annual summary of progress on the IHO SP to the MS;
- b. Request the Council Chair establish a methodology to create the summary;
- c. Request IHO MS provide support for this as required; and
- d. Take any other actions that may be required.