

Scope

With reference to NSHC **conclusion 28, and actions 3/2010, 1/2012 and 8/2016**, and considering the need to monitor the implementation of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission's Member States re-survey plans, the North Sea hydrographic Commission has established the **NSHC Resurvey Working Group (RWG)** with the following terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

The geographic scope of the RWG is the entire area of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission. The RWG should give due consideration to the Dover Strait / Pas-de-Calais, defined by the areas of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) "North Hinder South" and adjoining TSS "In the Strait of Dover and Adjacent Waters" as adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and published in the IMO "Ship's Routing". The RWG will give special attention to the route(s) selected for deep draught vessels passing through the Dover Strait/Pas-de-Calais, published in the IMO "Ship's Routing".

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1. Terms of Reference

The NSHC Resurvey Working Group is **tasked for the entire area of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission**:

- 1.1 To maintain and develop the North Sea Resurvey Scheme and present it on the internet.
- 1.2 To maintain a resurvey metadata database where applicable.
- 1.3 To follow up the implementation of the Resurvey Scheme.
- 1.4 To identify possible problems and propose solutions or workarounds to them.
- 1.5 To specify and propose updates and changes to the Resurvey Scheme.
- 1.6 To liaise with national Maritime Administrations and other relevant organisations and groups regarding the North Sea Resurvey Scheme.
- 1.7 To monitor and report on the development of aerial and satellite bathymetry.
- 1.8 To report to the NSHC at the conferences, and whenever found **necessary**.

Additionally, the NSHC Resurvey Working Group is tasked for the Dover Strait/Pas-de-Calais:

- 1.9 To promote that the responsibility for surveying is shared between the Member States.
- 1.10 To note the Member States reports on survey activities in that area, and comment on those survey activities.
- 1.11 To monitor that, within the Dover Strait/Pas-de-Calais, Member States prioritize the deployment of hydrographic survey capacity to the routes selected for deep draught vessels, and report concerns, if any, to the NSHC.
- 1.12 To share data, information and knowledge on dynamic behaviour of the sea floor.
- 1.13 To acquire up-to-date Technical Hydrographic Instructions of each Member State.

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2. Rules of Procedure

- 2.1 Each member state of NSHC shall nominate a representative to the RWG, if relevant to the scope and terms of reference. The representatives should be experts in the field of hydrographic survey planning.
- 2.2 The RWG shall work mainly by correspondence, preferably by e-mail.
- 2.3 Meetings shall be arranged when found feasible and at least once between two consecutive NSHC conferences. Hosting of the meetings takes turn between the members of the RWG.
- 2.4 The RWG has a Chair and possibly a Vice-Chair.
- 2.5 The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be members of the RWG and are nominated by the NSHC.
- 2.5 With the Chair's approval non-members may attend the MWG meetings.
- 2.6 Decisions should be made by consensus.

2.7 The Technical Hydrographic Instructions (THI) serve to provide insight into the national hydrographic survey policy. It consists of at least a description of the types of resources deployed for each survey, and an approach to resurveying.

2.8 The THI of each Member State is reviewed during each meeting of the RWG. Each Member State will consider the comments made by the other Member States. Comments should aim to balance each other's survey policies.

2.9 The THI will be publicly available on the internet.

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