

FUTURE OF THE NIPPON FOUNDATION PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (NFPMC)

Submitted by Chair Nippon Foundation Project Management Committee

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details on the recommendations for the future of the Nippon Foundation Project Management Committee (NFPMC).

Action to be taken: See paragraph 5

Related documents: GGC37/12 dated 15 April 2021; GGC-IS01/4/3/1; GGC-IS01/4/3/2

1. Overview/Introduction

At GGC37 the Chair of the Nippon Foundation Project Management Committee (NFPMC) was invited to provide comments and recommendations for the possible future structure and membership of the NFPMC.

2. Discussion

The NFPMC has oversight, on behalf of the GGC, of the Ocean Mapping training programme at UNH and other NF funded projects; not including Seabed 2030. Current members are Robin Falconer (chair), Shin Tani, Martin Jakobsson, Hugo Montoro, Taisei Morishita, Dave Monahan, Rochelle Wigley and Bob Anderson (deceased 2019). The advent of Seabed 2030 changes the financial and organizational interactions between GEBCO and NF. This means that the Management Committee should be restructured. A decision will be taken in 2021.

3. This item and other GGC discussion, particularly the proposal for the SCET group, led to a fair bit of dialogue by the GGC Chair and others. Initially it was thought that I was proposing the committee be disbanded ---which not what I meant. Roxy spoke in the GGC session in support of it continuing. The whole SCET structure and its role, has been discussed post GGC37. I have not been involved in most of it; however specific to the training program at UNH it was proposed that SCET take over "liaison". I understood that Terms of Reference for SCET were to be worked on, beyond the initial draft produced by the GGC Chair. The GGC Chair has advised me that documents would be tabled for the May GGC meeting and that Karolina Zwolak, with Kim Picard, were to work on them. Karolina advised me in late April that she and Kim were about to start work on it.

4. Recommendations

The GGC proposes to establish a Subcommittee on Education and Training (SCET). SCET would, as one of its roles, liaise with the Ocean Mapping training programme manager at the

University of New Hampshire. Hence SCET and the existing NFPMC would need to consider their relationship. The SCET Terms of Reference are still being developed. It is therefore sensible that consideration of any restructuring of the NFPMC be deferred until the structure and roles of SCET are established.

The committee looks forward to working with SCET when it is established.

5. **Action**

The GGC is requested to:

- a. **Note** the contents of this report; and
- b. **Take** any other action deemed appropriate.