

**13<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
IHO-IRCC13  
VTC, 23-25 June 2021**

**Report of the Nordic Hydrographic Commission**

DRAFT AS OF June 3

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<i>See Annex A for full details</i>	

## 1. Meetings Held During Reporting Period

For purposes of this report, the Reporting Period is considered from IRCC-12 (October 2020) to the current IRCC13 meeting (June 2021) with information as of May 2021.

### Convened

2020 November 2	NHC Extraordinary meeting 2020 nr. 3
2021 April 20 + 21	NHC64 (VTC)

### Upcoming

2021 Fall	Strategy workshop (Location + date tbc)
2022 April 26 + 27	NHC65 (Stavanger, Norway)

## 2. Work Program

Highlight the important issues and activities during the reporting period.

1. NHC strategic work: Plan to establish a NHC project team on strategy and user issues specific for the Nordic region
2. Status Seabed 2030. Overall the Nordic countries are setting a good example when it comes to data sharing with restrictions within TTW and some within EEZ. Generally good coverage in Nordic waters with challenges in the remote areas of Norwegian and Greenlandic waters.
3. NHC are reviewing ToRs and RoPs for the Nordic Survey Expert Group (NSEG) and the Nordic Chart Production Expert Group (NCPEG) where the revised IHO Strategy and other changes in the operating environment will be taking into account.
4. Progress report on Norwegian Ports Data Base, harmonizing with work on S-131

5. Cooperation between Denmark and Sweden on new shipping routes system in Kattegat and Skagerak with AIS data already showing excellent proof of the new routing system having been taken into use by both large and smaller vessels.
6. Consideration and evaluation of the adoption of the new IHO Strategic Plan and implications specific to the NHC will be addressed at a strategic workshop planned for at the fall of 2021

### **3. Progress on IRCC Action Items**

IRCC-12 was convened by VTC October 2020 where a list of actions were developed. Despite the restrictions put on all of us by the COVID-19 pandemic actions, the NHC continues to take steps to advancing IRCC priorities in the region, including MSDI and the UNGGIM initiatives, WEND-100, crowd sourced bathymetry, Seabed 2030 and ocean mapping.

### **4. Problems Encountered**

None

### **5. Any Other Items of Note**

None

### **Conclusions and Recommended Actions**

Despite the lack of ability to meet in person, the hydrographic offices have continued to maintain active and cordial communications through a series of VTC's.

### **6. Justification and Impacts**

There are no proposed actions or recommendations.

#### **Action Required of IRCC**

The IRCC is invited to:

- a. endorse this summary report;
- b. note the efforts described to support the goals of the IHO and the IRCC within the region; and
- c. provide any feedback to the chair, vice chair and national hydrographers of the NHC.

### Membership of NHC

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Updated for IRCC13 (2021)

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