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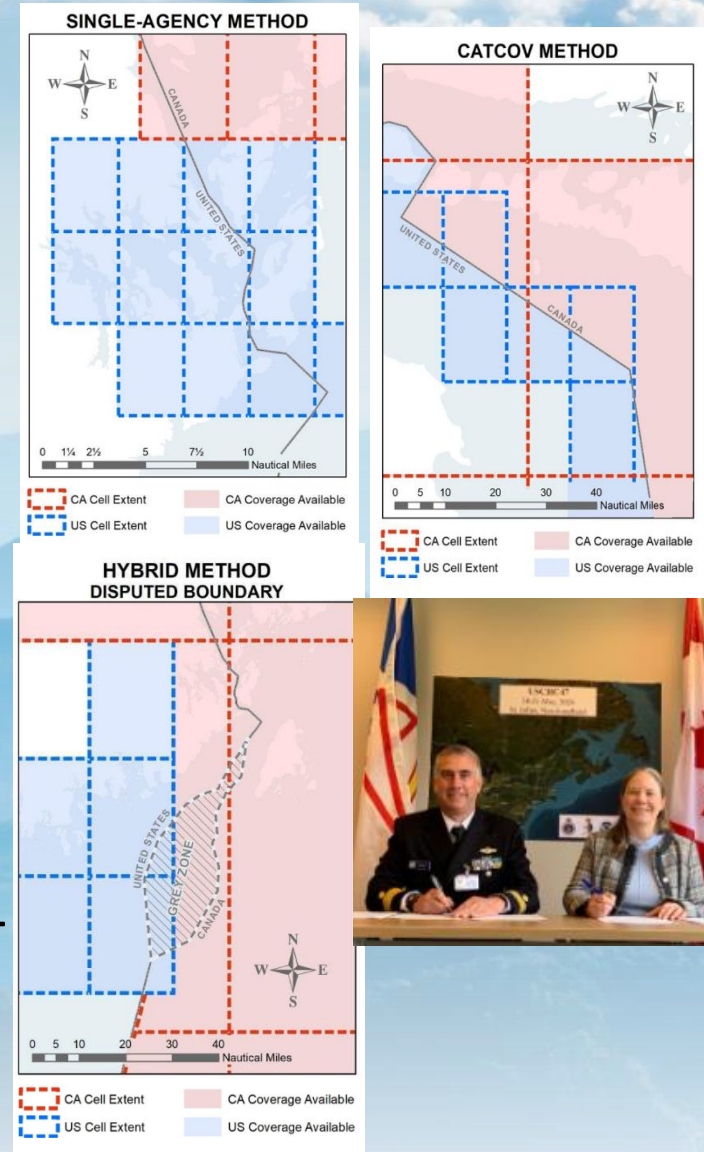
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- May 30-31, 2024 St John's Newfoundland & Labrador, CA
 - 29 participants representing 9 agencies - hybrid
- Signed agreement defining options and means for resolving transboundary chart schemes (see USCHC47-17)
- Update on S-100 status and planning- deepening our awareness of US and CA strategies (USCHC47-03B and 03D)
- Toward a regional cooperation plan in the Great Lakes
- Increasing convergence on C-55 approaches (USCHC47-16) and hydrographic risk assessment methodologies (USCHC47-19)





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Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

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- Successful meeting with strong shared bilateral vision, but there is lot of work to do...
- Limited resources- working to leverage each others efforts
 - Fostering programs and plans to support workforce development
 - Finding organizational efficiencies in midst of change
- Ongoing deliberation on a vision of the future of the paper chart
- Approval of the S-101 Standard
- Discussion of Strategic Plan (2027-2033)
- Data from over 65 multibeam bathymetry surveys from the USCHC region were added to the DCDB database since June 2023.

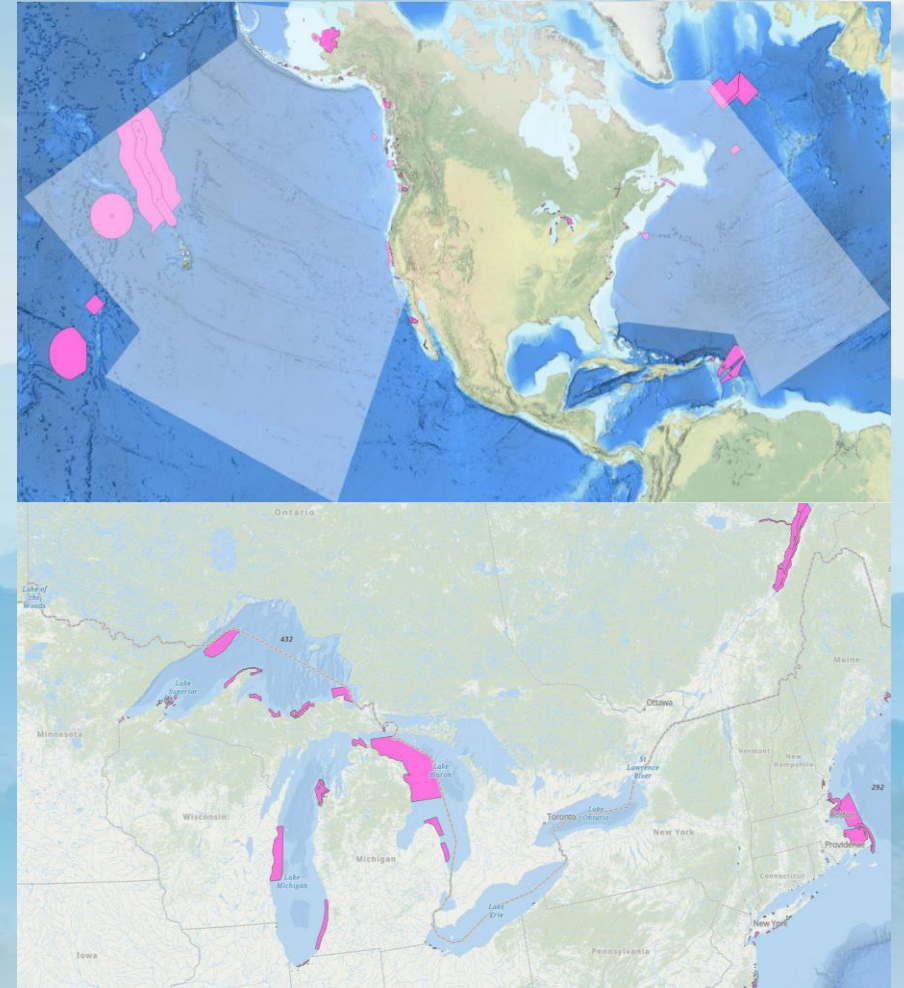


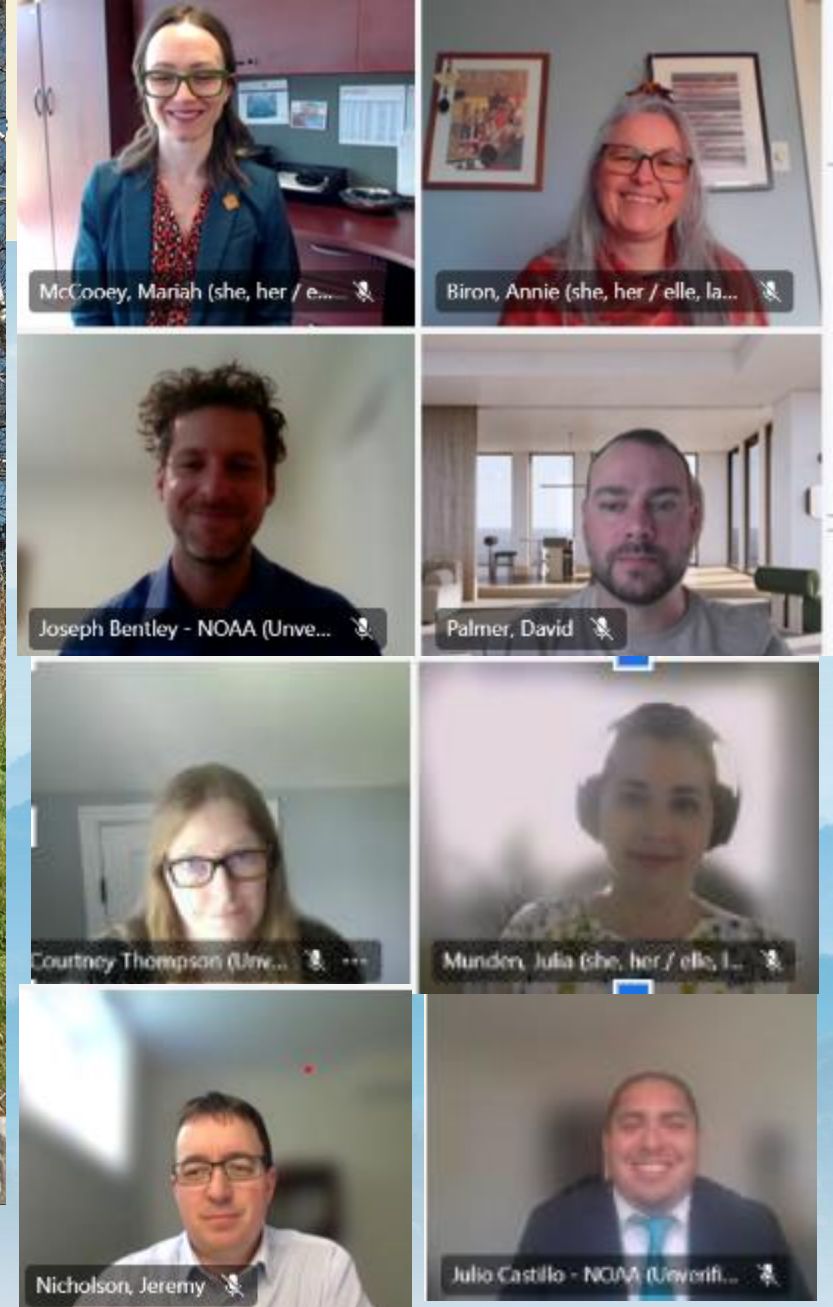
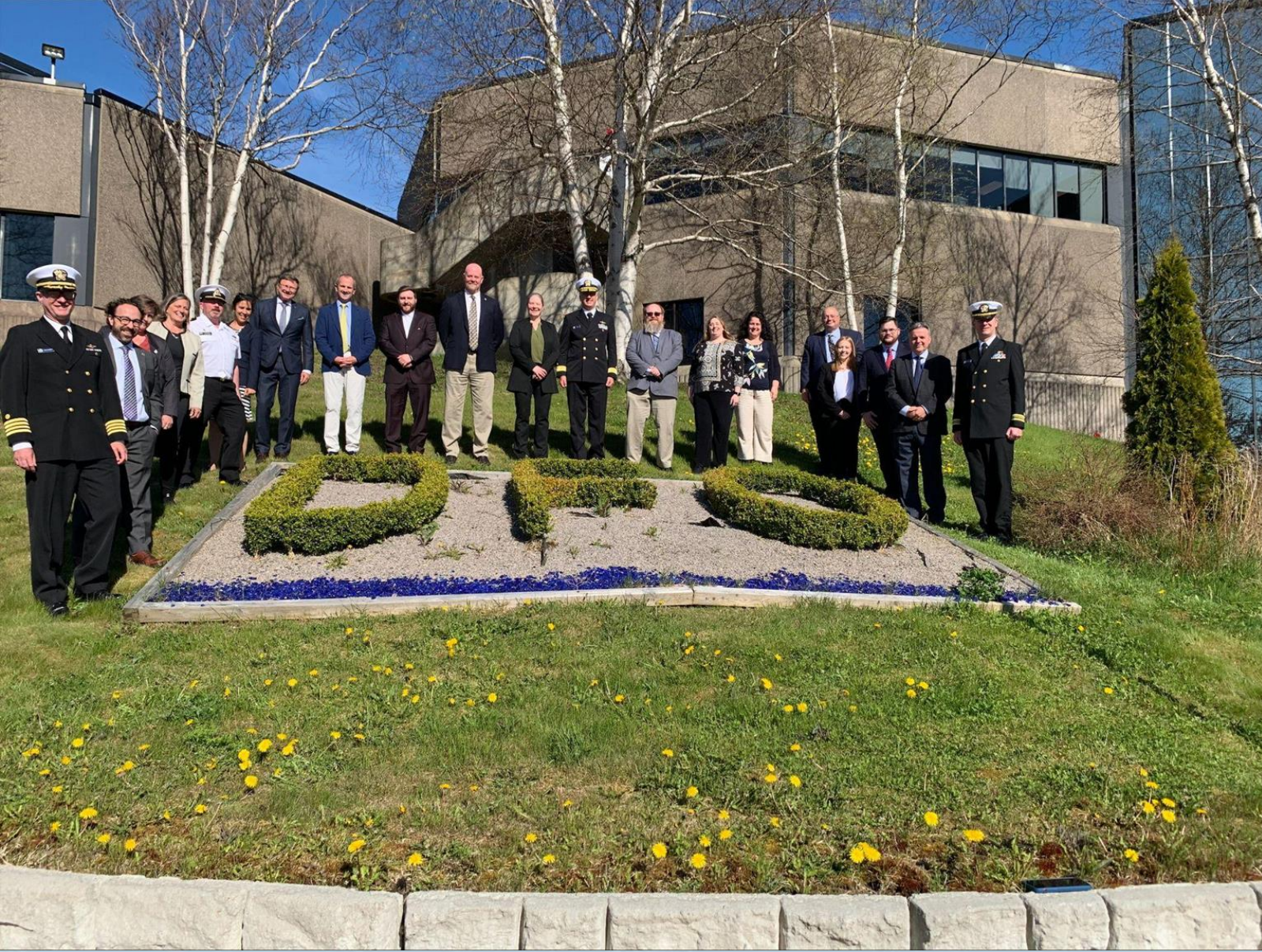
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Lessons Learned

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- Intersessional engagement will be critical-timelines and deadlines
- New leadership and staff, transparency, good mutual understanding to work through challenges we both face
- Starting to document roles and responsibilities for a USCHC S-100 champion
- Started raising awareness of Marine Protected Areas (S-122) in the USCHC “Region A” - ProtectedSeas.org inventory, US National Marine Protected Area Center, and other (see USCHC47-06)





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Proposals / Observations

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- from USCHC47 open discussion of the IHO Strategic Plan
 - Consider Increasing attention on workforce development in 2027-2033
 - Organizing theme for priority goal 1: “Precision Marine Navigation”?
 - streamline Goals 2 and 3
 - enhance discoverability and governance for SPIs for external stakeholders, tracking, and newcomers

Will speak to this further in IRCC16 Agenda Item 8 Day 2



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Gracias!
Thank you!

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