

## Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission (ARHC)

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#### Report of the Arctic International Charting Coordination Working Group (AICCCWG)

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**Related documents:**

- Minutes of ARHC Intersessional VTC 29 April 2020
- Minutes of AICCCWG VTC Meeting 2 June 2020
- Minutes of ARHC 10 VTC 13-14 August 2020

#### **ENC Coverage Issues**

All outstanding instances of overlaps, or potential overlaps between ENC's in the region have now been successfully resolved by the producing nations.

RENC Membership	RHC	ENC 1	ENC2	Usage Band	Status
IC-ENC - PRIMAR	ARHC	DE110000	NO1A3000	1	RESOLVED
IC-ENC - PRIMAR	ARHC	DK1GEAST	NO1A3000	1	RESOLVED
IC-ENC - PRIMAR	ARHC	DK1GNORT	NO1A3000	1	RESOLVED
IC-ENC	ARHC	RU205200	US2AK95M	2	RESOLVED
IC-ENC - PRIMAR	ARHC	RU209091	RU205200	2	RESOLVED
IC-ENC - PRIMAR	ARHC	RU20Q0T1	US2AK92M	2	RESOLVED
IC-ENC	ARHC/EAHC	RU40H150	US4AK8DM	4	RESOLVED
IC-ENC - PRIMAR	ARHC/EAHC	US3AK89M	RU30H0B0	3	RESOLVED

#### **Gridded ENC Scheming**

Establishing a common gridded ENC scheme for the Arctic is a significant ARHC topic and remains a key focus. However, there have been prolonged disruptions to the pace of progress caused by the continued global pandemic and work in this area has lost much of its earlier momentum.

The report prepared by IIC technologies and commissioned by the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) represents an important foundation to the work and outlines a number of potential approaches. However, it is acknowledged that there is still significant work to be done and that efforts should be made to reignite interest in the work and encourage renewed efforts among members.

The Commission is therefore requested to consider the establishment of a dedicated Project Team tasked with focusing solely on this issue. It is considered that establishing such a dedicated group would serve as the impetus needed to renew focus on the issue. In addition, the proposal can be viewed in the wider context of a discussion regarding the existing statutes and strategic objectives of the Commission and whether the current TOR's and working group structure are fit for use.

**The ARHC is invited to:**

1. Note the report.
2. Consider the establishment of a dedicated Project Team tasked with developing a common gridded ENC scheme for the Arctic.