

‘ARHC Year in Review’ Formatted Test Product

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Executive Summary:	A two page, formatted ‘ARHC Year in Review’ product is being shared for informational purposes. The document was compiled as a desktop exercise looking only at the information in the National Reports themselves.
Related Documents:	ARHC National Reports (2019)
Related Projects:	ARHC-8 Arctic Bulletin (IHO) ¹

Introduction/Background

The United States has created a two-page, formatted product that highlights recent and upcoming hydrographic activities of the ARHC. ARHC members submit a National Report annually, reporting hydrographic activities for a given year. The attached ‘ARHC Year in Review’ product compiles information selected from the 2019 National Reports, using existing material that may not be widely available otherwise, and packages it into a timely resource for both internal and external audiences.

Analysis/Discussion

The National Reports submitted by ARHC members includes valuable and interesting information on recent and upcoming hydrographic activities that are occurring in the Arctic. At present, this information may not be widely known or appreciated outside of the ARHC itself. A product, such as the one described here, could help to draw attention to activities happening in the Arctic and highlight this work in a tangible way, for both IHO and external communities/audiences.

In 2018, the IHO Secretariat did produce an ARHC-8 Bulletin. The Bulletin and Year in Review could be viewed to serve similar purposes in many regards. In developing the attached ‘ARHC Year in Review’ the U.S. (NOAA) wanted to test utilizing *only* information from the National Reports themselves which contain common elements based on the IHO Resolution 2/1997 outline.

Justification and Impacts

The IHO produces a Bulletin report on meetings on a case by case basis and should be considered if the ARHC wishes to explore developing such colorful handout summary two-pager flier-like reports similar to the one attached.

Recommendations

¹https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/RHC/ARHC/ARHC8/Bulletin%20Report-ARHC8_final2.pdf

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Action required of ARHC

The ARHC is invited to:

- a. Note the attached.
- b. Share any comments.
- c. Take appropriate action, if any.