

IHO Strategic Plan Review and BSHC Input

Agenda Item BSHC29 B.4

BSHC Input to the IHO Strategic Plan BSHC Chair / Estonia

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Introduction/Background

The IHO Assembly-3 tasked the Council to revise the current IHO Strategic Plan (SP), 2021 – 2026 for the next period (A-3/08e). A draft proposal of an IHO Strategic Plan 2027 – 2032 will be submitted to Assembly-4 (2026) by the Council.

Council-7 decided to keep the current structure of the IHO SP. It was considered to still be relevant at a conceptual level (vision, goal, etc.) and the Council agreed that the objectives for the next SP should be limited to a *revision* of the current SP (C7/36). The Council welcomed the offer from the Council Vice-Chair to lead a correspondence group consisting of a group of Member States¹ on the ways and means to prepare the next IHO Strategic Plan.

At C-8 a report and recommendations from the Correspondence Group for the preparatory process of IHO Strategic Plan 2027-2032 proposal on the scope and TORs of a Strategic Plan Review Working Group will be submitted for approval and implementation.

Analysis/Discussion

HSSC working group chairs, project leads and IHO staff convened an online session on February 2, 2024 to discuss the future of the IHO Strategic Plan. At HSSC16 Member States were invited to select their top three Strategic Plan additions from a list of items derived from the HSSC Chair Group session, and for HSSC Chair to report to the Council for consideration in the revised IHO SP. HSSC Chair Group to meet to review the prioritization of the SP, as voted on by MS during the meeting for presentation by HSSC Chair to C-8 for consideration by the future SPRWG. The result is available as in the C-8 HSSC report.

IRCC16 discussed the RHC-s inputs to the IHO SP and arranged a brainstorming session exercise for additional input to the IHO SP. The results are reflected in the annex A to the C-8 IRCC report. BSHC did not submit input to IRCC16.

Recommendation

BSHC Chair recommends a general discussion on the input to the IHO SP at BSHC29 or a separate video conference with MS representatives before C-8 to gather input on the IHO SP. The input will be submitted directly at the SPRWG meeting organized after establishment at the C-8 in October

Actions requested by BSHC.

- Note this paper.
- To decide on best way to gather input for the IHO SP (discussion at the BSCH29 or a video conference?)
- Request MS present at C-8 and SPRWG to present BSHC input to the IHO SP.
- Take any further action as appropriate.