

23rd Meeting of the Meso American – Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

Overview of Election Process for MACHC representatives to the IHO Council



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Role and Authority

- **Commitment**

- MACHC Council representatives shall attend all IHO Council meetings for the inter-sessional period between Assemblies.

- **Resource Considerations**

- In accordance with IHO General Regulation Article 3, all expenses connected with attendance shall be assumed by the respective State.
- The MACHC Council representative shall take into account the views of the Members of the Commission.
- A standing agenda item during the MACHC Conferences will include IHO Council matters.



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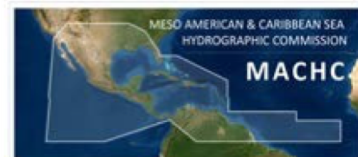
MACHC Council selection Process - IHO CL 43/2022

- Number of Seats allocated to MACHC: 2
- Number of eligible for selection from MACHC: 10
- If the number of candidate Members is equal to the number of number of seats on the Council assigned to the MACHC, then these candidate(s) will be designated as representatives of the MACHC.



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Potential Candidates

Cuba
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Guyana
Jamaica
Mexico
Netherlands
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Venezuela



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MACHC Council selection Process (continued)

- If the number of candidate Members is smaller than the number of seats allocated to the MACHC, the candidate will be automatically designated and will be complemented by the eligible Member that has not been a representative of the MACHC for the longest time. If this proves inconclusive, the Chair will designate eligible Members as representative of the MACHC.
- If the number of candidate Members is greater than the number of seats on the Council assigned to the MACHC, the candidate(s) to represent the MACHC to the Council will be designated through a voting procedure.



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MACHC Council Voting Procedures

- The voting procedure will take place in the three months prior to the session of the IHO Assembly, preferably at a Conference of the MACHC otherwise by correspondence if no MACHC Conference is scheduled.
- Each Full Member may submit one voting paper marking as many candidate Member from the list as seats have been assigned to the MACHC.



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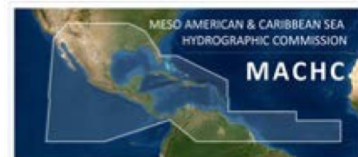
MACHC Council Voting Procedures

- The quorum for a valid voting procedure is set at 50% of Members casting their vote.
 - Representatives of the MACHC to the Council are then elected by simple majority.
 - An incomplete or blank voting paper is a valid voting option and does not count against the quorum.



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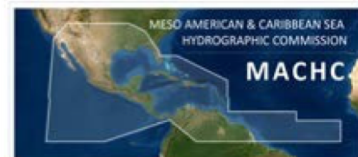
MACHC Council Voting Procedures

- Members shall inform the Chair of the MACHC and the Secretary-General of the IHO of the name of its official representative. An alternate may also be designated.
 - Members representing the MACHC shall inform the Chair of the MACHC and the Secretary-General of any changes in representation, whether permanent or temporary, as soon as practicable.
- * A detailed procedure is described in Annex 3 to the Statutes of the MACHC



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Sample Ballot

Part A

Number of Seats on Council allocated to the MACHC: *Chair inserts number in here*

(This is the number of boxes that may be marked below)

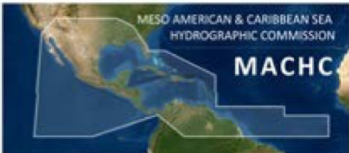
Part B

To vote for a candidate State put an 'X' in the adjacent box. The number of boxes that may be marked is shown in Part A above.

Chair inserts candidate State A in here	Votes indicated with an X here
Chair inserts candidate State B in here	Votes indicated with an X here
Chair inserts State C in here	Votes indicated with an X here
insert other States if appropriate	Votes indicated with an X here

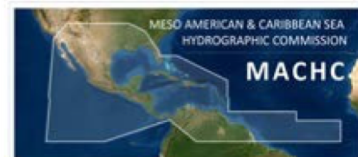
Member State: Date:

Authorised By: Position:



Timing of Selection Procedure

- **MACHC Letter 24/2022**
 - Requested Eligible MACHC Members (see IHO CL 43/2022) to indicate their desire to seek selection to the IHO Council
- **Agenda Item 2.2.1 (Day 1)**
 - Overview of election process for MACHC Representatives to the IHO Council
- **At end of Day 3 (Thursday, December 1, 2022)**
 - Final declaration of Member candidates for the MACHC seats on the IHO Council (privately to the Chair)
- **Agenda Item 10.1 (Day 4)**
 - MACHC Council Seat Election
- **Agenda Item 10.5 (Day 4)**
 - Election Results for MACHC Representatives to IHO Council



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