



RULES FOR SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES  
FROM  
THE NORDIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (NHC)  
TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO) COUNCIL

The following procedures for selection to the Council were endorsed at the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NHC 2016.

***Serving on the IHO Council is an important responsibility, as it is a primary means of communication and involvement by the NHC in IHO matters. Thus, it is important that the Commission be served by knowledgeable, willing and capable representatives to the IHO Council. Therefore it is emphasized that any MS seeking Council representation should be aware of the 3-year time commitment. They must also be aware that there are resources and financial implications that the selected MS(s) must be prepared to assume.***

### **Selection of the NHC representative to the Council**

Selection from NHC to the IHO Council shall be determined in compliance with IHO General Regulations Article 2 and Article 16.

Selection at an ordinary NHC meeting not later than 8 months before a session of the Assembly.

1. The NHC chair to request NHC MS to indicate if they wish to represent NHC in the Council 2 months before the ordinary NHC meeting.
2. If a NHC MS want to represent NHC in the council, the MS have to reply to all NHC MS 1 month before the ordinary NHC meeting
3. The NHC Representative to the IHO Council will usually be elected at the NHC ordinary meeting.
4. If only one candidate wants to represent NHC then the candidate will be automatically selected.
5. If there is more than one candidate, voting will take place. If voting is needed, each Member has one vote and the decisions will be made by simple majority of votes of all Members. The highest voted candidate will be selected. In case of a draw the Chair will cast a deciding vote.
6. The Chair shall notify NHC Member States and the IHO Secretary-General of the results and status of the member state representation in the Council within two weeks of the ordinary



NHC meeting.

7. Only the country that represents NHC in the Council will be counted to NHC
8. If a NHC meeting is not possible 8 months before a session of the Assembly, the NHC chair can decide to arrange a teleconference instead of an ordinary NHC meeting.

**Duties and Responsibilities of the NHC representative(s) to the Council**

- a) Attend all annual meetings of the Council.
- b) Be aware of issues that are before the Council and communicate those issues to NHC Member States.
- c) Solicit input from other IHO member states of the NHC as to any opinions or proposals being considered at the Council meeting.
- d) All expenses connected with the participation to the Council shall be borne by the elected MS