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B.1.2 - Alignment of the NHC statutes with the IHO strategy



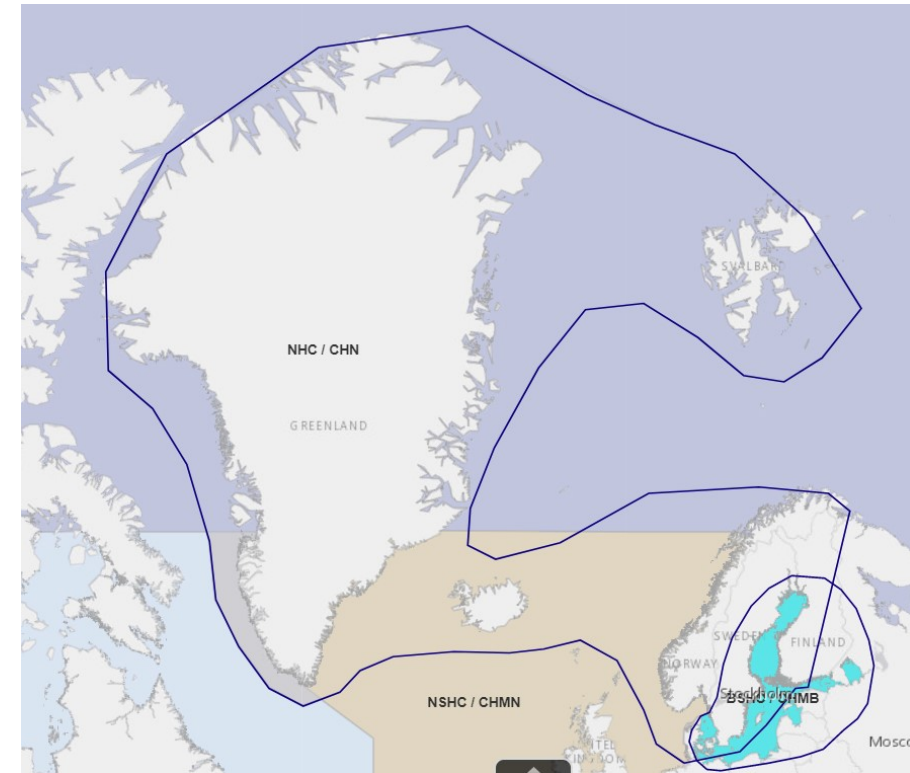


IHO has developed a new strategic plan. An important question is how this new strategic plan can/will impact NHC and where that can be best reflected.

Two issues have been identified:

1. NHC is a slightly different RHC in that our regional geographical coordination is already taken care of through both the NSHC and the BSHC. NHC can therefore focus on the IHO strategic goals and targets on a more conceptual and higher abstraction level and not on the SPI's as those are taken care of through NSHC and BSHC.
2. The current objectives in NHC statutes are very generic, provide little guidance and it could therefore be beneficial for NHC to align our statutes to the IHO strategic plan.

We are aware statutes have a long term horizon and have tried to formulate accordingly.



Draft analysis of the IHO goals with regards to existing NHC objectives in order for them to be aligned.



GOAL 1	Target	NHC Objectives	Draft adjusted NHC Objective
<p>Goal 1: Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver standards for hydrographic data and specifications of hydrographic products; support their regular production; and coordinate regional and global services for their provision • Develop standards, specifications and guidelines in the areas of data assurance, including cyber security and data quality assessment • Use capacity building and training to develop and increase the ability of Member States to support safety and efficiency of maritime navigation 	<p>a) To promote technical cooperation in the domain of hydrographic surveying, marine cartography and nautical information;</p>	<p>a) To cooperate in support of Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation</p> <p>b) To promote the development of new standards for hydrographic data and specifications of hydrographic products; support their regular production; and coordinate regional and global services for their provision</p> <p>c) To contribute to capacity building and training in order to develop and increase the ability of Member States to support safety and efficiency of maritime navigation</p> <p>d) To support and contribute to the work of the IHO, as found feasible.</p>
<p>Goal 2: Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a portal to support and promote regional and international cooperation in marine spatial data infrastructures (MSDI) • Promote new tools and methods to accelerate and increase coverage, consistency, quality of surveys in poorly surveyed areas • Apply UN shared guiding principles for geospatial information management in order to ensure interoperability and extended use of hydrographic data in combination with other marine-related data 	<p>b) To facilitate the exchange of information concerning surveys, research or scientific and technical developments and hydrographic activities; and</p> <p>c) To contribute to the work of the IHO, as found feasible.</p>	<p>e) To promote new tools, services and methods to accelerate and increase coverage, consistency quality and interoperability in order to increase the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society</p> <p>f) To promote international frameworks on data sharing and the FAIR principles.</p>
<p>Goal 3: Participating actively in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with other bodies who deliver capacity-building and training to improve effectiveness of capacity- building activities and programs • Improve knowledge of the world's seafloors • Implement a comprehensive IHO digital communication strategy in order to enhance its visibility and accessibility to its work 	<p>d) To cooperate in the case of crisis and disasters affecting one or several Members.</p>	<p>g) To promote participating in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean</p> <p>h) To support and contribute to the work of establishing a comprehensive map of the ocean seabed</p> <p>i) To cooperate in the case of crisis and disasters affecting one or several Members.</p>





Draft new NHC objectives for the NHC statutes:

Goal 1:

- To cooperate in support of Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation
- To promote the development of new standards for hydrographic data and specifications of hydrographic products; support their regular production; and coordinate regional and global services for their provision
- To contribute to capacity building and training in order to develop and increase the ability of Member States to support safety and efficiency of maritime navigation
- To support and contribute to the work of the IHO, as found feasible.

Goal 2:

- To promote new tools, services and methods to accelerate and increase coverage, consistency, quality and interoperability in order to increase the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society
- To promote international frameworks on data sharing and the FAIR principles.

Goal 3:

- To promote participating in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean
- To support and contribute to the work of establishing a comprehensive map of the ocean seabed
- To cooperate in the case of crisis and disasters affecting one or several Members.





Action requested of NHC 65.

The NHC 65 is invited to:

- a. Note the report;
- b. Discuss the need for new NHC objectives for the NHC statutes in order to be aligned with the IHO strategy
- c. If need for new NHC objectives, discuss whether the proposed objectives point in the right direction
- d. Take any other action as appropriate.

