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#### **NSHC CIRCULAR LETTER No 04/2015**

Dear NSHC colleagues,

By circular letter 03/2014 I passed along the invitation of the Chair of the IHO-EU NETWORK WG to initiate a process for adapting the Baltic Sea Bathymetry DataBase (BSBD) concept for our region. I suggested to adopt a phased approach with the aim to demonstrate our competence and capability to make a North Sea Bathymetry DataBase (NSBD) work.

As a first stage I asked you to confirm your active support in terms of data delivery. Your positive answer is a precondition for the next phase: BSH's most generous offer to build and host the technical infrastructure for a NSBD.

I am happy to say that I have currently received a positive response from most of you. After consultation with BSH, BSH is ready to commence the next stage: the construction of a DTM based on the NSDB as part of the new NSHC website.

I request you to work with BSH to make your data available. BSH will contact you directly for this activity.

Yours sincerely,

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