

Report of the WEND Working Group

Previous Meetings

- 8th meeting of WENDWG, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 20 - 22 March 2018.
- 9th meeting of WENDWG, Brest, France, 26 - 28 February 2019.
- 10th meeting of WENDWG, VTC, 7 - 9 April 2020
 - VTC02, 9 September 2020
- 11th meeting of WENDWG, VTC, 17-18 February 2021



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(NSHC)

Purpose of the WEND Working Group

WENDWG is a subsidiary working group of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC). The purpose of the WEND Working Group is to advise IRCC to enable the highest societal value of Member State effort by:

- a. Facilitating a world-wide consistent level of high-quality, updated official S-57 ENC's through integrated services that support chart carriage requirements of SOLAS Chapter V, and the requirements of the IMO Performance Standards for ECDIS;*
- b. Reviewing options, and recommending actions, that expand the value of the Worldwide ENC Database to all marine data users applying data management principles and; (10th IRCC Meeting (Goa, India, June 2018) – Expansion of the scope of WENDWG)*
- c. Supporting the S-100 based products implementation strategy (11th IRCC meeting (Genoa, Italy, June 2019) – Support of the S-100 Implementation Strategy)*



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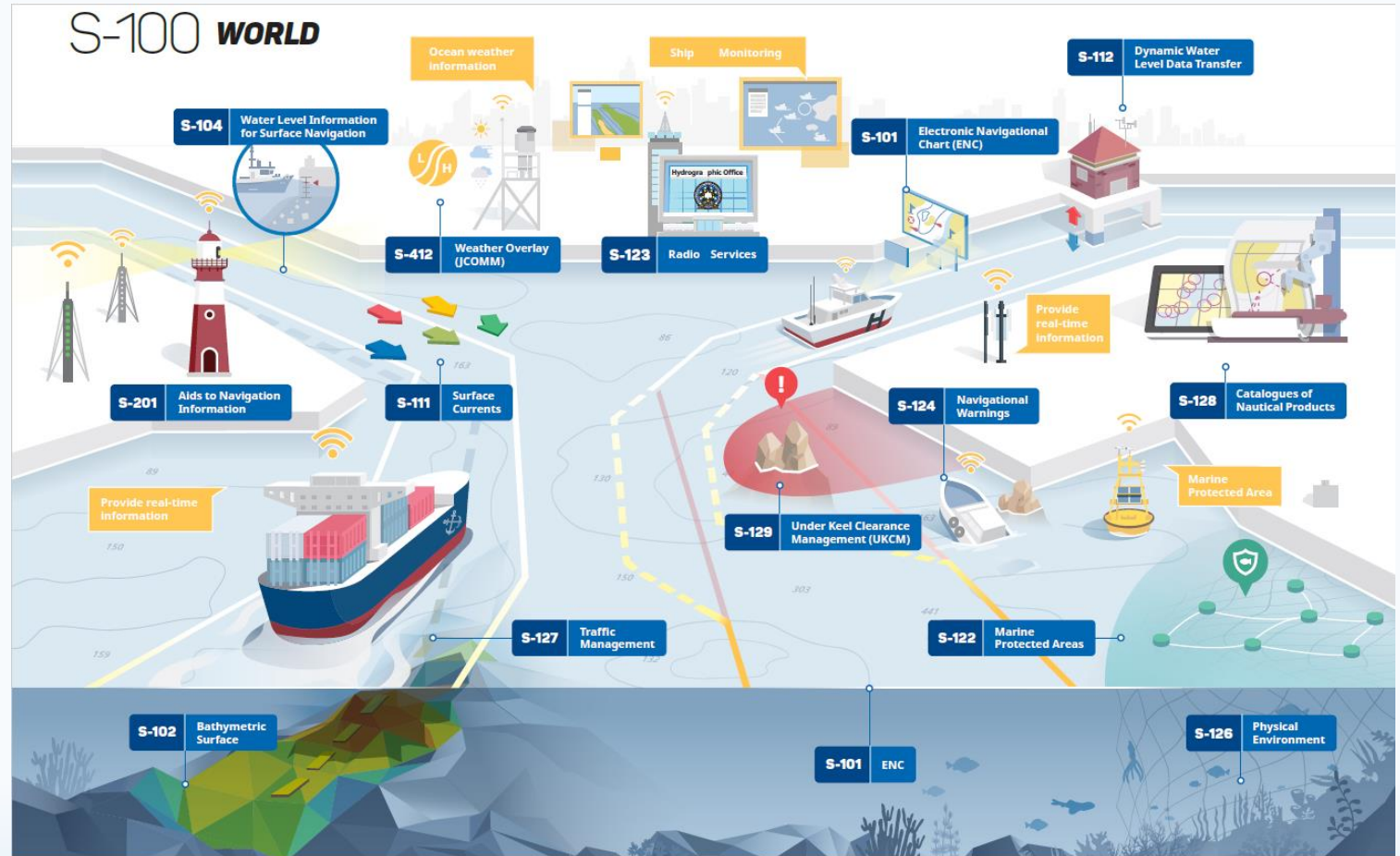
Extended WENDWG Terms of Reference

IRCC10 approved the expansion of the value of the Worldwide ENC Database to all marine data users applying data management principles



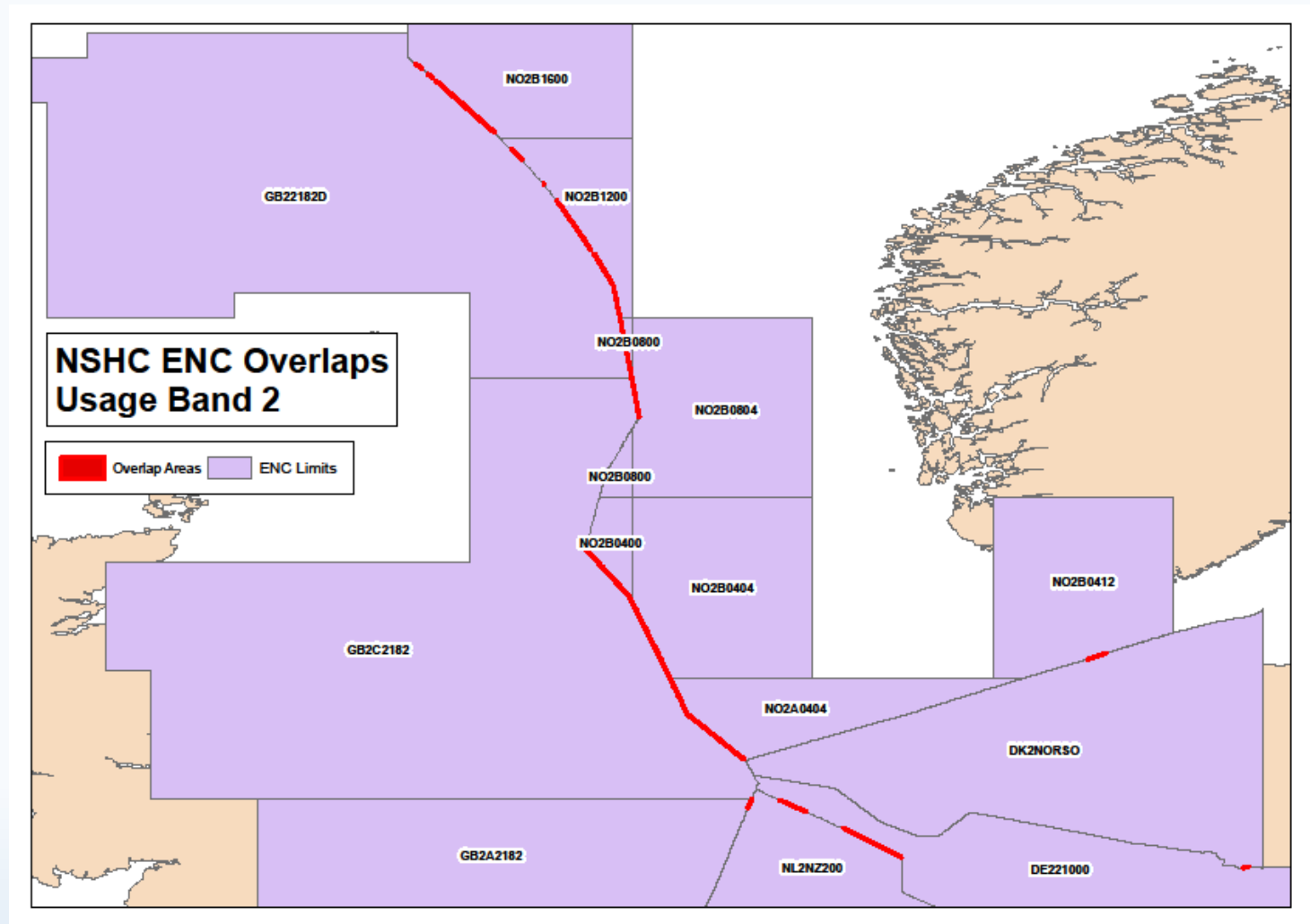
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IRCC11 approved update of WENDWG ToRs to support the S-100 based products implementation strategy



ENC overlaps and gaps in the NSHC Region

Low level ENC
Gaps/Overlaps
repeatedly occur
along national
boundaries



ENC overlaps in the NSHC Region

- Region D INT Chart Coordinator was aware of overlap issue
- INT Chart Member States had mixed views on **how to resolve**
- WENDWG Members also had mixed views on the matter
- Region D INT Chart Coordinator NSHC NSICCWG – draft paper
- will update at B.7

The NSHC is invited to:

- **Commend** Member States work towards reducing overlaps by applying the WEND Principles in defining approved ENC schemes.
- **Note** the submission of a paper for WENDWG12 on behalf of NSHC MS regarding a risk based approach to the management of overlaps/gaps on small scale ENCs (further update at B.7).
- **Note** the extended WENDWG Terms of Reference to support the S-100 Implementation Strategy and expansion of the value of the Worldwide ENC Database to all marine data users.
- **Note** the IHO Council Decisions and Actions to further update the WENDWG Terms of Reference.
- **Note** the IRCC11 approved updated WENDWG 2019-20 Work Programme as shown at Annex A (and new plan being drafted for 2021-22).
- **Note** the WEND100 Principles and ongoing work to draft guidelines.