



Proposed amendments to the NSHC Statutes

Introduction/Background

The current version of the NSHC Statutes was agreed upon at the 32rd NSHC Conference in Dublin 2016. Since then the new IHO organization has taken place, the IHO Resolution 2/1997 on the Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions has been amended and a NSHC decision has been taken to arrange annual NSHC Conferences, biannual as a physical meeting and biannual as a VTC. These were reasons why then NSHC35 Conference in Reykjavik tasked the NSHC Chair to draft an amended version of the NSHC Statutes to reflect these changes.

Analysis/Discussion

When drafting the amended statutes, it was in addition identified that there was a need to amend the language to be gender neutral. Sweden as the Chair of the NSHC and UK as the Vice-Chair of the NSHC have cooperated to propose an amended version of the statutes in accordance with the identified needs. In addition, Sweden and UK also propose an additional annex B to the statutes to show the draft order of the NSHC Chair, Vice-Chair and responsible organizer of the NSHC Conference.

You will find a **clean version of the draft NSHC Statutes in Annex A** to this paper and a **redline version as Annex B**.

Recommendation

Sweden propose that the NSHC agree upon the draft version of the NSHC Statutes as presented in the annexes to this paper. After approval at NSHC 36 the amended NSHC Statutes will be deposited to the IHO Secretariat.

Actions required by NSHC

- Note this paper
- Approve the draft version of the NSHC Statutes
- Take any further action as deemed appropriate