



Status and continuation of the Resurvey Working Group (RWG)

Introduction/Background

At NSHC-35 (2022) the Chair from UK announced that he was unable to continue as the RWG Chair. UK had at that stage chaired RWG since 2017. Netherlands volunteered to take over as the acting RWG Chair for the following year, but was clear that it will only be until NSHC-36 (2023). At NSHC-36 the NSHC Chair asked if any NSHC MS was willing to take over as the RWG Chair. Since no one volunteered to take over the Commission decided to keep the RWG dormant for the coming year (NSHC-36 10/2023). The Commission also took an action for MS to consider nominating a new chair for the RWG, in order to ensure the continuity of the work, and in the meantime focus related efforts on the IHO HSSC Hydrographic Surveys Working Group (HSWG).

Analysis/Discussion

Since NSHC-36 the NSHC Chair has not yet received any nominations as RWG Chair. The NSHC Chair notice that NSHC MS have a wide engagement in the IHO HSWG and some issues may overlap between RWG and HSWG. Though, there are also more regional aspects of surveying which would benefit of a WG within NSHC.

Recommendation

There are three obvious routes to choose between:

1. Start-up the RWG again, which will require that one MS volunteer to chair the WG or alternatively decide that the WG should be chaired by the MS currently chairing NSHC.
2. Keep the RWG dormant until a MS is willing to chair the WG.
3. Close down the RWG.

Actions requested by NSHC

- Note this paper
- Take decision on if the Commission should start-up RWG again, keep the WG dormant or close the WG.
- Take any further action as deemed appropriate