

# IHO Council

## Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council

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United States/Canada Hydrographic Commission Meeting

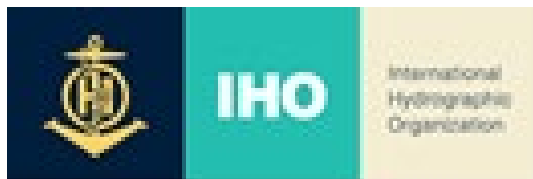
Oct 15-17, Monaco

Member states attending: 38 (including MS observers)

Registered attendees: 70

USCHC Attendees: Canada and USA

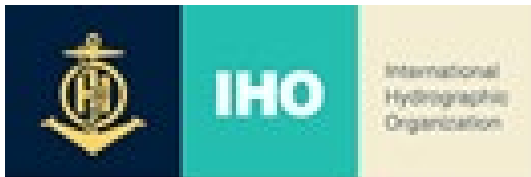
Summary Report available on IHO Council-3 meeting site



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# Council Endorses Strategic Plan to Assembly-2

- Culmination of 24 months of work of the Strategic Plan Review Working Group (SPRWG)--Congratulations!
- Brief, concise, readily understood and relevant
- Three Goals, three targets each, and 8 Strategic Performance Indicators
- If adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly, plan covers 2021-2026 and work plan will be aligned to the new structure



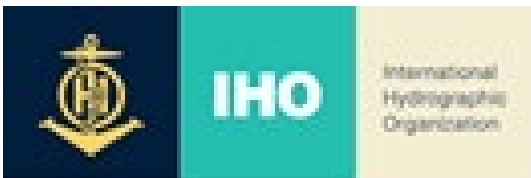
# Strategic Plan Goals

1. Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation
2. Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society
3. Participating actively in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean

## Goal 1

*Example Target:* Deliver standards for hydrographic data and specifications of hydrographic products; support their regular production; and coordinate regional and global services for their provision.

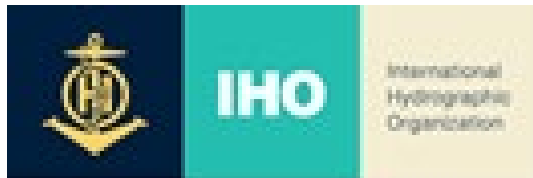
*Example SPI:* Percentage of Member States having operationalized production and distribution of hydrographic data products and services based on IHO Universal Hydrographic Data Model (S-100), under an implementation framework of coordination and agreed timelines (2026: 100%)



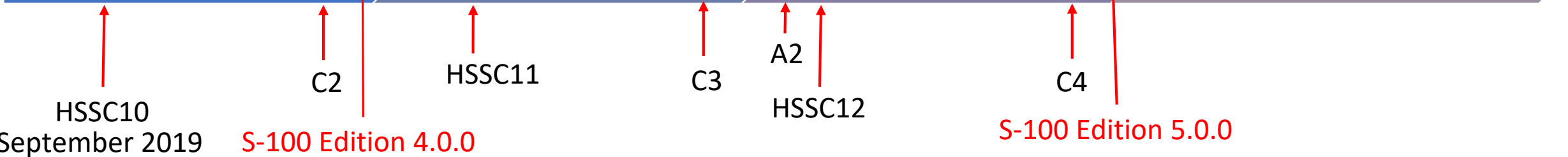
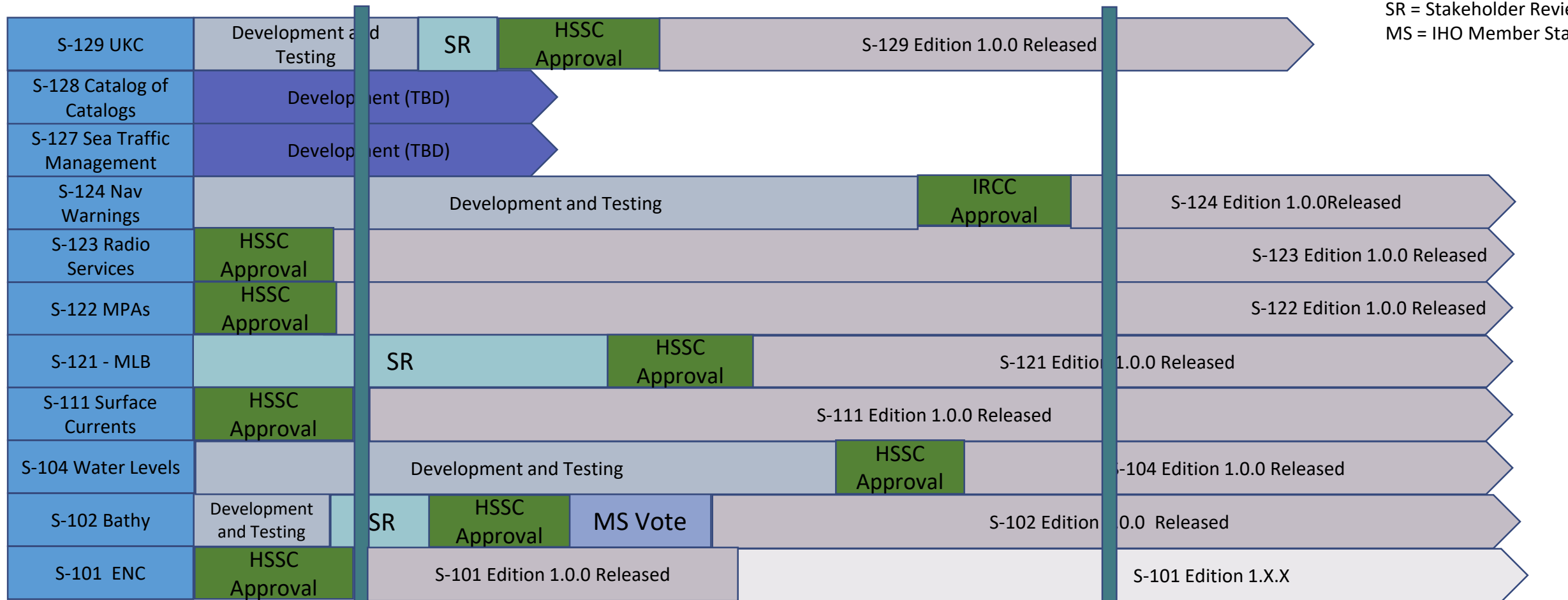


# S-100 Implementation Strategy & Roadmap

- A living document
- Annually maintained with the Council Chair, Inter-regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) & and Hydrographic Services and Standards (HSSC) Chairs, and IHO Secretary-General for engagement, production and capacity building
- Reviewed and adopted annually by Council
- Engagement with IMO targeting January 2024 for initial S-mode
- Realizing a new generation of maritime and marine services (WENS)



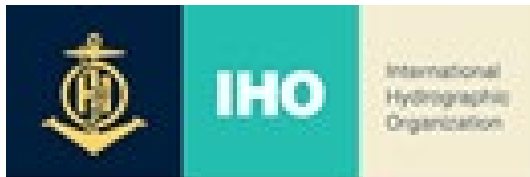
C=Council  
 A = Assembly  
 SR = Stakeholder Review  
 MS = IHO Member State





# “Hydrographic Interest”

- General Regulations Article 16 (c) “...*The definition of what constitutes an interest in hydrographic matters shall be reconsidered at the latest at the second Assembly meeting.*”
- “Hydrographic Interest” is currently defined as “tonnage” and is explicitly used to determine 1/3 of the Council Seats
- “Tonnage” itself is explicitly to be used to determine the number of votes per MS for election of SG and Directors and contributions of MS for covering the functioning of the IHO (IHO Convention)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council declined to consider alternative definitions of “hydrographic interest”
- Commend Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil on very thorough and thoughtful presentation of an alternative measurement at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council-
  - Tonnage, national seaborne trade, “offer” and “demand”
  - Detailed assessment made for member states with the proposed new measure- see C3-03.4B



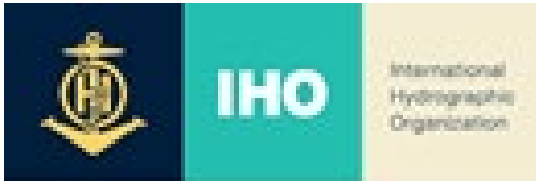
# Other

- S-100 Showcase and Seabed 2030 to be highlighted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly
- Resolutions and Rules updated
  - General Regulations Articles 12, 15, 20 (Medical fitness)
  - Interpretation of Rules updated
  - IHO Res 2/1997(RHCs), 2/2007, 1/2005, (disaster response)
  - Revision of Rule 12 of the Council Rules of Procedure (ROP)
  - Rules 8,11, 12 of Rules of Procedure to Council (Chair and Vice Chair)
- IHO Innovation & Technology Laboratory (Singapore) proposal
- IHO Capacity Building Funds not equal to the demand



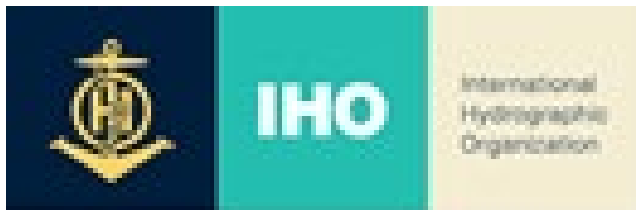
## Council 4-6 Main Theme Proposed

*“The effective implementation of the  
Revised Strategic Plan  
considering application of the  
principles of ISO 9001”*



# Next Steps

- Council Report to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly
  - 9 Proposals and Recommendations
- Every RHC to designate the MS who will have a seat to the next Council: For USCHC---Canada
- Candidates for Chair & Vice Chair of Council (2020-2023) tbd
- MS proposals to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly Red Book expected by latter Feb 2020
- Next Council meeting: October 20-22, 2020, Monaco



# Personal Reflections

- Initial skepticism from many of purpose, role, and value of the Council
- However, I am now convinced that the Council is indispensable
  - Only executive, actionable, timely oversight venue to consider all three programs of the IHO in concert
  - Can drive external relations and needs of the organization
  - Membership and interest high! Excellent discussions
  - Strategic and tactical perspective considered concurrently
- Small enough venue for participants to actively participate even if it's their first meeting or English is not a native language...fosters better understanding, appreciation, and trust among member states.

