



International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

United States-Canada Hydrographic Commission (USCHC)

INVITATION AND LOGISTICS INFORMATION

May 30-31, 2024

**Canadian Hydrographic Service
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre**
80 East White Hills Road
St. John’s, NL,
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Dear USCHC Colleagues:

1. USCHC47 Announcement

Please accept this invitation to join the United States-Canada Hydrographic Commission (USCHC)-47 meeting. The in-person meeting will take place on May 30-31 at the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre, scheduled to begin the afternoon of May 30 after the conclusion of the U.S. Hydrographic Conference. For planning purposes, the USCHC47 meeting will be held tentatively from 14h30 - 17h30 Newfoundland Daylight Time (GMT-2.5) on May 30 and from 08h30 to 16h30 on Friday March 31. The meeting room will be confirmed shortly.

Virtual participation is planned for those members wishing to join but otherwise unable to travel.

2. Hotel and Visa

Attendees are invited to make their own travel and hotel arrangements at their earliest convenience. A special group rate has been negotiated for both CHC and USCHC attendees at the Delta Hotel St. John’s Conference Centre located at 130 New Gower St., St. John’s, NL, A1C 6K4.

The local airport is the [St. John's International Airport \(stjohnsairport.com\)](http://stjohnsairport.com).

Non-Canadian citizens travelling to Canada should check for any [entry requirements](#) - the Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website is a good place to start. Citizens of the USA and most European countries are not required to have a visa per the linked IRCC website. Some travelers, if coming from a visa-exempt country, may require an [Electronic Travel Authorization](#). US Citizens are exempt from this requirement, but please still verify your specific requirements using the two websites linked above.

3. [CHC 2024](#)

If you are planning to attend the CHC 2024, all information regarding the Conference (accommodations, registration, transportation, and other logistics) can be found at the Canadian Hydrographic Association [homepage](#).

4. [USCHC Registration and Documents](#)

It is requested that all participants complete the registration form on the [IHO online registration page](#) by **May 10, 2024**. A participants’ list will be generated and periodically updated and posted on the IHO USCHC meeting website.

IMPORTANT: Please note any **food allergies** by email to Julia.munden@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, with a copy to sonja.bhatia@dfo-mpo.gc.ca by **April 10, 2024**. You should receive a confirmation email from the Secretariat. If you do not receive a prompt confirmation email, please resend your notice of food allergy.

The draft agenda for USCHC47 will be available on the [USCHC page on the IHO website](#) and is attached as an appendix to this letter. Comments and suggestions regarding the agenda are welcome and should be submitted to sonja.bhatia@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, with a copy to Julia.munden@dfo-mpo.gc.ca preferably before **April 10, 2024**.

Members are kindly asked to check the IHO meeting site regularly for updates to the documentation and other relevant information.

Documents and presentations for USCHC47 should be submitted to Julia.munden@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, with a copy to sonja.bhatia@dfo-mpo.gc.ca at your convenience and before **May 3, 2024**. Files can be updated and re-posted as needed. All documents will be sent to the IHO Secretary Representative, Yong Baek (yong.baek@iho.int), and posted on the IHO website as soon as they are received.

5. USCHC Coordination

For any further information, please feel free to contact Sonja Bhatia at sonja.bhatia@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, with a copy to Julia.munden@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

This USCHC Coordination team currently includes Sonja.bhatia@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, Julia.munden@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, and ernest.hynes@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

I look forward to seeing you in St. John's!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manon Larocque". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mrs. Manon Larocque
Director General of the Canadian Hydrographic Service

Attachment

USCHC47 Agenda