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Dear Chairmen of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and RENC General Managers

World-Wide Electronic Navigational Chart Database Working Group (WEND-WG) Circular Letter 1/2010

1. I am very pleased to take on the chairmanship of the WEND-WG and one of my first tasks is to submit a report to IRCC2 on the progress of ENC coverage.
2. As previously stated by Captain Abri Kampfer, Vice Chair IRCC, the WEND-WG has been tasked "To monitor and advise IRCC on the development of adequate ENC coverage to meet the SOLAS carriage requirement for ECDIS" and to this end I would appreciate views from RHC Chairmen on the adequacy of ENC coverage and any particular issues related to this in the Commission region.
3. I am also pleased to circulate a paper submitted by the Region F International Charting Cooperation Coordinator (FR) concerning ENC coverage issues for comment. The WEND-WG report will include reference to this paper and it will request endorsement of the WG plan to consider this paper and report to IRCC3.
4. Due to the need to complete and submit the report to IRCC, I would be most grateful for a response to this letter by 2 June.

Yours sincerely,