



Worldwide ENC Database Working Group (WEND-WG)

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Letter to all WEND-WG Members

Notification of a WEND-WG Meeting 13-14 October 2011 - Wollongong, Australia

Dear WEND-WG Colleagues,

I am writing to you to advise you of the arrangements being made for a WEND-WG meeting to be held in October at the Australian Hydrographic Services offices in Wollongong.

At IRCC3 a number of Member States expressed the view that a meeting of the WG would be the best way to achieve progress in resolving the remaining ENC issues facing the IHO. Having considered the options available it has been decided to hold the meeting in the week following the Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (in Tasmania) and directly after the IC-ENC Steering Group meeting (in Sydney 10-12 October). Whilst it is acknowledged that the gap between HCA and WEND-WG meetings is not ideal for some delegates it would appear to be the best compromise available. I would like to thank Cdre Rod Nairn for making the facilities of the AHS available to us for the meeting.

IRCC3 placed an action on the Working Group to prepare a report on the implementation of the WEND Principles by Member States, based on input from RHC and individual nations and I would expect to discuss the analysis of the questionnaires and to finalise the report at the meeting. In addition we will need to agree the outline of the report of the WG and any proposals it may make, to the Conference in April 2012 especially in regard to the commitment made at IHC XVII with regard to the provision of ENC coverage to support the mandatory carriage requirement for ECDIS that is scheduled to come into force from July 2012.

I do hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting; I will provide further details in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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