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### NCWG Letter 03/2022

To NCWG Members

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### NCWG 8 Update Correspondence

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to provide you with some update information about NCWG 8 (15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Wollongong, Australia) and to include some important requests and reminders.

- I am keen to remind you of the opportunity to support NCWG in the important vacant role as our secretary. The requested deadline for submissions of your interest was September 30<sup>th</sup>, thus far we have only received interest from one volunteer. Please can you consider if your Hydrographic Office would be able to offer a secretary to help us fulfil this important role.
- The deadline for the submission of papers to be raised and discussed with the Working Group was the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. However, I would still encourage you to supply papers, noting that the chair will need to approve their presentation for discussion with the Working Group at NCWG8.
- The deadline to register for NCWG8 is today, 30<sup>th</sup> September, you can register as joining in person or virtually. Participants planning for in-person participation that are unable to confirm their attendance before the deadline are invited to inform the host [robert.cario@defence.gov.au](mailto:robert.cario@defence.gov.au) and the IHO Secretariat [yves.quillam@iho.int](mailto:yves.quillam@iho.int) on their plans to attend and the number of potential participants at the deadline. Additional details can be found in [NCWG Letter 01/2022](#).
- Reviewing reports following marine incidents is a standing agenda item for NCWG, where lessons can be learned to amend and improve chart content and, or policy.

If you are aware of any good examples which would generate a discussion among the working group, please contact [nick.rodwell@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:nick.rodwell@ukho.gov.uk).

- The request to consider the content of S-4 from a machine-readable point of view has been raised and discussed at NCWG. S-4 remains an important and relevant document, describing both how and why features are part of charted information. At 450+ pages, S-4 is a large document and it is not feasible to review and revise the content of the whole document and reach consensus on modified content. However, to move this request forwards, representatives from the OEMs are invited to identify the higher priority topics/features which would support their request if they were redefined.
- I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the open actions which are currently expected to be delivered by NCWG, please see Annex A for more details.
- Finally, Robert, Alvaro, do you have anything you would like to add prior to us meeting in November?

If you are interested in supporting as a secretary, raising papers and subjects for discussion, please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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Vice Chair NCWG

## Annex A

No	NCWG7 Agenda item	NCWG7 Action	Delegate	Deadline
7/1	3	Information on SDB practices to be provided to UK by relevant HO's. UK to prepare a consolidated report for presentation at NCWG 8	UK	NCWG 8
7/2	3	UK to request additional information on pilot boarding areas and liaise with FI and report back to NCWG 8	UK	NCWG 8
7/3	6.3	Additional work to be conducted informed by the paper submitted by SHOM on quality of horizontal measurement in S-101 ENC's	FR, IHO Sec, Chair, Sec	NCWG 8
7/4	6.4	Proposed red line amendments to the relevant S-4 clauses relating to the rounding and depiction of depths on charts to be submitted to members for comment/approval.	Chair, IHO Sec, Sec	NCWG 8
7/5	6.5	UK to expand on the ideas presented in their paper related to the charting of decommissioned oil and gas platform jackets and provide a formal paper.	UK	NCWG 8
7/6	6.7	Baseline Symbology PT to convene and finalise ToR's and submit to the group for approval.	CA	December 2021
7/7	6.7	Baseline Symbology PT to convene and finalise project plan (including consideration of S-57) and to submit to the group for approval.	CA	January 2022
7/8	7.2	Progress development of section V for INT1 for data quality.	Sec	NCWG 8
7/9	7.2	Draft proposed changes to S-4 regarding the removal of stump symbols and submit to group for approval.	DE supported by Sec	NCWG 8

