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Dear NIPWG Members and colleagues,

Very good news for NIPWG today ...

In response to the letter in reference, I'm pleased to inform you that the Secretariat received a nomination for the position of NIPWG Secretary.

Thanks to the UKHO's commitment and support, the nominee is Ms **Laura Hall-King**.

Laura joined the UKHO on 1st September 2020 after 8 years at sea. She gained her MCA Master Mariner certificate, worked as 2nd officer and has a Foundation Degree in Nautical Science. Her

regional experience includes Caribbean, Mediterranean, South America, Pacific American coast, Alaska, Pacific Islands, Australia, Asia. She was part of the team onboard when transitioning from paper charts to ECDIS and sailed as a Navigator, using fully integrated systems while also having used a full suite of paper and digital publications.

At the UKHO Laura is a Maritime Advisor, assessing incoming data and updating ADMIRALTY paper and e-NP Sailing Directions as well as contributing to other publications and S100 related projects across the organisation. Laura will soon be starting a role as a Geographic Technical Lead.

This nomination being the only one received, Laura will be succeeding Tom Loeper as NIPWG Secretary from now. Thanks to the UKHO for this very important nomination at a time when a working group secretary is certainly a critical asset for the IHO, and warmful welcome to Laura! I take this opportunity to thank Tom on your behalf for his long standing support, humble and so efficient achievements throughout so many years.

The [NIPWG Membership List](#) has been updated accordingly. Grateful if you could make a quick check, and report on necessary updates if any.

Best regards,

For M. Eivind Mong, Chair of NIPWG,
Yves Guillam, Assistant Director

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