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Subject: NCWG Review of the "Future of the Paper Nautical Chart" Report

Dear Colleagues

At the NCWG-3 meeting in Redlands, California, USA (16-19 May 2017), we agreed to move forward with NCWG Work Plan Item A6 to draft a report on the future of paper charts. Several NCWG members have contributed to writing the document, which is now ready for review by the rest of the working group. **Please review the attached "Future of the Paper Nautical Chart" (FOTPNC) report and send comments to colby.harmon@noaa.gov no later than 22 March 2019.** A comment form with review instructions is attached.

After NCWG comments are received and incorporated into the document, it will be sent to HSSC for consideration at HSSC-11 (6-9 May 2019). A survey for IHO Member States covering many of the issues addressed in the FOTPNC report is also being prepared. After approval by HSSC, the FOTPNC report and the associated survey will be sent to IHO Member States in late May to review and respond to. A revised FOTPNC schedule is also attached.

Several of the issues discussed in the report are likely to become clearer after NCWG receives comments and survey results back from the Member States. A final version of the FOTPNC report and a summary of the survey results will then be prepared for presentation at HSSC-12 in the UK (11-14 May 2020). HSSC and NCWG are likely base future plans and actions on the results of the survey and report.

Thanks to all who helped prepare the report and thanks in advance for your review of this draft.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mikko Hovi', with a horizontal line above it.

Mikko Hovi
Chair NCWG

Attachments:
Draft "Future of the Paper Nautical Chart" Report
FOTPNC Comment Form
Revised FOTPNC Schedule