



March 5, 2009

Dear MACHC Members:

According to the 9th MACHC Meeting Action 9-12, the Electronic Chart Committee (ECC) was tasked with providing the Regional List of Ports (originally prepared at the 2004 MACHC meeting in Cartagena) so it could be used as a tool for developing a new regional ENC scheme. Upon review of that list, it was considered too outdated for this purpose. This list of ports has been now updated, using current information derived from the Lloyd's List Ports of the World 2008 and the Caribbean Shipping Association.

These ports have been plotted on the attached set of graphics, depicting existing regional ENC coverage for IHO Usage Bands 1,2 and 3. The ENC coverage shown is drawn from the information on existing and planned ENC coverage provided by MACHC member countries in response to my request from last year. I realize that these graphics are incomplete at this time. There is also information missing and some that may be inadvertently incorrect.

Therefore, I invite you to review the attached information (which will soon be displayed on the MACHC website) and determine:

1. Are the Ports depicted the priority ones for your country? If you do not concur, please provide:
 - a. Names of Ports to be added/deleted, and
 - b. A quantitative measure in support of your decision.

2. Do you agree/disagree with the ENCs shown for your area? If there is disagreement, provide:
 - a. ENCs to be added/deleted
 - b. Where ENC coverage exists and is available but not shown on the graphic, provide further information in the format originally requested (see attached).
 - c. Where ENC coverage exists but is not yet available, provide further information, in the format originally requested, and expected date of availability.

3. Since this data will be required to keep the information on the MACHC web site current, please send your electronic responses by April 17, 2009 to the ECC Technical Coordinator, Rafael Ponce at: rponce@esri.com

Once all the information has been received, the graphics will be updated and posted on the MACHC website (<http://www.iho-machc.org>). If we do not receive a response from you by the due date (April 17, 2009), it will be assumed that you agree with the graphics as correct. Thanks you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chair, MACHC Electronic Chart Committee

Attachments:

ENC Coverage, [Machc_Navpur1.pdf](#)
ENC Coverage, [Machc_Navpur2North.pdf](#)
ENC Coverage, [Machc_Navpur2South.pdf](#)
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