

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MEIP WG)

18th Tele-Conference Meeting. Tuesday 22nd October 2013 Record Of Decisions (ROD)

Tele Conference commenced at 11.00hrs EDT, 16.00hrs GMT

Participants

Tim Lewis (RH) – UKHO (Chair)
Jane Jones (JJ) – UKHO (Sec)
Mark Halliwell (MH) - UKHO
Leland Snyder (LS) – NOAA
John Pepper (JP) - UK
Captain Rafael Diaz (RD) – Mexico
Alberto Costa Neves (AC) – IHB
Rupert Forrester-Bennett (RF) - Pelydryn
Rafael Ponce (RP) - ESRI

18.1 Opening remarks by Chair

Chair thanked the group for dialling into the conference, briefly outling key themes for discussion; a meeting he has had with Michel Amafo in Surinam, and the report and workshop for the MACHC

18.2 Brief Introductions

18.3 Apologies

Alejandro Gerones (AG), – Caris Nickolas Roscher (BN) - Brazil Rob Hensley (RH) - UKHO

18.4 Actions update

17-5-1 MEIP Group to feed in suggestions for CBSSC Funding Bid Closed

AC explained to the group that to achieve this is a long process. Proposals for funding must be received in April in each year for fulfilment the following year. Proposals must be for less than €50,000 and the priority is currently for phase 1 capacity building.

It was noted that this option should still be pursued as a longer-term solution, whilst following up shorter term revenue streams to support the MEIP-WG.

17-6-1 UK (MH) to contact REMPEITC and feed back an update to the group. Closed

17-6-2 (If appropriate) MEIP SEC to invite REMPEITC to future MEIP WG

meetings. Open

17-7-1 MEIP WG Chair to submit draft agenda to MACHC Chair for MEIP WG workshop at MACHC.
Closed

17-7-2 MEIP WG Chair to contact OECS through MACHC chair, regarding regional survey requirements.

Open

18.5 Update from meeting in Suriname with MACHC Chair

Michel Amafo is keen for the workshop at the MACHC to be practical and for it to be an opportunity for the group to be apprised of the potential subscription costs of each of the demonstrator models.

According to the Agenda, the workshop will follow the official opening of the MACHC.

18.6 MEIP Workshop at MACHC

The agenda for the workshop has gone forward to the MACHC.

The letter from Mexico (12th August) sets out some useful challenges and tasks. In order to achieve this the following items need to be considered:

- 1. Practical demonstration of Proof of concept specific examples where the tool can be used in marine spatial planning (and to support funding bids).
- Data supply Data would need to be supplied in time for Caris and ESRI to prepare
- 3. Pre-workshop discussion with industry participants.

It was suggested that in advance of the workshop at the MACHC a mail should be sent out to the wider MACHC community underlining the purpose of the MEIP and gleaning input. It would be an opportunity for them to offer ideas for what it would be useful for the MEIP to achieve.

18.7 Progress on MEIP Report to MACHC

UK and US have commenced work on a draft report.

The following tasks are now required:

18-6-1 Sec to coordinate with ESRI / Caris and MH to provide data in time for workshop by 2nd week in November

18-6-2 Sec to resend draft workshop proposal items and ask for feedback by a set a set date.

18-6-3 Sec to draft highlights paper to group explaining role of MEIP

18-7-1 JJ and LS to complete admin tasks 1-4

- 1. LS to develop report with JJ by beginning of November
- 2. JJ to feedback updated report by 7th November
- 3. All to review report and feed amendments back to MEIP Sec
- 4. Latest ROD's to be uploaded to MEIP website
- 5. ROD's to be translated to Spanish

18.8 Any Other Business

On behalf of the MSDI WG John Pepper agreed to investigate convergence between the MEIP and the IHO MSDI WG as the MEIP is looking to build a regional SDI based on survey data, and he would consider greater alignment between the two groups. It is interesting to hear that individual countries are planning geo-databases at a national level, but regional engagement with neighbours when planning is important.

The IHO MSDI WG is undertaking and audit of members and associates and there is an open forum and meeting for members scheduled for Feb 5,6,7 2014.

18.9 Date of Next Meeting

Session with industry to agree practical sessions at MACHC in St Maarten.