INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MEIP WG)

14th Tele-Conference Meeting. Thursday 11th April 2013
Record Of Decisions (ROD)

Tele Conference commenced at 11.00hrs EST, 16.00hrs GMT

Participants
Tim Lewis (TL) – UKHO (Chair)
Jane Jones (JJ) – UKHO (Sec)
Leland Snyder (LS) – NOAA
Alejandro Gerones (AG) – Caris
Rupert Forrester-Bennett (RF) – Pelydryn
Rob Hensley (RH) – UKHO
Mark Halliwell (MH) - UKHO
Alberto Costa Neves (AC) IHO
Rafael Ponce (RP) - ESRI

14.1 Opening remarks by Chair
Chair thanked all for continued participation and advised that he will be looking at increasing communication of and about the MEIP in various ways to establish a way ahead for the MEIP solution. Industry participants, especially Caris and ESRI were thanked for their continued assistance and work for the benefit of the group.

14.2 Brief Introductions

14.3 Apologies
Nickolas Roscher (NR) - Brazil
Jan Haug Kristensen (JK) – Kongsberg
John Pepper (JP) John Pepper Consultancy
14.4 Actions update

13-6-1 (Extension to the demonstrators). ESRI to coordinate 3 month extension if possible.

14-4-1 TL to write to MACHC Chair to give him overview of current status of MEIP

13-7-1 (ENC coverage of new ports). LS sent email to PB to follow up.

14-4-2 JJ to email Paul Beggs to follow up.

13-7-2 (Brazil to send CATZOC data to Alejandro and MH for input)

14-4-3 JJ to follow up with Brazil

14.5 Next Steps

Chair had meeting with Mr Mustafa Iptes, Director Coordination of the IHO who was conducting a North American funding campaign to improve hydrography. Alberto reported that meetings with the world bank and other stakeholders had been positive. Chair noted that the next challenge would be to maintain momentum.

RH noted his thanks to Caris and ESRI for their support to this project. Data and technology are available for the project, however governance and management of the tool is the next issue to resolve. He suggested 3 options; the responsibility for management stays in a country within the region, it follows the chair or is a role for the IHO in support of the blue economy, standards or C-55.

AC added that to get IHO involved the MEIP WG should lobby the working groups, committees and sub committees, such as the WEND Working Group, IRCC, CBSC and the MSDI WG for the need to improve infrastructure and make connections.

Chair to draft his thoughts on the way forward to MACHC chair, with regards to intellectual property and highlighting where this fits into other initiatives.

15-5-1 TL to write to MACHC Chair

RP added that ARC GIS Online requires no specialist software to run it.

15-5-2 JJ to send out MEIP WG TORS for review with ROD.

14.6 MSDI demonstrator tool update

MH explained that UK has looked at both demonstrator models and gave an overview. Both solutions contain various layers of data, but are different ways of approaching the same idea.

To go further, a firmer view of the next steps is required as proof of concept stage has now been satisfied.
Chair asked if IHB had viewed the tool and how they could support the project. AC suggested MEIP-WG needs to submit a formal request for support.

15-6-1 MEIP WG to update the bureau and submit formal request for support of the project.

15-7-1 JJ to investigate communication options.

14.7 Any Other Business (AOB)

There have been some issues with communication using the US based number. Secretary to investigate other options for communication.

14.8 Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 30th May 2013
16:00BST, 15:00 UTC, 08:00 PDT, 11:00 EDT
16:00 BST, 17:00 CEST