

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MEIP WG)

10th Meeting - Monday 19th November 2012 MACHC XIII – LA Antigua, Guatemala

Record Of Decisions (ROD)

Participants

Chair – Tim Lewis (UK)
IHB
All MACHC MS delegations
CARIS, Pelydrn, Fugro, Kongsberg
CCCCC, RIEMPTEC, The Maritime Alliance

10.1 Welcome and introduction (Chair)

Chair welcomed the ongoing commitment of participants dialling in and stressed the unique opportunity to gather in the margins of MACHC XIII with MS, Observers, other organisations and industry. The need to consider this meeting in conjunction with the following maritime funding session was highlighted and attendance of both was encouraged.

10.2 Self Introduction of participants and Apologies (All) Jane Jones (MEIP Sec) – Although joined for part of the meeting via Skype

10.3 Review of previous actions (Chair)

Chair indicated that to maximise the time for core discussions and presentations of the MSDI demonstrators the action grid would be reviewed and distributed off-line and sent out to all MEIP participants.

One exception to this was the action for all MS to review and submit responses to MSDI questionnaire that had been sent out. To date replies had been received from Suriname, UK and Brazil (during this MACHC). US enquired about the core purpose of the group and questioned whether the questionnaire covered this fully. Chair noted this point and referred to a related action for all MS to provide feedback on the questionnaire also.

10.4 Review of MSDI questionnaire (All MS)

Chair noted that as only 3 questionnaires had been returned and considering action 10.3.2, the review would be held during the next teleconference.

10.5 Spatial Data demonstrator examples (Chair, CARIS, ESRI) Chair provided an update to the group regarding the progress of MSDI demonstrator options.

ESRI – Provided background to the overarching structures and the capabilities these provide. There was a focus and explanation of the key

10.3.1 Chair and sec to review, Sec to distribute by 12th Dec 12

10.3.2 All MS to review questionnaire and return responses by 12th Dec 12 differences between software, infrastructure and platforms as a service. ESRI – Demonstrated the ARC GIS cloud capability "live" to the group. CARIS – Demonstrated the Spatial Fusion Enterprise capability "live" to the group.

The background and both presentations addressed concerns around data security, standards compliancy (such as OGC), licensing, and highlighted many of the geospatial tools possible

Chair pointed out the need to consider these in line with regional projects, such as OECS and other GIS development presentations, such as Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre for the Wider Caribbean) (REMPEITC) to be presented later during MACHC.

NLD commented that many advantages had been highlighted, but what are the disadvantages?

Chair acknowledged this valid point and roundtable discussion noted that it would be essential not to lock users into expensive licensing structures which could prove disadvantageous to many users.

10.6 Panel discussion (All)

As the attendees were so actively engaged during the previous agenda items, the panel discussion was happening throughout.

Some key themes emerged as follows:

<u>Collaboration/Knowledge sharing</u>; Chair pointed out the importance of sharing knowledge with similar activities and pointed out that the MEIP (Sec) had attended, upon invite, the BSHC – MSDI WG. The findings of this had been passed to the MEIP WG.

<u>Data security:</u> There were concerns around providing data to the MEIP MSDI and the data protection around this. The MEIP tool is to address this to ensure that robust solutions are in place.

<u>Donor funding:</u> Industry pointed out the focus needed to be more around the donor funding challenge. This is to be taken forward with the maritime funding workshop and links to other presentations during MACHC such as OECS.

Items for MACHC back brief:

The chair will brief the MACHC XIII an overview of progress since its formation (Dec 11). CARIS and ESRI to provide short overviews of the demonstrators provided during this meeting. Provide an update of key actions and next steps.

10.7 Summary of actions, next steps (Chair)

The actions as documented above were noted. Next steps were to engage with related activity (such as REMPEITC)

<u>Post meeting MEIP actions</u> (derived from activity in other sessions, predominantly the maritime funding session):

MACHC action 13.4.3 - MEIP WG to develop a platform that will identify regional projects in collaboration with CB coordinator – April 2013 MACHC action 13.4.5 - MEIP WG to identify achievable projects within MACHC region in collaboration with CB coordinator – By MACHC-IV MACHC action 13.4.? Maritime Alliance to host, coordinate and invite

10.7.1 Sec to include REMPEITC on MEIP WG correspondence ahead of next meeting

MACHC, industry and donor organisation stakeholders to Maritime Funding session in San Diego. To include videoconference for those unable to travel. – May 2013	
10.8 Any Other Business (AOB) (Chair) N/A	
10.9 Date of next meeting (Chair) TBA before the end of 2012 calendar year.	