



Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MEIP WG)

17th Tele-Conference Meeting. Thursday 8th August 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
Alejandro Gerones (AG), – Caris
Juan Carballini (JC) – Caris
Andy Hoggarth - Caris
Rafael Ponce (RP) - ESRI
Nickolas Roscher (NR) – Brazil
Mexico

17.1 Opening remarks by Chair

Chair thanked the continued international participation and highlighted the important planning period ahead of the MACHC meeting in December. It was stressed that now is the time to tackle the outstanding actions and plan for the MACHC workshop.

17.2 Brief Introductions

17.3 Apologies

Eric Longlais(EL) – SHOM
Rob Hensley (RH) - UKHO

17.4 Actions update

15-4-1 JJ to investigate communication options.

Chair requested that a dial in from a Skype account is tested into this meeting line, in order to help those unable to attend. Two actions – 1 to contact BVI to test and US (LS) to set up a test session.

16-4-1 JJ and LL to produce draft report for discussion at meeting 17.

Ongoing – Discussed at item 17.7 below.

16-7-1

All to consider items and issues for discussion during the MEIP Workshop at the next MACHC – Now closed, discussed at item 7 below.

16-4-1 JJ and LL to produce draft report for discussion at meeting 17.

17.5 Letter to IHB

Chair asked all those who hadn't reviewed the letter to do so and feed back any comments. Chair pointed out that whilst this didn't achieve the governance/resource support requested, it offered options to apply for funding. Caris clarified the CBSC application process and noted the potential timeline involved. Chair concluded that whilst it is a slow process it should be done, whilst seeking alternative funding opportunities.

17.6 Demonstrator Tool

In respect of item 5, the chair clarified to industry that currently this WG and MACHC is without funding that may be required to "industrialise" or expand and that this is to be discussed with MACHC chair later this month. Given this position chair suggested that the group should reach out to other similar or potentially overlapping work streams to maximise efficiency. An example was REMPEITC.

ESRI – commented that the important thing is to consider exactly what we want to achieve and how to achieve it and to enable the maximum data sharing possible.

17.7 MEIP Workshop at MACHC

Chair confirmed that there will be a MEIP WG Workshop from 0900 – 1230 on Monday 9th December ahead of the main MACHC meeting and encouraged all to attend/feed in suggestions to maximise this opportunity. US – suggested that a practical proof of concept demonstration would be useful at this session. The group supported this and chair highlighted a meeting held between IHO president, Maritime Alliance and MEIP chair, where it was concluded that the MEIP group had gone as far as it can go within its own skill sets regarding maritime funding, and that the OECS was the most likely candidate to achieve a successful bid. This was based on a number of points including:

- a. OECS has good governance
- b. OECS has an identified requirement
- c. OECS survey programme would support multiple nations, and is a regional approach.
- d. OECS is already well connected to development/aid organisations.
- e. OECS need to be the body that seeks the funding support; however the MEIP could provide supporting geospatial information to underpin the bid.

Some subjects for the workshop suggested include:

1. A verbal update reflecting the MEIP – WG report
2. The presentation of a proof of concept/regional requirement through OECS, above.
3. A review against other IHO initiatives, focussing on the IHOs MSDI WG.

17.8 Any Other Business

US - briefed on a senior meeting on Marine Spatial Planning in southern

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

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

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

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

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

California facilitated by the Maritime Alliance, hosted at Fugro HQ in San Diego in July. This was also attended by IHB president. Chair noted the excellent work going on the background regarding this subject and stressed the importance of these connections.

17.9 Date of Next Meeting

24th September 2013 11:00EDT 16:00BST (UTC+1)

