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3rd Meeting of the IHO Surface Current Working Group 13-15 May 2015 in Tokyo



Participants of the SCWG3

The third meeting of the Surface Current Working Group (SCWG) was held at Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), Tokyo from 13 to 15 May 2015. The SCWG is a working group under the Hydrographic Service and Standard Committee (HSSC) of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and its objective is to develop the standards for the presentation of navigationally significant surface current information on Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC).

The meeting was attended by 21 participants from 7 countries; Canada, France, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Spain, USA, the IHB, and industries.

From East Asia, Japan and Korea delivered presentations about Current Information Service, Current prediction software and the status of S-111 test-bed software, respectively.

The meeting discussed development of S-111 standard and identified the future action items.

The Members also noticed that they had different understanding in the definition of the word “Slack Water”. So, it was agreed that the meeting will provide the draft definition of “Slack Water” and cooperate with Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group to list this definition on the Hydrographic Dictionary. Japan will participate in the corresponding group of the SCWG to provide the definition of this word.

Following the decision of HSSC to integrate SCWG and TWLWG (Tide and Water Level Working Group) to be TWCWG (Tide, Water level and Current Working Group), this meeting was the last meeting of SCWG. Discussion on development of the standard of S-111 will be continued in the TWCWG.

