

Paper for Consideration by S-101PT3**ENCWG and S-101PT meetings**

Submitted by:	Australian Hydrographic Office
Executive Summary:	Conduct the ENCWG and S101 PT meetings back to back
Related Documents:	N/A
Related Projects:	N/A

Introduction / Background

The S101PT is now meeting independently of the S100 WG and therefore it has effectively become another international meeting MS representatives should attend.

Analysis/Discussion

Although the future ENC will be based on the new S-101 PS, any improvements in encoding or presentation identified by the ENCWG is relevant to the work of the S-101 PT.

A large number of papers presented at the ENCWG meetings end up being referred to the S-101PT meetings for information or decision.

Conclusions

- a) The work of the ENCWG and the S101PT overlap in many areas and there's a high chance that the technical representatives attending both meetings will be the same.

Recommendations

- a) The IHO secretariat, HSSC and the corresponding WG chairs to promote and coordinate the ENCWG and S-101PT meetings to run back to back from 2019. This action will facilitate and improve attendance by reducing travel costs.

Justification and Impacts

By having the ENCWG and S-101PT meetings back to back is highly likely that the number of MS participants will increase. This would positively affect the outcome from both meetings by having more HO's represented and therefore adding value to the technical discussions.

Action Required

The S-101PT is invited to:

- a. discuss the content of this paper,
- b. accept the recommendations