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S-100WG Letter 1/2020

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S100WG Update and call for nominations for S-101 and S-102 Project Team Chairs and Vice Chairs

Dear S-100 Working Group Members,

I hope all finds you well and that you are staying safe during this challenging time. I know that many of us had to adapt to a new way of working so that we may be able to flatten the curve within our respective countries.

Even though the upcoming S-101 project team meeting has been postponed, as well as HSSC-12, we are endeavoring to continue the work programme accordingly. As you know, much of our work is done in between meetings and we will continue to move forward on the important work that we discussed at our last meeting in March. On behalf of the S100WG, I have submitted a draft report to HSSC summarizing the work that we have accomplished and the work that we continue to do – including highlighting the postponement of Edition 5.0.0 by one year.

As you also know, due to new responsibilities at their home office our S-101 and S-102 Project Team Chairs had to step down and normally the vice chair would take over until the next election. However, in both these cases there is no vice chair. After discussion with the IHO Secretariat, the WG will solicit nominations and conduct and election via email – if we only have one candidate per position, we will conduct the election via acclamation.

If you are interested in running for either the S-101/S-102 Chair or Vice Chair position, please email myself <u>Julia.Powell@noaa.gov</u> and <u>Anthony.Pharoah@iho.int</u> by May 15th.

In addition, I have been in consultation about scheduling a S-101 Project Team meeting in the fall in Monaco in order to continue forward momentum. Finalization of that decision will be made in conjunction with the new chair – once elected.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued commitment to the work of the IHO and the S-100WG.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Powell (IHO – S-100WG Chair)

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