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- The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) is responsible for providing marine aids to navigation in Canadian waters as per program guidelines directives and procedures manuals.
- CCG is currently involved in an initiative to take advantage of new approaches for service delivery when it facilitate feasibility (technical and efficiency).
- The Aids to Navigation (AToN) Program has developed proposals to consider changes to the service delivery policies & system design methodology.

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Client Engagement Objectives

The objectives of this key client engagement session are:

- •To inform clients of proposed changes;
- To listen to clients' views and concerns regarding proposed changes;
- •To achieve a decision for this proposal that could lead to an update of the aids to navigation directives; and
- •To identify impacts from the changes proposed.



BACKGROUND

Modification to Canadian Aids to Navigation System

The Canadian Coast Guard's (CCG) aids to navigation services are advertised through the *Canadian aids to Navigation System* (TP968). Once approved, the modification to our systems will be advertised.

CCG proposes to:

- •Confirm the use of daybeacons on small lighted fixed aids for distance less than 1.5 nm in order to adapt the size of the mark to the requirements of the users.
- •Add new types of daybeacons in the aids system.
- •Confirm the use of 24hr lights on ranges where supported by review with mariners. The addition of daylights, the elimination or downsizing of daymarks on 24 hour lighted ranges will be done on a case by case basis according to new CCG guidelines.

The expected benefits resulting from the proposed system modifications are potential decrease in the size of fixed aid structures and daytime visual reference that better reflect the current needs of our users.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Allow daybeacons on minor lighted aids:

Given that many of the minor aids in question do not need to be seen from a distance of more than 1.5 nautical mile during the day, there would be an opportunity to save on the construction cost of new supporting structures and the refurbishment of existing ones (which are extensively used) if daybeacons were to be approved for use on lighted fixed aids.

Introduce Cardinal and Isolated Danger fixed aids:

Allow for their introduction to the Canadian Aids to Navigation System and develop parameters for their use. It is recommended that the topmark be mandatory where Cardinal and Isolated Danger aids are utilized. It is also suggested that, to the greatest extent possible, their use should align itself with accepted practices in countries already using this type of aid.

· 24hr lighted Ranges:

Allow the use of daylights to supplement, replace or reduce daymarks on special situations according to new CCG guidelines and following user approval. This practice has been used in the past to resolve specific issues.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

<u>Preliminary guidelines for using 24 hrs daylights and establishing the need for daymarks.</u>

Factors to consider:

- Daytime perception requirement and the atmospheric visibility (ex.: to supplement the service of the daymark during dark overcast sky);
- Distance to provide the service for (ex.: less than 2 nm);
- Luminous or non luminous background;
- The availability of shore or solar electrical power;
- Need to provide a back-up (ex.: remote location);
- The availability of local marks that reduce the risk in daytime navigation;
- The need to improve the technical and economical feasibility of an installation/refurbishment (ex.: resolve issue such as vegetation masking, cost of submerged pillar, cost of acquiring servitudes, taking advantage of natural denivellation which favour short swing pole, reduce implementation delays related to complex installation, etc.).



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