

NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities
Hydrographic Services Review Panel Comments/Input

Below are issues related to the 2004 edition of the NOAA Survey Priorities (NHSP) in which NOAA seeks comments by members of the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP):

1. Does the NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities (NHSP) clearly identify the process NOAA utilizes for prioritizing the commercial transportation sector's hydrographic survey needs? If not, what requires further clarification?
2. Does the NHSP clearly describe the hydrographic survey needs of the nation with respect to commercial navigation? If not, what further clarification is required?
3. The 2004 edition to the NHSP will better describe how survey requests can be submitted to NOAA by the commercial marine community. A listing of NOAA's 11 Regional Navigation Managers with contact information will be included, along with a section of explanatory text. Assessment of the nation's commercial requirements is achieved through that sector's interaction with NOAA's Regional Navigation Managers; however, the recreational boaters' requirements have been more difficult to identify. Does the HSRP have suggestions on how NOAA can properly assess and prioritize the needs of recreational boaters and other small to medium sized vessel traffic?
4. Are the NHSP graphics sufficiently detailed in the printed version? Would a zoom-in capable, web-driven version be useful?
5. Does the HSRP endorse NOAA's methodology used for establishing survey priorities as described in the 2004 edition of the NHSP?