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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282

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Captain R. Scott Ireland
Hudson River Pilots Association
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Dear Captain Ireland,

Thank you for your letter outlining your concerns regarding the vintage of soundings and the scale of charts along the Hudson River. In addition to your letter, we received twelve other letters supporting your request.

This past summer Coast Survey initiated a multi-year project to collect modern high-resolution hydrographic data at the locations that you and other stakeholders have identified as areas needing larger scale charts and modern hydrographic data. The collection of this data is critical to the process of re-scheming and creating larger scale charts of the Hudson River.

We recognize the importance of the Hudson River in the national maritime economy and have dedicated one of our navigation response teams to begin the task of collecting data for chart updates. Data collection is estimated to be completed by the end of 2017.

To meet your requirements our intent is to produce larger scale electronic navigation charts which will require re-scheming of the current chart coverage. We estimate these products will be available by 2019.

Lieutenant Commander Meghan McGovern, our Northeast Navigation Manager, is available for consultation and updates on completed surveys and preliminary results, future survey areas and chart re-scheming plans. She can be reached at 401-782-3252 or meghan.mcgovern@noaa.gov.

Your input is appreciated and I encourage you to continue to reach out to me with your concerns. A copy of this letter will be provided to the other stakeholders supporting your request.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral Gerd F. Glang
Director



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