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The HSIA legislation provides for the HSRP. The 3 offices also follow this legislation:

Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947 (33 U.S.C. §883 et seq.), Section 33 U.S.C. §883a. Surveys and other activities – which states:

To provide charts and related information for the safe navigation of marine and air commerce, and to provide basic data for engineering and scientific purposes and for other commercial and industrial needs…

**CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE is below and points to Section 303 of the HSIA legislation:**

The proposed addition of new language is in yellow and could go in Section 3 below:

**3. Objective and Scope of Activities**. The HSRP shall advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator (the Under Secretary) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in Section 303 of the HSIA, as amended, and such other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the HSRP for review and advice. The HSRP shall provide advice regarding “charts and related information for the safe navigation of marine and air commerce, and to provide basic data for engineering and scientific purposes and for other commercial and industrial needs” as is set forth in Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947 (33 U.S.C. §883 et seq.) in Section 33 U.S.C. §883a. Surveys and other activities. The HSRP may exercise such powers as are reasonably necessary in order to carry out its duties.

**4. Description of Duties**. The HSRP shall advise the Under Secretary on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in Section 303 of the HSIA, as amended, and such other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the HSRP for review and advice including but not limited to: “NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities;” technologies relating to operations, research and development; and acquisition and dissemination of data and information pertaining to:

1. Hydrographic surveying;
2. Shoreline surveying;
3. Nautical charting;
4. Water level measurements;
5. Current measurements;
6. Geodetic measurements;
7. Geospatial measurements;
8. Geomagnetic measurements; and
9. Conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources.