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From: Chair, Maritime Domain Awareness Committee Executive Steering Committee (MDA ESC)
To: MDA ESC Principals

Subj: NATIONAL MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS PLAN (NMDAP) UPDATE

Encl: NMDAP Appendix C Revision, MDA Challenge Management

1. This document communicates the revision to Appendix C of the NMDAP.
2. Consistent with Presidential Policy Directive-18, the National Strategy for Maritime Security, and the NMDAP, the MDA ESC may modify appendices to the NMDAP as required.
3. On 21 May 2020, the MDA ESC determined that the challenges articulated in Appendix C of the NMDAP no longer reflected the current maritime environment. They concluded that Appendix C should be revised to describe the current MDA challenges, and establish metrics and a process by which challenges can be systematically mitigated. On 24 July 2020, the National Security Council's Maritime Security Policy Coordinating Committee (MSPCC) endorsed the proposal to revise Appendix C.
4. On 26 October 2020, the MDA ESC approved the revised Appendix C and agreed to forward it to the MSPCC for endorsement following a formal interagency review process. On 18 December 2020, the MSPCC endorsed the revised NMDAP Appendix C, see enclosure. The revised Appendix C is the second update to the 2013 NMDAP. Revisions associated with this change are limited to Appendix C; the remainder of the 2013 NMDAP and Revision 1 of 2017, and all other appendices remain unaffected.

Kelly Aeschbach
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