

**Offshore Issues Committee
2006 – 2007 Terms of Reference**

<i>Project Summary</i>	The Committee is responsible to inform Council and the ACLS membership of issues related to fully integrating the Canada Lands Survey System on Offshore Canada Lands. The committee will report on its activities annually to the ACLS Council.
<i>Mission</i>	To heighten the awareness of the ACLS membership and other stakeholders involved in Offshore Canada Lands of survey issues related to hydrography, offshore surveying and positioning; thereby providing protection of public interest and maintaining a uniform survey fabric throughout Canada Lands.
<i>Objective</i>	The objectives of the committee are to ensure that the ACLS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership and other offshore stakeholders are aware of the technical survey issues evolving in Offshore Canada Lands; • Take a lead role in the development of any survey specifications related to the offshore. • Provide value to the hydrographic sector. • Advocate the benefits of a Marine Cadastre and the role of the CLS has with respect to UNCLOS.
<i>Quorum</i>	Any 4 members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
<i>Scope and Outputs</i>	The Committee shall issue an annual report outlining at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of issues addressed and/or acted upon in the past year; • Recommendations on proposed course of action for each issue; • Planned activities for the coming year, to be aligned with the current ACLS Strategic Plan. The report shall be submitted to the Registrar prior to the AGM.
<i>Approach and Methodology</i>	Communication will be through a series of teleconference meetings and a face-to-face meeting, arranged by the chair or other designated member. Committee members will also interact with local stakeholder groups to identify their respective concerns.
<i>Schedule / Plans</i>	The key milestones for 2006-2007 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining current in the issues related to the extent of Offshore Canada Lands; • Advocacy: continue when opportunities are presented such as SEAMAP, UNCLOS, Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN), Marine Advisory Committee (Geoconnections), etc. • Communication strategy and paper to promote the role of the profession in the context of a Marine Cadastre for offshore Canada Lands; • Communication strategy and paper to promote ACLS member role in offshore surveying for Maritime Boundary Delimitation and UNCLOS boundaries such as Baselines and article 76 surveys; • Strengthen ties with the hydrographic community via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soliciting feedback, to identify how an ACLS membership can provide value, • Submitting articles to Lighthouse, joint seminars / conferences, • With the guidance of the ACLS-CHA Joint Hydrographer Certification Task Force, look into what additional requirements are needed for ACLS to certify Hydrographers.