To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: SAFE NAVIGATION IN FISHING AREAS – NINGBO-ZHOUSSHAN, CHINA

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Recently, there have been collisions involving fishing vessels in areas around Ningbo-Zhoushan, China which have resulted in either loss of the vessel or life.

To create more awareness of the types of fishing in this area, the Ningbo Maritime Safety Administration has issued an Advisory on Navigation in Fishing Areas. This 2021 version is an update of Fishing Vessels Guidance for the Safety of Navigation within and around Ningbo-Zhoushan waters. October 2017, and includes some new fishing types and characteristics in these waters.

It is hoped that a better understanding of Chinese fishing vessels, together with good practices for safe navigation, will assist merchant vessels in preventing such accidents.

Republic of the Marshall Islands vessel owners and operators are requested to kindly circulate this advisory to their vessels operating in the Ningbo area.