



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Meeting of the Sea-based activities segment team

DG BSAP SEA 2-2021

Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

Online, 13 January 2021

Outcome of the Second Meeting of the Sea-based activities segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

(DG BSAP SEA 2-2021)

Introduction

0.1 The Second Meeting of the Sea-based activities segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP SEA 2-2021) was held online on 13 January 2021.

0.2 All the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention attended the Meeting, as well as Observers from CCB, FEAP and WWF. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.3 The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Chair of DG BSAP SEA. Mr. Markus Helavuori, Professional Secretary, and Ms. Susanna Kaasinen, Associate Professional Secretary, from the HELCOM Secretariat acted as secretaries of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Actions in the updated BSAP

2.1 The Meeting took note of the draft actions to be considered for the sea-based activities segment of the updated BSAP and the proposals for redrafting of some of the actions made by the Secretariat based on comments received and the guidance by HOD 59-2020 (document 2-1).

2.2 The Meeting recalled that HOD 58-2020 agreed that currently all proposed action-specific target years should be considered as provisional. The Meeting further recalled that HOD 58-2020 agreed that once all proposed actions and their target years are in place the overall division and distribution of target years will be reviewed and, where needed, target years might be amended to better distribute upcoming work and ensure that work is planned to take place in a logical order.

2.3 The Meeting took note of the clarification that the Working Groups will work on the annexes to the updated BSAP that will include additional information including whether the actions are to be implemented nationally or jointly within HELCOM.

2.4 The Meeting considered and developed further the actions, as included in the separate Excel attachment to this Outcome, based on the guidance from HOD 59-2020 and comments received in the review processes in 2020. The Meeting agreed that the formulation of some of the actions is already satisfactory (coloured green in the Excel attachment) and agreed that the next meeting should focus on the actions that need further work (coloured yellow).

2.5 The Meeting noted that some Contracting Parties still have study reservations on certain actions as indicated in the Excel attachment. The Meeting also noted that Latvia and Russia have study reservations on all actions, and that Denmark has a general reservation due to ongoing national coordination.

2.6 The Meeting agreed to continue work on some of the actions, as reflected in the comments in column H of the Excel attachment, intersessionally and invited interested parties to contact the Secretariat (markus.helavuori@helcom.fi) by **22 January 2021** at the latest to join the intersessional work.

2.7 The Meeting highlighted that further guidance from DG BSAP or HELCOM 42-2021 would be needed on how to deal with actions that focus on ongoing cooperation (e.g. action SE04) but are not viewed as aspirational, actions that partly overlap with the topics in the science agenda and cross-sectorial actions under topics that are covered by several segments. In this context, the Meeting specifically noted that consideration should be given to the following:

- the possibility of cross-referencing action SE06 with actions related to fisheries data;
- cross-referencing by-catch related actions in the sea-based activities segment with actions in the biodiversity segment related to the same topic;
- possible ways of linking actions SE34 and SE35 with relevant actions considered by the Biodiversity segment; and
- ways of cross-referencing or further combining the set of 7 measures for coastal fish, four of which are considered by the Biodiversity segment (action SN35);

2.8 The Meeting did not discuss actions related to seabed loss and disturbance or underwater noise due to lack of time and agreed to come back to these actions in the next meeting of the Segment Team. The Meeting invited the Secretariat to make proposals for rephrasing the actions related to seabed loss and disturbance based on the comments received in 2020 and guidance from HOD 59-2020.

2.9 The Meeting noted that there may be a gap in the set of actions with regard to improving energy efficiency of pleasure boating, but the Meeting was not in a position to conclude on the matter at this stage.

2.10 The Meeting agreed on the importance for the various segment teams to work in a coherent manner and to be made aware of relevant cross-cutting issues discussed in other segment team meetings.

2.11 The Meeting took note that the further developed actions will be presented for review at DG BSAP and for provisional agreement at HELCOM 42-2021 (and possible subsequent intersessional HOD meeting), as they become available, and that the actions will be drafted further by DG BSAP Segment Teams and DG BSAP based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2020 (**Presentation 1**). The Meeting also took note that the final approval of the actions will take place at HOD 60-2021 in June 2021.

Agenda Item 3 Segment introduction

3.1 The Meeting took note of the segment introduction and the description of the desired state revised by the Secretariat based on the guidance by HOD 59-2020 (document 3-1).

3.2 The Meeting took note that Germany had sent comments to the segment introduction which will be forwarded to DG BSAP 5-2021.

3.3 Noting that the segment introduction has been significantly revised based on the guidance provided by HOD 59-2020, the Meeting emphasized that many of the comments submitted by the Working Groups are still valid. The Meeting also took note of the comments that (agreed that) the description of the current state still focuses too much on shipping issues.

3.4 The Meeting invited Contracting Parties and Observers to send possible further comments to the segment introduction **by 20 January 2021** to the Secretariat (susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi).

3.5 The Meeting took note that the further developed draft segment introductions will be presented for review by DG BSAP and guidance by HELCOM 42-2021 and that the segment introductions will be drafted further by DG BSAP Segment Teams and DG BSAP based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021. The Meeting also took note that the final approval of the introductions will take place at HOD 60-2021 in June 2021.

Agenda Item 4 Next steps

4.1 The Meeting invited the Secretariat to make a doodle poll to schedule the next whole day meeting of DG BSAP SEA in the end of March or beginning of April 2021.

Agenda Item 5 Any other business

5.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

Agenda Item 6 Outcome of the Meeting

6.1 The draft outcome was prepared by the Secretariat and adopted via correspondence.

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