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Background

As mentioned in the document [3-1 Consolidated reporting to LCLP - results of the trial reporting 2017 and institutionalizing of the reporting procedure](#): *“The procedure has to be reflected in relevant HELCOM documents, including the fact that contracting parties to the Helsinki Convention which are also signees to the LC/LP do not need to report data directly to the LC/LP Secretariat. Thus, this might need an update of the [HELCOM Recommendation 36/2](#) and [Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea](#) in terms of description of the procedure for consolidated reporting.”*

This document introduces some initial ideas of these updates.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider these initial ideas for updating the HELCOM Recommendation 36/2 and Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea.

Initial text to be added to HELCOM Recommendation 36/2

RECOGNISING that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Helsinki Convention, dredged material is the only one exemption from general prohibition of dumping in the Baltic Sea out of 8 waste categories, mentioned in Annex 1 to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (London Convention and Protocol), the consolidated report to London Convention on behalf of the Contracting parties to the Helsinki Convention is to be in accordance with the HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea.

Initial text to be added to HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea

13.3 According to decision by XXXX, HELCOM is to carry out consolidating reporting to London Convention and Protocol on behalf of HELCOM Contracting Parties. The reporting is based on the reporting format and technical requirements set by the Secretariat of the London Convention, but it also takes into account the availability of data in the BS region. The annual report to LC/LP utilizes data from HELCOM annual reporting and is carried out in following format:

- The report consists of two excel sheets: “summary” and “details of sites”. In addition, the report includes a word file with definitions used in the HELCOM reporting on handling of dredged material at sea.
- The “summary sheet” is comprised of a country wise summary of activities on the reporting year. It includes information on the number of activities and the amount material deposited, both separated between capital and maintenance dredging. In addition, it includes a map on the distribution of activities around the Baltic Sea.
- The “details of sites” sheet is comprised of information on individual depositing activities, including deposit site code, location of site (coordinates of the site), sub basin and amount material deposited. Information on the beneficial use is also provided and the last two columns includes the potential amount and purpose of beneficial use.

The procedure and timeframe of the reporting include the following steps:

- The data on handling of dredged material at sea are to be reported by 1 October of the year following the year of reported activities. An overview of the reported data will be presented to the relevant HELCOM working group for taking further actions to finalize reporting if required.
- The reported data will be processed by the Secretariat and compiled into the unified geo-database by 1 December of the same year including all needed clarifications with national data reporters.
- The compiled national datasets will be available for national data reporters after 1 December in Shapefile format. National experts will be invited to verify and approve the datasets in two months’ time by 1 February of the following year.
- After expert’s approval HELCOM Secretariat will compile the consolidated report from the verified data by 1 March and submit it LC/LP after approval by relevant HELCOM working group.