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Biological effects – under the Expert Network on Hazardous Substances

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The Meeting will be held Online, **17 February 2020**. The meeting will start at 13.00 CET (14.00 Finland) and is expected to last for a maximum of 2 hours.

The Meeting will be opened by EN-HZ Co-Chairs Berit Brockmeyer, Germany, and Jaakko Mannio, Finland.

The purpose of this online meeting, devoted to Biological Effects, is to discuss the findings from the questionnaire, consider how Biological Effects can be addressed in future work (in particular in building towards a third holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea), and to develop a plan for a workshop on the subject back-to-back with a future physical meeting of the HELCOM Expert Network on Hazardous Substances.

Meeting documents will be made available in the [Document Library](#) of the EN-HZ 12-2020 [Meeting Site](#). Please note that access to the meeting documents is restricted to only meeting participants until the end of the meeting. Instructions for use of the HELCOM Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

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A single meeting site has been opened to host the Biological Effects discussion and planning and the meeting of EN-HZ 12-2020. Please complete the participation survey for these two meetings at [this link](#).

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda - DEC

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda of the Meeting as contained in this document (1-1).

Agenda Item 2: Introduction to responses received on the questionnaire on Biological Effects - CMNT

The responses received so far are summarized and presented in [Document BE1](#). This summary will be introduced and discussion invited to see where common approaches and common monitoring occur across the region. Experts are invited to check that the information in the summary is correct and complete, and provide additional information or correction as needed.

Agenda Item 3: The vision for a biological Effects assessment - CMNT

Experts are invited to contribute to discussion on what makes an environmentally appropriate and policy relevant (e.g. BSAP and MSFD) assessment of Biological Effects in the Baltic Sea. This initial discussion will support the framing of future planning and work on the topic.

Agenda Item 4: Planning for the Biological Effects Workshop - CMNT

A workshop devoted to Biological Effects assessments (and indicators) is planned to take place back-to-back with a future physical meeting of EN-HZ (likely in autumn 2020). Experts are invited to provide input on what the workshop should address and the relevant information that needs to be prepared in advance of such a workshop.

Possible discussion pointers include: what common monitoring exists, what could be achieved/developed as a common indicator, Fish Disease Index presentation, Reproductive disorders: malformed embryos of amphipods presentation, white-tailed sea eagle presentation, presentation of other relevant indicators/methods, discussion on steps forward, what can be achieved by the third holistic assessment.

Agenda Item 5: Notes from the Meeting. DEC

A draft set of notes will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and approval by the participants of the Meeting. These notes will be included in the documentation of the EN-HZ 12-2020 meeting and reflected in the outcomes.