



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Fourteenth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working
Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 14-2019)

EWG OWR 14-2019

Online meeting, 17.09.2019

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Background

The Fourteenth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 14-2019) will be held as an online meeting on 17 September 2019. The meeting will be opened at 9:00 CET and is expected to terminate no later than by 12:00 CET. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm and Chair of EWG OWR.

Documents for the meeting will be made available on the EWG OWR 14-2019 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda (document 1-1).

Agenda Item 2 Update on planning/preparedness in Contracting Parties

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform of national oiled wildlife response (OWR) preparedness activities.

Agenda Item 3 EWG OWR Activities

The Meeting is invited to take note of the EWG-OWR related sections in the [Outcome](#) of 26th Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 26-2019) which took place on 3-5 June 2019 in Warsaw, Poland. Particularly, *The Meeting discussed and agreed on prolongation of the EWG OWR mandate for an additional three-year period 2019-2021* (para 8.7 of the Outcome).

The Meeting is invited to take note of EWG-OWR related sections in the [Outcome](#) of the 56th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 56-2019) which took place on 18-19 June 2019 in Helsinki, Finland. Particularly, *The Meeting approved the updated work plan of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR) for 2020-2021, as set out in Annex 3 of the Outcome of RESPONSE 26-2019* (para 3.6 of the Outcome).

The Meeting is invited to recall that EWG OWR 13-2019 agreed to revisit the issue of developing an overall strategy as well as communication strategy for mass euthanasia as an OWR tool, in consideration of existing and new practices of protocols of mass euthanasia in the Baltic countries, and to discuss the good practices described in the documents: [Key principles for the care of oiled wildlife](#) and [Good Practice Guide for Oiled Wildlife Response Preparedness](#).

Germany is invited to provide a proposal on how to proceed with the issue.

The Contracting Parties are invited to report on the lists of nationally and/or internationally available wildlife equipment stockpiles.

The Meeting is invited to recall that EWG OWR 13-2019 agreed to revisit the issue of the involvement of NGOs in national and international emergency cooperation. The Contracting Parties are invited to provide information on the topic to the Secretariat by filling in the format table (document will be submitted).

The Contracting Parties are invited to report oiled wildlife response activities using the SAT 2.0, adopted at EWG OWR 12-2018 and welcomed and supported by RESPONSE 25-2018 (c.f. para 8.6 of the [Outcome](#)), and submit information to the Secretariat in advance of the Meeting. The Meeting is invited to discuss the first draft and agree on further improvements to be made before the end of 2019.

The Meeting is invited to take note of and discuss presentation provided by Ms. Nele Markones (invited by Chair; pending confirmation) on baseline data collection on seabird distributions in the Baltic Sea.

The Meeting is invited to discuss OWR exercise terminology ([text document](#)) and consider possible corrections and amendments.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other activities of EWG OWR (c.f. [Terms of Reference](#) and [Work Plan](#)).

Agenda Item 4 Training and information activities to support work of EWG OWR

The Meeting is invited to decide on organizing a one day online seminar with lectures on euthanasia, and/or early incident response. Germany and Sea Alarm are invited to provide a proposal and/or detailed information on organizing a seminar.

Agenda Item 5 **Any other business**

Sea Alarm is invited to inform the group on the details of the exercise, containing OWR elements, arranged by Shell in Denmark in cooperation with the Royal Danish Navy.

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to check and update, if needed, the list of nominated experts for EWG OWR (document to be submitted at a later stage).

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other issues of relevance to this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 6 **Next meeting**

The Meeting is invited to decide on the date for and focus of the next meeting of the Group.

Agenda Item 7 **Outcome of the Meeting**

A draft Outcome of the Meeting will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption. Meeting participants will be asked for permission of sharing their contact details in the meeting Outcome.