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Background

The 16th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 16-2020) will be held as an online Meeting (Zoom) on 22 September 2020. The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 EEST/9:00 CEST and is expected to terminate no later than by 13:00 EEST/12:00 CEST. 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 16-2020 [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 Matters arising from other HELCOM activities

The Meeting is invited to note that the Terms of Reference (ToR) 2019-2021 for EWG OWR were adopted by HOD 58-2020 in June 2020.

The Meeting is invited to take note that HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2020 was held on 26 August 2020 in a limited format due to COVID-19 hosted by Estonia. BALEX DELTA 2021 will be hosted by Finland in end of August 2021.

The Meeting is invited to take not of the outcome of HELCOM BSAP UP WS-SEA 2020 on maritime activities, including underwater noise and non-indigenous species and response actions held on 2-4 September 2020 online. The workshop was convened to evaluate proposed new actions for the updated HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP).

HELCOM RESPONSE 25-2018 agreed on thoroughly revising and updating the HELCOM Response Manual to make it more user friendly. The Manual should be finalized for agreement at the latest by RESPONSE 28-2020 (3-5 November 2020), approval by HOD 59-2020 (December 2020) and adoption by HELCOM 42-2021 (March 2020). The Meeting is invited to take note of Chapter 7. Co-operation in Oiled Wildlife Response in the Manual and discuss how to include mutual assistance arrangements for wildlife response in the Manual with the aim to have a proposal for RESPONSE 28-2020.

Agenda Item 3 Update on planning/preparedness in Contracting Parties

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

Agenda Item 4 EWG OWR activities

The Meeting is invited to consider and discuss the draft EWG OWR report, which will be base on the oiled wildlife response activities reported by the Contracting Parties using Self Assessment Tool (SAT 2.0). The aim is to have the final report submitted to RESPONSE 28-2020. Contracting Parties which have not yet provided information are urged to do so as soon as possible, using the table provided by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to consider and discuss further the available wildlife equipment stockpiles especially on mobilisation and use of the equipment.

The Meeting is invited to consider and discuss the work programme adopted by the EUROWA Governance Committee, and the status of the EUROWA-2 project that was proposed to the European Commission.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other activities of the EWG OWR.

Agenda Item 5 Training and information activities to support work of EWG OWR

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the seminar on early incident response in crossborder wildlife incidents to be held on 15 September 2020 organized by Sea Alarm and Germany.

EWG OWR 15-2020 agreed to arrange a half-day online seminar on euthanasia before the end of 2020 to discuss challenges and solutions based on scenarios. The Meeting is invited to decide on the date for the seminar and to consider the proposal by Sea Alarm on the content of the seminar.

Agenda Item 6 **Any other business**

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).

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

Agenda Item 7 **Next meeting**

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

Agenda Item 8 **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.