



## **Baltic Oiled Wildlife Response seminar and training event**

Helsinki, 17-19 October 2017

### **Event details**

#### **Purpose**

The event is organised in the framework of the activities of the oiled wildlife response and preparedness work that is carried out under HELCOM RESPONSE and via the Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG-OWR). The meeting has three main objectives:

1. International networking between authorities and NGOs who are leading the OW response and preparedness in their country. The meeting will explore the current situation of planning and preparedness in the different HELCOM countries, learn about the activities that have been carried out in the last few years or are scheduled for the near future in the various countries. Lessons learned from different countries and regions and good practices from the international community will be explored. Are there examples in which authorities and NGO work collaboratively to develop a country's preparedness?
2. A 1-day course oiled wildlife response management, which aims at providing key insights to managers and decision makers of authorities and NGOs. The course will be provided by Sea Alarm.
3. An in-person meeting of the EWG-OWR.

#### **International networking**

After the opening and welcoming session, half a day will be spent in which the participants will be invited to share information on their national programmes and activities. Presentations will be given country by country. Also activities from larger European and Global perspective will be shared. This session should therefore provide an interesting overview of what is currently happening in the Baltic region, in Europe and in the rest of the world. There will be time for questions and networking and group discussions.

#### **OWR Management Course**

The second day of the event is a full day in which Sea Alarm will provide an OWR Management Course.

#### **Introduction**

This course consists of a series of lectures (PowerPoint), a table top exercise and interactive discussions. The aim of this course is to introduce the target audience into the management of an oiled wildlife response as part of a larger oil spill response.

The course will highlight the potential complexity of an oiled wildlife incident and make the participants familiar with various concepts and techniques that can be applied to deal with the various challenges.



The course is aiming at decision makers in oil companies and governmental agencies or NGOs, who may take leading responsibilities during an oiled wildlife incident, or are instrumental in designing the educational and exercise programmes within their organisation.

The course will demonstrate which the various options for a response are, and how such options can be considered in the framework of a range of variables, such as time (window of opportunity), location, response capacity and capability, international support (teams and equipment, etc. The importance of integrating the wildlife response into the larger emergency response (oil spill response) will be highlighted and the course will show how management can be set up, and how key personnel can be trained and exercised in the preparation of a possible mobilization and deployment.

Participants will learn to apply these concepts in a table top exercise.

The course will also have various slots in which participants can discuss what they have learned, exchange thoughts with fellow participants and the lecturers.

Each participant will receive a certificate after completion of the course.

### **Course contents**

#### **Power point presentations**

The PowerPoint lectures will have the following themes and contents:

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| Introduction to the course          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Sea Alarm</li><li>• This course in relation to other available courses</li><li>• Framework of preparedness</li></ul>   |
| Planning and preparedness           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Oiled Wildlife Response</li><li>• European framework of preparedness</li><li>• Examples from different countries</li></ul>   |
| Set up a management system          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to integrate Oiled Wildlife Response into Oil Spill Response</li><li>• Which positions are needed and which personnel is best invited, trained and exercised</li><li>• Training and exercising personnel</li><li>• Managing communications</li></ul>                       |
| Managing an oiled Wildlife Response | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objectives of an oiled wildlife response, objectives of management</li><li>• Field operations: design and management</li><li>• Facility operations: design and management</li><li>• Concepts of time and resource management</li><li>• Scenarios and decision making</li></ul> |

**Table top exercises**

The table top exercise will look at an incident scenario and participants will work in groups to define management options and priorities

**Interactive slots**

The course will have various slots in which the participants can discuss the contents of the PowerPoint lectures.

**EWG-OWR meeting**

On the third day the eighth meeting of the Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response will be held. It will be the first time that the members of the Expert Working Group will be meeting in-person. For Working Group Members who are not able to attend the meeting in Helsinki, an internet connection will be provided. Non-members who are attending the event in Helsinki are invited to observe the meeting.