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Background

HOD 47-2014 agreed that the revised HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea will be forwarded to HELCOM 36-2015 for adoption (cf. documents 2-5 and 2-5-Corr.1). The Meeting requested the Secretariat to check if the corresponding HELCOM Recommendation requires updating.

This document contains a proposal for improvements to the draft HELCOM Recommendation on Management of Dredged Material (document 2-13) suggested by a German expert. All proposed changes are indicated with tracking and the latest suggestions are highlighted with yellow.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to consider and adopt the draft HELCOM Recommendation on Management of Dredged Material.

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HELCOM RECOMMENDATION ~~13/1~~ [36/X]

(This Recommendation supersedes HELCOM Recommendation 13/1)

Adopted 6 February 1992, having regard to
Article 9, Paragraph 2 of the Helsinki Convention

Adopted x March 2015, having regard to
Article 11, Paragraph 2 of the Helsinki Convention

~~DISPOSAL OF DREDGED SPOILS~~ MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING Paragraph 2 of Article ~~911~~ of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, ~~1974~~1992, (Helsinki Convention), concerning the regulation of dumping of dredged ~~spoils~~material,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the protection of the marine environment in the area of the Convention warrants special attention in the case of management of ~~the disposal of~~ dredged ~~spoils~~ material at sea,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO that any deposit into the maritime area of dredged materials, independently of whether it is considered as “dumping” or “placement” within the Helsinki Convention (cf. Article 2, Paragraph 4. a) and Article 2, Paragraph 4. b) ii), respectively), should be assessed on a case-by-case basis in order to ensure that it complies with the objectives of the Convention,

RECOGNIZING that the application of ~~agreed-revised HELCOM~~ Guidelines for ~~the Disposal-Management~~ of Dredged ~~Spoils-Material at Sea~~ may-will facilitate the assessment of potential hazards caused by ~~dumping~~ deposit of dredged ~~spoils~~ material in the Convention area, thus preventing environmental damage,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that the application of Guidelines may facilitate the issuing of permits by national authorities for the ~~dumping~~ deposit of dredged ~~spoils~~ material,

RECOMMENDS to the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention that

- a) the Contracting Parties follow the HELCOM Guidelines for ~~the Disposal-Management~~ of Dredged ~~Spoils-Material at Sea~~ [as adopted by the Commission at its ~~13th-36th~~ Meeting and as to be amended by the Environment Committee, relevant subsidiary body, if necessary];
- b) the Contracting Parties report on the national ~~implementation of, and their experience with, the~~ Guidelines to the Helsinki Commission in 1995-data on management of dredged material according to the Reporting Format of the HELCOM Guidelines.