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## Background

HOD 55-2018 Meeting agreed on the list of HELCOM Recommendations to be reported to support the BSAP update. The HODs further mandated the Secretariat to arrange for the reporting and noted that it will be initiated in January-February 2019 and that the reporting period will be six weeks to cater for discussion of the results by the Working Group meetings in spring 2019.

The attached document contains the list of Recommendations to be reported by the HELCOM Working Groups and the status of reporting.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

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## Progress in reporting of HELCOM Recommendations

### Maritime

The reporting templates for the Recommendations under Maritime Working Group have been created and sent to the Contracting Parties. The templates include the following Recommendations agreed by HOD 55-2019 Meeting:

#### Recommendations under Maritime for reporting

- 10-5, Guidelines for the Establishment of Adequate Reception Facilities in Ports
- 12-5, Promotion of The Use of Safer Tankers While Carrying Oil
- 18-2, Offshore Activities
- 22-1, Installation of Toilet Retention Systems and Standard Connections for Sewage On Board Existing Fishing Vessels, Working Vessels and Pleasure Craft
- 22-3, Unified Interpretations to Ensure a Harmonized and Effective Implementation of the Strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Wastes and Associated Issues
- 28E-10, Application of the No-Special-Fee System to Ship-Generated Wastes and Marine Litter Caught in Fishing Nets in The Baltic Sea Area
- 19-10-R, Application by the Baltic Sea States of Guidelines for Holding Tanks/Oily Water Separating or Filtering Equipment for Ships of Less Than 400 Gross Tonnage.

### Pressure

The reporting templates for the Recommendations under Pressure Working Group have been created and sent to the Contracting Parties. The templates include the following Recommendations agreed by HOD 55-2019 Meeting and in addition Recommendation 19/1 Marine Sediment Extraction in the Baltic Sea Area which had been omitted from the list submitted to HOD 55-2018 by mistake:

#### Recommendations under Pressure for reporting

- 19/1 Marine Sediment Extraction in the Baltic Sea Area
- 28E/5, Municipal wastewater treatment
- 28E/6, On-site wastewater treatment of single family homes, small businesses and settlements up to 300 Person Equivalents (P.E.)
- 28E/7, Measures aimed at the substitution of polyphosphates (phosphorus) in detergents
- 28E/8, Environmentally friendly practices for the reduction and prevention of emissions of dioxins and other hazardous substances from small-scale combustion.
- 29/1, Reduction of Emissions from Crematoria
- 31E/1, Implementing HELCOM's objective for hazardous substances
- 31E/2, Batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators containing mercury, cadmium or lead
- 31E/3, Cadmium in fertilizers
- 31E/4, Proper handling of waste/landfilling

### State and Conservation

The reporting templates for the Recommendations under State and Conservation Working Group have been created and sent to the Contracting Parties. The templates include the Recommendations agreed by HOD 55-2019 Meeting excluding Recommendations 16/3, 21/4 and 24/10.

Recommendation 16/3 "Preservation of Natural Coastal Dynamics" was not included in the templates since the reporting on this recommendation is already ongoing in the group.

Recommendation 21/4 “Protection of heavily endangered or immediately threatened Marine and Coastal Biotopes in the Baltic Sea Area” was excluded because the draft HELCOM Recommendation on ‘Conservation and Protection of Marine and Coastal Biotopes, Habitats and Biotope Complexes Categorized as Threatened According to the HELCOM Red Lists’ will, if adopted by HELCOM, cover marine coastal biotopes and reporting on the topic could in this case take place under the new recommendation.

Recommendation 24/10 “Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Management of Human activities in the Baltic Sea Area” is currently under revision. The reporting on this recommendation is pending the possible adoption of the revised recommendation by HELCOM 40-2019 Meeting.

#### Recommendations under State and Conservation for reporting

- 15/1 R, Protection of the coastal strip
- 17/2, Protection of Harbour Porpoise in the Baltic Sea Area
- 27/28, Conservation of seals in the Baltic Sea Area
- 34-E/1, Safeguarding important bird habitats and migration routes in the Baltic Sea from negative effects of wind and wave energy production at sea
- 35/1, System of coastal and marine Baltic Sea protected areas (HELCOM MPAs)
- 37/2, Conservation of Baltic Sea species categorized as threatened according to the 2013 HELCOM red list

## Fish

HOD 55-2019 tentatively agreed on the Recommendations to be reported by Fish group. FISH 9-2019 Meeting agreed to report in addition on Recommendation 25/4.

The reporting templates for the Recommendations under Fish Group have been created and sent to the Contracting Parties.

#### Recommendations under Fish for reporting

- 19/2, Protection and Improvement of the Wild Salmon\*) (*Salmo salar* L.) Populations in the Baltic Sea Area
- 25/4, Measures aimed at the reduction of discharges from Water and Marine Fish Farming
- 32-33/1, Conservation of Baltic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) and Sea Trout (*Salmo trutta*) Populations by the Restoration of their River Habitats and Management of River Fisheries
- 37/3, Sustainable Aquaculture in the Baltic Sea Region

## Response

HOD 55-2018 agreed that a proposal on Recommendations to be reported by Response Working Group will be prepared by the Secretariat.

The reporting templates for the Recommendations under Response Working Group have been created and sent to the Contracting Parties.

#### Recommendations under Response for reporting

- 17-12 Measures to Abate Pollution by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Grounding, Collision, Sinking of a Ship or other Maritime Casualty
- 19-17 Measures in order to Combat Pollution from Offshore Units

- 22-2 Restricted use of Chemical agents and other Non-chemical means in oil Combatting Operations on the Baltic Sea Area
- 28E-12 Strengthening of sub-regional co-operation in response field
- 31-1 Development of national ability to respond to spillages of oil and other harmful substances
- 31E-5 Mutual plan for places of refuge in the Baltic Sea area
- 33-3 Reporting on incidents involving harmful substances and emergency dumping
- 34E-4 Airborne surveillance with remote sensing equipment in the Baltic Sea Area
- 36-3 Marine pollution incident reporting and requests for assistance between Contracting Parties in the Baltic Sea area