

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the outcome of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 8-2017 (Paragraph 9.5), we would like to invite the national experts on Ballast Water Management in the Baltic Sea and the North-East Atlantic coastal States and the European Commission (HELCOM and OSPAR members), as well as HELCOM and OSPAR observers to the ninth meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention Exemptions.

The meeting will be held in Gothenburg starting at local time 10:00 am. on the 13 December and it is expected to close by noon on the 14 December. The meeting will take place at Hotel Riverton, Stora Badhusgatan 26, Gothenburg.

For further information, any advice or help needed please do not hesitate to be in contact either with Mr. Henrik Ramstedt ([henrik.ramstedt@transportstyrelsen.se](mailto:henrik.ramstedt@transportstyrelsen.se)) or Erland Lettevall ([erland.lettevall@havochvatten.se](mailto:erland.lettevall@havochvatten.se)).



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