



17 October 2018

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Observers of HELCOM MARITIME
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Ninth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Exemptions (HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018), Gothenburg, Sweden, 13-14 December 2018

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the outcome of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 8-2017 (Paragraph 9.5), please find attached the invitation by Sweden to the Ninth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Exemptions to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, at Hotel Riverton (address: Stora Badhusgatan 26, Gothenburg) on 13-14 December 2018. The Meeting will be hosted by the Swedish Transport Agency and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. The Meeting will start at 10:00 on Thursday, 13 December 2018 and it is expected to close by 12:00 on Friday, 14 December 2018.

Please find also attached the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) for the Meeting.

Documents for the Meeting will be inserted on both the OSPAR and [HELCOM](#) websites as soon as they become available. **Please register for the Meeting via the [HELCOM](#) or OSPAR Websites by 30 November 2018 at the latest.**

For further information and for advice or help do not hesitate to contact the Secretariats or Mr. Henrik Ramstedt (henrik.ramstedt@transportstyrelsen.se) or Mr. Erland Lettevall (erland.lettevall@havochvatten.se).

Yours sincerely,

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