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Background

The HELCOM Contracting Parties agreed as part of the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Declaration to comprehensively assess the status, environmental risks and opportunities of maritime activities in the Baltic Sea region within HELCOM by 2016.

A draft of the HELCOM Maritime Assessment publication is attached to this document.

The draft chapters 1-12 as well as 15-17 were submitted on 3 May 2017 to the Heads of Delegation and Maritime, Response and Fish working groups as well as their sub-groups. The comments received have been incorporated in the attached file.

The draft chapters 13-14 as well as 18-20 will be submitted to the Heads of Delegation, Maritime, Response and Fish working groups as well as their sub-groups on 15 June 2017 with a commenting deadline by 28 June 2017 (maritime.response@helcom.fi).

The aim is that the comments received by the deadline, as well as the missing summary, will be incorporated in a final version in terms of substance by the beginning of July 2017. This version will be circulated to the Heads of Delegation for publishing approval by correspondence. The approved file will be still proofread as well as will undergo layout before final release aimed for the beginning of September 2017.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and agree on the proposed approval procedure for the Maritime assessment.