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Background

This document provides a follow up on document 6-4 containing the Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020.

MARITIME 20-2020 (5-8 October 2020) considered the Draft Regional Baltic Biofouling Management Roadmap and agreed that it should be submitted to HOD 59-2020 after finalization by TG BALLAST 11-2020 (26-27 November 2020) by taking into account the comments made by MARITIME 20-2020.

TG BALLAST 11-2020 considered the comments provided by MARITIME 20-2020 and reviewed the proposed Roadmap and agreed on a number revisions to the text. The revised text is set out in [TG BALLAST 11-2020 document 7-2 Rev.1](#).

As further specified in the [Outcome of TG BALLAST 11-2020](#), the Meeting noted that the Proposed Roadmap is aligned with and based on the IMO Biofouling Guidelines and Guidance but explicitly addressing the specific conditions of the Baltic Sea region and aspects relevant for its implementation in the Baltic Sea. The Meeting agreed that the Proposed Roadmap may be seen as an important contribution to the work currently going on within IMO on the issues regarding biofouling, for example the review of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines.

TG BALLAST 11-2020 noted that the Proposed Roadmap, even after the agreed revisions, is not drafted in the typical style of a Roadmap. The Meeting agreed that the Proposed Roadmap should not be approved as an official HELCOM instrument but should instead serve as a basis for future work on harmonizing biofouling management in the Baltic Sea and contributing to the review of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines. The Meeting emphasized that further development of the Proposed Roadmap and additional guidance documents referred to in the Proposed Roadmap should be done with due consideration to agreements and developments within the IMO.

TG BALLAST 11-2020 agreed to inform HOD 59-2020 of the outcome of these discussions, taking into account the relevance of the Proposed Roadmap with regard to a proposed new action for the updated BSAP on *Work for the harmonized implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines and Guidance documents, taking into account e.g. the HELCOM Biofouling Management Roadmap, and further contribute to the work carried out in the IMO.*

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the progress at TG BALLAST 11-2020 regarding the Proposed Regional Baltic Biofouling Management Roadmap and invite the DG BSAP segment team for sea-based activities to take it into account when considering proposed new BSAP actions making reference to the Roadmap.