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## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

### Introduction

The 19th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group will be **opened on Monday, 23 September 2019, at 10:00** and it is expected to **close on Thursday, 26 September 2019 by 14:00**. The Meeting will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, at the premises of the European Maritime Safety Agency ([EMSA](#)) (address: Praça Europa 4, Cais do Sodré, 1249-206 Lisbon). The Meeting will be chaired by the Chair of HELCOM MARITIME, Ms. Anna Petersson. **Please note that the first day of the Meeting (23 September) will be reserved for a dedicated session on the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan.**

Meeting documents for MARITIME 19-2019 will be submitted by the Secretariat via the HELCOM [Meeting Portal](#). The Secretariat has prepared a document template, also available in the Meeting Portal, and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat. The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observer Organizations to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to MARITIME 19-2019. Basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision by the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Professional Secretary, Mr. Markus Helavuori ([markus.helavuori@helcom.fi](mailto:markus.helavuori@helcom.fi)) by **1 September 2019**. Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the Meeting. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be submitted to the Secretariat by **16 September 2019**.

The participants are kindly invited to [sign up](#) to the HELCOM Meeting Portal at their earliest convenience, if not already done. Please find here [instructions](#) for signing up as a *first time user* of the Meeting Portal. Once you have signed up, the Secretariat will grant you separate permission to access the restricted meeting document library on the [MARITIME 19-2019 Meeting Site](#). After sign up, the participants are kindly requested to [sign in](#) and [register](#) to the Meeting by answering the online meeting registration ("[Participation Survey](#)") not later than **16 September 2019**.

## Agenda Item 1                      Adoption of the Agenda

The Annotations to the Provisional Agenda has been prepared on the basis of the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Maritime Group (MARITIME 18-2018);
- b) Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 40-2019), the 55th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 55-2018) and the 56th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 56-2019);
- c) Input from working groups and initiatives related to HELCOM MARITIME;

and consultations between the Secretariat and the Chair, Ms. Anna Petersson, and the Vice-Chairs, Mr. Jorma Kämäräinen and Ms. Natalia Kutaeva, of the HELCOM Maritime Group.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

## Agenda Item 2                      Matters arising from HELCOM meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of meetings within the framework of HELCOM held in the intersessional period, and to discuss issues of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME under the relevant Agenda Items (document to be submitted at a later stage).

### *Decisions at HELCOM annual meeting and HODs*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Helsinki Commission ([HELCOM 40-2019](#)), which took place on 6-7 March 2019.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 55th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 55-2018](#)), held from 4 to 5 December 2018 and the outcome of the 56th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 56-2019](#)), held from 18 to 19 June 2019.

### *HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the dedicated session on the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan, to be held on 23 September 2019 during MARITIME 19-2019.

### *HELCOM SAFE-NAV*

The Tenth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (SAFE NAV 10-2019) will be held on 19 September 2019 in Stockholm, Sweden.

### *HELCOM AIS EWG*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 30th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (AIS EWG 30-2019), held from 28 to 29 May 2019 in Helsinki, Finland.

### *HELCOM GREEN TEAM*

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcome of the Third Meeting of the HELCOM Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (GREEN TEAM 3-2019), to be held on 3 September 2019 in Donsö, Sweden.

### *HELCOM CP PRF*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Eighth meeting of the HELCOM Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV ([CP PRF 8-2019](#)), held on 27-28 March 2019 in Helsinki, Finland.

### *HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST*

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The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Ninth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention Exemptions ([HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018](#)), held on 13-14 December 2018 in Gothenburg, Sweden. HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST 10-2019 will be held from 17 to 18 December in Tallinn, Estonia.

#### *HELCOM RESPONSE*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 25th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Working Group ([RESPONSE 25-2018](#)), held on 14-16 November 2018 in Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany as well as of the outcome of [RESPONSE 26-2019](#) held on 3-5 June 2019 in Warsaw, Poland.

#### *HELCOM SUBMERGED*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Seventh Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects ([SUBMERGED 7-2018](#)) held on 12 November 2018 in Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany.

#### *HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 17th Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 17-2018](#)), held on 14-15 November 2018 in Riga, Latvia, and the outcome of [HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 18-2019](#), held on 27-28 March 2019 in Hamburg, Germany.

#### *HELCOM EN CLIME*

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 18-2018 invited experts to consider participating in the HELCOM Expert Network on Climate Change (EN CLIME). In this context, the Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of [EN CLIME 1-2019](#) (29.1.2019), [EN CLIME 2-2019](#) (15.2.2019) and EN CLIME 3-2019 (19.8.2019).

### Agenda Item 3                      Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

This agenda item will be considered during a **dedicated session on 23 September 2019**.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and contribute to the work on updating the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP). The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 55-2018 agreed that the work on the analyses of sufficiency of measures will be carried out via an interdisciplinary platform for the implementation of the analyses (SOM Platform), which is to engage the existing HELCOM ESA (social and economic analysis) network, national technical experts on the topics to be addressed by the group, and the Chairs of HELCOM Working Groups. The kick-off meeting of the SOM Platform was held from 28 February to 1 March 2019 in Helsinki, Finland.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the work plan for the update of the BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 55-2018 requested that future Working Group meetings will provide a separate report or annex to summarize discussions and activities related to the update of the BSAP. HOD 55-2018 welcomed that several Working Groups have initiated a review of HELCOM Recommendations and noted that this review can take place beyond the timetable of the BSAP update.

#### *Implementation of the current BSAP and existing agreements*

The Meeting is invited to discuss and agree on existing HELCOM actions to be considered for further development and uptake in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan and consider how to concretize the actions (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to consider the progress achieved in the implementation of HELCOM agreements and existing joint actions since the previous Meeting, and make further plans as needed to facilitate their implementation by 2021.

The Meeting is invited to take note of and, if needed, provide clarifications and updates on the technical and procedural aspects of the reporting of Maritime related HELCOM Recommendations, as well as take note of preliminary analyses of the implementation (document to be submitted).

#### *Review and develop of new HELCOM ecological objectives*

HOD 55-2018 agreed that HELCOM Working Groups will review existing HELCOM ecological objectives and management objectives as well as develop new objectives for marine litter, underwater noise, and loss and disturbance to the seabed to support the BSAP update. HOD 55-2018 further agreed provisionally to include under the Maritime segment a broader set of sea-based activities (e.g. construction work, dredging, extraction of mineral resources, fishing) and consider changing the name of the segment to “Sea-based activities”. The topics underwater noise and loss and disturbance of the seabed are tentatively assigned to this segment. The Meeting is invited to review the existing management objectives and consider the possible need for new objectives related to impacts from shipping activities and non-indigenous species. A guidance document will be submitted, including also the outcome of discussions by PRESSURE 10-2019 related to objectives related to underwater noise and marine litter.

## Agenda Item 4                      Ballast water and biofouling

### *Ratification and implementation of BWM Convention*

Poland may wish to inform the Meeting of the status of their ratification of the BWM Convention.

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018 considered and agreed that the two tasks from the discontinued *ad hoc* Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management (CG BALLAST) discussed by MARITIME 18-2018 ([Outcome of MARITIME 18-2018](#), para. 3.2-3.4), namely the early warning system and the generation of a list of surveyed ports, should be included in the Work Plan of TG BALLAST. The meeting furthermore agreed that these tasks are already covered by the Terms of Reference for TG BALLAST, and that there is consequently no need to revise the ToR for this purpose ([Outcome of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018](#), para 2.7).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the status of these two tasks (document to be submitted).

### *Regionally harmonised A-4 exemptions and related risk assessments*

The Meeting is invited to share and discuss other issues related to regionally harmonised exemptions under regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention and related risk assessments.

### *Other BWM related activities*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on the status of the project “Completing management options in the Baltic Sea Region to reduce risk of invasive species introduction by shipping ([COMPLETE](#)), 2017-2020” (document to be submitted).

Sweden and Denmark are invited to inform the Meeting on developments regarding the “same risk area”.

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any other activities to facilitate the implementation of the BWM Convention.

### *Biofouling*

Following TG BALLAST 9-2018 ([Outcome of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018](#), para. 7.7-7.8), the Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of a workshop organized by the Netherlands to share experiences and ideas related to biofouling management, as well as to consider harmonization of the proposed evaluation procedure of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines MEPC.207(62) using MEPC.1/Circ.811, with a view to contribute to the work done in IMO’s Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) (document to be submitted).

One of the tasks within the [COMPLETE](#) project is the drafting of a proposal of a regional roadmap on biofouling management. The Meeting is invited to consider a concept of such a roadmap (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to discuss whether the separation of ballast water, biofouling and anti-fouling systems into agenda items 4 and 8 should be maintained, or whether other solutions should be considered.

## Agenda Item 5 Airborne emissions from ships and related measures

### *Airborne emissions from ships*

Finland is invited to submit information on 2018 airborne emissions from shipping in the Baltic Sea. The Meeting is invited to consider and discuss observed changes in airborne emissions from shipping.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on the completion of the project “Environmental impact of low sulphur ship fuel: measurements and modelling strategies ([EnviSuM](#)), 2016-2018”.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the [EnviSuM overview](#) “Alternative Fuels for Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region”, published on the HELCOM website.

### *Alternative Fuels and Green Technology*

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to share information on the use of alternative fuels (including electric engines with batteries) on board ferries or other vessels in the Baltic Sea as well as any other relevant developments in the use of alternative fuels for ships in the Baltic Sea region, including the development of port infrastructure.

The Meeting is invited to consider the GREEN TEAM reporting mechanism and method and take action as appropriate (document to be submitted).

### *Other activities related to airborne emissions*

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any other activities related to airborne emissions.

## Agenda Item 6 Sewage discharges from ships and port reception facilities

### *Work within the PRF Cooperation Platform and port reception*

The Meeting is invited to consider the draft update of the HELCOM PRF Overview with new data for the year 2018, containing information received from the Contracting Parties during spring and summer 2019.

As requested by CP PRF 8-2019, the Meeting is invited to note and discuss as appropriate, that the existing actions from the 2010 Ministerial Declaration on implementing the Roadmap for upgrading port reception facilities for sewage in passenger ports in the Baltic Sea Area (priority and secondary ports) are still officially only partly accomplished, despite significant achievements in this regard as well as formal notification to IMO on adequacy of sewage PRF in the Baltic Sea.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Technical Guidance for the handling of wastewater in Ports of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV, which was approved for publication by HOD 56-2019.

The Meeting is invited to take note that CP PRF 8-2019 had agreed that the practice of organizing CP PRF meetings back to back with HELCOM Maritime meetings should be continued in the future, after the completion of the update of the BSAP. In the meantime, the CP PRF may also work by correspondence.

## Agenda Item 7 Other ship-generated wastes and port reception facilities (including marine litter)

### *Overall PRF developments*

The Meeting is invited to share information related to the revision of the Port Reception Facilities Directive (2000/59/EC).

The Meeting is invited to share updates on the implementation of the "no-special-fee" system in the Baltic Sea including national, or sub-national, interpretations in practical applications.

*Bulk cargo including fertilizers*

Sweden and ESPO are invited to inform about the status of collecting information on fertilizer cargo handling in Baltic Sea ports.

*Marine Litter and MARPOL Annex V*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on HELCOM activities to tackle marine litter pollution in relation to the work of the MARITIME Working Group.

*Other activities related to other ship-generated wastes*

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any activities related to other ship-generated wastes.

## Agenda Item 8                      Anti-fouling systems

The Meeting is invited to note that PRESSURE 9-2018 (10-12 October 2018) considered a proposal by Finland and comments by Sweden regarding the update of HELCOM Recommendation 20/4 on *Antifouling paints containing organotin compounds*. No final conclusions were reached but there have been intersessional discussions related and the matter will be resumed at PRESSURE 11-2019 (23-25 October 2019).

The Meeting is invited to note developments within the IMO regarding the amendment of the AFS Convention to prohibit the use of cybutryne.

The Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding anti-fouling systems.

## Agenda Item 9                      Detection, investigation and prosecution of offenders of anti-pollution regulations

The Meeting is invited to take note of the annual HELCOM report on discharges observed during aerial surveillance in the Baltic Sea 2018.

## Agenda Item 10                    Safety of navigation and related matters

*Baltic Sea accident data*

The Meeting is invited to consider and approve the HELCOM report on shipping accidents during 2018 in the Baltic Sea region, to be submitted by the Secretariat at a later stage.

*Re-surveys*

The Meeting is invited to share information regarding re-surveys in the Baltic Sea, e.g. information provided by the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC).

*E-navigation*

*HELCOM AIS data*

The Meeting is invited to take note that HELCOM 40-2019 adopted the amended [HELCOM Recommendation 33/1](#) "Unified interpretation in relation to access to and use of HELCOM AIS data".

## Agenda Item 11 HELCOM publications, implementation and reporting

### *HELCOM Recommendations*

The Meeting is invited to note that HOD 56-2019 adopted the revised HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 “Introducing Economic Incentives as a Complement to Existing Regulations to Reduce Emissions from Ships”.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the discussions on possible revision of HELCOM Recommendation 28/3 “Guidelines on Bunkering Operations and Ship to Ship Cargo Transfer” during GREEN TEAM 3-2019.

Latvia is invited to submit an overview with more information on the proposal for amendment of HELCOM Recommendation 23/1 “Notification of Ship’s Wastes”.

## Agenda Item 12 Activities within other organizations and initiatives

### *Global processes*

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other matters related to discussions in international fora such as IMO, IHO and IALA.

### *EU & EUSBSR activities*

The European Commission is invited to inform on EU activities and co-operation within the field of clean shipping including work within the ESSF.

The coordinators of EUSBSR Policy Areas Ship & Safe are invited to present an update of recent and upcoming activities.

### *Leisure boating*

The Meeting is invited to inform on any recent developments on leisure boat recycling and disposal.

### *Other issues*

The Meeting is invited to consider and update a preliminary list of HELCOM and other meetings in 2019-2020 of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME (document to be submitted at a later stage).

## Agenda Item 13 Any other business

### *List of Contacts*

The Delegations and Observers are invited to update the list of contact addresses and observers of HELCOM MARITIME (document to be submitted).

### *Underwater noise*

The Meeting is invited to note that PRESSURE 10-2019 took note of the draft structure of the HELCOM Regional Action Plan (RAP) on Underwater Noise ([document 4-3](#)) and agreed on the proposed structure of the RAP on Underwater Noise with the understanding of the preliminary character of proposed actions and the need for further development. Also, the meeting agreed that EN-Noise will further elaborate the preliminary actions of the RAP and invited countries to provide written proposals on the matter to the Secretariat by 7 June 2019 ([Outcome of PRESSURE 10-2019](#), para. 4.4-4.5).

PRESSURE 10-2019 was of the opinion that the draft action plan should be considered also by HELCOM working groups for their contribution on actions linked to their mandate, and agreed that a further elaborated version of the draft RAP on Underwater Noise will be submitted to MARITIME 19-2019 for consideration ([Outcome of PRESSURE 10-2019](#), para. 4.6-4.7).

The Meeting is invited to consider a further elaborated draft HELCOM Regional Action Plan (RAP) on Underwater Noise (document to be submitted).



The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 40-2019 took note and considered the information on coordinated reporting and hosting of HELCOM continuous noise monitoring data ([document 3-9](#)) and decided on the proposed hosting solution (in ICES) for a HELCOM database on continuous underwater sound ([Outcome of HELCOM 40-2019](#), para. 3.37-3.42). The Meeting will be informed of the process of setting up the continuous noise database and soundscape planning tool (document to be submitted).

Finland may wish to provide information on modelled underwater noise emissions from Baltic Sea Shipping in 2018.

#### *Other issues*

The Meeting is invited to take note of and discuss the survey on HELCOM knowledge and research needs (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to discuss the issue of discharging food waste from ships, based on information to be submitted by Sweden and other Contracting Parties and observers regarding amounts of such wastes being discharged into the Baltic Sea, or its effects on eutrophication.

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters raised by the delegations and observers at the Meeting.

#### Agenda Item 14                      Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs

HELCOM MARITIME 17-2017 re-elected Ms. Anna Petersson, Sweden, as the Chair and re-elected Ms. Natalia Kutaeva, Russia and Mr. Jorma Kämäräinen, Finland, as Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM MARITIME for the two-year period 2018-2019.

The Meeting is invited to elect/re-elect the Chair and Vice-Chairs of HELCOM MARITIME for the next two-year period (2020-2021).

#### Agenda Item 15                      Future work and meetings

The Meeting is invited to consider and update the Work Plan for HELCOM MARITIME 2019-2020 (document to be submitted at a later stage).

Sweden is invited to confirm their offer to investigate possibilities to host MARITIME 20-2020. The Meeting is also invited to consider the date and venue of MARITIME 21-2021.

#### Agenda Item 16                      Outcome of the Meeting

The Meeting will be provided with draft Outcome of the Meeting for adoption. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.