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## Background

This document contains the synopses of a new action proposed by the ACTION Project related to the Maritime Group for consideration by the Meeting.

This action is to be considered together with those included in document 3-2 to this Meeting.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to undertake a technical review of the synopses for a proposed new BSAP action contained in the document using the guidance contained in document 3-3.



<p>Title</p> <p><b>Speed limits for recreational boating in shallow coastal areas and larger boats near shore</b></p>
<p>Submitted by:</p> <p>ACTION Project WP2 an associated HELCOM ACTION WP2.2 workshop</p>   <p>Co-funded by the European Union</p>
<p>Description of measure</p> <p>Large commercial vessels in near-shore areas and localised but regular recreational boating in shallow coastal areas can cause a significant disturbance on benthic habitats. Speed of travel is a major factor in the level of physical disturbance. Slow steaming of commercial vessels in near-coast areas or sections of their journeys should be reviewed and made more stringent, and speed limitations for recreational boats in coastal, especially shallow or sensitive areas, should be implemented and managed.</p>
<p>Activity:</p> <p>Transport – shipping (incl. anchoring, mooring) Tourism and leisure activities (boating, beach use, water sports, etc.)</p>
<p>Pressure:</p> <p><i>Physical disturbance to seabed (temporary or reversible and recovers within 12 y)</i></p>
<p>State:</p> <p>Seabed habitats</p>
<p>Extent of impact:</p> <p>Direct disturbance can be highly localised but impact of such disturbance on a regular basis or from numerous vessels widely distributed across an area/region can result in significant impacts at broader scales.</p>
<p>Effectiveness of measure</p> <p>[to be complemented]</p>
<p>Cost, cost-effectiveness of measure:</p> <p>[to be complemented, if information available] May require enforcement to ensure effectiveness. Though combined with public awareness it could also guide local/voluntary implementation.</p>
<p>Feasibility:</p> <p>Would require legislation to be implemented. Feasible if common agreement or legislation can be agreed on.</p>
<p>Follow-up of measure:</p>

Impacts of improvements could likely be picked up via existing assessment approaches such as the assessment of benthic habitats that are being developed. Specific effects could also be targeted with designated monitoring if required.

Background material:

References