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Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Introduction

The 20th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group will be opened on **Monday, 5 October 2020, at 10:00 EEST (9:00 CEST)** and it is expected to terminate by **14:00 EEST (13:00 CEST) on Thursday, 8 October 2020**. The Meeting will be held as an online meeting. The Meeting will be chaired by the Chair of HELCOM MARITIME, Ms. Susanne Heitmüller.

Meeting documents for MARITIME 20-2020 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 20-2020. 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) by **14 September 2020**. 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 **28 September 2020**.

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Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

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

- a) Outcome of the 19th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 19-2019) and the Intersessional on-line Meeting the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 19A-2020);
- b) Outcome of the 41st Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 41-2020), the 57th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 57-2019) and the online 58th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 58-2020); and
- c) Input from working groups and initiatives related to the Maritime Working Group.

and consultations between the Secretariat and the Chair, Ms. Susanne Heitmüller, 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.

The Meeting is invited to note that as a general rule and mindful of the limited time available, information documents will not be introduced at the Meeting but will be taken as read. Comments of particular interest related to such documents may, however, be considered by the Meeting. Participants are therefore invited to familiarize themselves with all submitted documents prior to the Meeting.

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.

Decisions at HELCOM annual meeting and HODs

The Meeting is invited to recall that the outcomes of the 41st Meeting of the Helsinki Commission ([HELCOM 41-2020](#)) and the 57th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 57-2019](#)) were considered by MARITIME 19A-2020.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the online 58th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 58-2020](#)), held on 9-10 June 2020.

HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group

The Meeting is invited to take note of the notes from the 3rd online meeting of the HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group, held on 30 April 2020 ([Science Agenda TG 3-2020](#)) and the 4th online meeting of the HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group, held on 16 June 2020 ([Science Agenda TG 4-2020](#)).

HELCOM SAFE-NAV

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation ([SAFE NAV 10-2019](#)) held on 19 September 2019 as well as the Eleventh Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation ([SAFE NAV 11-2020](#)) held on 13 May 2020.

HELCOM AIS EWG

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 31st Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data ([AIS EWG 31-2020](#)), held on 9-10 June 2020.

HELCOM GREEN TEAM

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the 4th Meeting of the HELCOM MARITIME Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (GREEN TEAM 4-2020) to be held on 22 September 2020.

HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention Exemptions ([HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 10-2019](#)), held on 17-18 December 2019. HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST 11-2020 will be held on 26-27 November 2020.

HELCOM RESPONSE

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 27th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Working Group ([RESPONSE 27-2020](#)), held on 26-28 February 2020.

HELCOM SUBMERGED

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Eight Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects ([SUBMERGED 8-2020](#)) held on 7-8 January 2020.

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 19th Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 19-2019](#)), held on 28-29 October 2019, as well as of the 20th Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20-2020](#)), held on 1 – 2 April 2020, the intersessional Meetings of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20A-2020](#)) held on 15 May 2020 and 18 June 2020 ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20B-2020](#)).

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 4-2019](#) held on 5 November 2019 and [EN CLIME 5-2020](#) held on 16 April 2020.

Agenda Item 3 Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

The Meeting is invited to take note of the updated Work Plan for the update of the BSAP, endorsed by HOD 58-2020 (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 58-2020 agreed on the year 2030 as the target year for implementing the BSAP. With regard to the target year for achieving good environmental status for the Baltic Sea, the meeting further agreed to include in the updated BSAP a reference to the 2007 BSAP and the HELCOM assessments.

Drafting of the updated BSAP

The Meeting is invited to take note of the detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP and the preliminary timetable (document to be submitted). The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the First Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 1-2020](#)) held on 18 June 2020 and DG BSAP 2-2020 to be held online on 11 September 2020.

The Meeting is invited to review the segment specific preamble text for the sea-based segment, in line with the guidance provided and endorse it for submission to GEAR 22-2020 and to HOD 59-2020 for review, noting that the drafting will continue in the DG BSAP in spring 2021 (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to consider the first draft of the Annex for the sea-based segment of the updated BSAP and agree on how to take the work forward in order to ensure that the work is finalized prior to HOD 60-2021 (document to be submitted).

SOM analysis

Following the request by HELCOM 41-2020 that the results on the analysis of sufficiency of measures (SOM) are presented for consideration by HELCOM Working Groups, the Meeting is invited to take note of the

methodology and progress of the analysis of SOM of existing measures and analyses for new measures, and the timeline for these analyses in 2020. The Meeting is further invited to review the SOM results on topics under the mandate of the Maritime Working Group (document to be submitted).

The Meeting will be informed on the status of development of the cost estimates and results of the cost-effectiveness analysis for new measures to be likely available in October-November 2020.

Implementation of the current BSAP and existing agreements

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. In particular ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 3.3-3.4):

- Denmark, Estonia, Latvia and Russia may wish to clarify if they have carried out baseline surveys of prevailing environmental conditions in major ports; and
- Latvia is invited to inform on their implementation of upgrading port reception facilities for sewage in passenger priority ports in the Baltic Sea Area, and Denmark is invited to inform on their implementation of upgrading port reception facilities for sewage in passenger secondary ports in the Baltic Sea Area.

Actions to be included in the updated BSAP

Finalizing existing actions

In relation to existing HELCOM actions to be transferred to the updated BSAP, the Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 58-2020 ([Outcome of HOD 58-2020](#), para. 4.23) invited DG BSAP and HELCOM Working Groups to continue work, in line with what is outlined in [document HOD 58-2020 4-9-Rev.1](#), on those actions where the need for further work has been identified. The Meeting is invited to take note that no further action from MARITIME is requested at this stage.

Proposed new actions

The Meeting is invited to consider the outcome of the BSAP UP Workshop on maritime activities, including underwater noise, non-indigenous species and response actions (BSAP UP WS-SEA), to be held on 2-4 September 2020 (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to further elaborate and endorse for submission to HOD 59-2020 possible new actions based on the outcome of the BSAP UP workshop.

The Meeting is invited to identify possible gaps in the set of measures for the updated BSAP and propose measures to fill the gaps, as well as agree on a process for assessing the proposed measures in a similar manner to those submitted through the synopses.

The Meeting is invited to take note that further work on the proposed new actions will take place in DG BSAP and HOD meetings, in line with the BSAP updated workplan.

HELCOM Explorer

The Meeting is invited to note that HOD 58-2020 considered the proposal for reporting on the implementation of HELCOM actions in autumn 2020, agreed that the reporting templates will be sent out in the end of September 2020 with a two-month reporting time to a nominated national contact point(s) and invited the Contracting Parties to inform the Secretariat of their national contact point(s) by 10 September 2020. The Meeting is also invited to note that HOD 58-2020 agreed that the implementation of the joint actions will be reported by the HELCOM Working Groups in their autumn 2020 meetings ([Outcome of HOD 58-2020](#), para. 4.42-4.45). The Meeting is invited to report on the status of the joint actions of relevance for the Maritime Working Group (document to be submitted).

HELCOM Science Agenda

The Meeting is invited to take note of the activities of the Science Agenda TG and progress on developing the HELCOM Science Agenda.

Agenda Item 4 Ballast water, biofouling and anti-fouling systems

The Meeting is invited to note that HOD 57-2019 approved the revised Terms of Reference for HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST, to become Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling (2020-2024) noting that they were still pending approval by OSPAR (Outcome of HOD 57-2019, para. 4.77 and Annex 5). The Meeting is invited to note that OSPAR EIHA(1) 2020 agreed on these ToR ([Summary Record of EIHA\(1\)2020](#), para. 1.5.b and Annex 5).

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. TG BALLAST 9-2018 had 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 recall that MARITIME 19-2019 had noted that the list of surveyed ports contains ports following the HELCOM/OSPAR Joint Harmonized Procedure (JHP), while other surveys may also have been undertaken in other ports. The meeting had agreed that an expanded list of ports would be useful as well and consequently agreed to invite Contracting Parties to provide to the Secretariat information on all port surveys conducted in ports. The Meeting is invited to note that no additional information on port surveys conducted in ports has been received to date.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the update on the work on the early warning system and the list of surveyed ports (document to be submitted).

Regionally harmonised A-4 exemptions and related risk assessments

The Meeting is invited to note, that following discussions in several TG BALLAST meetings, TG BALLAST 10-2019 agreed on the revised JHP ([Outcome of TG BALLAST 10-2019](#), para. 3.19 and Annex 3). The meeting further discussed the next steps for adoption of the revised JHP, and agreed that the revised JHP, including the Port Survey Protocol, will be submitted to OSPAR EIHA and HELCOM MARITIME for approval, followed by adoption by HELCOM and OSPAR ([Outcome of TG BALLAST 10-2019](#), para. 3.20).

The Meeting is invited to note that OSPAR EIHA(1) 2020 agreed on the revised JHP ([Summary Record of EIHA\(1\)2020](#), para. 1.5.c and Annex 6).

The Meeting will be invited to approve the revised JHP (document to be submitted).

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).

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

Biofouling

Following the presentation at MARITIME 19-2019 of the Concept for a Regional Baltic Biofouling Management Roadmap ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 4.18-4.20), the Meeting is invited to consider the further developed Regional Baltic Biofouling Management Roadmap (document to be submitted).

Anti-fouling systems

The Meeting is invited to recall ongoing discussions in the Pressure Working Group regarding the update of HELCOM Recommendation 20/4 on *Antifouling paints containing organotin compounds*. The Meeting is invited to note that while no concrete progress has been made, PRESSURE 11-2019, as part of their work on developing concrete actions to follow up the HELCOM 2018 Ministerial Declaration, agreed inter alia to propose to HOD 57-2019 to identify sources of offshore legacy pollutants, to make a regional inventory of substances from offshore sources and identify priority contaminants from offshore sources and to update HELCOM Recommendation 20/4 on antifouling systems (depending on cooperation with Maritime Working Group)", indicating that this action is likely to be accomplished by end of 2020 ([Outcome of PRESSURE 11-2019](#), para. 8.31 and Annex 3).

The Meeting is invited to share any further information on developments within the IMO regarding the amendment of the AFS Convention to prohibit the use of cybutryne.

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

Agenda Item 5 Airborne emissions from ships and related measures

Airborne emissions from ships

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding airborne emissions from ships.

Finland may wish to provide information on airborne emissions from shipping in the Baltic Sea in 2006 - 2019.

Alternative Fuels and Green Technology

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

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.

Finland may wish to provide information on the status of the study to gain more knowledge on financing of sustainable shipping in the Baltic Sea region ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 5.9).

Other activities related to airborne emissions

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

The Meeting is invited to take note that no meetings of the Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities (CP PRF) have been held since 2019.

The Meeting is invited to recall discussions at MARITIME 19A-2020 regarding the need to update and improve the HELCOM PRF Overview and agree on a way forward.

The EU is invited to share any information on the revision of the Port Reception Facilities Directive (2000/59/EC) in relation to sewage, recalling the discussions at MARITIME 19A-2020.

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

Overall PRF developments

The Meeting is invited to share any relevant information related to the revision and implementation 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

The Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding bulk cargo including fertilizers.

Marine Litter and MARPOL Annex V

The Meeting is invited to take note of 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 Detection, investigation and prosecution of offenders of anti-pollution regulations

The Meeting is invited to take note of the draft annual HELCOM report on discharges observed during aerial surveillance in the Baltic Sea 2019.

Agenda Item 9 Safety of navigation and related matters

Baltic Sea accident data

The Meeting is invited to note that the [HELCOM report on shipping accidents during 2018 in the Baltic Sea region](#) has been published in the HELCOM website.

The Meeting is invited to consider and approve the HELCOM report on shipping accidents during 2019 in the Baltic Sea region, to be submitted by the Secretariat at a later stage.

Re-surveys

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 19-2019 had noted that the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC) at its 24th conference decided that the current HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme should be updated to include also Category III areas and has tasked the BSHC Monitoring Working Group (BSHC MWG) to update the Scheme to be presented to the BSHC25 conference in 2020 for approval. MARITIME 19-2020 agreed on this way forward and Finland is consequently invited to submit the updated HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme to MARITIME 20-2020 for consideration.

E-navigation

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding E-navigation.

HELCOM AIS data

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding HELCOM AIS data.

Agenda Item 10 HELCOM publications, implementation and reporting

HELCOM Recommendations

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 41-2020 adopted the Recommendation “Deep-Sea Pilotage to Enhance Safety of Navigation and Protection of The Marine Environment in the Baltic Sea Region” as HELCOM Recommendation 41/1 ([Outcome of HELCOM 41-2020](#), para. 5.1 and Annex 4).

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 41-2020 adopted the Recommendation “Enhancing the use of Pilots in Route T and the Sound in order to Contribute to Safe Navigation” as HELCOM Recommendation 41/2 superseding the current HELCOM Recommendation 23/3 ([Outcome of HELCOM 41-2020](#), para. 5.6 and Annex 6).

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 41-2020 decided to withdraw HELCOM Recommendation 24/7 “Further development and use of drift forecasting for oils and other harmful substances in the Baltic” as well as the associated Guidelines for the implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 24/7, as its provisions have been fulfilled ([Outcome of HELCOM 41-2020](#), para. 5.8).

The Meeting is invited to note that HOD 57-2019 approved the proposal to revoke HELCOM Recommendation 23/1 on Notification of ship’s wastes ([Outcome of HOD 57-2019](#), para. 4.79).

HELCOM publications

The Meeting is invited to note that following decisions by HELCOM 41-2020, the [HELCOM Activities Report 2019](#) has been published as Baltic Sea Environment Proceedings (BSEP) n 169 ([Outcome of HELCOM 41-2020](#), para. 6.2).

Agenda Item 11 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 2020-2021 of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME (document to be submitted at a later stage).

Agenda Item 12 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

Following the recommendation by HOD 58-2020, the Meeting is invited to consider a further elaborated draft HELCOM Regional Action Plan 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 updated on the process of setting up the continuous noise database and soundscape planning tool since MARITIME 19-2019 (document to be submitted).

Finland may wish to provide information on modelled underwater noise emissions from Baltic Sea Shipping 2016-2019.

Other issues

Russia may wish to provide information on the status of national procedures in relation to the Primorsk port developments.

Finland may wish to provide information on discharges to the sea from Baltic Sea shipping in 2006-2019.

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

Agenda Item 13 Future work and meetings

The Contracting Parties are invited to submit proposals for updates to the Work Plan for HELCOM MARITIME.

The Meeting is invited to consider and update the Work Plan for HELCOM MARITIME 2021-2022 (document to be submitted at a later stage).

The Meeting is invited to agree on the dates and venue of MARITIME 21-2021 and to consider the date and venue of MARITIME 22-2022.

Agenda Item 14 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.