



19 May 2020

To: Contact and Observers of HELCOM EN-Noise  
Contact and Observers of OSPAR ICG-Noise

Cc: Contact and Observers of HELCOM PRESSURE  
Contact and Observers of OSPAR EIHA  
(OSPAR Contacts to be circulated by OSPAR Secretariat)

**Re: Second Joint Session of OSPAR ICG-Noise and HELCOM EN-Noise, 3 June 2020, Online**

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the outcome of HELCOM HOD 57-2019 (para. 4.15), we have the pleasure to invite you to the Second Joint Session of OSPAR ICG-Noise and HELCOM EN-Noise to be held online on 3 June 2020. The Meeting will start at 10:00h EET on Wednesday 3 June 2020 and it is expected to close by 13:00h EET on the same day.

The Joint Session will be moderated by Mr. Nathan Merchant (impulsive noise discussion) and Mr. Jakob Tougaard (continuous noise discussion). The Joint Session will focus on:

- Continuous noise:
  - presentation of the HELCOM continuous noise database hosted by ICES, and discussion of the possibilities for OSPAR to join such database;
  - continuous noise assessment – how are approaches to be taken in the upcoming assessments in HELCOM and OSPAR aligned with each other and with the EU processes; and
  - discussion on GES threshold values.
- Impulsive noise:
  - presentation of the status of progress of OSPAR indicators, including impact indicator, and possible input to the HELCOM work;
  - impulsive noise assessment – how are approaches to be taken in the upcoming assessments in HELCOM and OSPAR aligned with each other and with the EU processes; and
  - discussion on GES threshold values.

Any documents or presentations for the Meeting will be inserted on both the [OSPAR](#) and [HELCOM](#) websites as soon as they become available.

Please note that the online meeting will be conducted using [Zoom](#). You are kindly invited to familiarize yourself with the [meeting guide for participants](#) and the [instructions](#) to participate in online meetings using this tool. The participants are kindly requested to *register to the Meeting via the [HELCOM](#) or [OSPAR Websites](#) by 27 May at the latest*. After this deadline, registered participants to the Meeting will be forwarded an invitation for their online participation.



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For further information, provision of documents to the Meeting, and for advice or help do not hesitate to contact the Secretariats ([Philip.Stamp@ospar.org](mailto:Philip.Stamp@ospar.org) or [marta.ruiz@helcom.fi](mailto:marta.ruiz@helcom.fi)).

Yours sincerely,

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