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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: Third Joint Session of OSPAR ICG-Noise and HELCOM EN-Noise, 24 August 2021, Online

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the outcome of the Second Joint Session of OSPAR ICG-Noise and HELCOM EN-Noise (para. 6.1), we have the pleasure to invite you to the Third Joint Session of OSPAR ICG-Noise and HELCOM EN-Noise to be held online on 24 August 2021. The Meeting will start at 10:00h EEST on Tuesday 24 August 2021 and it is expected to close by 16:00h EEST 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 status of the discussion of the possibilities for OSPAR to join this 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 OSPAR indicators, including impact indicator, and potential 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 published on both [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 17 August at the latest*. After this deadline, a meeting link will be forwarded to registered participants.



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For any additional information e.g. on document submission, registration or any other assistance, please do not hesitate contacting the Secretariats (Philip.Stamp@ospar.org or marta.ruiz@helcom.fi).

Yours sincerely,

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