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Background

The attached document contains a draft of the core pressure indicator on nutrients inputs which aims to follow-up on progress towards the maximum allowable inputs (MAI) on the HELCOM nutrient reduction scheme.

The structure of the core indicator is based on a common template for HELCOM core indicators, which has been agreed on within the framework of the project [Operationalization of HELCOM core indicators \(HELCOM CORESET II\)](#).

The attached core pressure indicator was submitted to HOD 47-2014 for adoption as part of the nutrient reduction scheme follow-up system. HOD 47-2014 were also invited to provide feedback on how progress towards MAI could be presented in the key message (cf. comment 1 in the attached document) taking into account that this is the first core pressure indicator that is ready and some further consideration may be given within CORESET II on the presentation of the core indicators.

The indicator will be updated with data from 2011 and 2012 in January 2015 and this may have consequences for the results presented in the indicator (especially those basins where inputs are close to MAI).

The intention is to publish the updated indicator on the HELCOM website in time for HELCOM 36-2015. The indicator should be considered a first version, which might be developed further in the future, to take into account e.g. possible amendments to the structure of core pressure indicators which might be agreed on at a later stage of the CORESET II project.

Actions

The Meeting will be invited to discuss issues raised by HOD 47-2014 (relevant outcomes from HOD 47-2014 to be submitted later) in relation to the attached core pressure indicator on nutrient inputs.