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Background

Germany has submitted to PRESSURE 9-2018 an initial proposal (Doc. 6-8) for Terms of Reference for the group to draft the regional principles and risk assessment framework for management of internal nutrient reserves (NUTRI RISK).

This documents includes Finland's initial comments to the proposal.

Action requested

Meeting is invited to

- take into account the comments.

Comments to the Terms of Reference for the group to draft the regional principles and risk assessment framework for management of internal nutrient reserves (NUTRI RISK)

Finland thanks Germany for taking the initiative to draft the first version of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the group to draft the regional principles and risk assessment framework for management of internal nutrient reserves (NUTRI RISK). The draft provides relevant aspects of the issues to be elaborated during the work and a good starting point to develop the ToR, for which we have the following comments:

- Finland would like to see the ToR as a relatively short and concise description containing the definition of the group's objectives, scope of work, tasks, working methods, time schedule and resources. Specific issues and details could be discussed in a separate background document.
- The NUTRI RISK should recognize and take stock of the principles of the HELCOM Convention. The relevance and applicability of other Conventions, such as the London Convention, should be discussed during the work.
- The draft contains relevant aspects to be elaborated, but the ToR should not include any positions on the outcome. These are to be discussed and agreed during the development process and within the relevant HELCOM structures.
- The scope of the work should be relatively broad leaving room for thorough discussions and agreement of different aspects such as on inclusion of measures, location, scale, format and contents.
- Finland supports the idea of linking the drafting process with the BSAP update process.
- The group should possess knowledge on the dynamics of the phenomena, potential management measures, the legal and institutional framework, and make use of the latest research and results of the experiments.
- Finland sees a wide stakeholder involvement along the work important.