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Introduction

The Eleventh Meeting of SAFE NAV will be held online on 13 May 2020. The Meeting will be opened **at 10:00 EET** and it is expected to terminate **by 16:00 EET** on the same day (9:00-15:00 CET).

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [SAFE NAV 11-2020 Meeting Site](#) (please see the [instructions](#) for *signing up* and *signing in*).

The Contracting Parties and Observers are requested to submit documents which require a decision or action, no later than **22 April 2020** and other documents no later than **6 May 2020** in electronic form to the Professional Secretary (markus.helavuori@helcom.fi).

Please note that HELCOM will conduct its online meetings 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* by answering the [Participation Survey](#) no later than **6 May 2020**. After this deadline, registered participants to the Meeting will be forwarded an invitation for their online participation.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1), developed by the Secretariat.

2. Matters arising from HELCOM meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019 (document 2-1) and make use of the information as appropriate.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of HELCOM meetings, especially concerning safety of navigation and the work of the Group (document to be submitted at a later stage).

3. Accidents and ship traffic in the Baltic Sea

The Meeting is invited to note that MARITIME 19-2019 had considered the draft Annual HELCOM report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea area in 2018 ([document 10-2](#)) and noted a comment by Latvia on Figure 7 of the draft report, that no accidents had taken place and the reference to “or lack of data” could be deleted. The meeting noted a comment by Estonia, also made at SAFE NAV 10-2019, that one accident in Estonia (Figure 7 of the draft report) is indicated to have happened inland. The meeting also noted that a Lithuanian accident also seems to be placed inland. The meeting instructed the Secretariat to check the data, liaise with Estonia and Lithuania if clarification is needed and make any corrections as necessary.

The Meeting is invited to note that MARITIME 19-2019 approved the report for publishing, pending any corrections necessary based on the comments provided by the Meeting and SAFE NAV 10-2019 ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 10.7-10.9).

The Meeting will be informed of the status of these corrections and subsequent publication.

The Meeting is invited to note that MARITIME 19-2019 had noted the discussion by SAFE NAV 10-2019 regarding the lack of reporting of drug or alcohol abuse as the cause of accidents. The meeting noted that due to the recent decision to use EMCIP data, starting with accidents that occurred in 2019, HELCOM is not in a position to mandate the reporting of drug or alcohol abuse as the cause of accidents. The meeting noted that changes to the EMCIP dataset would have to be considered by EMSA and its Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) for the Investigation of Accidents in the Maritime Transport Sector. The meeting invited the Secretariat to discuss the matter directly with EMSA, in order to identify options for addressing it ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 10.6).

The Meeting will be informed on the work conducted in relation to data acquisition for the Annual HELCOM report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea area in 2019.

4. Sea Traffic Management

Sweden is invited to submit the final outcome of the Sea Traffic Management Validation Project in the Baltic Sea.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any further matters related to Sea Traffic Management.

5. New and existing routeing measures in the Baltic Sea

The Meeting is invited to recall that SAFE NAV 10-2019 took note of the information by Germany on Routeing in southwest of the Baltic Sea - Update 2019 to HELCOM Maritime/SAFE NAV (document 5-1, Presentation 1) as well as comments by Poland (Presentation 2), expressing concern with regard to the proposed routeing measures as they would have an impact on some of the established and commonly used routes to Polish ports. The meeting had noted that no decisions were to be made at that stage, but had agreed that further discussion and consideration of the proposals in document 5-1 is needed, and that the overall objective is to improve safety of navigation in the concerned area. The meeting invited Germany, Poland, Sweden and Denmark to discuss interessionally, and agreed to revisit the matter at SAFE NAV 11-2020. (Outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019, para. 5.1-5.2).

Germany is invited to inform the Meeting about the intersessional discussions with Denmark, Poland and Sweden. The Meeting is invited to continue the discussion based on the updated provided.

The Meeting is invited to share and discuss existing and planned routing measures in the Baltic Sea.

6. Charts and bathymetry

The Meeting is invited to recall that SAFE NAV 10-2019 had taken note of the information on defining and updating HELCOM Cat. I & II shipping routes in the Baltic Sea submitted by Sweden ([document 6-1](#) and [Presentation 4](#)), noting also that the matter will be raised at MARITIME 19-2019 (documents [10-3](#) and [10-4](#)), including a proposal to updating the Re-survey Scheme to include also Category III areas, with a view for approval at MARITIME 20-2020 ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019](#), para. 6.1).

The Meeting is invited to take note that MARITIME 19-2019 approved the updated HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme assessment report as set out in [document 10-4](#) ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 10.12).

The Meeting is invited to take note 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, with subsequent submission to MARITIME 20-2020. The meeting agreed with this way forward and invited Finland to submit the updated HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme to MARITIME 20-2020 for consideration.

The Meeting is invited to take note that MARITIME 19-2019 had considered the proposal to include the updating of the Re-Survey Scheme for Category III in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) ([document 10-3](#)), and agreed on a proposed new action as set out in Annex 2 ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 10.13-10.14).

As agreed at SAFE NAV 10-2019, the Contracting Parties and the Hydrographic Agencies of the Baltic Sea coastal States are invited to report on any revised situations and measures taken in revising the Cat. I & II areas in their waters based on up-to-date hydrographic surveys and current commercial shipping AIS info to ensure safe navigation in their waters ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019](#), para. 6.4).

7. Any other business

The Meeting is invited to recall that SAFE NAV 10-2019 had supported the proposal for a HELCOM Recommendation concerning Deep Sea Pilotage in the Baltic Sea submitted by Baltic Pilotage Authorities Commission (BPAC) ([document 7-2](#)) ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 9-2019](#), para. 7.2).

The Meeting is invited to take note that MARITIME 19-2019 had approved in principle the draft HELCOM Recommendation concerning Deep Sea Pilotage in the Baltic Sea (c.f. [document 10-1](#)), taking into account the correction proposed by SAFE NAV 10-2019. The meeting also invited the Secretariat to draft preambular paragraphs to the draft Recommendation ([Outcome of MARITIME 19-2019](#), para. 10.1, 10.2 and 10.4).

The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 57-2019 considered the draft HELCOM Recommendation on Deep-Sea Pilotage in the Baltic Sea ([document 4-14](#)), corrected an error related to Polish contact details in Attachment 1 of the draft, approved the draft Recommendation as set out in [document 4-14-Rev.1](#). The Meeting is further invited to take note that HELCOM 41-2020 adopted it as HELCOM Recommendation 41/1 as set out in Annex 4 to the [Outcome](#).

The Meeting is invited to recall that SAFE NAV 10-2019 considered the proposal by Denmark for revision of HELCOM Recommendation 23/3 on *Enhancing the use of pilots in route T and the Sound by notification to departing ships and establishment of an early warning system* ([document 7-4](#)), agreed on a number of corrections and supported it as set out in Annex 2, inviting MARITIME 19-2019 to decide as appropriate ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 9-2019](#), para. 7.5-7.6).

The Meeting is invited to take note that MARITIME 19-2019 supported in general the draft revised HELCOM Recommendation 23/3 on Enhancing the use of pilots in route T and the Sound by notification to departing ships and establishment of an early warning system (Annex 2 of the Outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019 set out in document 10-5). The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 57-2019 considered and approved the revised HELCOM Recommendation 23/3 on enhancing the use of pilots in route T and the Sound ([document 4-3](#)) and that HELCOM 41-2020 adopted the revised Recommendation as HELCOM Recommendation 41/2 as contained in Annex 6 to the [Outcome](#), superseding the current HELCOM Recommendation 23/3.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other issues as may be raised by the Contracting Parties or the Secretariat.

8. Next meetings and contacts

The Delegations and Observers are invited to take note of and update, if needed, the list of contact addresses and observers of HELCOM SAFE NAV (document 8-1).

The Meeting is invited to agree on the date and venue of the next meeting. The Contracting Parties are invited to consider organizing future meetings of the Group.

9. Outcome of the Meeting

Meeting participants will be provided with the draft Outcome of the Meeting by **close of business 14 May 2020**. Meeting participants will be invited to provide comments to the draft Outcome by **15 May noon**. The Secretariat will circulate an updated Outcome by **close of business 18 May 2020** for tacit approval by **close of business 19 May 2020**.