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To: Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Seal Expert Group
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM State and Conservation Working Group

Cc: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
Observers of HELCOM
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM groups

Re. Invitation to the 12th Meeting of HELCOM *ad hoc* Seal expert group (SEAL 12-2018), Tallinn, Estonia, 10-12 October 2018

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the decision of SEAL 11-2017 (Outcome paragraph 9.8), I have the pleasure to forward you the invitation by Estonia to the 12th Meeting of the HELCOM *ad hoc* Seal Expert Group (SEAL 12-2018), which will be held on 10-12 October 2018 in Tallinn, Estonia, at the premises of Estonian Ministry of the Environment (Narva mnt 7a, 15172 Tallinn).

The Meeting will start on **Wednesday, 10 October at 10.30** and will end on **Friday, 12 October by 14.00**. Attached, please find the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) and Provisional Annotated Agenda (document 1-2) for the Meeting.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [SEAL 12-2018 Meeting site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

Those Meeting participants that wish to provide their contributions for the Meeting are requested to submit the documents in electronic format to Professional Secretary Jannica Haldin (jannica.haldin@helcom.fi) **at the latest by 18 September 2018**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents shall be received by the Secretariat not later than seven days before the opening of the Meeting, i.e. **3 October 2018**.

Please register for the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal by **3 October 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

Jannica Haldin
Professional Secretary