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Background

The core indicator 'Abundance of waterbirds in the breeding season' was agreed by HOD 48-2015 (outcome para 3.63).

State&Conservation 5-2016 (outcome para 4J.52) took note of the core indicator report including draft results for the period 2011-2015, endorsed the updated assessment protocol, the proposal on presenting results for species, species groups and for all species, as well as the publishing of the indicator reports as soon as the results are available.

The core indicator report has been updated to be based on data from the assessment period 2011-2015. The data used for updating the report has been agreed by Contracting Parties through the data and indicator evaluations approval process carried out through State and Conservation contacts in February-March 2017. The updated indicator report will be published at the HELCOM web-site concomitant with the first version of the 'State of the Baltic Sea' report.

Changes to the indicator report compared to the version agreed on by HOD 48-2015 are visible as track changes, with the exception of the section on 'Results' which has been fully updated. The links to MSFD descriptors and criteria have been updated to reflect the latest version of the European Commission Decision on GES criteria and Annex III Table 2a.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note that the dataset and indicator evaluation have been agreed through the national approval process,
- endorse the publication of the updated report.