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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
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HELCOM Pressure Contacts and Observers
HELCOM State and Conservation Contacts and Observers
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Re. Scoping Meeting on Cumulative Impact Assessment (Scoping CIA 1-2020), online, 8-9 September 2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the outcome of GEAR 22-2020 (Paragraph 5.40 and Annex 3) I have the pleasure to invite you to the Scoping Meeting on Cumulative Impact Assessment (Scoping CIA 1-2020), which will be held online on 8-9 September 2020.

The Meeting will **start on Tuesday, 8 September at 10:00 EET** and is expected to **terminate on Wednesday 9 September 2020 by 16:00 EET**.

The Meeting will be Chaired by Ms. Andrea Weiss.

The Meeting will work to:

- develop a common understanding of what is required from and how to use a Cumulative Impact Assessment (both for HOLAS III and in the long term);
- consider what a Cumulative Impact Assessment should deliver and how should results be interpreted, including how uncertainties are handled and presented, as well as the need and possibility for validation of the results;
- develop a shared understanding of what the various existing tools can accommodate, guidance for further development (e.g. prioritized functionality) and recommendation for what tool to use as a basis for further development as well as how to use the indicator evaluations to better identify the link between pressures and impacts.

The scoping meeting would benefit from representation covering both the management and scientific understanding of CIA, as well as relevant representatives of HELCOM Working Groups. In addition, Contracting Parties are invited to nominate national representatives with suitable technical understanding of the national CIA tools so as to be able to, on a general level, indicate what the tools can accommodate.

Documents for consideration of the Meeting, with a clear indication of actions proposed by the Contracting Parties, should be sent in electronic form via e-mail to Professional Secretary, Ms. Jannica Haldin (Jannica.Haldin@helcom.fi) **by 18 August 2020**. 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. **1 September 2020**. The Secretariat has prepared the attached document template (also available in the Meeting Portal) and

would like to encourage the Contracting Parties to use the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

Participants of the Meeting are requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Meeting Participation Survey](#) by **1 September 2020**.

Documents for the Meeting, which are restricted until the end of the Meeting, will be made available via the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the Scoping CIA 1-2020 Meeting Site's [Document folder](#). Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

Jannica Haldin
Professional Secretary