



Goose Management Group

GMG 4th Meeting

Bremen, 20 January 2010

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: GMG 4-1 Draft Agenda

The chairman welcomed the participants at WSA in Bremen and opened the meeting at 09:00 hours on 20 January. He emphasised that this last meeting had to focus on agenda item 4, the finalization of the draft recommendation and guidance document. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was **adopted** without amendments and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes GMG-3

Document: GMG-3 Final Draft Minutes

The final draft minutes of the GMG-3 meeting, Bremen, 28 September 2009, were **adopted** without amendments.

3. Announcements

Niels Kanstrup informed the participants about a Danish goose meeting for clarifying the Danish position and about a proposal for a subsidy scheme for the island of Mandø.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner referred to the Governmental conference in March and the draft Ministerial Declaration and asked the meeting to briefly discuss the paragraph concerning goose management (see agenda item 5).

Bart Ebbing informed about an AEWA meeting regarding Brent goose management in December 2009. He stated that the population were quite stable with a number of 250,000 Brent geese.

Manfred Vollmer informed the meeting about the procedure to finalize the guidance document and to forward it to the Trilateral Cooperation and the conference in March. The document had to be finalized by end of January 2010. Adjustments and lay out had to be done in the first half of February to be distributed for the Governmental Conference in time. The most important recommendations would also be included in the WSF-report.

4. Elaboration recommendation and guidance document

Document: GMG 4-4.1, Third draft GDR, commented by Sander Smolders and Jesper Madsen

The meeting elaborated in detail on the available third draft and took all comments delivered into account. It was **agreed** to shorten the document and to focus on the relevant issues and the tasks of a guidance document. The document should also aim at an integrated approach and address the management problems.

The results of the discussion and agreement are reflected in the GRD final draft version, which is attached as an extra document. The meeting **agreed** to finalize the document by end of January and to deliver the necessary contributions by 28 January 2010 at the latest. The attached version still entails earlier comments, which have to be taken into account when rewriting the chapters according to the agreements made (see action list in **Annex 3**).

5. Recommendations

As contribution to the WSF final report, some strategic recommendations will be extracted out of the guidance documents. Improvements due to a final check by the GMG at the beginning of February will be taken into account in the first galley proof of the WSF report by the secretariat in the first half of February.

The meeting **agreed** to this procedure.

Secondly, the meeting **agreed** on paragraph 15 of the draft Ministerial Declaration, which reads "**Welcome** the Guidance for Goose Management in the Wadden Sea Region as prepared under the leadership of the Wadden Sea Forum, in cooperation with the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation, and **declare** their willingness to participate in the development of a Goose Management Plan to achieve a balanced management to accommodate geese in the Wadden Sea region, both in a regional as well as in an international context in the forthcoming period".

6. Any other business

No other business discussed.

7. Closing

The chairman expressed his satisfaction about the work of the GMG and the results achieved. He further expressed the wish that the work should continue in cooperation with the TWSC in a professional way. He thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting 16:30 on 20 January.

ANNEX 2

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