



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2019-2 Meeting
Bremen, 28 October 2019

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

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The secretary of the working group, Manfred Vollmer, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the Minutes ICZM 2019-1

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2019-1

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2019-1 meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 24 January 2019, as distributed by e-mail of 13 February 2019.

The final draft minutes are also available at the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org

3. Announcements

Birgit Gerkensmeier informed that a storm surge monitor would be developed for the German part of the North Sea. Regarding climate change activities, the emphasis would be laid on changes in seasonality, which would meet the needs of sectors and the society.

Petra Sewig informed the meeting about an application conference to connect off-shore wind farms to the mainland. Existing corridors would be working to capacity and new ones had to be found.

Further, she pointed to a spatial planning program, to update the spatial structure plan (ROP) for which public hearings would be necessary.

Frank Ahlhorn informed about a final meeting of the Interreg project Frames (Flood resilient areas by multi-layer safety), which would take place on 28 November. The topics would be on high water levels and storm surges.

Ole Beck Andersen reported that he would inform about the WSF ICZM group at a working group meeting of the 4 Danish Wadden Sea municipalities and the Danish Coastal Authority. He further informed about the Fair project, which would almost be finalized but should be continued. The overall objective of the FAIR project would be to reduce flood risk across the NSR by demonstrating climate change adaptation solutions to improve the performance of flood protection infrastructure.

Finally, he reported that Esbjerg harbor had been declared as risk area due to high water levels up to 6m above NN by the EU Commission and that several obligations have to be fulfilled.

Manfred Vollmer informed that Bernard Baerends would be the new head of the CWSS. He further informed about the forthcoming WSF plenary meeting, scheduled for 18-19 November in Leer and the WSB-30 meeting on 21 November in Wilhelmshaven. He briefly reported about the progress with regard to the World Heritage Partnership Centre. On 30 June, the WSF has signed a MoU with the Wadden Sea Board about new partnership and cooperation. End of September 2019 a draft concept for a partner-hub was discussed with the different participating organisations and which is now almost final. The partner-hub should foster cooperation between science, stakeholders, NGOs and the political level and common projects should be developed and carried out. In this context it was said that in the further work the UN world goals/millennium development goals of sustainability should be recognised and taken into account.

4. Policy Paper water management

The meeting briefly reflected the work on the policy paper water management due to climate change and agreed that it was a good piece of cooperation among the stakeholders. Up to now, some positive feedback has been received.

In the coming weeks the policy paper will be further distributed to water boards and the regional political level. It will also be part of the press release and press conference of the WSF-36 meeting in Leer.

5. ICZM work program

The secretary informed the meeting about activities and projects, which have been initiated by the WSF secretariat.

- a) A Dark Sky initiative on trilateral level has been started and a first meeting was scheduled for 14 October. It is envisaged to bring local initiatives together and use the experiences to aim at a trilateral approach to reduce light emissions and to experience darkness and the night sky. Several stakeholders, organisations (research, education) and politicians have to be involved in the further process to reach broad acceptance and to get support and commitment.
- b) The WSF was involved in a stakeholder workshop on macro-plastic, which took place on 1 October at the university of Oldenburg. The results will be compiled and available soon.
- c) A new cooperation initiative with the fishery sector has been started. The German fishery sector has elaborated a position paper. The WSF will step into political discussions to sound out the further process. The paper will also be forwarded to the Danish and Dutch fishery sector with the request to elaborate of their position accordingly.
- d) The WSF elaborated a proposal to establish a joint shipping group between stakeholders and shipping authorities. It will be forwarded to the Wadden Sea Board to get support to establish the proposed group.

The meeting appreciated the information and initiated actions and discussed the role and strategy of the ICZM group to support the work on the various topics.

It was consensus that a cooperation with the fishery sector would be an important issue as fisheries has a strong role in regional characteristics and identity. But also other topics like demographic change, climate adaptation, shipping safety and green harbours were seen as valuable issues to work on.

After a constructive discussion, the meeting agreed that the role of the ICZM group would be a strategic role, concentrating on networking, bringing experts in the different fields together, encouraging stakeholders to participate and facilitating meetings, workshops and conferences. It was also consensus that the existence of the ICZM group would be valuable and necessary for the outlined role. The participants committed themselves to contribute to the work and strategic tasks.

6. Any other business

No other business discussed.

7. Next meeting

The meeting agreed to hold the next meeting on 12 February 2020 in Bremen.

8. Closing

The secretary thanked all participants for their participation and contributions made and closed the meeting at 15:00 hours.

ANNEX 2

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