



Wadden Sea Forum
WG Shipping, 3rd Meeting
Husum, 05 June 2008
FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

Agenda item 1: Opening

Document: WSF-Shipping-3/08/1 Draft annotated agenda

The chairman Martin Loos welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 09:30 on 5 June 2008. A list of the participants is in **Annex 1**. The proposed draft agenda was adopted without changes and is in **Annex 2**.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the minutes WSF Shipping -2

The final minutes of the 2nd WG meeting on 22 March 2007 were adopted.

Agenda item 3: Announcements

Herman Verheij informed the meeting that the Netherlands intend a field trip in Germany to get more data and information about emergency tools and activities, also for implementation in NL. Hans von Wecheln and Hans-Ulrich Rösner requested for safety reasons a sound data transfer between Denmark, Germany and The Netherlands. A joint cooperation would be absolutely necessary and the WSF should play a role in this process.

Martin Loos referred to the dredging activities in the river Ems and the developments in Eemshaven and complained about the gaps in radar control systems in estuaries. The contact among the different radar stations would be insufficient and should be better coordinated by one central station.

As a result of the announcements and discussions about lacking emergency tools and capacities, Hans von Wecheln suggested to distribute first the DenGerNeth-Plan to figure out existing problems and gaps and following, invite experts to the shipping group meeting. Also Herman Verheij and Hans-Ulrich Rösner proposed to deal with the burning shipping issues like radar control system, emergency control and lacking towing capacity first in the shipping group and in a second step to forward the information and recommendations to the WSF.

Related to this, the work group members will contact some experts, who are independent and not representing the existing control institutions.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner referred to the PSSA evaluation and the WG shipping proposed to designate the WG chair as member of the evaluation steering group.

A further announcement was made by Hans von Wecheln, who informed the meeting about the installation of a new emergency towing vessel in the North Sea from 1 January 2011 on.

Agenda item 4: Progress on results of last ministerial declaration

The meeting stated that no more progress of activities on issues outlined in the ministerial declaration of Schiermonnikoog (3 November 2005) and Annex 1 of the declaration was made so far. Furthermore, it was noticed that an emergency capacity is missing between NN -10m and the coastline. This would be a technical problem as the big tug boats are not able to cover the shallow waters.

Agenda item 5: MPEC Proposal reducing emissions in shipping

Documents:

WSF-Shipping-3/08/1/5.1: Prevention of air pollution from ships

WSF-Shipping-3/081/5.2: SDN-Pressemitteilung (in German)

Hans von Wecheln briefly introduced the documents and the WG welcomed the IMO decision to ban heavy fuel oil from 2020 on (2015 North Sea) in order to reduce the emissions, but pointed also at problems of implementation and fair competition, which might have effects on the time scale for implementation.

The IMO decision can also be used for promoting clean shipping of which the companies would benefit.

Agenda item 6: Project litter collection on sea

The chairman Martin Loos informed the meeting about the project "fishing for litter". In The Netherlands the fishermen have started with a project, to bring by-caught litter to the harbours for further disposal. It was **agreed** that at the next WSF meeting in November, a presentation will be given about the approach and status of the project as well as about the cooperation at transnational level. Also the WG shipping will further elaborate on this issue.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

Hans von Wecheln raised the subject of the EU emergency towing concept. Besides the cooperation between The Netherlands and Germany, the concept should be broadened and a trilateral emergency towing concept should be established. To bring this forward, the PSSA evaluation can be used.

This issue will be further elaborated on the next meeting in October and further decisions on further actions (letter to authorities) will be taken.

Agenda item 8: Next Meeting

The meeting chose two possible dates for the next meeting, 23 or 28 October 2008 in Hamburg with a preference for the first one. The secretariat will ask for final preferences with the distribution of the final draft minutes.

Agenda item 9: Closing

The chairman thanked all participants for coming and their fruitful contributions and closed the meeting at 11:30 on 5 June.

Annex 2

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