



Wadden Sea Forum

WG Shipping, 6th Meeting

Bremen, 31 August 2009

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WSF-Shipping-6 Draft annotated agenda

The chairman Martin Loos welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 10:30 on 31 August 2009. A list of the participants is in **Annex 1**. The proposed draft agenda was adopted without amendments and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the Final Draft Minutes WSF Shipping-5

Document: WSF-Shipping-5 Final draft minutes

The final draft minutes of the 5th WG Shipping meeting on 11 March 2009 in Bremen were adopted.

3. Announcements

Kristine Jung referred to the "Report of Decisions" of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and pointed to the statement about sound shipping management in the Wadden Sea.

Manfred Vollmer briefly informed the meeting about the "Wadden Sea Day" on 27 August in Wilhelmshaven. All presentations and some impressions would be available on the CWSS website soon.

4. PSSA Evaluation

Document: WG Shipping 6-4.1 Presentation of the status PSSA Project

Kristine Jung briefly introduced the document, which was the presentation Southampton Solent University at the PSSA SC-01 meeting, and gave an overview on the current status of the Wadden Sea PSSA Evaluation project. Task 1 of the ToR, to review the recent developments and current functions and opportunities of PSSA, is completed. Task 2 of the project, compiling shipping incident data in order to establish the evaluative framework to measure the effectiveness of the PSSA Wadden Sea, was still lacking and further efforts had to be made.

In order to check if the PSSA is in the nautical charts, the CWSS purchased a Mariner's Routing Guide map, provided by the BSH. In this chart the border lines of the PSSA were depicted and also the definition of the PSSA was provided to

the mariners. As the PSSA is not marked in all German sea charts, Kristine Jung was requested to check, if the PSSA is marked in all other available sea charts. The next step in the project would be a questionnaire (undertaken by phone calls) to stakeholders in order to measure the effectiveness of the PSSA.

The shipping meeting welcomed the information on the current status of the PSSA evaluation, but also expressed their concerns, if it would still be possible to finalize the project in the given timeframe. The meeting also asked for a list of the established expert focus group and recommended to admit Mr. Gerhard Woisin as an additional and independent member for this group.

The next meeting of the Southampton Solent University and the PSSA Steering Committee will be held on 5/6 November 2009 in Åarhus, DK. Manfred Vollmer will represent the WSF at this meeting.

As an overall task of the WSF Shipping Group, the meeting agreed to elaborate recommendations with regard to topical shipping issues, to be adopted by the WSF plenary and to be forwarded to the Trilateral Governmental Conference in March 2010.

5. Shipping Safety

Hans von Wecheln briefly informed the meeting about the new commission of a tug boat in January 2011, which would replace the Oceanic. Denmark had announced the building of an own towing vessel for the Baltic. For the North Sea, tug boats could be chartered in cases of emergency.

Further items about shipping safety, e.g. emergency control systems and Automatic Identification System (AIS), will be discussed at the next shipping meeting.

Under this agenda item, a presentation about container shipping was given by the Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics, Bremen. Main topics were:

- Development of Container Handling
- Development of TEU Handling of Selected Northrange Port
- Development of Port calls in German Seaports
- Current Fleet Structure
- Lost Container Survey

The presentation is available on the WSF website as pdf file.

6. Marine Spatial Planning

Document: WSF Shipping 6-6.1 Ems deepening

Document: WSF Shipping 6-6.2 Radar station

The meeting took note of the documents, which refer to activities in the river Ems. This issue will be taken up again, together with a presentation from Groningen Seaports, preferably at the next meeting.

Manfred Vollmer briefly informed the meeting about new activities on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). The EU Commission encourages the member states to increase their efforts in cross-border cooperation and stakeholder participation with regard to MSP. In this respect, shipping would be an important issue as well as fisheries and the expansions of off-shore wind parks, and the WSF should consider these developments in their future work.

In Germany, spatial planning in the EEZ took a further step with a second copy of a spatial plan, integrating the comments of the public hearing in October 2008. A major change was made due to the implementation of off-shore wind parks. In the revised version, applications for wind farms could also be made outside the priority areas, which is a reinforcement for wind energy. *This was not* acceptable for the meeting as planning of priority areas makes no sense. Also ecological and economical interests had to be considered in areas outside of priority areas.

7. Support KIMO

Document: WSF Shipping 6-7.1 KIMO resolution

The secretary briefly introduced the document with the KIMO resolution on container shipping and the meeting agreed to support the resolution. The recommendation of the shipping group will be forwarded to the WSF Steering Committee and the WSF plenary for further actions on the political level.

8. Any other business

On request of Hans von Wecheln, the meeting briefly discussed the responsibilities of the management of Natura 2000 areas. The responsibilities depend on the location of Natura 2000 areas; the Wadden Sea Plan would be the management plan for the trilateral cooperation area, the German "Bundesamt für Naturschutz" would be responsible for the German EEZ and Rijkswaterstaat for the Dutch EEZ.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in November. The exact date will be fixed by a quick consultation round.

10. Closing

The chairman thanked all participants for coming and their fruitful contributions and closed the meeting at 15:00 on 31 August 2009.

Annex 2

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