



Wadden Sea Forum
WG Shipping, 7th Meeting
Bremen, 16 February 2010

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WSF-Shipping-7 Draft agenda

The chairman Martin Loos welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 on 16 February 2010. He particularly welcomed and introduced his successor Ms Janny du Bois from the water sports association Groningen. 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-6

Document: WSF-Shipping-6 Final draft minutes

The final draft minutes of the 6th WG Shipping meeting on 31 August 2009 in Bremen were adopted.

3. Announcements

Kristine Jung informed about a symposium "oil pollution – risks, prevention and control" on 17 – 19 November 2010 in Hamburg. More information on www.gkss.de/public_relations/events/009323/index_0009323.html.en

Herman Verheij informed the meeting about the expiry of the bottom trawling mussel fisheries in the Dutch Wadden Sea by 2020. Furthermore, he briefly summarized the Dutch concept for nature restoration. A summary was presented at the WSF-15 plenary meeting in November 2009 and is part of the WSF-15 final draft minutes.

www.waddensea-forum.org/archive/MeetingsArchive/WSF15documents/WSF-15_final_draft_minutes-web.pdf

Hans-Ulrich Rösner informed about guidelines from the SH government with regard to dealings with oiled birds. In order to prevent the birds from indefensible torments, the birds would be killed. The guidelines are available on the web site:

www.schleswig-holstein.de/UmweltLandwirtschaft/DE/NaturschutzForstJagd/09_Artenschutz/07__VeroelteVoegel/PDF/UmgangVeroelteVoegel,templateId=raw,property=publicationFile.pdf

Manfred Vollmer announced that the WSF report has been finalized and agreed by the Steering Committee. The printed report would be available in the first week of March.

4. PSSA Evaluation

Document: WSF-Shipping 7.4.1 PSSA evaluation report

Kristine Jung introduced the PSSA Wadden Sea evaluation report and pointed to the difficulties with regard to cooperation of the responsible bodies and to get valuable and exact data by national authorities. The evaluation was aimed at testing the effectiveness of the PSSA implementation. But even if the report would have some gaps and inconsistencies, the recommendation clearly outlined coming developments and tasks.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner added that there was a very fruitful discussion in the PSSA evaluation steering group but that the report in principle underachieve his expectations, but that the recommendations are worthwhile to work with.

Following, the meeting discussed some of the recommendations and future measures. With regard to the extension of the PSSA it was stated that there would be no political commitment for the time being and therefore no discussion point for the shipping group. In this respect, while Mr. Rösner is in favour of extending the PSSA due to the arguments outlined in the report, the meeting has also received a statement by Mr. Rothkopf, saying that the chamber of commerce Oldenburg and harbour and shipping related economies did not support the recommendation of extending the PSSA Wadden Sea.

Also related to the PSSA extension it was questioned, if additional protective measures would be aimed at. According to the revised IMO guideline (IMO Resolution A.982 (24)) this would only be the case when a new PSSA is implemented.

Continuing, the meeting focussed the discussion on the need for better data availability and the need for awareness raising as also described in the evaluation report in detail. Both measures were supported by the meeting.

Also supported was the development of a joint vision for the PSSA and the request for good stakeholder involvement in the dealings with it. In this respect, the meeting agreed to strive for a close cooperation between the new Trilateral Wadden Sea Board and the WSF.

In conclusion, the meeting agreed on the recommendations made in the evaluation report, except the one for an extension of the PSSA.

5. Marine Spatial Planning

The secretary informed the meeting about the status of a MSP project, co-financed by DG Mare, who re-opened a call for proposals on "Preparatory action on MSP in the North Sea". As agreed in the ICZM group, a participation of the WSF would depend on the benefits for the Forum and the focused area of implementation.

Also with regard to MSP, the chairman of the ICZM group, Herman Verheij, informed the meeting about the results of the ICZM-9 meeting on 13 January, to compile all available information of economic use and planning as well as of relevant laws, directives and management plans in the EEZ and coastal waters of Denmark, Germany and The Netherlands. The economic pressure on the marine area would have also effects on the Wadden Sea protected areas. A support in compiling the information could be provided by EUCC Germany, who would be invited to the next ICZM meeting to discuss the facilitation. Mr. Verheij also pointed out that the shipping group would be invited too, as MSP concerned also the topical issues of this group.

Almost all participants **agreed** that it would be very worthwhile to have a sound information base about the activities in the marine area to discuss further measures

and work topics by the working groups. One option of illustrating the compiled information would be the elaboration of transboundary maps, encompassing the different uses and activities.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner did not agree to this approach but in general, he was very much in favour of MSP. In his view, it would be the responsibility of the competent authorities to compile such information and maps and to update this continuously. It would be too time consuming for the Forum and with too little practical value.

6. Work topics 2010

Considering the agreements made at the SO-34 meeting, the cooperation between the Wadden Sea Forum and the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation will continue in the next three years period. Taking this into account, the meeting discussed future work topics for 2010 and the coming period until 2013.

It was stated that the shipping group would need more support from experts to succeed. Therefore, it was agreed to make further efforts to get the necessary support from the relevant organizations and industries, particularly from Denmark. The work topics were defined in the field of shipping safety, including traffic controls systems, traffic management, container shipping and MSP. The meeting, except Mr. Rösner, agreed that the WSF working group shipping should continue its work as an independent group and to lay down the work fields in its own responsibility. Of course, if there would be common interests with the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation (TWSC), a close cooperation, particularly with regard to PSSA, should be implemented.

Mr. Rösner mentioned that the participation in the shipping group was lacking in participation for a successful work. Therefore, it would be more efficient to strive for a trilateral shipping group, to be established after the Governmental Conference in March 2010, consisting of shipping and nature administrations, with a strong participation by the WSF.

7. Any other business

Hans Werner Rothkopf circulated a document with regard to CO₂ emissions by maritime transport. The meeting welcomed the information but did not discuss the issue as it was seen as a global matter.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 20 April 2010 at RWE Dea AG in Hamburg. The meeting will be a combined meeting with the working group ICZM on their invitation. The focus will be on Maritime Spatial Planning.

9. Closing

The chairman informed the participants that this meeting was his last one as he would retire from this business. He expressed his appreciation for having chaired the shipping group and all the contributions received by the members during the years. He thanked all participants for coming, wished success in the future work and closed the meeting at 15:00 on 16 February 2010.

Annex 2

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