



Wadden Sea Forum

10th Meeting

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Attached is a document submitted to the members of the WSF Tourism Working Group on 22 May 2007, in which the termination of this group is proposed

PROPOSAL: The meeting is invited to take note of the information and to decided as appropriate

Wadden Sea Forum
Working Group Tourism

Hello all,

In accordance with the chairman we decided to cancel the next meeting at Hamburg June 4th.

We feel that this tourism Group has no high priority to its members in order to do some homework. Recently we asked for comments and suggestions on the four themes we agreed on March 26th. Our intention was to draw up a digital map on these themes based on your input. But we didn't receive any contribution.

This added to the limited number of participants (6 including the chairman and me) has led us to the conclusion that we should stop with the WSF Tourism Group and start focussing on concrete projects. Because we still believe in co-operation along the Wadden Sea we suppose that concrete, bottom-up, projects are much more successful. (Notice what happened to the gastronomy-award project! Please read attachment!)

We ask Annemarie Lübcke to cancel the hotel-reservation. If there are any costs, Annemarie, please feel free to send us the invoice/bill.

Yours sincerely,

Willem Meerdink

Attachment:

e-mail, sent by Annemarie Lübcke May 2nd in respect with the gastronomy-award.

Dear Pieter, dear Willem
dear Folkert,

On April 17th 2007 a meeting took place in Husum in regards of the possible part of Schleswig-Holstein in the "Waddensea Gastronomy Award" in 2007/ 2008.

Participants were Constanze Höfinghoff (NTS), Stephan Beck (DEHOGA), Frank Ketter (WFG-NF) and myself.

Out of the discussion is clear to state, that it will not be possible for the north frisian region to participate in 2007/ 2008. Reasons are:

- the running contest of the Schleswig-Holstein government, as already stated on our meeting in Bremen, due to all over different criterias it can not be taken as a "regional contest" for Dithmarschen and Nordfriesland.

- Dithmarschen already has a contest "Nordseeteller", plans are to transport this to Nordfriesland too, in regard of the criterias they have to be set in comparison with those of the "Waddensea Award".

- Chances to raise an additional "Waddensea Award" 2007/ spring 2008 here are seen from the experts like zero.

The proposal from our group is to take one more year time for the contest, to get all Waddensea regions to participate. Schleswig-Holstein can not be in at this time.

What we can offer from here is to work in 2007 on the theme "regional producers, common criterias and a possible common lable". This could be a basic inventory for the next contest. Especially the point of common criteria seems important.

The June meeting of the tourist group should decide on that.

regards from
Annemarie