



Wadden Sea Forum
27th meeting
Aurich, 05-06 November 2015

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

The chair of the meeting, Henk Staghouwer, welcomed the participants in Aurich and opened the plenary meeting at 13:00 on 05 November 2015. He thanked the county of Aurich for hosting the meeting. He particularly welcomed the facilitators Petra Lange and Anna Buron as well as Kirsten Schäfer, who led through the meeting, which was characterized by a workshop on the future of the WSF. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

The meeting adopted the agenda without amendments and is in **Annex 2**. A list of the main findings and agreements as summary of WSF-27 is in **Annex 3**.

2. Adoption of the Minutes WSF 26

Document: WSF-26 Final Draft Minutes

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the WSF-26 meeting on 21-22 May 2015 on Ameland. The final draft minutes of WSF-26 have been distributed by email of 16 June 2015. The final draft minutes are also available on the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

3. Developments

Documents: WSF 27-3.1 Minutes SC-2015-2

WSF 27-3.2 Membership list

WSF 27-3.3 Results workshop on risk management

The meeting was briefly informed about the most relevant developments, outlined in the minutes of the Steering Committee 2015-2 meeting. Further, the meeting was kindly asked to take note of the changes in the membership list and of the results of the 3rd workshop on risk management.

4. Workshop WSF future

At the WSF 26 meeting in May 2015 the WSF members discussed trends in participation and commitment within the WSF and its working groups. It was agreed to step deeper into a discussion about future tasks, how to elaborate on these tasks and how to reach the commitment of the WSF.

In conclusion, the meeting decided to change the contents of the November meeting to discuss the future of the Forum extensively. Furthermore, it was agreed to involve an external and independent mediator to provide the necessary support and expertise to succeed in defining the role of the WSF and the benefits for the stakeholders.

The facilitators Petra Lange, Anna Buron and Kirsten Schäfer from Flow2 guided the WSF members through the workshop with excellent expertise in coaching and communication. In a preparation meeting with the secretariat in September, the key questions for the meeting were ventilated: interests and benefits for the stakeholders, role and potentials of the Forum, focus and structure as well as commitment.

Furthermore, Ms Schäfer conducted interviews with the Steering Committee members prior to the workshop to sound out expectations as well as to prepare an active involvement.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in March 2016 and will be hosted by the municipality of Fanø, Denmark. The exact dates will be defined by the Steering Committee in its meeting on 15 January 2016.

(Meanwhile the date has been settled, WSF 28 will take place on 7-8 April 2016 on Fanø, Denmark)

6. Any other business

No other business discussed

7. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 12:30 hours on 06 November 2015.

ANNEX 2

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