

Wadden Sea Board

**WSB 18
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Wilhelmshaven**



Agenda Item: 5.5

Subject: Summary Record of the 1st meeting of the DenGerneth Administration Group, Seot. 12 2016, Hamburg, Germany

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Proposal: The meeting is invited to consider the document.

**First Meeting of DenGerNeth Administration group September 12th 2016 in
Hamburg 0900-1300**

Participants:

- Netherlands:

Sjon, Huisman, RWS ZD, Head of delegation
Michiel Visser, RWS ZD
Dennis van der Veen, RWS N-N

- Denmark:

Carsten Jensen, DMA, Head of delegation
Torben Iversen, Naval Staff
Matthias Buch, Naval Staff

- Germany:

Hartmut Hilmer, GDWS, Head of German delegation
Christina Schneider, GDWS

Agenda item 1: Welcome

Hartmut Hilmer as the Head of the German delegation welcomed the participants in the meeting venue of the first meeting of the DenGerNeth Administration group in the premises of the Wasserstraßen- und Schifffahrtsamt Hamburg.

Agenda item 2: Introduction

The participants of the meeting introduced themselves and gave a short description about their responsibilities.

Agenda item 3: Terms of reference (ToR)

It was discussed on how to operate the group in the most pragmatic way. The group meets once or twice a year. In order to avoid too much travelling, exchange via e-mail or ad-hoc-meetings are possible when suitable. The Heads of delegation will be the point of contact for the respective delegation.

Carsten Jensen suggested changing the ToR under chapter Membership, Points of Contact. The respective administration shall be named followed by the current Head of delegation.

Otherwise the ToR were accepted.

Agenda item 4: Identification of topics, preparation of a to-do-list

The Tønder declaration and the operational action plans were discussed. Most of the issues need to be dealt with on IMO-level or by the ratification of international convention or other international cooperation-level carried out by the respective ministries. The following issues were identified as action points for the maritime competent authorities to work on:

- look into the possibility of exchange of information between VTS-C where relevant.
- at the next meeting discuss and decide on, whether a sequence of workshops could be the optimum forum for the pollution control authorities of exchanging experiences and practices with respect to pollution response in shallow waters. Denmark will investigate the possibilities to host an initial workshop. For planning purposes, 21st and 22nd June 2017 was suggested, as the workshop could take place in the same region as DENGERNETH exercise.

More issues were identified to be organized by the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS). It was agreed that the majority of issues under chapter 3 awareness and education need to be part of a PR-strategy by the CWSS, namely include information about PSSA in port guides, try to include PSSA as part of the curriculum at nautical colleges and establish a Wadden Sea PSSA Ambassadors Programme etc. The DenGerNeth Admin group could give advice and input to the PR officer at CWSS if deemed necessary.

It was agreed that there are a lot of information already available. It would be helpful if CWSS would contact the Bonn Agreement Secretariat about the annual reports and other information already available.

These topics will be discussed with CWSS directly in the “afternoon-session” of the meeting.

Agenda item 5: Bonn Agreement BE AWARE project/other topics

The head of the Dutch delegation presented the outcomes of the BE AWARE II project. The development of a TSS in region 3 and 4 connecting routes from the Channel to the Skaw was identified as a task for the group to work on. Denmark explained that a routeing project was pending in Denmark, suggesting a recommended two-way route from the Skaw and terminating off Hanstholm.

In addition the issues of traffic regulation in offshore-windparks and the response to oil in windparks are of interest to the group and will be put on the agenda for later meetings.

Agenda item 6: Any other business

A date for the next meeting was discussed. It was agreed that another meeting shall take place in 2016, preferably in December. The meeting venue will be discussed between DK and NL.

The head of the Dutch delegation explained that he was tasked by his administration to prepare a draft report on the Tønder declaration and the operational action plans. It was discussed on how the group could contribute to this. The German delegation explained that from their point of view the WSB need to formally ask the DenGerNeth Admin group which is an independent group for a status report on the implementation process of the Tønder declaration. The head of the Dutch delegation will need to check back with his administration on how to proceed.

**Meeting of the DenGerNeth Admin group with CWSS
September 12th 2016 1400-1530**

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• CWSS

Harald Marencic

Agenda item 1: Welcome/introduction

The representative of the CWSS Harald Marencic was welcomed to the meeting and a short introduction round took place.

Agenda item 2: Tønder declaration and operational action plans

It was discussed that the DenGerNeth Admin group considered measures under the chapter "awareness and education" and "cooperation" to be mainly a task of CWSS. Most of these tasks could be part of a PR-strategy about the Wadden Sea PSSA. It was suggested that the PR-officer of CWSS could attend one of the next meetings. A lot of information is already available on the Internet, e.g. Bonn Agreement Homepage. It is the advice to the CWSS to consider this information when working on the tasks from the operational action plans. The DenGerNeth Admin group could give some input on the issues where deemed necessary or welcomed by CWSS.

Agenda item 3: Next meeting

CWSS was informed about the plans of the group to have another meeting in 2016, preferably in December.

Chair of the meeting



Hartmut H. Hilmer, 13 October 2016

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