

Wadden Sea Board

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Proposal: The meeting is invited to consider the document.

DENGERNETH Maritime Administration Group

Terms of Reference

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Introduction

The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark have cooperated in the field of maritime pollution control for decades in the framework of the Bonn Agreement. There has not previously been established any contact forum of maritime authorities and other relevant administrations. This trilateral forum should facilitate topics and establish cross border contacts between relevant authorities or other relevant governmental agencies as well as administrations in the neighboring countries. All three countries are situated at the North Sea with some of the busiest shipping routes in the world, from the English Channel to the Entrance to the Baltic Sea and vice versa, as well as to some of the major ports in the North Sea area. Maritime incidents could affect their coasts and ports as well as pose possible threats to the marine environment including the Wadden Sea area. A stronger cooperation and integrated approach in maritime safety by the competent authorities and administrations is therefore desirable

Frequency

The group will at least meet once a year, or upon request by a member if urgent matters need immediate attention by the group, with a coordinated agenda prepared by the convening organization (chair).

Tasks

The group will take into account issues concerning maritime safety in a wide scope in their common North Sea area and further elaborate on issues from the Tønder Declaration (No. 55-57, see Annex) including the five operational plans.¹ Considering the content of the operational plans this includes “prevention of accidents”, “operational pollution”, “awareness and education”, “preparedness and response” and “cooperation”. In addition other topics within the framework of maritime safety of navigation can be discussed. As far as other authorities or administrations are affected, that are not regular members of the group, the respective heads of delegations facilitates that appropriate contacts are established to the competent authorities or administrations.

Relation with CWSS and WSB

The Wadden Sea Board (WSB) and/or the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat can participate in the meeting for specific subjects related to the safety of navigation affecting the Wadden Sea area. It is intended to establish a close relationship between the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, as the point of contact for the Trilateral Wadden Sea cooperation, and the meeting chair as the point of contact for the DENGERNETH group including the exchange of minutes of the meeting from the WSB meetings and the meeting of this DGN-group. The chair and the CWSS are together responsible for adequate feedback of the outcome of the meetings to the WSB.

The CWSS will be point of contact for all other stakeholders involved with maritime safety issues related to the Wadden Sea area. Stakeholders may address certain topics related to the safety of navigation affecting the Wadden Sea area to the group through the CWSS. In addition the DGN-group can, when deemed necessary, invite those stakeholders including

¹ The 12th Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea took place in February 2014 in Tønder/DK. A Ministerial Council Declaration was adopted including No. 55-57 on Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention of Shipping and Annex 5 PSSA Operational Action Plans.

the WSF to the meeting for topics related to the safety of navigation affecting the Wadden Sea area. The DGN group can make an overview per operational plan how to involve the WSF, stakeholders and experts. The DENGERNETH group can at any time invite experts to a meeting.

Budget

The members of the DGN-group will pay themselves for travelling and hotel staying. The DGN group can ask the WSB for support if recommendations or measures related to the Wadden Sea area have to be elaborated, e.g. reports, raising awareness etc.

Membership

The DENGERNETH group will have a chair. The chair shall rotate between the member states every meeting. Eventual ad hoc meetings (“upon request”) are chaired by agreement. The respective heads of delegations will be the national points of contact for each member. It is to be desired that the maritime authorities of all three countries and/or other competent maritime administrations are members of the group with responsibilities in the tasks mentioned above.

Points of Contact:

Head of Danish Delegation: Carsten Jensen, Danish Maritime Authority (DMA)

Head of Dutch Delegation: Sjon Huisman, Rijkswaterstaat Zee & Delta (RWS)

Head of German Delegation: Captain Hartmut Hilmer, Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency (GDWS)

Common Wadden Sea Secretariat: Rüdiger Stempel

Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Council Tønder Declaration - 5 February 2014

Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention of Shipping

55. Emphasize the importance of the maritime activities and safety of the Wadden Sea Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) and welcome the engagement of the stakeholders in implementing the agreements of the Sylt Declaration and recognise the developed operational plans relevant for the Wadden Sea PSSA.

56. Encourage the national competent authorities to use the operational plans as in Annex 5 as the basis for reviewing and accordingly implementing the measures of the operational plans, e.g. stimulate where reasonable and feasible, the accelerated implementation of (bio)-LNG as transition fuel, in order to achieve its objectives.

57. Continue the dialogue between the competent shipping and nature conservation authorities and stakeholders in order to achieve an even higher level of safety and cooperation.

For the full content see:

http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/downloads/toender_ministerial_council_declaration_2014_0.pdf