Draft SUMMARY RECORD

MEETING OF THE WADDEN SEA BOARD TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA COOPERATION

WSB 11

Tønder, 4 February 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

The chairman, Mr <u>Ilsøe</u>, opened the 11th meeting of the WSB at 09:30 and welcomed the participants. Mr Lauenborg, Ms Krag Svendsen and Mr Friis-Hauge had apologised. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Document: WSB 11/2/1 Draft Agenda

The agenda was **adopted** without amendments. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SUMMARY RECORD WSB 10

Document: Final Draft Summary Record WSB 10

The final draft Summary Record was **adopted** with the following amendments (in italics):

Agenda item 4 1st para. "An audit on *Dutch* Wadden Sea governance" 4th para. [....] "It concerned the conference *a meeting* on ..."

Agenda item 6 2nd para, last line. "In order to underline this new phase it was agreed suggested to change the name from IWSS to *e.g.* World Heritage education network."

The meeting **agreed** to provide funding for hosting the IWSS for 2014 according to the offer of WWF Germany. The Danish contribution could so far only be guaranteed for the first year. The secretariat was authorized to implement the agreement.

Agenda item 8.4

Page 5. Add bullet after 2nd bullet, reading *"The meeting agreed to refer to the PSSA operational plans and to annex these to the MCD."*

Last bullet. "The meeting removed the chapter from the MCD at this stage because of lack of input on the theme but agreed that in case of new developments it would be possible to take it up again the issue can be taken up under the upcoming Dutch presidency."

Agenda item 9 2nd last line. Add to members selection committee: "*a representative of the German personnel administration.*"

AGENDA ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Germany

- The new German minister for the environment is Ms Barbara Hendricks (SPD). The two parliamentary state secretaries are Ms Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter and Mr Florian Pronold. The ministry will also be responsible for building and construction. The new name of the ministry is Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection, Reactor Safety and Building (BMUB).

The Netherlands

- An impact assessment is being carried out into near-shore wind farm locations, one of which within the 12 nm zone near Ameland. The trilateral partners will be informed about the outcome of the assessment.
- An agreement, entitled "Ecology and Economy in balance" has been signed for the Eems-Dollard area. Partners in the agreement are ministries, business, provinces, municipalities and nature NGOs. The agreement aims at improving the quality of the estuary whilst ensuring shipping. It is intended to have intensive contacts with Lower Saxony.

<u>Denmark</u>

- There has been a change in the Danish government. The new minister for the environment is Ms Kirsten Brosbøl of the Social Democrat party.
- The Danish Coastal Authority has moved from the Ministry of Transport to the Ministry of the Environment.
- Mr Holst-Christensen handed out a special issue of the National Park magazin on the Danish National Park Wadden Sea.

<u>CWSS</u>

The <u>secretary</u> informed about publications on the branding strategy, the sustainable tourism strategy and sediment and sea level rise.

The meeting **noted** the information.

AGENDA ITEM 5: WADDEN SEA CONFERENCE

Documents: WSB 11/5/1 cultural heritage; WSB 11/5/2 TG-WH report; WSB 11/5/3 TGC programme; WSB 11/5/4 Progress Report

Ms <u>Marboe</u> presented the final version of the Conference programme. She informed that the new Danish environment minister will be represented by Mr Mikkel Aarøe-Hansen, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Danish Ministry of the Environment.

Ms <u>Nickel</u> informed that the press conference will also be attended by the environment ministers of Schleswig-Holstein and Niedersachsen, Mr Habeck and Mr Wenzel respectively.

The meeting then discussed the still outstanding themes from the draft MCD, i.e. fisheries, shipping and energy and **agreed upon** a final draft MCD for submission to the Ministerial Council meeting.

With regard to cultural heritage, a text for inclusion in the summary record of the ministerial council meeting was **agreed upon**. The text reflects the wish of the WSB to take up cultural heritage issues in the coming period, if desired.

With regard to the progress report the <u>Dutch delegation</u> proposed and the meeting **agreed** upon including the following text on progress made with regard to maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping:

"The past four years we have worked on implementing the agreements from the Sylt Declaration on shipping. The evaluation report on the PSSA has been used and partly on that basis operational plans have been made, which are attached to the Tønder Declaration."

The meeting then discussed the supplementary information on the Danish World Heritage nomination, requested by the IUCN. Mr <u>Rasmussen</u> stated that in case of problems with the Rømø beach, this part should be taken out of the nominated area. In the end this decision would have to be taken by the minister. The meeting critically discussed the time schedule because new maps would have to be produced and a consultation text on the supplementary information would have to be discussed by Germany and the Netherlands. Since the information must be submitted by 21 February at the latest, the complete consultation material must be ready by 12 February.

With regard to the World Heritage campaign, the meeting was not able to find a common position regarding the Danish proposal to engage in the tall ship race. Therefore, the <u>chairman</u> **instructed** the TG-WH to find a common approach for the World Heritage campaign 2014.

AGENDA ITEM 6: MEMBERSHIP WADDEN SEA BOARD

The delegations informed each other about the membership of the Wadden Sea Board under the Dutch presidency. The members and advisors of the new WSB are listed in **Annex 3**.

AGENDA ITEM 7: APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE SECRETARY

The meeting **agreed upon** the task description of the new secretary.

AGENDA ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

A proposal for the next WSB meeting will be made by the Dutch presidency after the conference.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CLOSING

The <u>chairman</u> thanked the participants for the constructive discussions, and closed the meeting 15:30 hours.

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Annex 2

AGENDA MEETING OF THE WADDEN SEA BOARD TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA COOPERATION WSB 11 4 February 2014 TØNDER

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- 10. Closing

Annex 3

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