

Wadden Sea Board

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Agenda Item:	5
Subject:	Progress Report TG-S
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Submitted by:	Chair TG-S

Attached is the progress report of the Task Group Shipping (TG-S). The chairman TG-S has earlier indicated to the chair WSB that he apologizes for not being able to participate at the WSB-meeting.

Proposal

The meeting is proposed to note the progress report.

PROGRESS REPORT TASK GROUP SHIPPING

1. Objective

Inform WSB on the work of the Task Group Shipping (TG-S) since the last meeting of the Board (WSB 6).

2. Status

TG-S met on 12 December 2012 in Bremen and 13 February 2013, in Hamburg. The Bremen meeting discussed the outcome of the vision workshop and the subsequent presentation at the last WSB-meeting which was communicated by the chairman to the chair of the WSB.

The TG-S has commenced drafting a vision and making recommendations for the implementation of the vision and has agreed to proceed with developing such recommendations within 4 themes:

- Prevention of accidents
- Preparedness and response
- Prevention of operational pollution
- Awareness

Additionally the issue of cooperation between the states and the responsible authorities with regard to the Wadden Sea PSSA is a theme to be developed.

The first draft papers on the above themes which had been elaborated by the members TG-S and the secretariat were extensively discussed at the February meeting. It was agreed to continue the discussion including the exchange of written comments and continue the discussion at the next meeting which is scheduled to 18 April 2013 in Hamburg. The TG-S is mindful that it has to deliver the draft report as an input to the June meeting of the WSB and has therefore scheduled its further meeting on 6 June 2013.

It is worth mentioning that in the context of the DENGERNETH Agreement the annual oil spill exercise will be held at the end of May in the Netherlands. The CWSS has been invited to attend. Finally it is important to notice that there is currently in the context of the Bonn Agreement made a risk analysis (BE-AWARE). The first phase will be ready at the beginning of next year. The outcome of the risk analysis is also an essential input to the PSSA Wadden Sea.

3. Proposal

The meeting is proposed to note the information.