

## 1<sup>st</sup> WSF Newsletter, 30 April 2009

### A. Working Groups

#### 1. ICZM

The eight elaborated ICZM cases, which have been described and analysed according to the EU principles, have been evaluated by a consultant. The final synthesis report was delivered at the beginning of April and is now available on the web site:

[http://www.waddensea-forum.org/WGs/ICZM/WG\\_ICZM\\_studies.html](http://www.waddensea-forum.org/WGs/ICZM/WG_ICZM_studies.html)

The ICZM workshop, scheduled for 11 June 2009, is in preparation. The first announcement has been distributed and a draft program will be available at the beginning of May.

#### 2. Energy – Industry – Infrastructure

The study "Inventory and Analysis of Impacts of Power Plants in the Wadden Sea Region" has been initiated and in the mean time an intermediate report is already available. The final report will be available by the end of May 2009.

### B. Topical Issues

#### 1. Fisheries Covenant in the Netherlands

On 4 March 2009, a joint Work Plan "Natuurlijk Voorwaarts" was published, providing a detailed schedule for implementing the agreements of the covenant.

For nature recovery, the second pillar of the covenant, a preparatory plan has been agreed upon by the responsible authorities and nature organisations. The nature recovery plan itself will be finalised by 1 October 2009 and will contain a vision on the implications of nature recovery for the Wadden Sea, the objectives, as well as how to achieve them. The objectives will cover the themes clear water, a better food web for birds and fish, recovery of mussel beds and sea grass meadows, climate resilience, international coherence and a sustainable relationship between man and the Wadden Sea. The programme also provides activities for research, monitoring and evaluation in relation to nature recovery.

#### 2. Spatial Planning

In October 2008, an official hearing with regard to spatial planning in the German EEZ took place in Hamburg. Many objections were raised by administrative bodies, stakeholders and NGO's. After the approving authority has evaluated the objections, a new hearing is announced for May 2009.

In general, information about spatial planning and activities in the EEZs (southern North Sea) and 12sm-zone will be compiled by the WSF-secretariat and placed on the web site. For the time being, spatial plans for the German EEZ, coastal spatial planning in Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein as well as recommendations of the Dutch Delta Commission can be found on the web site:

[http://www.waddensea-forum.org/Specialissues/coastal\\_planning.html](http://www.waddensea-forum.org/Specialissues/coastal_planning.html)

### **3. Goose Management**

On 19-20 November 2008, a trilateral workshop on goose management was held in Ribe. It was agreed to establish a working group to prepare recommendations and guidance for the development of a Trilateral Management Plan for the accommodation of geese in the Wadden Sea Region, to be submitted to TGC 11.

The Goose Management Group (GMG) has held its constitutive meeting on 18 March 2009 in Hamburg and has agreed on the Terms of Reference (TOR), tasks and a work plan. Results of the meeting and TOR are on the web site:

[http://www.waddensea-forum.org/Specialissues/goose\\_grazing.html](http://www.waddensea-forum.org/Specialissues/goose_grazing.html)

### **4. Communication**

A trilateral workshop on a Wadden Sea communication strategy was organized in Bremen on 27 February 2009. It was attended by representatives of key stakeholders such as national and regional authorities, green NGOs, information and education centers and the tourism sector.

The aim of the workshop was on the one hand to exchange ideas ("brainstorming") for a trilateral communication strategy and resulting marketing activities (as recommended by the External Evaluation Report 2007), especially with regard to the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site nomination, and on the other hand to prepare proposals on how this can be done in cooperation with all stakeholders.

The workshop identified the main activities in the forthcoming period, in particular with emphasis on the period until and directly after the possible inscription of the Wadden Sea as World Heritage Site at the end of June 2009.

There was also basically agreement that the communication strategy should be further improved in a coordinated way between the stakeholders to enable an effective and targeted communication in order to make use of the potential and existing structures in the regions.

The WSF is invited to actively contribute to the communication strategy.

### **5. Gastronomy Award**

The purpose of this Gastronomy Award is focusing on regional foods in the Wadden Sea Region by developing new recipes and menus with foods from the area.

It is envisaged to implement the next International Gastronomy Award in 2010 in connection with the Danish Wadden Sea Festival.

## **C. WSF Meetings**

12 May 2009, Hamburg, Germany  
WG ICZM 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at RWE Dea AG

29 May 2009, phone conference  
WG EII meeting

3 June 2009, Heide, Germany  
Goose Management Group 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the Kreishaus

16 – 17 June 2009, Harlingen, Netherlands  
WSF-14 meeting at Liauckama State

## D. Symposia & Events

27-28 May 2009, Brussels, Belgium  
Strategies & Challenges in Scaling Up the Offshore Wind Industry

9 June 2009, Hamburg, Germany  
19<sup>th</sup> Symposium on "problems with the maritime environment" at the BSH

11 June 2009, Hamburg, Germany  
International ICZM Workshop under the umbrella of WSF

24-25 June 2009, Egmond aan Zee, Netherlands  
Joint Annual Conference & General Assembly, Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme

27 August 2009, Wilhelmshaven, Germany  
The Wadden Sea as World Heritage – challenges and opportunities  
Annual Wadden Sea event at the "Wattenmeerhaus" in Wilhelmshaven

## Editorial Note

The WSF-Newsletter will come every two month to inform the Forum and Working Group members about WSF relevant issues. This first newsletter is compiled by the secretariats available information. The newsletter lives from the contribution of all Forum and Work Group members by providing information of the different sectors and authorities in the entire Wadden Sea Region.

You all are invited to deliver information, interesting for the WSF, to the secretariat. Deadline each time is 10 days before distribution. Text length should be limited to 10 -15 lines per topic, photos are welcomed.

The next newsletter will be distributed by end of June 2009.

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