



**Wadden Sea Forum
Steering Committee
12th Meeting
Bremen, 12 October 2011**

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

The chair, Mr Preben Friis-Hauge, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting on 12 October at 11:00 hours. He apologized Tineke Schokker, Erich Hinrichs and Cora Seip-Markenstein, who were not able to join the meeting. Anne Krag-Svendsen replaced Thomas Holst-Christensen in the meeting and will be the official Danish representative in future meetings. A political decision of the Tønder municipality led to a retreat of Jens Andresen from the WSF business. The chair thanked Mr. Andresen and Mr. Holst-Christensen for their active role and valuable contributions within the Steering Committee. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

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

2. Adoption of the minutes SC-11

Document: SC-11 Final Draft Minutes

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of SC-11, Bourtange, 18 March 2011.

3. Announcements

Preben Friis-Hauge informed the meeting about the forthcoming WSB-4 meeting on 2-3 November in Ribe. Mr. Klimant as second advisor of the WSF would not be able to participate. He further announced a meeting of the socio-economic think tank of the Dutch Wadden Academy on 17 October, at which the secretary would give a presentation about the WSF. This would be a starting point for future cooperation on information and knowledge exchange between the WSF and the Wadden Academy.

Herman Verheij informed about changes due to the Wadden Fund, which was established 5 years ago. In the future, the fund would be decentralized and managed by the three Wadden provinces. A delay in budget allocation for 2011 would lead to a distribution in 2012.

Secondly, he reported about the latest developments in Eemshaven with regard to energy production. Nuon had withdrawn of plans to implement a coal fired power plant and the permit of a coal power plant, constructed by RWE, was revoked. The construction permit was declared invalid by the Dutch Raad van State. The impacts on the Wadden Sea and the East Frisian islands were not taken into account sufficiently. Now, a new

application with a detailed EIA had to be submitted for the RWE 1800 MW plant, which might take a long time.

Michael Zettlitzer informed the meeting about a concept to reduce light emission on the Mittelplate. The concept had now been finalized and could also be used as best practice for other off-shore installations. He offered a presentation about the concept at the next WSF plenary meeting.

Hans-Werner Rothkopf briefly backgrounded the political decisions about CCS in the German coastal states. A law regarding CO₂ storage had not passed the parliament yet. Even that the situation would be unclear, E.ON would prepare installations in the new coal fired power plant of GDF-Suez in Wilhelmshaven, to capture CO₂ as demonstration project.

4. Progress WGs and WSF activities

Documents: SC-12-4-1 documentation Indicator tool

SC-12-4-1a New Graph Indicator 2010

SC-12-4-2 progress report WSB

The chairs of the working groups and the secretary informed about the progress in the working groups.

Herman Verheij emphasized three topics, which were the sustainability indicator tool, the WSF Planning Portal and the North Sea Maritime Forum (NSMF).

The indicator tool has been updated with new data, the different formula for calculating the values have been corrected where necessary and fine tuning following an internal assessment has been undertaken (see documents). The basic package of the WSR Planning Portal has almost been implemented and serves as an excellent information tool regarding the uses and protection schemes in the WSR. The Planning Portal is available on the WSF web site <http://www.waddensea-forum.org/Specialissues/wsr-gis.html>.

Further information about the NSMF is given under agenda item 8.

The meeting **agreed** to place the information given in level 1 and 2 of the sustainability indicator tool on the WSF website to make the results available for a wider audience.

Hans-Werner Rothkopf particularly referred to future technologies for energy storage. In this respect, the group visited the salt caverns in Etzel, Germany and agreed on further knowledge exchange and expert cooperation.

The secretary briefly informed the meeting about the progress in the working group shipping & harbour. The emphasis was laid on shipping safety (VTS, VTM and radar control), container shipping, litter on sea and harbour development. More detailed information would be available on the WSF website http://www.waddensea-forum.org/working_groups.html

The shipping group was going to elaborate a resolution on shipping safety to provide advice of how to dealing with shipping, including a view on the different control measures. It was agreed to forward the document to the WSF plenary and the WSB as soon as possible. The SC **agreed** that the WSB should be informed about the resolution at the forthcoming meeting. In general, the SC requested a closer cooperation with the Task Group Shipping of the TWSC. With regard to litter on sea, the meeting briefly discussed waste disposal in the harbours to reduce the pollution. The shipping group was asked to compile further information about harbour activities in this respect.

The meeting **adopted** the progress report SC-12-4.2 and **agreed** to forward it the WSB-4 meeting. The presentations about the WSR Planning Portal and the Indicator Tool should be explicitly mentioned in the report.

5. Energy: CO₂ reduction

Document: SC-12-5.1 CO₂ neutral review project

The meeting took note of the document, which was already sent to the WSB with slight changes, particularly to the time scale. The SC **stated** that the TWSC and not the WSF would be responsible to work towards developing the Wadden Sea Region into a CO₂ neutral area by 2030 or earlier as this was a goal of the governments, expressed at the 11th trilateral governmental Wadden Sea Conference (Sylt, Germany March 2011). Further, the study as outlined in the ToR should be financed by the three governments. This should be made very clear at the WSB-4 meeting by the chair.

The WSF would be willing to cooperate and to deliver advice and expertise, but would not be able to take the responsibility. For further actions, the decisions of WSB-4 should be awaited.

Finally, the SC **tasked** the working group EII to check possibilities to implement an expert conference on the CO₂ issue and measures for reduction.

6. Goose Management

Documents: SC-12-6.1 Steps towards a common Goose Management Plan

SC-12-6.2 Draft proposal for further approach

SC-12-6-2b Approach Goose Management (hand out)

The meeting welcomed the brief analysis about the tasks and responsibilities of legal and management implementation according to the relevant management issues.

The SC was of the opinion that since the delivery of the WSF guidance document on goose management in March 2010 no progress had been made. The debate between TWSC and WSF about responsibilities was not helpful, but in order to overcome the dilemma and to proceed, a strategic framework Goose Management Plan should be elaborated and delivered to the governmental conference in 2013.

The meeting **agreed** on the draft approach goose management, proposed by the CWSS and the WSF secretariat, and asked the secretariats to forward the document to the WSB-4 meeting.

7. Cultural landscape and heritage

Documents: Executive report Ribe workshop

SC-12-7.1 Draft summary record of follow-up meeting Hannover

SC-12-7.2 Expert Group Cultural Heritage, TOR

The meeting took note of the documents and **agreed** to further elaborate on cultural landscape and heritage as this was an essential part of the WSR history and identity. In the former MoU between the TWSC and the WSF the cultural history was a common task. Taking this into account, the meeting **agreed** on the proposed ToR for an expert group on cultural landscapes and heritage and the facilitation by the WSF secretariat. The cooperation would be cost neutral.

Further, the meeting **agreed** to support initiatives and projects in the field of cultural history, namely organ culture and Wadden Art. The SC tasked the secretariat to facilitate the projects and to provide the WSF as platform for information and communication.

8. North Sea Maritime Forum

Documents: SC-12-8.1 Results NSMF Event

Interreg IVB Application NSMF project

This new Forum is intended to bring together those with an interest in the resources and preservation of nature and culture of the North Sea. Marine Scotland – Scottish Government and the North Sea Commission have taken the initiative to elaborate a project application under Interreg IVB for co-financing.

The SC stated the project as very useful as it provides information and knowledge exchange on a regional seas scale. The meeting agreed that WSF will be a partner in the NSMF project, presuming that the project will be approved.

The WSF would contribute by 21 working days a year, the travel expenses were expected to be refunded so that no additional costs had to be covered by the WSF.

9. Draft agenda WSF-18

Document: SC-12-9.1 WSF-18 Draft Agenda

The meeting briefly discussed the agenda items for the WSF-19 meeting, 15-16 November in Norden, D. It was agreed to address the approach goose management as well as the CO₂ neutral review project under agenda item 6 of the WSF-19 meeting. An agenda item WSF budget should be included too.

The agreed agenda WSF-19 is in **Annex 3**.

10. Any other business

No other business discussed.

11. Next meeting

The meeting agreed to hold the next Steering Committee meeting on 18 April 2012. The venue will be settled later.

12. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 15:00 on 12 October 2011.

Annex 2

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A G E N D A

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- Agenda item 12. Closing**

Wadden Sea Forum
19th Meeting
Norden, 15-16 November 2011

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening

The meeting will be opened by the chairman Mr. Friis-Hauge at 13:00 hours. Members will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

2. Adoption of the Minutes WSF 18

Document: WSF-18 Final Draft Minutes

The meeting will be invited to adopt the final draft minutes of the WSF-18 meeting, Den Helder, 17-18 May 2011. The final draft minutes of WSF-18 have been distributed by e-mail of 10 June 2011. The final draft minutes are also available on the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

3. Membership WSF

Document: WSF 19-3.1 Membership list

An overview will be presented of all relevant changes in WSF membership. The latest version of the WSF member list is attached as document WSF-19-3.1. Participants will be invited to submit any further information.

4. Announcements

Participants will be invited to inform the meeting about relevant developments.

5. Minutes Steering Committee

Document: WSF 19-5.1 Minutes SC-12

The meeting will be invited to take note of the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting, SC-12, Bremen, 12 October 2011 and to raise questions as appropriate.

6. Progress WSF Activities

Document: WSF 19-6.1 Summary progress report

Document: WSF 19-6.2 Goose management

Document: WSF 19-6.3 CO₂ review

The meeting will be informed about the progress of WSF activities since the last meeting. Topical issues like Goose Management and CO₂ reduction will be introduced through additional documents. The meeting will be invited to discuss the outcome of the work and decide upon further activities.

7. Cultural Landscape and Heritage

Document: WSF 19-7.1 Summary Workshop Ribe and follow up

The meeting will be invited to take note of the document and to discuss role and contribution of the WSF in implementing cultural landscape objectives according to the outcome of the workshop.

8. Wadden Sea Region Planning Portal

Presentation EUCC-D: WebGIS progress and results

The chair of the ICZM group will present the results of the WSR Planning Portal, based on a GIS. The meeting will be invited to discuss and to decide on maintenance and a follow-up with the implementation of additional layers. The WSR Planning Portal can be experienced through the WSF website

<http://www.waddensea-forum.org/Specialissues/wsr-gis.html>

9. Sustainability Indicator Tool

Document: WSF 19-9.1 Documentation Indicator Tool

The meeting will be informed about the sustainability development of the Wadden Sea Region. The meeting will be invited to discuss the results and the application in management and planning.

10. Reports Wadden Sea Advisory Boards

Representatives of the advisory boards will be invited to present relevant information about the proceedings within their boards.

11. Topical Issue Energy

Presentation: Grid off-shore wind parks

Presentation: Reduction of light emission in off-shore areas

Mr. Dirk Hansen from TenneT will give a presentation about off-shore grid connections.

Mr. Heiner Mattfeld from RWE Dea AG will give a presentation about new concepts to reduce light emissions in off-shore activities (best practise example Mittelplate).

The meeting will be invited to discuss as appropriate.

12. Wadden Sea World Heritage

Presentation: Wadden Sea World Heritage Site

The meeting will be invited to a presentation about activities and campaigns in the field of tourism and marketing in the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site.

13. Cooperation

The meeting will be informed about activities with regard to cooperation with the Dutch Wadden Academy, the North Sea Maritime Stakeholder Forum (NSMSF) and about a project organ culture in the Wadden Sea Region.

14. WSF Budget

The meeting will be informed about the expenses and income of the WSF and will be invited to consider additional funding for projects and future facilitation of the WSF secretariat.

15. Next meeting

The Steering Committee proposed 22-23 May 2012 for the WSF-20 meeting, which will take place in Denmark. Proposals for the agenda are welcome.

16. Any other business

Participants will be invited to raise other issues, not addressed in the agenda.

17. Closing

The meeting will be closed around 12:30 hours on 16 November 2011.