



**Wadden Sea Forum
Steering Committee
9th Meeting
Hamburg, 29 April 2010**

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

Document: SC-9 Draft Agenda

The host of the meeting, Mr. Schuhbauer, welcomed the participants at RWE Dea AG. The meeting was opened by the chair Mr. Klimant at 12:30 hours. He apologized Ms. Schokker-Strampel and Mr. Rothkopf, who were not able to join the meeting.

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-8

Document: SC-8 Final Draft Minutes

The final draft minutes of the SC-8 meeting, Hamburg, 22 January 2010 were **adopted**.

3. Announcements

Document: SC-9-3.1 Statistics WSF Homepage

Mr. Schuhbauer announced his retirement in June 2010 and with this the leave of the WSF. Mr. Mattfeld would replace him in the ICZM working group. For his work in the Steering Committee and WSF plenary a successor would be still in discussion.

Mr. Klimant thanked Mr. Schuhbauer for his work and cooperation, particular for the constructive way to bring arguments together and to find solutions in complex circumstances.

The secretary briefly recalled the finalization of the WSF report "Without Frontiers" and of the recommendation and guidance document for the

development of a goose management plan, which were both introduced at the Governmental Conference on Sylt.

He further informed the meeting that the chairman of the Shipping group, Martin Loos would retire from the WSF business directly after the plenary meeting in May. In the shipping group he would be replaced by Ms Janny de Bois from the Watersportverbond Groningen. The group would be enhanced by two further members, Mr. Albert de Hoop from Ameland and Mr. André Bruin from Groningen Seaports.

The secretary further informed the meeting about a survey of the WSF website visits. Best attention received the presentations of the energy symposium as well as the studies and reports like the WSF report, goose report and energy study. The results made clear that the outputs of the Forum are well accepted, which supports a continuation of the WSF work approach.

4. Results TGC-11

Document: SC-9-4.1 Ministerial Declaration

The secretary briefly recalled the WSF concerned agreements and decisions of the 11th Trilateral Governmental Conference on 17-19 March in Westerland/Sylt. This was also documented in the Ministerial Council Declaration and the Trilateral Governance Arrangements. The WSF chair participated in the panel discussion together with the representatives of the governments. Also the outcome of this discussion underlined that the WSF was well recognized and that a continuation would be supported.

The chair referred to implementation of the new Trilateral Wadden Sea Board and the offer to send two advisors. Besides the WSF chair, a second member had to be nominated. The meeting discussed the requirements and agreed that the delegate should represent the economic sectors of the Forum and should continuously participate in the Board meetings. This proposal would be forwarded to the WSF-16 meeting for a final decision. The forthcoming Wadden Sea Board meeting will take place on 3-4 June 2010 in Ribe.

Further to WSF governance, the chairman informed the meeting that the Insel und Halligkonferenz (IHKo) in Schleswig-Holstein has sent an official letter with the request to become a member in the WSF. Following, the meeting discussed in general new memberships of organizations. The meeting agreed that further organizations could become a member, if this would be beneficial and the organizations would not be represented by already registered delegates. The WSF plenary would decide on requests on case-by-case basis.

With regard to the membership of the IHKo, it was agreed that first Euregio should clarify a membership, as Euregio would represent all the Wadden Sea island on international level. This should also be communicated with the IHKo by the Euregio secretariat.

5. Progress WGs and WSF activities

Document: SC-9-5.1 Summary progress WSF activities

In addition to the information given in the document, the chairs of the working group and the secretary informed the meeting about further details.

Herman Verheij briefly reported about the joint ICZM/Shipping meeting on 20 April, in which a close cooperation with EUCC (Coastal Union) was agreed to compile data about uses, developments and policies with regard to ICZM and

MSP on a transnational level. A further step would be a harmonization of data depiction on maps. These maps would be GIS-based to provide data according to different themes and simple usage.

Thomas Christensen suggested to publish the data in the Quality Status Report to reach a wider audience and the political level of the Trilateral Cooperation.

The meeting took note of the information given by the working group EII (see document) and requested a cooperation with the islands, particular on the theme CO₂ neutral energy production on the Wadden Sea islands.

Erich Hinrichs recalled the goose report and underlined the necessity to continue the work in cooperation with the policymakers for the elaboration of a common goose management plan. Furthermore, he stated that the working group agriculture has to define new work topics, like meadow birds protection schemes.

With regard to fisheries, the meeting welcomed the intension of the sector to strive for sustainable fisheries and MSC certification. The WSF would support the sector in working towards new perspectives. At the WSF-16 meeting on 19-20 May in Heide, first steps would be discussed.

6. Update Energy Study

Document: SC-9-6.1 Offer update energy study

The meeting discussed the tender of the Bremer Energie Institut to update the energy study of 2009. It was common sense that the developments in the energy market were quite fast but the midterm perspectives would not change much. The aims of Germany and The Netherlands to install 10.0000 respectively 6.000 MW off-shore wind energy in the North Sea till 2020 are still valid. Of course, there would be changes in operating the wind farms and also activities and developments with regard to coal fired power plants onshore had changed a bit. This consolidation of the energy market would be still in process and would be better assessable after one or two years, when experiences about the operation of off-shore wind farms and CCS techniques (Carbon, Capture & Storage) were available.

In conclusion, the meeting was of the opinion that the cost-benefit of an update this year would be too low. It was agreed to postpone a study revision, which should then entail information about decentralized energy production, zero emission concept of the Wadden Sea islands and grid developments. Also the data compilation of the ICZM working group in cooperation with EUCC should be considered, which covers all activities and developments in the coastal zone and off-shore. To discuss new developments and techniques of energy production and distribution, the meeting proposed to again implement a symposium on topical energy issues.

7. Revision Rules of Procedure

Document: SC-9-7.1 Proposal Rules of Procedure

The WSF-15 meeting on 24-25 November 2009 requested the Steering Committee to elaborate on amendments and improvements of the "Rules of Procedure" and to submit a proposal to the next meeting. The Steering Committee discussed the Rules of Procedure of 1 December 2006 in detail and proposed changes due to developments within the WSF in order to provide the Forum with an adapted and practical working basis. The results, which will be forwarded for adoption to the WSF-16 meeting, are in **Annex 3**.

8. Revision MOU

Document: SC-9-8.1 MOU

With the adoption of the Sylt Declaration 2010 by the three governments, a continuation of the WSF for the next period until 2013 is ensured. This is underlined by the statements of the governments at the TGC-11 on Sylt and the willingness to financially support the WSF secretariat.

The meeting briefly discussed the issues of a MoU revision as well as the procedure. It was agreed to adapt the work program to the relevant topical issues and the proposals of the working groups. The budget should be calculated on a realistic basis, the financial contributions have to be discussed.

With regard to the procedure, including the stated evaluation of the MoU, the Steering Committee expected a first step and proposal by the new Wadden Sea Board, which has its next meeting on 3-4 June 2010.

9. Draft agenda WSF-16

Document: SC-9-9.1 WSF-16 Draft Agenda

The Steering Committee agreed on the proposal for the draft agenda WSF-16, Heide, 19-20 May 2010, by amending the agenda with information about the MoU revision and by broadening the delimitation of the Wadden Sea Region with regard to new tasks on ICZM and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP).

This means, activities and developments in the North Sea EEZs which influence the defined Wadden Sea Region, will be dealt with in the WSF.

10. Any other business

No other business discussed.

11. Next meeting

The Steering Committee proposed 17-18 November 2010 for the WSF-17 meeting, which will take place in Vårde, Denmark. The next SC meeting will be held 6 weeks prior to the plenary. A meeting date and location will be settled by a consultation round.

12. Closing

The chairman thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 16:00 on 29 April 2010.

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