



Wadden Sea Forum

WG ICZM, 2018-1 Meeting

Hamburg, 11 April 2018

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2018-1 Draft agenda

The secretary Manfred Vollmer welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. He further thanked Rena Paziorek from Ørsted for hosting the meeting. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2017-3

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2017-3

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2017-3 meeting of WG ICZM, Bremen, 18 December 2017, as distributed by e-mail of 08 January 2018.

The final draft minutes are also available at the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org

3. Announcements

Petra Sewig announced that the ROKK-updating for clay-extraction is almost finished. It became necessary after the LROP-update in 2012 because of the long-term adaptation to climate change and sea-level-rise. Clay for dike construction projects should be extracted in priority from areas behind the dike instead of saltmarsh areas.

Secondly, she referred to the state development plan (LROP Lower Saxony) and informed about new reviews like public participation, maritime spatial planning within the 12sm border and power cable connections between off-shore wind farms and the main land.

Thirdly, she provided information on the examination of the need for a federal spatial plan on flood protection. She informed that the federal government is planning simulation exercises on this topic in 2019 .

Rena Paziorek reported about new developments in the off-shore wind farm market. A new off-shore wind farm (Cluster 1 at the Dutch-German EEZ border) is planned for 2023; the turbines would produce up to 13MW and would have a hub height of 175m. According to the new electrical power, the number of turbines could be reduced from originally planned 84 to 32. For these installations, proceedings to obtain permission to deviate from a planning objective would be necessary.

Manfred Vollmer informed that the ICZM member Birgit Gerkensmeier received her doctorate on 10 June 2018 and congratulated her on behalf of the meeting. Secondly, he briefly informed about the program of the forthcoming Trilateral Governmental Conference 17-18 May in Leeuwarden. Some session and a side program would be open for public, but Ministerial Council meeting as well as formal signing of the Leeuwarden Declaration with a press conference would be closed sessions.

4. Sustainability Indicator project

Document: ICZM 2018-1-4.1, Sustainability Indicator Instrument

Manfred Vollmer briefly recalled the work and progress of the project on indicators, which is co-financed by the "Niedersächsische Wattenmeerstiftung". The analyses of the indicators were discussed with the municipalities of Juist and Norden. It turned out that the available data would cause some difficulties for an in-depth analysis on local level. Accordingly, public workshops would make no sense, but further cooperation with selected municipalities would be of importance to foster sustainability in the WSR.

It was **agreed** to collaborate with some municipalities to elaborate on a vision or mission statement in order to clearly express the aims being reached in a defined time period. On this basis, meaningful indicators, characteristic for the selected municipalities, can be defined to measure the progress in sustainable development. For the whole process, scientific support is necessary and once more, the universities of Oldenburg and Kiel will be approached for cooperation on this matter.

Additionally, the indicator analyses will be continued but carried out on county level, as sufficient and reliable data will be accessible on this level. This concept will be broadened also to the Danish Wadden Sea Region.

5. Risk management

Document: ICZM 2018-1-5.1, Demographic Change in the WSR

Presentation: Birgit Fasting (see Annex 3)

Many municipalities in the Wadden Sea Region are facing consequences of demographic change. In recent meetings between the WSF and representatives of municipalities it was agreed to start a new dialogue about approaches and activities keeping the region vivid. Continuing the work in this respect, the ICZM group invited Birgit Fasting, to present insights in some developments on regional and local level also for further discussion.

The meeting welcomed the presentation, which stimulated the discussion with applied examples of demographic change in the WSR.

For the future work on risk management it was **agreed** that it should be combined with the approach of the indicator project, namely to elaborate a vision on sustainability with some municipalities as best practice examples for the WSR. In this approach, the challenges of demographic change will be integrated.

The task of the Forum would be laid on knowledge exchange, raising awareness and forwarding recommendations and burning questions being picked up by the political level. The close cooperation with the scientific community will be used to get a better insight in the conception of causal relation and to get support in defining a common position within the WSF regarding consequences but also challenges of demographic change.

6. WSF report "Developments in the Wadden Sea Region"

Document: ICZM 2018-1-6.1, Developments in the WSR

The secretary informed the meeting that the report would be in press and available as hardcopy within the next days. The report would be distributed to the WSF and working group members as well as to the Wadden Sea Board and to the Governmental Conference. The meeting noted the information.

7. ICZM work program

Document: ICZM 2018-1-7.1, ICZM work program

The meeting briefly discussed the former work program and **agreed** to concentrate on the issues indicator assessment, demographic change and sustainable transport. After the Trilateral Governmental Conference further relevant issues like CO₂ reduction, preservation of cultural landscapes and green port concept could be put on the political agenda. Reflecting the political focus areas, the WSF will discuss and decide on further work topics.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2018-1 meeting in calendar week 26 or 34. A doodle questionnaire will be launched by secretariat.

10. Closing

The secretary thanked all participants for their participation and contributions made and closed the meeting at 15:00 hours.

ANNEX 2

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