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Minutes Marine Resources Group meeting

Flekkefjord (NO) 26-27 September 2017

Participants

Councillor Anders Fasth, Västra Götaland (Chair)
Cllr Henk Staghouwer, Northern Netherlands (Vice Chair)
Cllr Åshild Kjelsnes, Sogn og Fjordane (Vice Chair)
Cllr Richard Thompson, Aberdeenshire
Cllr Mona Strømme, Hordaland
Cllr Toril Røsand, Møre og Romsdal
Cllr Trine Danielsen, Rogaland
Cllr Randi Øverland, Vest-Agder
Cllr Tore Askildsen, Vest-Agder

Magnus Engelbrektsson, NSC Executive Secretary

Derek McDonald, Aberdeenshire
Inge Døskeland, Hordaland
Lisbeth Nervik, Møre og Romsdal
Yolanda Schmal, North Holland
Lena Søderholm, Sogn og Fjordane
Hans-Egil Berven, Vest-Agder
Kåre Kristiansen, Vest-Agder
Njål Tengs Abrahamsson, Norwegian Hydrographic Services
Malena Ripken, University of Oldenburg

Agenda

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1. Welcome and introduction by MRG chair and adviser

Anders Fasth welcomed everyone to the meeting. Åshild Kjelsnes, Deputy Council Mayor in Sogn og Fjordane and new Vice Chair of the group, introduced herself.

2. Minutes MRG meeting in Brussels April 2017

The minutes from last meeting were adopted.

3. Update from NSC presidency and secretariat

Magnus Engelbrektsson, Executive Secretary, presented greetings from the NSC President and gave an update from the overall NSC work:

The Annual Business Meeting in Göttingen in June included one presentation by the NorthSEE project and one by DG Mare on its work on blue growth. The resolution on land-sea interaction proposed by the Marine Resources Group was adopted. The meeting decided to implement a new model for the NSC secretariat, separated from the region of the President – a call has been made recently. The meeting also decided to start the process towards an NSR strategy post 2020.

Next year's Annual Business Meeting will be held in Østfold. Preliminary dates are 13-15 June and preliminary venue is Fredrikstad. It will soon be decided whether the Interreg North Sea programme will coorganize a North Sea conference in connection with the ABM.

The CPMR and the NSC is losing one member, since Shetlands Council has decided to withdraw. But we also have a new member: the province of Flevoland.

This year's CPMR general assembly will be held in Helsinki 19-20 October. A meeting will be organized for all NSC members present to discuss input to the Final declaration. There will also be a meeting of the NSC Executive Committee.

The NSC and CPMR continue to work on Brexit: the NSC Brexit task force has met recently and will meet again on the 8th of November. A CPMR conference on Brexit will be organized in Cardiff on 16th of November, and a Brexit declaration will be adopted at the CPMR General Assembly.

A call will soon be issued for a new advisor of the Marine Resources Group, since Camilla will have to leave the position by the end of the year. The group members were encouraged to consider applying.

4. MSP

- Presentation Norwegian Hydrographic services

Njål Tengs Abrahamsen gave a presentation of the agency's work on mapping of Norwegian waters.



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- NorthSEE project: Living q Exercise

Yolanda Schmal and Malena Ripken guided the group through an interactive exercise on values in relation to maritime spatial planning.

- Follow up land/sea interaction resolution

The resolution was adopted at the Annual Business Meeting, and will be used in our further work wherever appropriate.

5. Report Brexit's implications on the marine sector

A written report was included in the meeting documents. The Chair reported from a meeting with the Westminster nutrition forum that he and the advisor attended in June. The group took note of the information.

6. Protection marine environment – the role of MRG?

The group discussed its possible involvement in the issue of marine litter. A background paper had been prepared. The general understanding was that this is a huge problem and should be a key area for the group. It was decided to raise it on the CPMR agenda, to engage with other organizations like KIMO, to prepare a statement based on continued fact-finding, and to exchange best practice from member regions' management of marine litter.

7. Meeting plan 2018

Group members were encouraged to consider if they could host a meeting next year. The thematic group Smart Regions have expressed interest in co-organizing one meeting on the theme of blue growth. The advisor will coordinate and come back with a proposal for days and venues.