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## HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme update BSHC24 Conference in Gdansk, Poland

### 1. BSHC Re-Survey MWG

MWG has monitored the progress of the HELCOM Re-survey Scheme, latest harmonized in 2013, when brought to the decision of the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2013 in Copenhagen. At the current Scheme the target is 2020, but with possible national restrictions due to available resources.

MWG19 meeting in Tallinn, Estonia on 16.-17.4. discussed the possible update of the HELCOM Re-survey Scheme to contain the Cat III areas. If doing so, then further to inform HELCOM MARITIME 19 of the update process and present the updated Re-survey Scheme to HELCOM MARITIME 20 for approval and further to have the updated Re-Survey Scheme in the next Ministerial meeting agenda.

HELCOM Cat III areas should be re-surveyed due to environmentally safe increased shipping and boating as well as monitoring environment changes, especially on coastal areas and proactively react with GIS data on e.g. more flexible maritime area planning, flood preventing and oil recovery contingency.

Target is to have a uniform policy within the Baltic Sea Member States as well as receive political support to participate the EU regional (REGIO) and transport (INEA CEF) programs.

Re-survey Scheme is part of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, which is currently being under update process.

The previous version: <http://www.helcom.fi/baltic-sea-action-plan>

### 2. MWG proposals (alternatives)

- a. Continue the re-surveys as they are in the current Re-survey Scheme, containing also Cat III areas of some member states, until completed. Completion has an estimate of year 2030, but the relevant areas for commercial shipping will be 99% completed at the end of 2020.
- b. Proposal to update the Re-survey Scheme to cover the cat III areas. This updated Re-survey Scheme will be presented to BSHC25 conference for approval.

#### Attachments:

- HELCOM Maritime 19 item 9-X Re-survey Scheme report
- BSHC Report to HELCOM Maritime 19 on Baltic Sea Re-survey Scheme Assessment
- HELCOM Maritime 19 2-1 Concretization of existing HELCOM actions (see page 3 **highlighted** Re-surveys)
- HELCOM Maritime 19 2-5 Attachment Status of Maritime activities (excel-sheet, see **highlighted** items related to hydrography and Re-survey Scheme on subtables 2, 4 and 5.