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**Circular letter 1/2019**

**25.9.2019 Lisbon, Portugal**

Dear BSHC MWG recipient!

This is the CL 1/2019 (written at EMSA, Lisbon, Portugal)

As the BSHC24 decided, we shall update the Baltic Sea Re-Survey Scheme to include the Cat III areas. It is now my pleasure to inform you, that HELCOM Maritime 19 has just:

- approved our BSHC Re-Survey Scheme Assessment report;
- approved to include the Cat III areas into updated Re-Survey Scheme plan;
- also will make a proposal to include the updated Re-Survey Scheme plan as part of new Baltic Sea Action Plan (2021);

This will further mean, that the MS shall look into the Cat III areas in their waters and to come up with area information and an estimated schedule on the re-surveys in these areas.

In our MWG20 meeting in Gdansk on 10.9.2019 we were planning to have a meeting after HSPT4 (in Monaco December 2019).

I propose two alternative dates for MWG21 meeting in Helsinki, depending on the outcome of HSPT4. If HSPT4 takes into account the BSHC letter (and the comments from the BSHC Member States) and includes the "Exclusive Order" into the table, then we may have the latter proposed date.

1. Tuesday 14.1.2020 (say 8:30 – 15:00)
2. Tuesday 24.3.2019 (say 8:30 – 15:00)

This would mean for you to travel to Helsinki on Monday afternoon / evening, stay overnight in Helsinki and then depart after the meeting.

Please respond to me ([seppo.makinen@traficom.fi](mailto:seppo.makinen@traficom.fi)) latest on 29.10.2019, if these dates are suitable and then we have to wait until the HSPT4 outcome to decide on which of the dates will realize. Or maybe we may have some insight from our HSPT representatives earlier, already before the HSPT4 meeting.

The items for MWG21 meeting are at the moment:

- the HSPT S-44 next draft;
- Each MS to have the Cat III areas defined and a timetable for them to be surveyed with full coverage, so we may update the Re-Survey Scheme;
- other items proposed by the members. If you propose items, please send them to me latest 1 month prior the MWG21 meeting;

Best Regards

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