



Finnish Transport Agency
Hydrographic Office

Helsinki, 30 April 2015

Dear BSHC and Re-Survey Monitoring Working Group Colleagues,

This letter contains information based on the decisions of the BSHC 19th Conference on 10-12 June 2014, Riga, Latvia. Also it contains information of the forthcoming MWG12 meeting on 17 June 2015 in Riga.

1. BSHC 19th decisions concerning BSHC Re-Survey Monitoring Working Group (MWG)

The Conference decided on the continuation of the MWG based on the MWG11 report to BSHC 18th.

Also the Conference elected me as the new chair of the MWG since *Mr Juha Korhonen* has retired during Jan 2015 and thus left the working group. The BSHC19 thanked *Juha* warmly of his great and important contribution to the work of the MWG among other tasks.

The BSHC19 also approved the proposed work program for 2014-2016.

2. Confirmation of the membership of MWG

The latest list of MWG Members is attached in Annex 1. I have tried to update that based on my latest information. In some cases I am not sure who is your representative, but please comment and let me know.

3. Date and venue of the MWG12 meeting in Riga, 17 June 2015

The meeting time and venue were left open on our last meeting in Riga on June 10, 2014.

I have asked if it is suitable for you to have the MWG12 meeting in Riga and the proposed dates were 16th and 17th of June.

I have now concluded, based on your replies, that the MWG12 meeting shall be held at Latvian Maritime Administration on 17th June commencing at 12:30. With this timetable you are most likely able to arrive on the same day and I have the time to report the Re-Survey progress to EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy Priority Area SAFE meeting on the same morning at the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with Benjamin Hell.

The draft agenda of the MWG12 meeting will consist of

- to review the re-survey status and progress made since MWG11, as well as survey plans (e.g. within FAMOS)
- to review the comments received and to look at further development (timetable) of Re-Survey database [SWE] (action #2);



- to draft a technical meeting (workshop) to have a hands-on demo testing of the Re-Survey database [SWE] (action #2);
- to list the items to be reported to the BSHC20 in St. Petersburg 10-12.9.2015 [chair];
- to review the work program for 2014 – 2016 [chair];
- to plan for a MWG13 meeting (time and proposals for venue are welcomed) [chair];

Comments and proposals on the re-survey database development (action #3) we to be sent directly to Ralf Lindgren (ralf.lindgren@sjofartsverket.se). I hope all of you have been active and I anticipate, that comments are still welcome, but their implementation might be later than MWG12.

4. Reporting on Re-Survey work and progress

I have reported the Re-Survey progress together with Benjamin Hell from Swedish Hydrographic Office at HELCOM Maritime meeting on 4.11.2014 in Riga and BSRS PA SAFE meeting on 19.11.2014 in Elsinore, Denmark.

Please let me (Seppo.H.Makinen@fta.fi) and Mr. Aigars Gailis (Aigars.Gailis@lhd.lv) to know of your participation latest on June 2, 2015. Aigars may give suggestions on accommodation if necessary. My anticipation is that the meeting has discussed all items latest by 17:30.

If you need an official invitation letter for participating to the meeting, please inform seppo.h.makinen@fta.fi as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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Annexes:

1. MWG Membership by 9 June 2014 [*MWG Members_June2014*]