

SUMMARY RECORD  
**26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board**  
**(WSB 26)**  
18 May 2018  
Leeuwarden, Netherlands

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by the new chairperson, Professor Karin Lochte at 14:30 on 18 May 2018. She expressed her appreciation for being elected for this position and stated that she looked forward to the cooperation in the years to come. Mr. Verhulst announced that Ms Maria LeRoy had left the Dutch delegation and would be replaced by a new delegate in due course.

A list of participants is at Annex 1.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Mr. Verhulst reminded the meeting to schedule WSB 27 and the WSB meetings for 2019 during this meeting, as proposed at WSB 25. The chairperson proposed that CWSS come forward with possible dates for WSB 27 in the week after WSB 26. This was **accepted** by the WSB.

The meeting **adopted** the draft agenda as submitted.

*Annex 2: Agenda*

**3. Addresses by Heads of Delegation**

The heads of Delegations of the Parties to the TWSC once again welcomed the new chair.

**4. Addresses by the incoming and outgoing chairpersons**

Mr. Verhulst informed the WSB that the former chair, Mr. Co Verdaas, regretted that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Professor Lochte thanked the delegations for the confidence that they had expressed in electing her. She noted that she appreciated the hard work done by the WSB and the achievements of the TWSC and looked forward to tackling the challenges ahead in close cooperation with the delegates and advisors of the Board.

**5. Review of the TWSC working structure and evaluation of the tasks and development of the work plan of CWSS**

The Executive Secretary presented document WSB 26/5/1 and asked the WSB to comment. Denmark stated that they welcomed and appreciated the document because Denmark felt there was a need to prioritize the tasks of the TWSC and the Secretariat and noted that the Danish delegation would deliver their comments by email in due course.

The Netherlands echoed Denmark in expressing their appreciation for the document but raised concerns about the timeline. They felt that the process should be accelerated and results should be available early in the fourth quarter of 2018. Germany proposed to have a workshop to discuss the outcomes of the

evaluation process well in advance of WSB 27. Parties and advisors should nominate up to two people as participants of this workshop. This proposal was **accepted** by WSB.

CWSS was asked to send suggestions for dates in order to schedule the workshop no later than the middle of October and WSB 27 no later than mid-November. The evaluation papers should accordingly be available sufficiently ahead of the workshop.

The chairperson asked the delegations and advisors to submit any comments on the paper by end of May to CWSS.

**5. Any other business**

None.

**6. Closing**

The meeting was closed at 15:10hrs on 18 May 2018.

## ANNEX 1: Participants Wadden Sea Board

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## **ANNEX 2: Agenda**

### **Agenda**

#### **26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 26)**

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**1. Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting will be opened by the Chair at 14:30h on 18 May 2018.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting will be invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

**3. Addresses by Heads of Delegation**

The heads of Delegations of the Parties to the TWSC are invited to deliver brief welcoming addresses for the incoming chair, and farewell addresses for the outgoing chair.

**4. Addresses by the incoming and outgoing chairpersons**

The incoming and outgoing chairpersons are invited to address the meeting.

**5. Review of the TWSC working structure and evaluation of the tasks and development of the work plan of CWSS**

The meeting will be invited to discuss and decide on the procedure of the planned review of the TWSC working structure and the evaluation of the tasks and the development of the work plan of CWSS.

**6. Any Other Business**

The meeting will be invited to discuss any other business.

**7. Closing**

The meeting will be closed no later than 15:30 h on 18 May 2018.

### ANNEX 3: Action items arising from the 26<sup>th</sup> WSB

#### Actions

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 26)

Action #	Agenda item	Actions agreed upon	Person responsible	Deadline
1	2/5	Come forward with possible dates for WSB 27 no later than mid-November	CWSS	25 May 2018
2	5	Comment on document WSB 26/5/1 by email	Parties and advisors	End of May
3	5	Send date-suggestions for workshop to discuss the outcomes of the evaluation process no later than mid-October	CWSS	1 June 2018
4		Nominate two persons as participants of evaluation workshop	Parties and advisors	End of May
5		Provide evaluation papers for workshop	CWSS	3 weeks before the workshop