

BPO Environment Working Group Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at 09.00

Port of Helsinki

MINUTES

BPO EWG Meeting present:

Gert Nørgaard, Chairman, Copenhagen Malmo Port

Ellen Kaasik, Port of Tallinn

Gun Rudeberg, Ports of Stockholm

Markku Alahame, Port of Turku

Aino Rantanen, Port of Helsinki

Petra Erkkola, Port of Helsinki

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

Gert Nørgaard opened the meeting

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved

3. Approval of the minutes from Copenhagen, 5th November 2012

For some reason the agenda was not distributed to all, Gert Nørgaard will distribute.

4. Mutual information about environment activities in the ports.

The EWG members informed about developments in their ports. Among others:

Tallinn: LNG development plan in Muuga Port, EIA planning, PRF construction in CT-harbour and port reception practice.

Stockholm: LNG, Innoship, Noise discussions, environmental permits (Vitta Pier)

Helsinki: Noise issues, Deposit at sea, Alien discussions, Water treatment plan (Industrial or household waste).

CMP: Noise discussions in Malmoe and in Copenhagen.

5. HELCOM

a. HELCOM MC 2013-06-04 Agenda

The meeting went through the HELCOM MC agenda. The meeting decided not to get involved in ballast/port water discussions.

BPO had at last HELCOM MC meeting agreed to contribute to the discussion regarding “adequate” facilities. The meeting agreed that BPO could contribute regarding the definitions, which should be broad. If the treatment plant cannot take the sewage, the reception is not adequate.

Quality of waste water to be received (or not to be received) is a matter for the local waste treatment plant. Other issues to be discussed are: Normal traffic, last port of call, discharge time and ship berthing time, local authorities regulation, pretreatment, ships berthing outside the port.

Aino Rantanen agreed to distribute the HELCOM discussion paper. Gert Nørgaard agreed to make proposal regarding “adequate”).

b. Implementation of the strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Wastes and associated Issues (The Baltic Strategy) (see above).

Sampling of sewage is not always possible in the port, but it should lay with the ship (responsibility). It is necessary the ship is informed about what they need to analyse for.

6. BPO Board Strategy discussions – environmental issues

The meeting agreed to set priority to NECA, Sulphur and waste issues. It is important, that BPO is active on NECA, because it is still possible to influence the decision.

7. EU co-founded projects – updates

- a. Baltic Sea Ports LNG-Project
21-22 May. LNG seminar
- b. Clean Baltic Sea Shipping
 - a. Environmental Port Index
Final Conference 2nd-3rd September 2013 in Trelleborg.
 - b. Environmental differentiated port fees.
Gun Rudeberg informed about progress.

8. IMO Regulation on SO_x content in the marine fuel – update

No discussion

9. Upcoming events

BPO Conference in Klaipeda on 5th and 6th September 2013.

10. Other businesses

The meeting agreed to seek more EWG members from countries not yet represented in the working group.

11. Next meeting.

In the autumn. Date to be decided.