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**Draft Minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> NSC Executive Committee Meeting  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007, Brunstad Conference Centre, Vestfold, Norway**

**NSC Executive Committee Participants:**

President	Cllr. Gunn Marit Helgesen (Telemark)
Vice-President	Cllr. Sandy Cluness (Shetland)
Vice-President	Cllr. Rinske Kruisinga (Noord Holland)
Danish Representative	Cllr. Henrik Ringbæk Madsen (Region Nordjylland)
Dutch Representative	not represented
English Representative	Cllr. Kevan Lim (East of England Regional Assembly)
French Representative	not represented
German Representative	not represented
Norwegian Representative	Cllr. Gisle Handeland (Hordaland)
Scottish Representative	Cllr. Anne Robertson (Aberdeenshire)
Swedish Representative	Cllr. Annelie Stark (Västra Götaland)
Executive Secretary	Lars Haukvik
Assistant Executive Secretary	Vibeke Jakobsen
Facilitator	Vivien Collie

**NSC Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Thematic Groups present:**

Culture and Tourism	Cllr. Annelie Stark (Västra Götaland)
Innovation and Education	
Sustainable Development	Cllr. Andreas Lervik (Østfold)
Marine Resources	Cllr. Sandy Cluness (Shetland)
Transport	Cllr. Anne Robertson (Aberdeenshire)

**Observers:**

Cllr. Thore Westermoen (Vest-Agder)  
Martin Brebner (Aberdeenshire)  
Jeffery Kenyon (Aberdeenshire)  
Dominique Roberston (Fife)  
Sally Spence (Shetland)  
Michelle Armstrong (EERA)  
Henrik M. Jensen (Region Midtjylland)  
Cecilia Karlberg (Västra Götaland)

**NSC Thematic Group Advisers present:**

Culture and Tourism	Geir Sør-Reime (Rogaland)
Innovation and Education	
Sustainable Development	Yasa Ratnayeke (Aberdeen City)
Marine Resources	Ann Bell (Aberdeenshire)
Transport	Jon Halvard Eide (Vest-Agder)



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### **Apologies:**

Cllr. Ole B. Sørensen  
Cllr. Uwe Döring  
Innovation and Education Adviser Erik Lindboe

### **Agenda**

The President started by welcoming everyone.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

### **1. Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2007, Aalborg, Denmark**

Cllr Kevan Lim (East of England Regional Assembly) confirmed that the letter from the East of England had been taken forward with the CPMR.

#### **Decision:**

*The Minutes were approved unanimously.*

### **2. Elections of NSC Office bearers**

#### **2.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Innovation and Education Group**

##### **Decision:**

*Cllr Ole B. Sørensen (Region Nordjylland) was elected as Chair of the Innovation and Education Group.*

*Cllr Kate Dean (Aberdeen City) was elected as a Vice-Chair of the Innovation and Education Group.*

#### **2.2 Election of a Vice-Chair of the Culture and Tourism Group**

##### **Decision:**

*Cllr Harry van Waveren (Provincie Zeeland) was elected as a Vice-Chair of the Culture and Tourism Group.*

#### **2.3 Election of Vice-Chairs of the Transport Group**

##### **Decision:**

*Cllr Anne Robertson (Aberdeenshire) and Cllr Paul Weber (Region Syddanmark) were elected as Vice-Chairs of the Transport Group.*

#### **2.4 NSC-BSC Co-operation**

##### **Decision:**

*It was agreed that Cllr. Annelie Stark (Västra Götaland) would be responsible for NSC-BSC co-operation.*



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### 3. NSC Organisational issues

#### 3.1 Follow up of the decisions made at the Annual Business Meeting 22 June 2007.

##### Resolutions and Political Statements

#### 3.1.1 The NSC statement to the consultation on Maritime Policy Green Paper and Activities based on maritime policy

The Executive Committee members agreed that action was required to take forward the Maritime Policy paper recommendations. They discussed the resolution put forward by Cllr Annelie Stark (Västra Götaland) on activities based on the Maritime Policy. Cllr Stark also stated that the Baltic Sea Commission put activities into their resolutions. Cllr Anne Robertson (Aberdeenshire) thought that the activities identified may already be in the Maritime Policy paper that had been produced.

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that the paper would be checked to ensure all the activities were covered in the existing paper. Further discussion would be possible before the deadline for submission.*

#### 3.1.2 Illegal Unregulated Unreported Fishing Activities

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that Ann Bell (Marine Resources Advisor) and Lars Haukvik (NSC Executive Secretary) would send this paper to the EU Parliament hearing in July and as a resolution to the CPMR General Assembly.*

#### 3.1.3 Permanent removal of Mercury from U864 outside Norway

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that this paper would be put to the Maritime Resources Thematic Group to progress the issue and report back to the Executive Committee.*

#### 3.1.4 Executive Committee and Thematic Group membership

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that Lars Haukvik (NSC Executive Secretary) would update all NSC members as soon as possible on the new Executive Committee members and the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Thematic Groups.*

### 3.2 Membership

Lars Haukvik (NSC Executive Secretary) updated the Committee on the current membership and the recent approval from Schleswig Holstein in Germany and the application for membership from Region Syddanmark.

### **3.3 Energy**

Cllr Gunn Marit Helgesen (NSC President) asked the Executive Committee members if there was a need to create an ad hoc NSC group to take forward Energy issues. Cllr Andreas Lervik (Chair of the Sustainable Development Group) advised that his group already addressed some energy issues, and he would need more time to report back on the extent of their existing activities. Cllr Kevan Lim (East of England Regional Assembly) advised that the Executive Committee had appointed him as its representative on the CPMR Energy Group, and that new legislation was expected later this year which may influence the future work of the NSC. The Committee agreed that Energy was a big topic and there would need to be a clear definition of the key issues in order to ensure the NSC had an efficient approach to the subject.

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that Cllr Kevan Lim and Cllr Andreas Lervik would report back to the next Executive Committee on their ideas about the best solution for addressing energy issues through the NSC structure.*

### **4. Job Shadow proposal**

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that the Innovation and Education Group would take forward this project proposal.*

### **5 Date of next meeting**

It was proposed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee would be in Cambridge, England either at the end of October or at the start of November 2007. Cllr Kevan Lim will advise the NSC Secretariat as soon as possible. Geir Sør-Reime (Culture and Tourism Group Adviser) highlighted that this group was due to meet in Norwich, England on 24-27 October.

**Decision:**

*It was agreed that a date would be identified and Executive Committee members would be contacted by e mail.*

### **6 AOB**

#### **6.1 CAP Resolution**

Cllr Gunn Marit Helgesen (NSC President) described a resolution on the C.A.P. that had been submitted by Västra Götaland. It was agreed that this was a complicated issue and had implications for CPMR, Cohesion Policy and the Cohesion Forum. This would require time for consideration and discussion.

**Decision:**

*Agreed that the resolution would be circulated, and discussed at the next NSC Executive Committee meeting.*



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## 6.2 Sealing

Cllr Gunn Marit Helgesen (NSC President) stated that the issue of sealing had recently been raised in Norway. It was agreed that there were a number of issues related to this topic, including animal welfare, that would require detailed consideration.

### Decision:

*Agreed that the information would be circulated for discussion at the next NSC Executive Committee meeting, and would also be taken at the next Marine Resources Group meeting.*

Close of meeting