

The future NSC – CPMR cooperation

As stated in the CPMR paper "CPMR-NSC: Building closer links for mutual benefits" of May 31st 2005 there is a wish to "normalise" the membership relations for the NSC members. You find the paper on this link;

http://www.northsea.org/nsc/general_assembly/2005_ga_papers/6_CPMR_NSC_building_closer_links.pdf

Today there are 9 members of the NSC who isn't a member of the CPMR.

- Akershus Fylkeskommune
- Nordjyllands Amt – has now applied for CPMR membership
- Ribe Amt
- Hansenstadt Bremen
- Land Niedersachsen
- Land Sleswig-Holstein
- The Humber Forum
- East Midlands Regional Assembly
- Norfolk County Council

Their membership fee to the NSC totals to 34.892 € of a total budget of 140.000 € for 2005.

This issue was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting June 15th and also at the meeting of the Strategic Committee July 4th. At both these meetings there was a wish to sort out this membership issue and to get it in line with our Charter, Article 1 adopted at the NSC Annual Business Meeting June 17th 2005.

Article 1: Preamble

This Charter setting out the internal regulations of the North Sea Commission (NSC) is set within the provisions of the Charter of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR). Only regions, which are members of the CPMR, may be members of the NSC.

The situation with having NSC member who isn't members of the CPMR is in the long run, not acceptable for either organisation. In light of this

After a discussion on the suggestions in the CPMR paper they suggest following arrangements in a transition period:

- A transition period for the new members from a low CPMR membership fee up to a normal fee after three years.
- In this transition period parts of the extra CPMR membership fee these new members will contribute to CPMR will be given as an extra support for NSC activities (like conferences, seminars).
- The Galati Political Bureau (June 2005) has decided to ask the CPMR General Assembly in Madeira if there is a need to reconsider a ceiling for the CPMR member's fee. If the General Assembly agrees on that point, the first proposals will be made during the autumn 2006.



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The Strategic Committee proposes the following decision:

- **All members of the NSC must be a member of the CPMR by 01.01.07.**
- **Those members of NSC who isn't member of CPMR by 01.01.07 can not be members of NSC and are deleted from the NSC members list.**
- **In the paper from CPMR of May 31st there is a suggestion for a transition period and the Strategic Committee proposes to agree to the suggestions from this paper. The Strategic Committee proposes a 3 year transition period.**