DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wadden Sea Board (WSB 45)

28 May 2025
Hamburg, Germany

Common Wadden Sea Secretariat

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson at 09:00 hours on 28 May 2025.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Members and Advisors are invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting. A list of documents not foreseen for discussion during the meeting is in the annex. **(WSB 45/2)**.

3. Summary Record WSB 44

Members and Advisors are invited to adopt the final WSB 44 draft Summary Record **(WSB 45/3)**.

4. Announcements

Members and Advisors are invited to make announcements relevant to the Cooperation. For CWSS announcements **(WSB 45/4) see annex**.

5. Implementation Wilhelmshaven Declaration

5.1 Protect and strengthen the Outstanding Universal Value (paras 1-16)

Members and Advisors will be informed on the processes resulting from the decisions of the 45th and 46th session of UNESCO World Heritage Committee in 2023 and 2024. The Task Group World Heritage informs on the status of the development of the joint Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the timeline for planning and implementation. Participants are invited to adopt the timeline and the way forward **(WSB 45/5.1)**.

5.2 Enhance Sustainability of Human Uses and foster Transformative Change (paras 17-37)

Task Group Coordination and Management

The regions will inform on the national implementation steps of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR), also with a trilateral perspective with input from the relevant trilateral groups, also referenced in the TG-CM Progress Report **(WSB 45/5.2)**.

Members and Advisors are invited to 1) consider the corresponding proposal on NRR; 2) agree to pause TG-CM activities reviewing the Framework and activity 6 of the SIMP Key Topic Fisheries and 3) discuss the further focus of the LANICE project regarding energy transition.

5.3 Mitigate and adapt to climate change (paras 38-43)

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

The trilateral Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (2014) was revised by the trilateral Expert Group Climate Change Adaptation. Members and Advisors are invited to adopt the revised strategy **(WSB 45/5.3)** and consider it as an annex of the Esbjerg Declaration.

~~5.4 Manage and communicate effectively (paras 44-56)~~

~~Wadden Sea Quality Status Report and Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme~~

Postponed to WSB 46

5.5 Intensify collaboration and strengthen engagement by working with partners (paras 57-66)

Stakeholder involvement

During WSB 42, and as a consequence of the cancellation of the Wadden Sea Forum, CWSS was requested, together with interested persons, to develop a proposal on how to involve stakeholders in the future including taking into account the potential role and capacity of the Partnership Hub. Members and Advisors are invited to discuss the outlined way forward and to agree on the proposals within the document **(WSB 45/5.5)**.

6. Trilateral Governance

Trilateral Governmental Conference

Members and Advisors are invited to note, and discuss where necessary, the information on planning of the Trilateral Governmental Conference in Denmark in 2026 and status of activities for drafting the next Ministerial Declaration (**WSB 45/6/1)**

TWSC business plan

CWSS will provide an updated TWSC business plan for 2025 (**WSB 45/6/2 - see annex-**). Members and Advisors are invited to note the updated plan.

7. Wadden Sea Board Advisors

Members and Advisors are invited to take note of and comment on the contributions of the Advisors.

8. Any Other Business

Members and Advisors are invited to discuss any other business.

9. Closing

The meeting will be closed no later than 15:00 on 28 May 2025.

ANNEX

List of documents submitted to WSB 45 not foreseen for discussion during the meeting

These items will not be specifically discussed during the meeting but might be commented on in written format by the delegations and advisors **until one week before the meeting date**, if needed.

Agenda item	Submitted by	Description	Proposal
WSB 45/4	CWSS	CWSS announcements	to note
WSB 45/6/2	CWSS	TWSC business plan	to note