

# Wadden Sea Board

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Letter from the current chairman of the Wadden Sea Forum to the chairman WSB on cooperation WSB-WSF.

## Proposal

The meeting is proposed to include the letter in the discussion of the Implementation Programme Tønder Declaration.



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## **Cooperation WSB - WSF**

Dear Co,

With regard to the WSB-12 meeting on 20-21 May I would like to address some items, which could strengthen the cooperation between the WSB and the WSF. This is also in the light of the WSF Steering Committee, which discussed these matters in its last meeting in April this year. I am aware of the fact, that we are very close to the WSB-12 meeting. I hope this letter can be a part of WSB-12 and WSB-13 meetings.

### **1. Trilateral Goose Management Scheme**

The WSF has elaborated a trilateral goose management scheme, which was forwarded to the WSB in December last year. The report was very much welcomed and seen as a step forward to minimize conflicts between nature protection and the agricultural sector.

The next step would be to implement the recommendations with support of the Danish municipalities/regions, the Dutch provinces and the German states/regions. Representatives are members of the WSB and the meeting should discuss further steps of cooperation.

### **2. Shipping**

In the past, two working groups elaborated on shipping issues in the Wadden Sea and coastal waters – the TG Shipping of the TWSC and the WG Shipping & Harbor of the WSF. We are of the opinion that it would be very valuable to implement a joint shipping group, encompassing representatives of administration, nature protection, ship owners, harbor business and of the regions/municipalities. The group could work on shipping safety, vessel traffic management, LNG in shipping, green ports, etc. This would contribute to safeguard the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site, to make shipping cleaner and to develop small Wadden Sea harbors in a sustainable way.

Referring to the WSB-12 agenda, we could discuss cooperation on shipping issues and a joint working group.



### 3. Progress WSF

Since the Wadden Sea Conference in Tønder, some developments within the WSF have been made. New working groups have been installed, it was agreed to emphasize risk management within the WSF tasks and a new chair will be elected at WSF-24 on 13-14 May. We would very appreciate, if we could briefly report about these developments at the WSB-12 meeting, either under "announcements" or under "AOB". I would like to leave this up to you and the CWSS.

It is my wish as outgoing chair of the WSF that the cooperation between the WSB and the WSF could be strengthened in order to foster environmental friendly developments in the Wadden Sea Region and to best protect the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site.

My best regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to be "Preben Friis-Hauge". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Preben Friis-Hauge