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Item 6

49th NSC Executive Committee Meeting,
16-17 October 2008.

NSC Organisational issues

1. Promoting the Success of NSC

The report was presented in June and the Secretariat was asked to make a follow up report to the ExCom. Jon Halvard Eide and Martin Brebner made a report that was discussed at the Adviser's meeting in Skien 8-9 September. Enclosed is the report and recommendations from the Adviser's meeting.

Martin Brebner and Stuart Bews (Aberdeenshire) has on behalf of the MRG and the Secretariat made an outline to a **Maritime Policy Pilot Project**. If the ExCom approves the proposal, the MRG will follow up the project idea. Project proposal is enclosed.

2. Maritime week 2009

Aberdeenshire has started the planning of the event 18-19 May 2009. The event has four partners, Aberdeenshire, NSC, European Commission's Office in Scotland and ESEC. The event has two main goals;

1. To lay foundation for a strategy to implement the Maritime strategy in the North Sea Region
2. Prepare for a NSC Maritime Policy pilot project.

NSC is asked to nominate one Chair for one of the proposed session in the draft programme. (Draft programme is enclosed).

Aberdeenshire ask for a support for the event of maximum 4000 £, 25% of the estimated cost. Letter from Cllr. Anne Robertson , Leader of Aberdeenshire Council is enclosed.

3. New NSC website

The work has started to update and modernise our website. The new website is made in cooperation with BSC and the two websites will be similar in the build up and functionality.

The website will have one open part and a secure part with login. The secure part of the website is for exchanging work documents and internal information.

The plan is to launch the new website during November. A trial version of the website will be shown at the meeting.

4. Carbon footprint

At the meeting in June the Secretariat and Adviser's launched the idea of carbon footprint of the NSC activities.



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We have looked at a possibility to work direct to a known project in Sri Lanka but this proved to be difficult. Of this reason, there will be no proposal on this matter at this meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. *For discussion, decision and information*
2. *The Executive Committee supports the recommendations made by the Secretariat and Adviser's meeting in the follow up of the report "Promoting the Success of the NSC".*
3. *The Executive Committee supports the "Maritime Policy Pilot Project" and ask the Maritime Resources group to follow up the project idea.*
4. *The update on the Maritime Week 09 is for information. NSC will nominate one representative to Chair one of the sessions.*
5. *NSC supports the Maritime Week financially with maximum 4000 £*
6. *The work for updating the NSC website is for information*