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Item 3

**48th NSC Executive Committee Meeting,
13 June 2008.**

NSC ISSUES

Promoting the Success of the NSC.

There will be a presentation of the written report.

Following up of decisions made at the Annual Business Meeting 13 June

The Executive Committee meeting will decide actions to follow up the decisions of the Annual Business Meeting.

EU Maritime Week 2009.

The Commission is looking to hold a number of stakeholder events for Maritime Week next year. Aberdeenshire Council has already agreed in principle to host one next year in conjunction with the European Commission's Office in Scotland. The basic theme (to be confirmed) is likely to be on how to co-ordinate the activities of regions with each other, other levels of governance and other stakeholders.

If the event is marketed with NSC as one of the organisers it would help to place the organisation well as a driver of the implementation of the Maritime Policy in the North Sea. The main message coming out from the Brussels event was that regional stakeholders are likely to be the ones implementing the policy, based around regional seas, which is ideal for the NSC. There are already Baltic and Mediterranean strategies under development, so the event could perhaps help to lobby for the development of a North Sea implementation strategy. This is maybe to ambitious, but it's important that the North Sea isn't left behind!

Is this an event with an interesting theme for the NSC to be involved in?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. For information and decision*
- 2. The Strategic Committee is responsible to follow up the report on the Success of the NSC and to give their recommendations for actions to the Executive Committee.*
- 3. The following issues are to be followed up;*
- 4. NSC is positive to participate in organising an event during the Maritime Week 2009.*