



HELCOM Recommendation 36/2

Supersedes HELCOM Recommendation 13/1

Adopted 4 March 2015,
amended 4 March 2020,
having regard to Article 11, Paragraph 2
of the Helsinki Convention

MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING Paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1992, (Helsinki Convention), concerning the regulation of dumping of dredged material,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the protection of the marine environment in the area of the Convention warrants special attention in the case of management of dredged material at sea,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO that any deposit into the maritime area of dredged materials, independently of whether it is considered as “dumping” or “placement” within the Helsinki Convention (cf. Article 2, Paragraph 4. a) and Article 2, Paragraph 4. b) ii), respectively), should be assessed on a case-by-case basis in order to ensure that it complies with the objectives of the Convention,

RECOGNIZING that the application of revised HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea will facilitate the assessment of potential hazards caused by deposit of dredged material in the Convention area, thus preventing environmental damage,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that the application of Guidelines may facilitate the issuing of permits by national authorities for the deposit of dredged material,

RECOMMENDS to the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention that

- a) the Contracting Parties follow the HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea as adopted by the Commission at its 36th Meeting and as to be amended by the relevant subsidiary body, if necessary;
- b) the Contracting Parties report on the national data on management of dredged material according to the Reporting Format of the HELCOM Guidelines by 1 October of the year following the year of the reported activity.

RECOGNIZING that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Helsinki Convention, dredged material is the only one exemption from general prohibition of dumping in the Baltic Sea out of 8 waste categories, mentioned in Annex 1 to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (London Convention and Protocol),

THE COMMISSION AGREES that consolidated report to London Convention on behalf of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention is to be annually prepared by the Helsinki Commission Secretariat in accordance with the procedure identified in HELCOM Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea and submitted to the Secretariat of the London Convention.