

## Meeting of the Working Group on Environment

28<sup>th</sup> March, Stora Sjöfallet, Norrbotten, Sweden

08.30 – 15.30

*Draft agenda*

Agenda Item
<p><b>1. Welcome and opening of the meeting (Elin Kronqvist, WGE-chair)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>- Adoption of Minutes from the WGE-meeting in Skellefteå, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018</li> </ul> <p><u>Documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes from WGE Nov 14<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Tourism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation from the Joint Working Group on Tourism by Monica Lejon, chair of the JWGT</li> <li>- Presentation about sustainable tourism by Camilla Bondareva, Destination strategist at Swedish Lapland Visitors Board</li> <li>- Summary of the discussion about tourism in the SNW-group by Ellinor Bomark</li> <li>- Discussion about cooperation on eco-tourism</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Nature protection and water subgroup (SNW) (Chair Mats-Rune Bergström and members of the subgroups)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report from SNW-meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Report and discussion about the planning of Habitat Contact Forum 2019</li> <li>- Report from the Barents Predators Seminar on March 5<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Subgroup on Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE) (Co-chairs Åke Mikaelsson and Alexander Druchinin)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of results from the SHE-meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> by Åke Mikaelsson</li> <li>- Presentation about the Barents cooperation on hot spot in relation to the implementation of the new Russian BAT-legislation by Alexander Druchinin (tbc)</li> <li>- Discussion about the hot spot exclusion process, supporting activities and possible deliverables for the ministerial meeting</li> </ul> <p><u>Documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion paper - Future cooperation on Barents environmental hotspots</li> </ul>

## **5. Climate Change**

- Status report about the implementation of the Action Plan on Climate Change (Julia Bobina, IBS)
- Presentation about the Nordic-Russian Programme for Environment and Climate Co-operation (PECC) and possible areas for increased Barents cooperation (Henrik Forsström, NEFCO)
- Hot spots and climate change – an overview (Åke Mikaelsson)
- Regional climate and energy strategies – next steps in the Barents cooperation (Ylva Sardén, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten)

### Documents:

- Discussion paper - Regional Climate Change strategies
- Status report – Implementation of the Action Plan on Climate Change

## **6. Possibilities to increase cooperation between the WGE and the Arctic Council** (Saija Vuola, Ministry of the Environment, Finland and Elin Kronqvist, chair of the WGE)

- discussion

## **7. WGE contribution to the Youth Oriented Recommendations**

### Document:

- will be sent out separately

## **7. Next WGE -meeting**

- 24-26 of September 2019

## **8. Information about the ministerial meeting**

- 4-5 of February 2020

## **9. Any other business**

## **End of meeting**

***16.00 Bus departure for Gällivare***