

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion

Telephone Meeting on 17th of February 2011, at 08.00 CET

- 1) The meeting was opened in time as scheduled, with representation of Finland (Henna Haapala), Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson), NEFCO (Henrik G Forsström), Norway (Barbro Thomsen) and Russia (Andrey Peshkov from MNRE, and Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development).
- 2) The Agenda was adopted, Åke Mikaelsson was appointed Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky – Secretary.
- 3) The Minutes of the Meeting of February 3rd, 2011 were approved.
- 4) All regional Hotspots Exclusion Groups (HEGs) had received invitations to attend a kick-off meeting in Moscow and accepted it. MNRE reported that it had been difficult to collect all necessary information from the regions but collected complementary information, which included 5-10 “hot spots” from every region. During the kick-off meeting it will be possible to range the regional lists and select 2-3 “hot spots” for the primarily selected exclusion in every federation subject. During the kick-off meeting, the plan of site visits will be discussed and approved. Mr. Forsström advised to discuss the procedure of HS exclusion with Rosprirodnadzor as soon as possible, and Mr. Peshkov replied that Rosprirodnadzor is a part of MNRE and it is always easy to discuss the issues with it. It is more important now to work with the regions.
- 5) MNRE has confirmations from all regions on the participation at the SHE kick-off meeting in Moscow at February, 25 at 11.00 Moscow time. The SHE group members are invited to Moscow as well and MNRE is ready to organize the visa support if needed. It was decided that it is more convenient to use the same format in presentations as it was done in November 2010 at the BEAC WGE meeting in Petrozavodsk. Mr. Mikaelsson will distribute the Petrozavodsk presentation and other materials to all SHE members. The SHE members upon availability will have a preliminary meeting at February, 24, evening in Moscow.
MNRE will send official invitations to SHE members and host the meeting.
- 6) No other business were discussed.
- 7) The next SHE meeting is scheduled to February 25 after the kick-off meeting. SHE members will keep each other updated i.a. on logistic issues during the week before February, 25.

8) The Chair closed the meeting.