

Minutes for the 9th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion

Telephone Meeting on 16th of May 2011, at 08.00 CET

Agenda

- 1) The meeting was opened in time scheduled, with representation of Finland (Henna Haappala), Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson), NEFCO (Henrik Forsström), Norway (Barbro Thomsen) and Russia (Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development representing MNRE).
- 2) The Agenda was adopted, the Åke Mikaelsson was appointed as Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky as Secretary.
- 3) The Minutes of the Meeting of March 15th, 2011 were reviewed and adopted.
- 4) The Minutes of the meeting with the Hotspots Exclusion Groups in Moscow February 25th 2011 were reviewed and adopted including the minor changes made by Åke Mikaelsson. It was stressed that the regional HEG:s need to clarify which Hot Spots were proposed for the “Fast Track” exclusion procedure and which were prioritised for the first round of ordinary exclusion procedure.
- 5) Ruslan Butovsky reported that the Minutes of February 25th 2011 were sent to the five administrative units of Barents region. MNRE was in touch by phone with the regions and received some additional information on hot spots which still has to be analyzed.
- 6) The SHE participants stressed the need for completion of the information received from the Regional Hotspot Exclusion Groups (the Regional HEG:s) in Arkhangelsk, Komi, Murmansk, Nenets and Karelia, in particular regarding the constitution of the groups (not only the chair/contact person). It was decided that MNRE will request for the list of people involved in regional HEG:s by sending a letter to the regions. Åke Mikaelsson also requested for additional (original) information from Arkhangelsk. Henrik Forsström confirmed the interest of Arkhangelsk people to work on the project based on his talks in the last business trip.
- 7) Planning of further work incl. visits to the Regions. Åke Mikaelsson proposed to visit at least two regions before BEAC WGE meeting in Syktyvkar. Barbro Thomsen declared her calendar was full but for Henna Haapala and Henrik Forsström it still might be possible depending on the date. It was also stressed that the entire SHE group does not need to be present during all visits. It was decided that MNRE should contact the regions and ask when are they ready to meet the SHE. To improve the process of HS exclusion the idea paper on fast track exclusion was presented by Henna Haapala and discussed by the SHE

members. It was concluded that the procedure (1) is extremely useful for the regions, (2) should be presented in Syktyvkar, (3) should be thoroughly reviewed by MNRE for compliance with Russian legislation. All SHE members were requested to review Hennas proposal till next SHE meeting.

- 8) Henrik Forsström briefly reported on the Hot Spots Information System activities. He also pointed that the comments from Russia and Norway are still missing.
- 9) The SHE should explain to the BEAC WGE in Syktyvkar the list of subgroup activities and what is going with the hotspots. It should be done at the announced Hot Spot Seminar. Besides the special meeting of the regional HEG:s is scheduled in the program. In addition to the current program, it was proposed that a separate meeting between SHE and the Komi HEG should be held on Friday morning 10th of June in good time before departure. It was decided that Åke Mikaelsson checks this with Komi and also with the Swedish presidency and regarding the possibility to invite the HSIS consultants to BEAC WGE in Syktyvkar. Based on this, Åke also drafts a program for the Hot Spot Seminar in Syktyvkar.
- 10) The next conference call will take place on May, 19th at 14.30 CET.