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Ocean Governance – Integrated Planning for the Future Friday, May 20th, 2011

Welcome to WWF's panel session as a part of the Annual European Maritime Day Conference in Gdansk, Poland. The session will be held from 15.30-17.00 at the **Polish Baltic Philharmonic Hall, Press Room**. The session will highlight the importance of Oceans Governance and Integrated Sea Use Management - a strategic process to minimize environmental impacts from resource use and to maximize benefits to society and will feature the diverse and unique perspectives of key stakeholders such as governments, NGOs and public and private sector representatives.

15:30-15:35 Welcome and Introduction

Ewa Milewska, WWF Poland

15.35-15.55 Future trends in the Baltic Sea region

Pauli Merriman, Programme Director, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme

15:55-16:05 An Ecosystem Based Approach to Marine Spatial Planning

Axel Wenblad, Special Commissioner Marine Spatial Planning and former Director General, Swedish Board of Fisheries

16.05-16.15 The Different Uses of Sea Space in Polish Marine Area: is Conflict Inevitable?

Professor Jan Marcin Węśławski, Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academia of Sciences, Sopot, Poland

16.15-16.25 Polish Maritime Policy

Iwona Chrzęstowska, Ministry of Infrastructure, Maritime Department, Poland

16.25-16.55 Panel discussion - A roadmap for the future development and protection of the Baltic Sea.

Alfons Guinier, Secretary General, European Community Shipowners Association (ECSA)

Pauli Merriman, Programme Director, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme

Stefan Richert, Association of Fishermen's of the Sea- PO, Poland

Haitze Siemers, Head of Unit, Maritime Policy Baltic and North Sea, DG Maritime Affairs, European Commission

Axel Wenblad, Special Commissioner Marine Spatial Planning and former Director General, Swedish Board of Fisheries

Professor Jan

Marcin Węśławski, Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Sopot, Poland

16.55-17.00 Our Vision for the Baltic Sea Ewa Milewska WWF Poland