



## HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 36/2

(This Recommendation supersedes HELCOM Recommendation 13/1)

Adopted 4 March 2015,  
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.