

Parliament of Estonia is organizing an open joint session of Environment and Economy standing committees (public hearing) where current situation and further perspectives of the marine resource use and protection is discussed.

When: September 29, 2008. 10:00 – 13:00

Where: Conference Hall of the Estonian Parliament House, Lossi plats 1a

Agenda:

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome and introduction
(Environment and Economy standing committees of Estonian Parliament)

10.15 – 10.30 Presentation on the current research status of the Estonian coastal waters
(Georg Martin, Estonian Marine Institute)

10.30 – 11.00 Presentation of the current state of affairs from the representative of the Ministry of Economy and Communications; presentation on perspectives and developments of marine resource protection by the representative of Ministry of Environment

11.00 – 12.00 A series of presentations regarding the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and the lessons learnt in recent years, including:

- the process towards developing an integrated spatial plan
- the need and process for high-level inter-agency co-operation;
- the role of political leadership in achieving an effective outcome; and
- the integrated management approach used in the ongoing successful management of the area.

The Hon. Virginia Chadwick AO, former CEO/Chair of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

The Hon. David Kemp, former Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage, Australia

Jon Day, former Director of Conservation, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

12.00 – 13.00 The presentations and deliberations will be followed by a round table discussion of the integrated marine resource management from perspectives of legislation, strategy development and cooperation between stakeholders.