

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 28TH SESSION: COUNCIL -
PART II**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Submitted by World Organization of Dredging Associations (WODA)

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Draft Regulation 44 general obligations

- 44 1.(a) (i).
- 44. 2 bis (a)

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

Original text

44 1.(a) (i). Apply the precautionary approach and the ecosystem- based management approach to the assessment, management, and prevention of risk of harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

44. 2 bis (a) Apply the precautionary approach, and the ecosystem-based management approach to the assessment and management of risk of harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

Proposed text edits

44 1.(a) (i). Apply the precautionary approach and the ecosystem- based management approach to the assessment, management, and prevention of risk of [serious] harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

44. 2 bis (a) Apply the precautionary approach, and the ecosystem-based management approach to the assessment and management of risk of [serious] harm to the Marine Environment from Exploitation in the Area;

4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

There are two reasons for this proposed edit:

- To acknowledge that there will be some effects arising from DSM, as with any other human activity, and the objective is to ensure that these effects are at an acceptable level.

- To make these paragraphs consistent with Regulation 45, Development of Environmental Standards and Guidelines, paragraph 1, where the active term is 'Serious Harm'.