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Re. Your letter 29 March 2013

### Membership TSEG

Dear Ms Oppers,

Thank you very much for your letter and for providing me with the opportunity as chairman of the Wadden Sea Board to inform you on the position of the German and Danish delegations with regard to participation of a representative of the Pieterburen seal rehabilitation center in the Trilateral Seal Expert Group (TSEG) as stated in the meeting of the Wadden Sea Board on 5 October 2012, namely that TSEG membership should comply with the following criteria:

1. Subscribe trilateral policies,
2. Independent expert (important because otherwise also other interest groups, such as hunters, fishermen and/or animal-welfare groups could apply),
3. Timely and productive results to be delivered.

Upon explicit request of the Dutch delegation, this position was once again reconfirmed at a meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the Wadden Sea Board at the margin of the International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium held in Leeuwarden on 21 November 2012.

I hope to have informed you sufficiently.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman Wadden Sea Board  
Deputy General Director  
Danish Nature Agency,  
Ministry of the Environment