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Conscious of the importance of the Sava River for the economic, social and cultural development of the region,

Desirous of development of the tourist navigation on the Sava River,

Taking into account the differences regulations in the field of inland navigation in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia,

Believing that the harmonization of navigation regimes on the common stretches of the Kupa River between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia can contribute to the development of the tourist navigation and tourism,

In accordance with the Article 16 Paragraph 1 (d) of the Framework Agreement of the Sava River Basin (hereinafter: Framework Agreement), Article 5 Paragraph 4 of the Statute of the International Sava River Basin Commission (hereinafter: Sava Commission) and Article 7 of Rules of Procedure, the Sava Commission has adopted the following

RECOMMENDATION 1/23

on

REGULATING THE USE OF THE KUPA RIVER FOR NAVIGATION ON THE SECTOR FROM KAMANJE ROAD BRIDGE/KAMENICA MOUTH TO THE ČABRANKA MOUTH

The Sava Commission recommends to the Parties to the Framework Agreement, to which it applies, to regulate the utilisation of the Kupa River at the sector from the mouth of Kamenica to the mouth of Čabranka River, by means of appropriate national regulations/acts, in accordance with the elements listed in Annex 1 of this Recommendation, with the aim of increasing safety when utilizing the Kupa River for navigation and encouraging the development of the tourist navigation and tourism in the Sava River Basin.

Zagreb, June 28, 2023

Ms Duška Kunštek
Chair of the Sava Commission

Annex 1

ELEMANTS FOR THE RECOMMENDED REGULATION OF THE USE OF THE KUPA RIVER FOR NAVIGATION AT THE SECTOR FROM THE KAMENICA MOUTH TO THE ČABRANKA MOUTH

Article 1.

Meaning of certain terms:

- a) “vessel” is every inland waterway craft intended for navigation, including ships, small crafts, ferry-boats, and floating equipments,
- b) “small craft” is every vessel, which was as such defined in national regulations of the Republic of Croatia and/or Republic of Slovenia. For the needs of these provisions the term small craft applies to kayaks, canoes and rafts/vessels for rafting,
- c) “ferry-boat” is a vessel intended for a transport of people and goods across a waterway, that is classified as a ferry-boat by the competent authorities. Vessels providing such a service, which do not move independently shall in any case be classified as “ferry-boats”;
- d) “launching-beaching places” are suitable places on the river intended for launching and retrieving vessels from the water, boarding and disembarking their crews and passengers, luggage, as well as supplying vessels.

Article 2.

- 1. In the Kupa River sector from the mouth of Kamenica to the Čabranka mouth (hereinafter: the Sector), navigation is allowed for small vessels and ferry-boats without engine power.
- 2. Vessels referred to in paragraph 1 of this article are allowed to navigate only if their seaworthiness is confirmed in accordance with the national regulations of the Republic of Croatia or the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 3.

- 1. Launching-beaching points, in terms of the purpose, arrangement and type of equipment, are divided into main entrance-exit points, entrance-exit points and rest areas. The main entrance-exit points and entrance-exit points are intended for launching and beaching, i.e. lowering and retrieving vessels from the water and boarding and disembarking their crews and passengers, luggage and supplying the vessel, while rest areas are exclusively intended for boarding and disembarking the crew, passengers, and luggage, as well as supplying the vessels.
- 2. In accordance with the minimum standards for the resting area management, it must have the following:
 - a) a board indicating the rest area, as well as the rules and conditions for its use (the look of the board is shown in the sketch 1),
 - b) adequate boat mooring equipment,

c) access road.

3. Following the minimum standards for the setup of the entrance-exit point, it must have the following:

- a) a board indicating the entrance-exit point and clearly setting the rules and conditions for its use (the look of the board is given in the sketch 2),
- b) properly regulated access to water for people and vessels,
- c) appropriate water rescue equipment,
- d) first aid kit,
- e) benches,
- f) access road,
- g) temporary parking lot, i.e. turning area,
- h) appropriate boat mooring equipment.

4. Following the minimum standards for the setup of the main entrance-exit point, it must have the following:

- a) a board indicating the main entrance-exit point and clearly setting the rules and conditions for its use (the look of the board is given in the sketch 2),
- b) properly regulated access to water for people and vessels,
- c) appropriate water rescue equipment,
- d) first aid kit,
- e) access road,
- f) permanent or the temporary parking lot, i.e. turning area,
- g) a bicycle parking station,
- h) tables with benches,
- i) facilities for separate waste collection,
- j) organized stationary or mobile sanitary facilities,
- k) appropriate boat mooring equipment,

5. Locations of entrance-exit points and of the quantity of the above-mentioned equipment, as well as the technical conditions for certain equipment are determined by competent bodies as necessary.

Article 4.

1. Navigation for sport, recreational and tourist purposes is allowed from April 15 to October 31 of the current year.

2. Navigation for sport, recreational and tourist purposes is allowed daily between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the months of June, July, and August, and between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the months of April, May, September, and October.

3. In the period from April 15 to October 31, outside the timeframes specified in paragraph 2 of this article and in the period from November 1 to April 14, navigation for sport, recreational and tourist purposes is not allowed. Every navigation in that period must be announced and an appropriate permit for them must be obtained from the relevant state

authorities in accordance with the current legislation in force.

4. Navigation for sport, recreational and tourist purposes is not allowed when the water level at the gauging station "Sodevci" in the Republic of Slovenia is 290 cm and higher, and when the water level at the gauging station "Hrvatsko" in the Republic of Croatia is 290 cm and higher.

5. Relevant authorities will issue warnings and inform the public about bans, warnings and navigation tips by means of notices to skippers, electronic or other media. Relevant authorities will inform each other about issued bans, warnings and navigation tips.

Article 5.

In the Sector is forbidden:

- a) mooring of vessels outside the designated and marked entry-exit points,
- b) launching and beaching, i.e. lowering and retrieving vessels from the water, boarding and disembarking their crews and passengers, luggage, as well as supplying vessels outside the designated marked entry-exit points,
- c) disposal and storage of the vessels.

Scatch 1. Board marking the rest place



Making fast to the bank permitted on the on the side where the mark is placed

Scatch 2. Board marking the entry/exit point and main entry/exit point



Launching or beaching of vessels permitted on the side where the board is placed

Note: Marks on the bank and their definitions are taken from the Annex 7 of the Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin - "Waterway signs and marking"