

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 22 May 2017

Agenda item V — Tackling marine refuse

The Administration is requested to provide information on:

- (a) the follow-up work relating to the incident concerning some fishermen who netted large quantity of refuse in carrying out trawling activities in the Pearl River Estuary region in August 2016, and the measures to be taken by the Administration to respond to emergency situations which required special collection of massive quantity of marine refuse by large-scale refuse collection vessels;
- (b) the existing mechanisms and systems for cleaning up seabed refuse and whether any heritage impact assessments were carried out in or before conducting the cleaning up; and
- (c) whether the locations for trial installation of floating booms to trap refuse were selected with specified criteria, if so, the selection criteria, and if not, the reasons for selecting such locations.

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