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## NOTICE TO SKIPPERS No. 51/2021

Re.: the passage of a flood wave on the Oder River - closure of the ODW section starting from km 181.3 - the estuary of Nysa Kłodzka to Oława Lock

Pursuant to Art. 14 sec. 1(4) of the Act of 20 July 2017 – Water Law (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2020, item 310, 284, 695, 782, 875) and Art. 43 sec. 6 of the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland navigation (Dz. U. /Journal Of Laws/ of 2019, item 1568, 1901, 2170, and of 2020, item 284.),

National Water Holding "Polish Waters" the Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław informs that due to the fact that the water level at the staff gauge located in Brzeg Opolski is forecasted to be exceeded and the necessity to prepare the hydro-technical facilities to accommodate the tidal surge, from 2 September 2021 from 06:00 - the ODW section is closed from km 181,3 - the estuary of Nysa Kłodzka to Oława Lock.

All sailing units in the indicated section shall either leave the area immediately or proceed to a safe place of refuge.

Additionally, we would like to inform that since the flood wave moves forward, there is a possibility that the water level at the staff gauges located further down will be exceeded and, consequently, there will be a necessity to close the other sections of ODW or to introduce a prohibition of sailing in those areas.

All users of ODW are kindly asked to follow the weather forecasts and the updates on hydrological situation, the issued notices, to adjust the sailing plans to the present navigational conditions and to properly supervise and secure the vessels and other facilities in the mooring area. At the same time, we would like to remind you that once the water gauge in a given section shows values exceeding the highest navigable water level, water navigation in this particular section is automatically prohibited.

Notice to Skippers 45/201 and Notice to Skippers 25/2021 are repealed (for the part concerning the opening of the section from km 181,3 - mouth of the Nysa Kłodzka River to the Oława sluice).

Current information concerning the hydrological and navigational situation on the Oder River (navigation updates) is available on the website of the National Water Management Holding "Wody Polskie" –Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław, in the folder <u>CLIENT AREA - Hydrological and navigational situation</u>. For more information, please contact the Operations Centre of "Polish Waters" National Water Holding – Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław, on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., at: 71 32 80 587.