

Operational oceanography in support to indicator reporting by J.Johannessen *et al.*

The manuscript focus on the use of operational oceanography (satellites, models and in situ observations) as feasible to provide routine products of a number of indicators. The main part of the manuscript is devoted to examples of different parameters (sea level, temperature, etc.), their relevance and availability for use to support e.g. international environmental agencies such as HELCOM and OSPAR.

As a review the paper gives an introduction to available products and their possible use. However, except for the nice overview the work is not novel and does not report on any original matter. To be published as a scientific paper a manuscript should contribute to new knowledge and understanding. The present work does neither, and would do better as part of the introduction to this MERSEA special issue rather than as a scientific paper. Therefore I can not recommend publication, not even in revised form.