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Publication of the Site Development Plan in accordance with Sections 4 et seqq. Wind Energy at Sea Act (WindSeeG) and transmission of the translated documents on Site Development Plan 2020 according to Article 11, paragraph 2 SEA Protocol/ Section 61, paragraph 2, UVPG/Article 17, paragraph 1 German-Polish Agreement on Environmental Assessments

- Announcement of the site development plan 2020
- Site development plan 2020 (excerpt)
- Environmental reports 2020 (excerpt) including
 - Summary environmental statement and monitoring
 - Non-technical summary of the environmental reports
 - Measures to avoid, reduce, and compensate for negative impacts
 - Measures for monitoring the impacts
- Map of North Sea/Baltic Sea

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To whom it may concern,

in 2019, the BSH prepared a site development plan for the first time in accordance to Section 4 et seqq. Offshore Wind Energy Act (WindSeeG), carried out a Strategic Environmental Assessment, and published the corresponding documents on 28 June 2019. The site development plan has now been updated.

The Site development Plan is the sectoral plan for the orderly expansion of offshore wind energy including grid connections in the German exclusive economic zone of the North Sea and Baltic Sea and – under certain conditions – in the territorial waters. The purpose is to achieve the statutory expansion targets for offshore wind energy by 2030, to expand electricity generation from offshore wind turbines in a spatially ordered and space-saving manner, to ensure an orderly and efficient utilisation of offshore grid connections, and to plan, erect, commission, and use offshore connecting cables in parallel with the expansion of power generation from offshore wind turbines. The update primarily serves to implement the increase in the expansion target for the installed capacity of wind turbines to 20 gigawatts by 2030.



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The site development plan is one step in the system of offshore wind energy development in the German EEZ.



The German version of the site development plan 2020 for the German North Sea and Baltic Sea, the environmental reports, and other documents are available on the website of the BSH:

Site development plan 2020

https://www.bsh.de/DE/THEMEN/Offshore/Meeresfachplanung/Fortschreibung/fortschreibung-flaechenentwicklungsplan_node.html

Announcement of publication

https://www.bsh.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen_Oeffentl_Bekanntmachungen/_Meldungen/2020/Bekanntmachung-Auslegung-Flaechenentwicklungsplan-Umweltberichte-Strategische-Umwelpruefung.html?nn=2616706

With the following link, we provide you with the translations of the aforementioned documents:

https://www.bsh.de/EN/TOPICS/Offshore/Sectoral_planning/Site_development_plan/site_development_plan_node.html

The strategic environmental assessment concludes that, based on the available data and knowledge, no significant environmental impacts and no adverse trans-boundary environmental impacts are expected (Chapter 4.13 of the environmental report).

The avoidance, reduction, and compensation measures can be found in Chapter 8 of the environmental reports for the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. The summary environmental statement and monitoring measures can be found in Chapter 10 of the site development plan. The non-technical summary is included in Chapter 11 of the Environmental Reports for the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

The treatment of the comments and the result of the consultation can be found in Chapter 9 of the site development plan.

With kind regards,
For the Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

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