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Regarding the transboundary strategic environmental assessment of the national Swedish Marine Spatial Plans the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea and Skagerrak/Kattegat

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau) would like to express gratitude to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management for the information sent regarding the results of the public participation process of the strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – the SEA) of the Swedish Marine Spatial Plans the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea and Skagerrak/Kattegat (hereinafter – the MSP) and the prepared responses to comments and suggestions highlighted in the letter No 4-04/173/2024 dated 8 February 2024 of the Bureau.

Please be informed that the Bureau by letter No 4-04/1226/2024 dated 29 October 2024 asked relevant authorities to get acquainted with the responses on their opinions and comments provided during the transboundary consultation process within SEA of the MSP. The relevant authorities were asked to provide feedback by 11 November 2024 if they have comments.

In the light of the information available to the Bureau, we inform that the Nature Conservation Agency provided additional opinion. “The Nature Conservation Agency took note of the comments of other Baltic Sea authorities and welcomes the excluded areas Ö255, Ö298 and Ö261. Ö266, the planned place of electricity production indicated by the Nature Conservation Agency, is not excluded, despite the possible impact on the porpoise population, justifying the mitigation measures that would be taken during construction, and points out that the potential spawning site of cod is likely to be marginal. Given that several countries have indicated possible impacts on fish stocks and changes in the behaviour of fish migration in relation to the electromagnetic field, the Nature Conservation Agency also considers that this should be considered in the future”.

The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia provided feedback that institutions do not have comments or suggestions.

The Bureau express gratitude to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for successful cooperation in the transboundary context.

Sincerely yours,

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