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Information regarding the Swedish Maritime Spatial plan (MSP) and the transboundary consultations

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has been informed by the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water and Management (SwAM) regarding the development within Swedish Maritime Spatial Planning.

Summary of the conducted transboundary consultation on the Swedish MSP

SEPA notified potentially affected parties regarding the Swedish MSP in 2023. The consultation period of the first draft of the amended marine spatial plans lasted from December 2023 to February 2024.

On the 24th of October 2024 SwAM shared an “Espoo-document” with the Swedish response to the received feedback during the Espoo-consultation and invited all countries to leave comments.

On the 4th of November 2024, the Swedish government decided to reject thirteen applications in the Baltic Sea Proper due to defence interests and to approve one application for establishment of offshore wind in the Skagerrak. The governmental decision was shared with all affected parties on the 25th of November.

The upcoming process

On the 20th of January 2025 the SwAM submitted revised MSP-proposals and impact assessments to the Government, which is responsible for the adoption process. The responses from domestic and transboundary consultation have been included as well as the comments received on the “Espoo- document”. The Government is aware that additional comments may be submitted through the transboundary consultation.

The submitted proposals and the impact assessment, in English, are attached to this email. They are also available in Swedish together with other documents and a web map tool on <https://www.havochvatten.se/planering-forvaltning-och-samverkan/havsplanering/forslag-till-andrade-havsplaner-2025.html>

A major difference between the plan proposals on Espoo consultation December 2023 to February 2023 and the proposals delivered to Government concerns the

proposal for the Baltic Sea. No areas for offshore wind, except the ones representing existing wind parks and one area where there is a permit for the establishment of offshore wind but no existing wind farm, are included in the proposal for the Baltic Sea. This is due to the rejection by Government of 13 offshore wind projects in the Baltic Sea in November 2024. No additional national MSP-consultations have been held since the national review consultation during summer 2024.

If you have further comments on the above given information and the MSP please send your response to registrator@naturvardsverket.se with a copy to espoo@swedishepa.se by the 16th of May 2025. Any eventually comments will be forwarded to the Government as part of their MSP-adoption procedure.

If you have any questions please contact the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Åsa Blomster, +46-10-6981451 or by email espoo@swedishepa.se or SwAM, Jan Schmidtbauer Crona, jan.schmidtbauer.crona@havochvatten.se.

The decision has been made electronically and there is no need for signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Appendix

- Background on Swedish MSP and additional information on actual issues related to maritime spatial planning

Attachments:

- Submitted proposal to the government
- Impact assessment

Copy:

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SwAM, Jan Schmidtbauer Crona and Joacim Johannesson

APPENDIX

Background on Swedish MSP

The Swedish Government adopted the first marine spatial plans for the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea and the Skagerrak/Kattegat on 10 February 2022.

As part of the adoption decision, the Government also assigned the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management to start a new planning round aiming for the inclusion for new areas for offshore wind energy. The aim was to enable additionally 90 TWh annual production of electricity from offshore wind in revised marine spatial plans. SwAM submitted a proposal for amended marine spatial plans to the Government on 20 January 2025.

The planning process included the following steps:

- Areas suitable for energy extraction (offshore wind) were identified. The work was carried out under the lead of the Swedish Energy Agency and together with eight other national agencies responsible for marine and maritime related issues. The planning evidence was submitted by the Swedish Energy Agency to the Government on 31 March 2023. The report is available in Swedish: <https://www.energimyndigheten.se/energisystem-och-analys/elproduktion/vindkraft/energiutvinning-i-havsplanerna/>
- 1st draft of a proposal for amended marine spatial plans was out for national consultation in September to December 2023.
- ESPOO-consultation was held December 2023 to February 2023
- 2nd draft a proposal for amended marine spatial plans was out for national review consultation in May to September 2024.
- Finalisation of proposals. Submission to the Government on 20 January 2025.

Additional information on other development of relevance for the Swedish MSP and off shore wind farms

A knowledge compilation on co-existence between offshore wind and commercial fisheries, aquaculture and nature conservation was published on 28 February 2023. The report was the result of a joint Government assignment to the Swedish Energy Agency and the Marine and Water Agency. The report is available in English: <https://www.havochvatten.se/en/eu-and-international/marine-spatial-planning/swedish-marine-spatial-planning/reports-and-documents.html>

A proposal for the introduction of a tender system for the establishment off offshore wind was published on 13 December 2024 by a one-person committee assigned by the Government. The comprehensive report is available in Swedish (with a summary in English):

<https://www.regeringen.se/contentassets/8020a48a0bf840159a83eec1ef219261/vindkraft-i-havet---en-overgang-till-ett-auktionssystem-sou-202489.pdf.pdf>