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Information on transboundary consultation and Swedish Agency for Marina and Water Management's response to comments on the revised Swedish Marine Spatial Plan and the Strategical Environmental Assessment

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has previous notified and informed neighboring countries and countries around the Baltic Sea regarding the Swedish Marine Spatial Plans (MSPs) for the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea and the Skagerrak/Kattegat. The notifications have been in accordance with Article 10 in the Protocol om Strategic Environmental Assessment.

This letter is intended to inform you that Swedish Agency for Water and Marine Management (SwAM) has been assigned by the Government to provide feedback om the latest amendment of the draft plan, as well as to present response prepared by SwAM.

SwAM is responsible for preparing the MSPs and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) while the Government adopts the plans. The Swedish MSP provide guidance regarding how the sea should be used.

Previous notifications and consultations

SEPA first notified neighboring countries and countries around the Baltic Sea on the Swedish MSPs on 1 December 2022. This early notification provided an opportunity for the countries to comment on the scope of the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

On 28 November 2023 SEPA notified the parties, in accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol, of the draft revised Marine Spatial Plan and the SEA.

In October 2024 countries were invited to respond to the feedback received and the changes made to the plans and the environmental assessment as the MSPs and the SEA had been revised following comments received during the consultation process.

In November a information note was sent to the Point of Contacts stating that the Swedish Government had decided on 4th of November 2024 to reject thirteen applications for offshore wind farms in the Baltic Sea.

On 20 January 2025, SwAM submitted a proposal for revised marine spatial plans and the related impact assessments to the Government. Reports on the domestic and transboundary consultations were also submitted.

On 31 March 2025, SEPA shared the submitted proposal for revised marine spatial plans and the related impact assessment to the parties participating in the Espoo-consultation. The parties were invited to provide further comments. Comments were received from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia and Poland and were forwarded to the Government.

Response to comments from neighboring countries on a proposal for revised Swedish marine spatial plans

On 12 February 2026, SwAM was assigned by the Swedish Government to consider and provide responses to the comments received when the revised plans and SEA were shared in March 2025.

In the attached report *Response to comments from neighbouring countries on a proposal for revised Swedish marine spatial plans*, SwAM summarises the statements and responds to the feedback received from participating parties, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia and Poland. The report will be submitted to the Government for further processing.

Should you have any questions related to the shared document please contact Joacim Johannesson at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management joacim.johannesson@havochvatten.se with a copy to espoo@swedishepa.se

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures.

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SWAM's response to comments from neighboring countries on proposal for revised Swedish MSP

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