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Information regarding the draft Programme of Measures and SEA of the EU Marine Strategy (2008/56/EC), with reference to the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), being the appointed Swedish body to fulfil obligations of the Espoo convention and its SEA Protocol, would like to inform you about the currently drafted Programme of Measures (PoM) and associated SEA for Swedish marine waters, according to the EU Marine strategy Directive (2008/56/EC). The estimation is that your country is not affected to such an extent that would require a transboundary consultation under article 10 of the SEA protocol. Such a consultation is initiated in relation to Finland, Denmark and Norway parallel to this letter of information. Sweden would however like to inform you about the process and the documents.

Background

The Programme of Measures for the marine environment is of an overarching nature, therefore the environmental impact are described in a general level. The updated programme points out 15 new measures, a number of the pending measures have in in some way been altered.

Nutrient loads, biological disturbance through selective extraction of species, and introduction of hazardous substances are the pressures most impacting the environmental status in Swedish marine areas on an overall level. The transboundary environmental impact from the Swedish PoM for the marine environment is deemed primarily positive. The Strategic Environment Assessment Report (SEA) is summarized in a separate document. Generally, no significant positive or negative effects of the Swedish PoM on other state are

expected. The reasons for not considering the expected positive impact to be significant for this PoM (2022 - 2027) is both the long recovery time before positive effects can be observed in the marine environment, and the fact that the majority of the measures are of a preparatory nature. The final PoM will be adopted by the end of 2021.

Comments

Should your country, contrary to our estimation, wish to participate in the Espoo consultation process we kindly ask you to inform SEPA no later than **February 19th 2021**. Any comments on the attached document should be sent to the same address no later than April 30th 2021.

If applicable, please send any answer to: registrator@naturvardsverket.se with reference to case number NV-09513-20.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

This decision has been made digitally and therefor lacks signatures

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Attachment:

Proposal on Swedish update of the Programme of Measures according to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, (Summary in English)

Summary of the Strategic Environment Assessment Report

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