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Comments on Estonia's Maritime Spatial Plan

The Swedish Board of Agriculture has been given the opportunity to comment on Estonia's proposed Maritime Spatial Plan. The comments made are based on our responsibility for promoting Swedish professional fishing.

Section 5.1.4, Preliminary Impact assessment regarding fishing

In the preliminary impact assessment regarding the fishing sector (page 17 in the draft of the MSP) it is noted that pollutants accumulate in the fat tissue of fish and these can have a negative impact on health. Hence, to avoid negative consequences it is proposed, as an alternative that less fatty and younger fish can be favoured for consumption.

In this context, the Swedish Board of Agriculture would like to stress that it is important to ensure that any advice about consumption of younger fish does not jeopardize reproduction and sustainable fishing in the Baltic Sea.

Section 5.5.4, Preliminary impact assessment regarding energy production

The impact assessment in the draft MSP submitted for comments does not include any expected effects related to commercial fishing of wind energy development areas. Prohibition of fishing in wind farm areas is shortly mentioned on page 42 as well as restrictions on trawling due to cables on page 43.

If relevant, representatives of the Swedish commercial fishing sector should be heard when future location-based impact assessments are carried out for specific wind farms in the permit proceeding and environmental impact process.

Annelie Rosell has drafted the statement. Head of unit Johan Magnusson has decided. Elin Gunve has also participated in the final procedure.



Johan Magnusson



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