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**Swedish answers to the notification in accordance with Articles 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the Saare-Liivi 5 offshore wind farm project in the Gulf of Riga.**

Sweden received a notification from the Ministry of the Environment in Estonia to participate in consultation under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention in relation to the planned windfarm project Saare-Liivi 5.

Estonia has fulfilled their responsibility following from article 3 of the Espoo Convention by providing the Swedish environmental protection agency (EPA) with a notification regarding the project.

The Swedish EPA has in turn invited Swedish government agencies, organizations and other parties to give consultation comments on the planned project.

**Consultation in Sweden**

The notification and the attached documents have been circulated for consideration to central-government agencies, county administrative board, non-governmental environmental organizations during the period from 9<sup>th</sup> of February to 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2022.

The Swedish EPA is the authority responsible for fulfilling the obligations following from, inter alia. Article 3 of the Espoo Convention. However, the Swedish EPA has no responsibility to evaluate the consultations received in the context of the Swedish national consultation procedure with a view to presenting an overall Swedish position. For a comprehensive view of the consultations, we refer to the enclosed statements received.

**Consultations comments received**

A brief summary of the statements is included below, please note that the summary is written on behalf of the Swedish EPA and not the body to which a proposal is referred for consideration:

The Swedish EPA received answers from: ***The Swedish Transport Agency, The Swedish Transport Administration, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, The Swedish Maritime Administration, County Administrative Board of Gotland, BirdLife Sverige and the Swedish Pelagic Federation.***

***The Swedish Transport Agency, The Swedish Maritime Administration, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute and County Administrative Board of Gotland*** replied that they had no further comments.

***The Swedish Transport Administration*** wants to stress the importance of accessibility in the sea traffic routes between Sweden and Estonia. The sea traffic routes are described in the Swedish Maritime Spatial Plan. It is especially important to take into account when assessing and making decisions concerning the location of offshore wind farms. *For full statement, please see attached.*

***BirdLife Sverige*** highlights the projects potential impacts on birdlife in the area and lists important aspects to include in the upcoming EIA as well as mitigation measures. *For full statement, please see attached.*

***The Swedish Pelagic Federation*** states that the project could potentially have a negative effect on fish stocks caught by Swedish fishermen through underwater noise, vibrations, changing currents or electromagnetic fields around cables. The EIA should describe the expected effects on the fish stocks and fishery during both construction and continuous operation and decommissioning of the wind farm. *For full statement, please see attached.*

Based on comments received during the consultation, Sweden hereby express the wish to participate in the upcoming EIA-procedure.

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*As the decision has been made electronically there is no need for signatures.*

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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**Attachments**

Comments from the Swedish Transport Administration  
Comments from BirdLife Sverige  
Comments from The Swedish Pelagic Federation

**Cc**

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