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Opinion on the planned wind farm Saare-Liivi 5 in the Gulf of Riga

The Swedish Pelagic Federation Producer Organisation (SPF) represents all Swedish fishing vessels in the pelagic fishery, including the herring and sprat fishery in the Baltic Sea. Every year our members account for approximately 90 percent of the total fished volume in Sweden. We thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments.

Comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The planned wind farm Saare-Liivi 5 in the Gulf of Riga can potentially have a negative effect on fish stocks caught by Swedish fishermen through underwater noise, vibrations, changing currents or electromagnetic fields around cables. The present knowledge about these factors and their effect on the underwater fauna is severely lacking.

SPF therefore welcomes that the EIA will include studies on fish reproduction, abundance etc in the area. SPF is of the opinion that these studies need to be concluded before any decision can be made on whether the wind farm can be allowed. If the wind park at a later stage should be approved and built, we are of the strong opinion that long-term studies on the fish community should be conducted in and around the park to further the knowledge on effects from wind parks on different fish species.

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