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Swedish reply to the notification regarding The Site Development Plan, offshore wind farms and cables, in Germany

Germany invited Sweden to participate in the consultation regarding The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) Site Development Plan for offshore wind farms and sea cables and the environmental report for the Baltic Sea.

The consultation in Sweden

The Site Development Plan and the environmental report have been circulated for consideration to central authorities and non-governmental organisations during the period from 16th September until 10th of October 2024. The documents have also been published on the website of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. Statements have been received from Swedish agencies.

The Swedish EPA (SEPA) is the authority responsible for fulfilling the obligations following the protocol on strategic environmental assessments (SEA) to the convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context. However, the Swedish EPA has no responsibility to evaluate the consultation comments received to present an overall Swedish position.

Consultation comments received

Sweden received answers from *Svenska kraftnät* and the *Swedish Energy Agency* which had no comments except for that The Swedish Energy Agency would like to take part of future plans.

Sweden also received answers from *The Swedish Transport Agency* and *The Swedish Transport Administration* and *The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute*. A brief summary of their statements is included below, please note that the summary is written on behalf of the Swedish EPA and not the consultee. Their full statements are attached.

The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute raise issues regarding cumulative effects of offshore wind farms in the Baltic Sea. They state that of all plans in the Baltic Sea are realized large-scale transboundary impacts on ocean mixing and stratification are likely to occur. They also highlight the need for

principles in the international conventions and framework as well as the need for international cooperation to preventing large scale consequences for the entire Baltic Sea area. See further information and details in the attached statement.

The Swedish Transport Agency and **The Swedish Transport Administration** consider that maritime transports must be taken into account. The Swedish Transport Administration provides further details in a statement in Swedish, which has been translated and summaries by SEPA. For a comprehensive view, we refer to the enclosed statement. **The Swedish Transport Administration** points out that areas of national interest for shipping, in Sweden, are affected such as the fairways of:

- Fairway 23 Ystad - Sassnitz (Germany)
- Fairway 20 Gedser - Fårö

The maritime traffic is of great importance to our countries, and we emphasise that maritime traffic must be taken into account during planning and establishing wind power plants. It needs to be clarified how maritime traffic routes are affected by the proposed development. It is important that maritime traffic is not adversely affected by the wind farms, as the mentioned fairways in the Swedish economic zone are designated as being of national interest for shipping.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

This decision has been made digitally and therefor lacks signatures

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Enclosures, statements from:

The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute
The Swedish Transport Administration (in Swedish)

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