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Begäran om synpunkter enligt Esbokonventionen gällande planer på en havsbaserad vindkraftspark utanför Klaipeda i litauisk exklusiv ekonomisk zon.

Naturvårdsverket har gett Länsstyrelsen Skåne tillfälle att yttra sig med synpunkter angående den planerade vindkraftsparken utanför Klaipeda i Litauen och även påvisa om Sverige behöver delta i processen för miljökonsekvensbeskrivningen.

Länsstyrelsens synpunkter

Länsstyrelsen Skåne appreciates the opportunity to leave feedback on the project and to express our view on whether Sweden should participate in an Espoo-consultation. Länsstyrelsen Skånes assessment is that Sweden does not need to participate in an Espoo-consultation regarding the project due to the limited nature of the transboundary effects. However, Länsstyrelsen Skåne will leave feedback on identifiable possible transboundary effects.

The increasing exploitation of oceanic ecosystems of the Baltic Sea is something that Länsstyrelsen Skåne observes with concern. Each exploitative project has its own local effects on fauna and flora, yet also has a cumulative effect in conjunction with other projects.

A local and a cumulative effect that offshore wind farms risk to have on migrating fauna such as birds and bats is the barrier-effect. Länsstyrelsen Skånes wants to stress the importance of robust surveys regarding the use of the area for migration. To capture between year variations such surveys should stretch for 3 years minimum. These surveys should be used in accordance with effective measures to reduce negative effects the offshore wind farm can have on said organisms and their ability to migrate.

The Baltic Sea population of harbor porpoises is threatened due to its dwindling numbers. In the most recent report of SAMBAH, which is a study to estimate abundances of harbor porpoises, the distribution of the Baltic population is observed in the project area for the wind farm. They use the area more in winter than in summer. Noise from both the construction- and the operation phase could



potentially offset the Baltic population of harbor porpoises from using the area which could have a negative impact on the population. Measures to prevent or lower noise should be taken into consideration for both the construction- and operation phase.

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