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## Yttrande från Havs- och vattenmyndigheten på underrättelse om att Estland påbörjat arbete med en havsplan inkl Esbounderrättelse

Havs- och vattenmyndigheten översänder här vårt yttrande på underrättelsen om att Estland påbörjat arbetet med en havsplan inklusive strategisk miljöbedömning.

Vi lämnar våra svar på engelska nedan enligt önskemål från Naturvårdsverket.

### Comments in English

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, SwAM, would like to participate in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedure of the Estonian MSP.

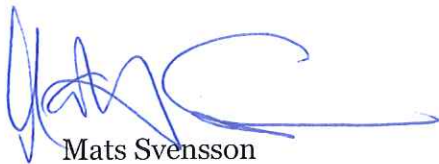
We have the following comments on the scope of MSP and the SEA as expressed in the Initial Outline document:

- We welcome the inclusion of an ecosystem-based approach as part of the MSP principles and that development should be based on the achievement or maintenance of good status of the marine environment.
- We acknowledge the approach to have a broad scope of SEA including social and economic dimensions in a holistic sustainability perspective. It is however essential that such an approach does not limit the extent of the environmental assessment which should have specific focus on effects on the natural environment as part of the SEA.
- We are concerned with the potential environmental risks associated with mineral extraction and related dumping in the Baltic Sea. Such

risks should be considered both in the SEA at the stage of maritime spatial planning and in EIAs at project level.

- We suggest that the following potential pressures are included in the SEA: physical disturbance, habitat loss and emission of hazardous substances.
- We are positive towards having a dialogue on the potential cumulative effects which Swedish and Estonian MSP may have in the Baltic Sea.
- The proposed timeframe of eight weeks will be sufficient for submission of comments in the proposed Estonian MSP and SEA report phase estimated for spring 2019.

Beslut om detta yttrande har fattats av avdelningschefen Mats Svensson efter föredragning av utredaren Jan Schmidtbauer Crona. I ärendets handläggning har även biträdande avdelningschefen Per Olsson och enhetschefen Thomas Johansson deltagit.



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