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Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und
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Swedish reply to the notification regarding Draft Maritime Spatial plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone and the Environmental report.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has received a transboundary notification from Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie regarding the draft plan and the environmental report under Article 9 (4) of the Spatial Planning Act and Articles 60 and 61 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act; Article 10 SEA Protocol.

The consultation process in Sweden

The consultation carried out by the SEPA in Sweden was conducted as follows: The Draft Maritime Spatial Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North and Baltic Sea and the Environmental report for the draft maritime spatial plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the Baltic Sea has, together with other forwarded documents, been referred to relevant central-government agencies, county administrative boards, marine- and environmental organizations and research institutes. The consultation period lasted from the 10th of December 2020 until the 26th of January 2021. The documents have also been available on the SEPA website.

Comments received

SEPA received comments from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, the South Baltic Water District Authority and the Swedish Pelagic Federation P O. These statements and comments in English are enclosed.

The Swedish Armed Forces refers to earlier given statements where they stated no objections in this matter but wishes to inform that the area named ES D-140 is decommissioned and not in use.

The County Administrative Board of Blekinge mentioned that due to time restraints they did not have the possibility to give a proper and satisfactory statement and comments, but highlight the need to work for a sustainable Baltic Sea in all surrounding countries, which should be considered in the future work with the Maritime Spatial Plan.

County Administrative Board of Kalmar concluded that the impacts of the Maritime spatial plan for German EEZ on Kalmar county are minor. Hence, they refer to the comments of the County administrative boards of Skåne and Blekinge which are located closer to the German EEZ.

The Swedish Maritime Administration, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, the Geological Survey of Sweden, the Swedish Board of Agriculture, the Swedish Energy Agency, the Swedish Transport Agency, the County Administrative Board of Skåne, the Swedish Shipowner's Association, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and BirdLife Sverige stated no comments or abstain from comments.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

This decision has been made digitally and therefor lacks signatures

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The Ministry of Environment, Emma Sjöberg

Enclosures, statements from:

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

The National Board of Housing, Building and Planning

The South Baltic Water District Authority

The Swedish Pelagic Federation P O