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The County administrative board of Blekinge statement of opinion on the strategic assessment of the marine spatial plan of Germany

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Background

The federal republic of Germany has revised their spatial plans for the German EEZ in the North Sea and Baltic Sea. The proposals present three different planning options focusing on traditional use, climate focus or natural protection. Currently, by the authorisation of The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, the draft of the plan is on public consultation among Swedish national authorities and organisations.

The County Administrative Board of Blekinge has by the authority of The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency been given the opportunity to contribute to this consultation and assessment.

Comments

The County Administrative Board of Blekinge has taken part of the Maritime Spatial Plan of Germany. Our overall assessment is that the environmental effects of the plan on Swedish EEZ are few and we have therefore no comments on the material.

The County Administrative Board of Blekinge would like to highlight the importance of a healthy Baltic Sea for the future development of the bordering countries. The environmental status of the Baltic Sea is a common problem for all countries in the region and it is gratifying to see that Germany is considering this in their maritime spatial plan.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency should note that, regardless of the circumstances, the possibility to comment on the material was during a very short span of time, as well as it taking place over the Easter holidays, making it very difficult to properly analyse the material at hand.

For the County of Administrative Board of Blekinge

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