

A non- official translation of the statement from the County Administrative Board of Skåne

Opinion, notification of revision of Germany's sea plan for the economic zone in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency has submitted mentioned plan in accordance with the Espoo Convention on a referral to the County Administrative Board of Skåne.

Due to the short referral period, the County Administrative Board of Skåne has not had the opportunity to conduct a full review of the documents.

In particular, the County Administrative Board wishes to emphasize the importance of the plan and EIA dealing with the overall effects of the impact on the natural values of proposed establishments of wind power in connection with the Kriegers Flak and material extraction in the southern Baltic Sea. It is important to highlight the overall effects of the proposed wind power establishments in Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

The County Administrative Board considers it as particularly important to investigate the impact on:

- insect-seeking birds and bats;
- sea-flying birds of prey
- resting birds such as long-tailed duck
- the impact on bird paths, eg cranes
- impact on the shallow areas and banks as important habitats (constitutes of important food sites and resting places for many animal species)
- The effect of electricity cables on eel and fisheries management
- impact on bottom living organisms
- impact on porpoise (noise during construction and during operation) during different parts of the year

Furthermore, the County Administrative Board wishes to highlight that porpoises occur throughout the area in connection with the Kriegers Flak and the southern Baltic Sea, and that this applies to both the Baltic Sea population and the urgently endangered Baltic Sea population. The County Administrative Board also wants to remind that the effects on the Natura 2000 area of the southwestern Skåne's water must be taken into account.