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### **Swedish response in relation to the notification of the Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan**

Sweden has received a notification from the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia regarding the Estonian maritime spatial planning (MSP) process and the memorandum of intention to conduct impact assessment.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has the responsibility to fulfill the obligation under the Espoo Convention and the protocol in sending and receiving notifications. SEPA gives the following response to the notification:

- Sweden acknowledge the receipt of the notification
- Sweden wants to participate in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedure of the Estonian MSP
- Sweden sends all comments received during the consultation in Sweden
- Sweden confirm that the proposed timeframe of eight weeks will be sufficient for public participation but consider that one week extra for possible translation and submission of comments would be convenient, as long as the timeframe not include summer vacation period.

### **Consultation in Sweden**

The consultation that SEPA has performed in Sweden has been carried out as followed:

The notification and the attached initial outline for the Estonian MSP have been circulated for considerations to Swedish national authorities and concerned

organizations. All documents have been available on the website of the SEPA. The consultation period lasted from 30 November 2018 until 3 January 2019.

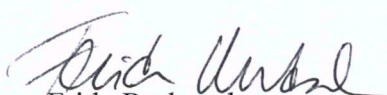
**Comments received**


Comments have been received from the Geological Survey of Sweden (SGU), the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM). The Swedish Energy Agency, the Swedish Armed Forces, the Swedish Maritime Administration and Bird Life Sweden have no comments or refrain from comments at this stage. The Swedish Transport Administration has no opinion regarding the proposed planning process and scope but notes the discussion in the Swedish proposed MSP regarding the traffic separation schemes south of Gotland.

All statements with comments are enclosed. The comments are given in English except the statement from SGU which will be translated into English and sent afterwards.

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Enclosures, statements from:

The Geological Survey of Sweden (SGU),  
The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI)  
The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM)  
The Swedish Transport Administration