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Revision of the Spatial Offshore Grid Plan

Spatial Offshore Grid Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone of the North and Baltic Sea 2016/2017 (draft) and corresponding draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Report

Public Notice according to Article 7 – 10 Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary context

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Hereby I would like to notify you according to Article 7 – 10 Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary context and § 14j German Environmental Impact Assessment Act (UVPG) of the updating of the Spatial Offshore Grid Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone of the North and Baltic Sea and the corresponding strategic environmental assessment.

The BSH develops a Spatial Offshore Grid Plan (Bundesfachplan Offshore - BFO) for the German exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Section 17a of the Electricity and Gas Supply Act (Energiewirtschaftsgesetz - EnWG). The plan is developed with the consent of the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) and in coordination with the Federal Office for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the coastal countries.

Following the introduction of the Law on the Development and Promotion of Wind Energy at Sea (Wind Energy on the Sea Act-WindSeeG) on 01.01.2017, the BFOs for the North Sea and Baltic Sea will be revised for the last time in 2017. From 2018 onwards, the function of the BFO will be replaced by the so-called area development plan according to §§ 5ff. WindSeeG (Flächenentwicklungsplan – FEP). In addition to the original function of the BFO, the FEP will regulate other planning details, for example the target dates for realization of offshore wind parks and grid connection systems.

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The main focus of the 2016/2017 revision of the BFO is on the various planning principles, taking into account the ongoing invitations for tender for existing offshore wind farm projects in the 2021 – 2025 interim phase under the WindSeeG.

It is possible to comment on the draft documents by **27 September 2017** under the postal address: BSH, M5205, Bernhard-Nocht-Str. 78, 20359 Hamburg; or by e-mail (lisa-marie.simann@bsh.de). An extension of the commenting period is not possible, due to statutory requirements which mandate a rapid procedure.

A hearing on the revision will be held on

Monday, 11 September 2017
at 10:00
in the
Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany
Gauss Saal
Bernhard-Nocht-Str. 78
20359 Hamburg, Germany

If necessary, Tuesday, 12 September 2017 is scheduled for a continuation of the hearing.

Please register for the hearing using the postal or e-mail address mentioned above.

Note:

The participation is limited to a maximum number of 2 persons per company / association / organization. The BSH reserves the right to further restrict participation.

Any costs arising from the participation in the event (travel expenses, etc.) cannot be reimbursed.

Yours faithfully
For the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Trümpler', is written over a light blue rectangular stamp.

Dr. Kai Trümpler