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Notification of the national Swedish Marine Spatial Plans for the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea and the Skagerrak/Kattegat

Sweden hereby notifies Latvia of the national Marine Spatial Planning process, in accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and to Article 7 of the Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.

Sweden has at an earlier and non-mandatory phase, 11 November 2015, sent an informal notification regarding the Swedish Marine Spatial Planning Process and Latvia indicate in its reply the will to participate in the process regarding the strategic environmental assessment procedure of the marine Spatial Plan for the Baltic Sea. Latvia also agreed to the proposed timeframe of 12 weeks.

Latvia has also to a specific question about translation replied that a translation of the summary to Latvian would be sufficient.

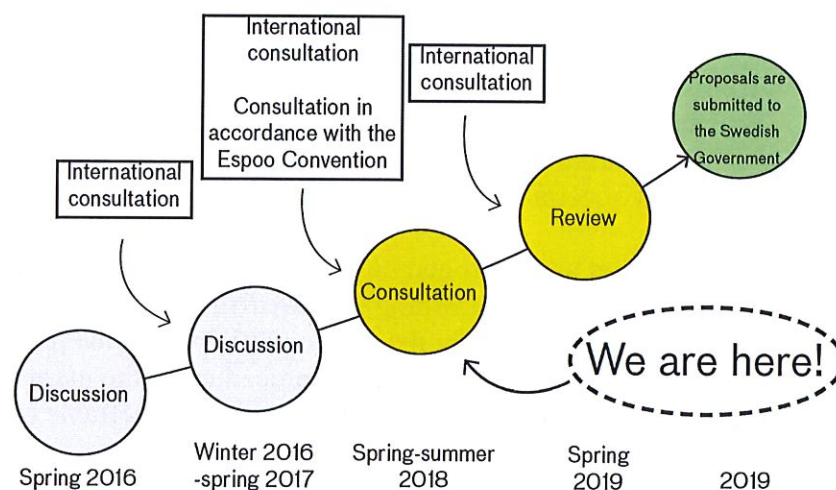
The legislative background

The Swedish Environmental Code (1998:808) constitutes the legal base for the national marine spatial planning in Sweden. According to section ten of chapter four of the Environmental Code there shall be three marine spatial plans: Bothnian Bay, Baltic Sea, Western Waters (Skagerrak/Kategatt) covering the area of one nautical mile from the baseline seawards (incl. the exclusive economic zone, EEZ). The plans, which shall be adopted by the Government, shall be guiding and contribute to sustainable development. The Government

may according to the legislation adopt regulations prohibiting or limiting activities in destined geographical areas. The Marine Spatial Planning Ordinance (2015:400) regulates the process of the marine spatial planning. It contains provisions on geographical boundaries, the content of the marine spatial plans, the responsibility for preparation, consultation and cooperation in the proposal process, and monitoring and review. According to the Ordinance, the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management is to develop proposals for marine spatial plans with the help of relevant county administrative boards and with support from national authorities, which will assist with supporting data for the planning. The Agency shall promote cooperation with other countries and the coordination of the Swedish marine spatial plans with those of other countries.

The timeframe for the national Marine Spatial Planning process

The timeframe for the Swedish planning process is illustrated in the figure below. The consultation stage will be followed by a review stage before the plans will be submitted to the Swedish Government in December 2019 for adoption.



The document

The Swedish MSP consultation proposal planning documents, translated into English are available for download at this website:

<https://www.havochvatten.se/en/swam/eu--international/marine-spatial-planning/consultation.html>

Or with a direct link here:

[Proposal for the marine spatial plan Baltic Sea](https://www.havochvatten.se/en/swam/eu--international/marine-spatial-planning/consultation.html)

English versions of the SEA-documents as well as short versions of the plan and the SEA-summary in Latvian will be published by the latest on 29th of June on the webpage: <https://www.havochvatten.se/en/swam/eu--international/marine-spatial-planning/consultation.html>

The documents are also available in Swedish:
<https://www.havochvatten.se/hav/samordning--fakta/havsplanering/havsplaner/forslag-till-havsplaner.html>

The Espoo-notification

Sweden kindly asks for reply before **October 1st 2018** at the latest and in the reply please

- Acknowledge the receipt of the notification
- Provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed plans on your EEZ and territory and the likely transboundary environmental, including health, effects of implementing the plan and measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and mitigate adverse effects.
- Submit any comments from your country, including comments you might receive from the public and organizations.

The reply to this notification can be sent preferably by e-mail to registrator@naturvardsverket.se or by mail to:

Naturvårdsverket
SE-106 48 Stockholm
Sweden.

Please indicate Case number NV-07187-15 in your answer.

If you have any questions regarding the notification or the Espoo-consultation, please contact The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Egon Enocksson, email: egon.enocksson@naturvardsverket.se.

If you have any questions regarding the draft plans or the SEA-documents please contact The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Jan Schmidtbauer Crona, email: jan.schmidtbauer.crona@havochvatten.se.

This notification document will only be sent by e-mail.

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Appendixes (to be downloaded from the web-link above)

Proposal for the Marine Spatial Plan Baltic Sea, Consultation document, The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. 15/02/2018

Strategic Environmental Assessment Baltic Sea (not available at the moment)

Proposal for the Marine Spatial Plan Baltic Sea Espoo-consultation. Short version: extract from Chapter 4 and 5 from proposal for marine Spatial Plan and summary of the Strategic Environmental Assessment. 2018-05-29 (In Latvian, not available at the moment)