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**Information about draft Programme of Measures and SEA of the EU Marine Strategy (2008/56/EC), with reference to the Espoo convention SEA protocol**

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, being the appointed Swedish body to fulfil obligations of the Espoo convention and its SEA Protocol, would like to inform you about the currently drafted Programme of Measures (PoM) and associated SEA for Swedish marine waters, according to the EU Marine Strategy Directive (2008/56/EC). The estimation is that your country is not affected to such an extent that would require a transboundary consultation under article 10 of the SEA protocol. Such a consultation process is initiated in relation to Norway, Denmark and Finland parallel to this letter of

information. Sweden would however like to inform you about the process and the documents.

### **Background**


The programme of measures for the marine environment is of an overarching nature, therefore the environmental impacts are described on a general level. There are 33 measures directed towards competent authorities, mainly in the form of policy instruments and investigations. Nutrient loads, biological disturbance through selective extraction of species, and introduction of hazardous substances are the pressures most impacting the environmental status in Swedish marine areas on an overall level. The transboundary environmental impact from the Swedish PoM for the marine environment is deemed primarily positive. The environment impacts are described for each thematic area in the attached summary. Generally no significant positive or negative effects of the Swedish PoM on another state are expected. The reason for not considering the expected positive impact to be significant for this programme of measures (2016 to 2021) is both the long recovery time before positive effects can be observed in the marine environment, and the fact that the majority of the measures are of a preparatory nature. The final PoM will be adopted by the end of 2015.

### **Comments**

Should your country, contrary to our estimation, wish to participate in the Espoo consultation process we kindly ask you to inform the Swedish Environment Protection Agency no later than **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Any comments on the attached documents should be sent to the same address no later than **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. There is no other information in English than the attached summary.

If applicable, please send any answer to: [registrator@naturvardsverket.se](mailto:registrator@naturvardsverket.se) with reference to case number NV-01240-15.

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### **Attachment:**

English summary of draft programme of measures and SEA for Swedish marine waters.

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