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Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the plans for the offshore wind farm in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's economic zone, Fyrskeppet Offshore.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency notified Finland on the 10th of March 2022 of the developers plans to apply for a permit for the "Fyrskeppet offshore" wind farm. Finland replied to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency that they request to participate in consultations in accordance with the Espoo Convention.

In accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), Sweden hereby invites Finland to submit comments on Fyrskeppet Offshore AB:s permit application and transboundary environmental impact assesment (Espoo-report) for the plans for the offshore windfarm project "Fyrskeppet Offshore" in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's exclusive economic zone (SEZ).

The planned project

The Fyrskeppet Offshore wind farm includes up to 187 wind turbines with a maximum total height of 350 meters, four transformer stations and approximately 450 km of internal cable. The wind farm is located in the Bothnian Sea and lies in Sweden's economic zone approximately 50 km from the Swedish mainland in Uppsala County. The distance to the Finnish economic zone is about 24 km and the shortest distance to the Finnish coast is about 130 km. The operational area covers an area of approximately 488 km² with an average depth of approximately 47 meters.

Upcoming process

As the project is located in Sweden's economic zone, a permit is required according to Section 5 of the Swedish Economic Zone Act (1992:1140) to build and operate the facilities. Permits under the Swedish Economic Zone Act are reviewed and decided by the government. To an application in the case of an SEZ permit, an EIA must be drawn up and chapter. 2–4 shall be applied for the examination, including chapter. 5 §§ 3–5

and 18 of the Environmental code.

The developer has now submitted an application and environmental impact assessment to the government in accordance with the Swedish Economic Zone Act, the government has commissioned the county administrative board of Uppsala to prepare the permit application.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 6th of September 2024** and to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country.
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate Case number NV-01248-22 and “Fyrskeppet” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Fyrskeppet Offshore Espoon raportti 2024-06-04 (Finnish)

Fyrskeppet Offshore Esbo-rapport 2024-06-04 (Swedish)

Other relevant appendixes are shared via link for download

Cc.

The Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Eleonora Rönström and Bastian Ljunggren