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Invitation to continuation of consultation regarding prior comments from Finland in accordance with Article 5 of the Espoo Convention regarding the plans for the offshore wind farm "Fyrskeppet Offshore" in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's economic zone

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) invited Finland on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 to submit comments on the developers plans to apply for a permit for the "Fyrskeppet offshore" wind farm. Finland replied to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency with received statements on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

The developer has now prepared replies to comments received, both during the national hearing and the transboundary consultation. The SEPA noted in Finland's reply, the request for further consultation and sees this response from the developer to Finland's comments as a part of the continuation of the ongoing consultation.

SEPA now invites the authorities and organizations in Finland who's comments now have been replied to, to review these and eventually leave further comments to be taken into count by the permitting authority. This is to give the Finnish parties the same opportunity to assess the developer's reply as Swedish parties.

This consultation should not be seen as a new public consultation, but only responses directed to the specific questions reised by the authorities and organizations that have commented in prior consultation, to whom the response is now directed. SEPA does not anticipate any comments addressing new topics at this stage as the formal consultation already has been carried out and the present material only aims to address specific comments already received.

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## **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.

Relevant documentations are provided via link for download in the e-mail.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit eventual comments **no later than 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.** 

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:registrator@naturvardsverket.se">registrator@naturvardsverket.se</a>. Please indicate Case number NV-01248-22 and "Fyrskeppet" in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures.

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