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Statement regarding the Consultation on the proposed Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan including the Strategic Environmental Assessment

SMHI acknowledges the opportunity given by the Estonian Ministry of the Environment to comment on the initial outline of the Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan (MSP) including the Environmental Impact Assessment. SMHI welcomes the ecosystem-based approach stated to be applied in the preparation of the Plan.

However, SMHI discourages from the development of fish farms, foreseen in the Estonian MSP Impact Assessment Report. Even, as suggested in the Report, with shellfish farms placed in the vicinity of fish farms located in the coastal sea, such activities will eventually add to the total nutrient load to the Baltic Sea.

Else, SMHI has no further comments to the Plan.

Acting Director of Department Ulf Christensen has decided on this matter prepared by Jörgen Öberg.

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