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Havsmiljöinstitutets synpunkter på remiss angående ”Samråd enligt Esbokonventionen om miljökonsekvensbeskrivning för fast förbindelse över Fehmarnbelt”

The Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment, **Havsmiljöinstitutet**, is a national data center for interdisciplinary analysis and synthesis. On the government’s behalf, we provide a coherent description of the environmental status of the seas around Sweden. The Institute’s activities are based on collaboration among four universities: Umeå University, Stockholm University, Linnaeus University and University of Gothenburg. By participating in relevant research and development projects, the Institute works to ensure that current research results are applied in managing the sea. We help making best possible knowledge available for decisions on marine management.

The Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment has reviewed the provided documents and notes just as the Swedish EPA points out that the German environmental impact statement (miljökonsekvensbeskrivning) is very similar to the Danish EIS that previously has been circulated for comments. Briefly, our comments are similar to those that earlier has been provided by Havs- och Vattenmyndigheten.

The Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment assumes that the monitoring program established within the project is designed with enough power to determine if the redistribution of sediments exceeds the effects limits that are to be decided, and that necessary measures are taken to limit all potential negative environmental effects. It is also crucial that the project's impact on the already weakened western cod stock in the Baltic Sea is minimized.

The Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment also believes that the project needs to follow up the environmental effects of the project on the basis of how they affect the fulfillment of the Marine Directive (**2008/105/EC**).

Finally, the Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment refers to our previous comments compiled in EPA's opinion (No. 121-3664-10 Rv) dated 2010-09-06.

I beredningen av ärendet har institutets tf chef Kajsa Tönnesson och Jonas Nilsson deltagit.

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