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Sweden Pelagic Federation Producers' Organisation's view on the German maritime plan

Sweden Pelagic Federation Producers' Organisation (SPF PO) represents the entire Swedish pelagic fishery in the North Sea region and the southern Baltic Sea. Our members fish for e.g. mackerel, sprat, herring and sandeel. SPF have the following view on the proposed German maritime plan:

We notice that large areas are reserved for wind power development. In general, pelagic fishing with midwater trawls or purse seines cannot be conducted in or close to wind farms. There is even now an extensive establishment of wind farms in German waters, which limit the areas where fishing can take place. Further establishment of wind farms will restrict the fishery further. It is important to assess the impacts on each fishing sector separately when establishing new wind farms, as different types of fishery may be affected differently.

Furthermore, we think that the cumulative effects of the wind farms need to be assessed as our German fishing colleagues tell us that this has not yet been done.

Wind farms should primarily be placed in areas with a depth of maximum 15 meters, since the fishery does not occur at 0-15 meters. We also want to point out the importance of burying the cables leading electricity from the windmills to facilities on land well into the bottom substrate to prevent any fishing gear from accidentally entangling and damaging them.

Our members have also expressed some concern regarding the electric field around the cables, and how this may affect fish and other marine organisms. This should be included in the impact assessment of new wind farms.

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