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To the Point of Contacts, regarding the Espoo-convention and the protocol,

We would like to thank you for your response to the Swedish Espoo consultation on revision of Marine Spatial Plans for Sweden.

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management is preparing the final drafts of spatial plans to deliver to the Government by the end of December 2024. A document in English is being prepared including response to received feedback from neighbouring countries and a summary of changes in the marine spatial plans and the impact assessment since the Espoo consultation. This document will be shared by the 23rd October. Neighbouring countries will have the opportunity to respond to the feedback and the changes made by the 15th November.

The delivery to the Government will include the proposals for revised Swedish maritime spatial plans, a revised Impact assessment (including SEA), a consultation report, a review report, a presentation of the participation process and a summarizing statement as a basis for the adoption process carried out by the Government. The response from neighbouring countries to the document shared on the 23rd October will be included in the delivery to Government. The proposed plans from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management may be altered by the Government before adoption.

Contact point for questions related to the content of the shared document may be addressed to Jan Schmidtbauer Crona, <u>jan.schmidtbauer.crona@havochvatten.se</u> at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management.