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Emne: RE: Adverse and large-scale environmental impacts of the Lynetteholm project

Thank you for kindly forwarding the answer from the Danish Minister of Transport.

I would however not agree with his justification, as Article 7, item 1 of the Helsinki Convention reads as follows:

“1. Whenever an environmental impact assessment of a proposed activity that is likely to cause a significant adverse impact on the marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area is required by international law or supra-national regulations applicable to the Contracting Party of origin, that **Contracting Party shall notify the Commission and any Contracting Party which may be affected** by a transboundary impact on the Baltic Sea Area.”

As Denmark has informed Sweden about possible transboundary environmental impacts in line with Espoo Convention, I assume that it should have also informed at least Helsinki Commission (HELCOM or ‘Commission’, as referred above in the Convention text), even if the Danish authorities did not consider the transboundary impacts on other nations.

Yours kindly,

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