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The Swedish Government adopted national marine spatial plans on 10 February 2022. The Government also assigned the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management to initiate a new planning round with the aim to include more or larger areas for offshore wind corresponding to an additional annual production of 90TWh. The Swedish Energy Agency was assigned to coordinate the elaboration of additional planning evidence on offshore wind together with other national agencies.

The Government adopted three marine spatial plans: the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea and the Kattegat/Skagerrak. The marine spatial plans include Sweden's *Exclusive Economic Zone* and the Swedish territorial seas from a nautical mile from the baseline seawards as referred to in the Swedish Sea Territory and Maritime Zones Act (2017:1272). Areas that are properties in the territorial sea are not included.

The marine spatial plans are a guiding basis for permit assessments and other matters in accordance with the Swedish Environmental Code (1998:808). Each authority or municipality applying the Environmental Code must ensure that the marine spatial plans are available in the case when examining an activity or action within the marine planning area. In matters relating to new or changed use of a marine area, the Environmental Code shall be applied. In the interpretation of what is most suitable use under these regulations, the marine spatial plans are indicative. The marine spatial plans are also a guiding basis for permit assessments under other laws, such as the Act (1992:1140) on the Swedish Economic Zone and the Act (1966:314) on the Continental Shelf.

The purpose of the marine spatial plans is to contribute to long-term sustainable development. They integrate economic, social and environmental objectives. The marine spatial plans will contribute to that good environmental status in the marine environment is reached and maintained, that marine resources are used sustainably so that maritime industries can develop, and that co-existence is promoted between different activities and uses

The marine spatial plans are available in Swedish on the website of SwAM:

<https://www.havochvatten.se/planering-forvaltning-och-samverkan/havsplanering/havsplaner.html>

The marine spatial plans will be translated and later available in English as well.