

Mr Lasse Tallskog Ministry of the Environment of Finland P.O. Box 35, FIN-00023 GOVERNMENT, Finland

Your ref 21.08.2015 YM4/5522/2015

Our ref 24. January 2016 No 7-12 / 16 / 374-4

Regarding strategic environmental assessment of Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures to achieve and maintain Good Environmental Status of Estonian marine area

Dear Mr Tallskog,



In a letter dated 25 June, 2015 Estonia notified Finland about the initiation of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures to achieve and maintain Good Environmental Status of Estonian marine area (Programme of measures). Finland responded in 21 August, 2015 and indicated its wish to participate in the assessment procedure of the forementioned documentation.

The subject of the SEA is the Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures to achieve and maintain good environmental status of Estonian marine area and the National Development Plan "Estonian Marine Policy 2012-2020". The purpose is to assess the relationship between the documents. Specifically, the subject of SEA are the new measures of the draft Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures, but at the same the measures of the Estonian Marine Policy are also assessed. Therefore the public display of the SEA reports take place at the same time.

Hereby we are sending you the respective documentation together with the following explanations.

Documentation in English:

1) SEA report of the Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures to achieve and maintain Good Environmental Status of Estonian marine area (file: SEA of Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures.pdf);

2) New measures of Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures (file: Annex 1 New Measures – Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures.pdf);

3) As supplementary material the SEA report of the National Development Plan "Estonian Marine Policy 2012-2020" (file: SEA of Estonian Marine Policy 2012-2020.pdf).

Documentation in Finnish:

1) Summary of the SEA results – SEA report of the Estonian Marine Strategy's Programme of Measures to achieve and maintain Good Environmental Status of Estonian marine area (files: Viron meristrategian toimenpidesuunnitelma YSA - TULOSTEN YHTEENVETO.pdf and Viron meristrategian toimenpidesuunnitelma YSA - TULOSTEN YHTEENVETO.docx);

2) Summary of the SEA results – SEA report of the National Development Plan "Estonian Marine Policy 2012-2020" (files: Viron meripolitiikka 2012-2020 YSA - TULOSTEN YHTEENVETO.pdf and Viron meripolitiikka 2012-2020 YSA - TULOSTEN YHTEENVETO.docx).

The relevant documentation in English is also available on the webpage $\frac{http://www.alkranel.ee/failid/SEA-Marine/Estonian-Marine-SEA_english.zip}{http://www.alkranel.ee/failid/SEA-Marine/Estonian-Marine-SEA-summary-finnish.zip}$

Should you have any comments concerning the documentation listed above, please send them no later than 27 March, 2016.

Sincerely Yours,

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