To the Planningsinspectorate, Dogger Bank

Denmark thanks for the notification regarding the Planning Act 2008 for Dogger Bank South East and South West Offshore Windfarms and wants to participate in the further environmental assessment process.

The notification has been sent for consultation to several Danish authorities and interest organizations and has been published on the Danish Environmental Protection Agency's website.

Authorities

- The Environmental Protection Agency; the units: Species and Nature Conservation have this comment:

The Environmental Protection Agency's Species and Nature Conservation unit has reviewed the material submitted for Dogger Bank South East and Dogger Bank South West Offshore Wind Farms concerning migratory birds.

Species and Nature Conservation cannot, on the basis of the present data, assess whether the realization of the Dogger Bank offshore wind farms will affect the migration of birds that migrate across the North Sea between Denmark and England. Species and Nature Conservation can ascertain that the material Volume 7 Chapter 12 - Offshore Ornithology Application Reference: 7.12 and Volume 6 Part 4 of 4 - Marine Ornithological Features Application Reference: 6.1 has not dealt with which migratory birds are on the basis of designation in Danish bird protection areas, Species and Nature notes that, for examle, the species Great Scoter (Numenius arquata) and Great Copper Sandpiper (Limosa Limosa) migrate between Denmark and England over the part of the North Sea where the Dogger Bank South East and Dogger Bank South West offshore wind farms are planned to be located. The mentioned birds are on the basis of designation in the respective Bird protection area F38 Nissum fjord, F43 Ringkøbing Fjord and Nymindestrømmen, as well as F52, F60 Wadden Sea in Denmark. The two examples of Danish migratory birds are not included in the assessment of displaced birds in Volume 7 Chapter 12 - Offshore Ornithology Application Reference: 7.12

Species and Nature will draw attention to the large expansion of wind energy parks in the North Sea, which is in the pipeline for the coming years, in relation to cumulative effects, as well as the importance that all relevant migratory birds are taken into account when assessing transboundary effects for these offshore wind farms.

Against this background Species and Nature Conservation wishes to continue to follow the process of environmental assessemnt of the specific project.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Best regards

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