The Jastarnia and WBBK Plans
Progress report 2021

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Content

1) Short update of the most relevant things from the progress reports (inf3.1a and inf3.2)
2) Baltic Proper harbour porpoise listing in CMS Appendix I (doc4.4a)
3) Update TORs for the Jastarnia Group (doc3.1a)
4) Extent of plan areas
5) Suggestions/priorities
6) Action points (doc3.1b)
ICES advice, joint recommendations and delegated act

- July 2019 – NGO proposal for emergency measures
- May 2020 – ICES scientific advice published
- Dec 2020 and Sept 2021 – BALTFISH joint recommendations to EC on measures within MPAs

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BALTISH JR and delegated act

- Closure of Northern Midsea bank for all fisheries except pots, traps etc
- Closure of Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna and the Polish part of the Southern Midsea bank for all static net fisheries
- Closure of static nets in “German/Polish SAC cluster” during Nov-Jan
- Obligatory use of pingers on static nets West and East of the “sandbank Ryf Mew” (Inner and Outer Puck Bay, within and outside the Natura 2000 site “Zatoka Pucka Półwysep Helski”
- Closure of “Sydvästskånes utsjövatten” for static nets in Nov-Apr, and obligatory use of pingers in May-Oct
BALTFISH JRs and delegated act

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- Military concerns on use of pingers in static net fisheries
  - No measures outside MPAs
National monitoring

- National monitoring expanding
- Military issues using C-PODs?
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Underwater noise – impulsive noise

Proposed locations of offshore windfarms in the Baltic

Source: https://www.4coffshore.com/offshorewind/
Listing of the Baltic Proper porpoise in CMS Appendix I

See agenda point 4.4, doc4.4a
Document available on Teams for comments
Update of the TORs for the Jastarnia group

Formal change to include the handling of the WBBK plan in the work of the group

- doc3.1a
JG17 agreed that plan areas should be updated so that

- the Jastarnia plan extends east from 13.0°E
- the WBBK plan extends from 56.95°N to 13.5°E
Suggestions/priorities

• Resolve the issue currently preventing bycatch mitigation measures being taken in the entire population area
  → Fulfil Art 12 of the Habitats directive AND save the population from extinction
  → Time is running out
  → Find alternative methods

• SAMBAH II
• CMS Appendix I listing
Action points

Meeting doc3.1b