Uw noise measures in Swedish MPAs by County Administrative Boards (CABs)

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Impulsive noise

Pile driving:

• Threshold for max pile driving noise (SEL 131 dB, single pulse, weighted re 1 μPa2s at a distance of 750 m)
• HPs to be deterred within 750m for activities generating louder noise
• Soft-start required

Other sources/general:

• Mitigation measures required for UXO clearance (equivalent to big double bubble curtain or hydro sound damper)
• Mitigation measures mandatory for activities generating loud impulsive noise
Continuous noise

• Speed limit of (certain) vessels in specified areas, sometimes during specific time period

• Studies on cumulative impact of continuous noise on HP and fish required in applications for new activities
General regulations

• Activities generating noise levels above 40 dB above HP hearing threshold not allowed

• Cumulative effects must be considered when planning any work