

COVERING EMAIL – MEP – CCP/DN/KB BALTIC LYNETTEHOLM ESPOO-INITIATIVE

Re: URGENT - The Lynetteholm-project threatening the waterbalance in the Baltic Sea

We allow us to forward the attached letter on our concerns relating to the impact of the Lynetteholm-project in Øresund in Denmark on the Baltic Sea with the support of 17 organisations from the Baltic Sea Countries with more than 1.5 million members.

A longstanding understanding among the Baltic Sea Countries has ensured that no large construction projects could limit the flow of water into the Baltic Sea.

However, the Lynetteholm project (an artificial peninsula in the Sound between Kattegat and the Baltic Sea) was authorised in June 2021 and might block the flow of water to the Baltic Sea by up to 0.5%. This is likely to affect the Baltic Sea severely.

This break from previous practices is passed without consultation under the Espoo Convention / the EIA Directive with any implicated countries other than Sweden.

The change may jeopardize the marine environment of the Baltic Sea, and it is imperative that the project be put on hold immediately while a hearing of all relevant countries / NGOs is conducted.

It is our hope that the Commission will consider our concerns and take the necessary steps

- to get guaranteed that the Lynetteholm-project with certainty will not jeopardize the marine environment in the Baltic Sea,
- to safeguard that all the Baltic Sea- countries and the NGOs in these countries are heard on the Lynetteholm-project.

It is further our hope that the Commission as a first step send a formal notice requesting further information to the Danish authorities.

The matter is highly urgent due to the state of the construction works.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the Danish Society for Nature Conservation

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