



MSP and OWFs in Sweden - stakeholder involvement

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MSP in Sweden - current status

- The Swedish Government adopted three distinct marine spatial plans for its territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone the 10 February 2022.
- In February 2022, the Government commissioned the Swedish Energy Agency, the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM), and several other national authorities to propose additional areas for offshore wind power. **20-30 -> 120 TWh.**
(Delivered in March 2023)
- Based on these proposals SwAM will initiate the next planning round to produce new proposals for marine spatial plans, to be delivered 31 December 2024

MSP principles for involvement of stakeholders

SwAM and others developed a toolbox for the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in Maritime Spatial Planning (Baltic Scope project)

Examples:

- All relevant authorities and stakeholders as well as a wider public shall be involved in the process at an early stage. The results shall be communicated.
- It is necessary to consider various effects on the ecosystem caused by human activities and interactions between human activities and the ecosystem, as well as among various human activities.

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This worked reasonably well for the Swedish MSP 1.0

How does these principles relate to:

- The Swedish open- door system for OWF projects?
- The new proposed areas for OWFs?
- The revision of MSP to include the new proposed areas for OWFs?

Ongoing projects in the Swedish open-door system

(Source: Vindbrukskollen)

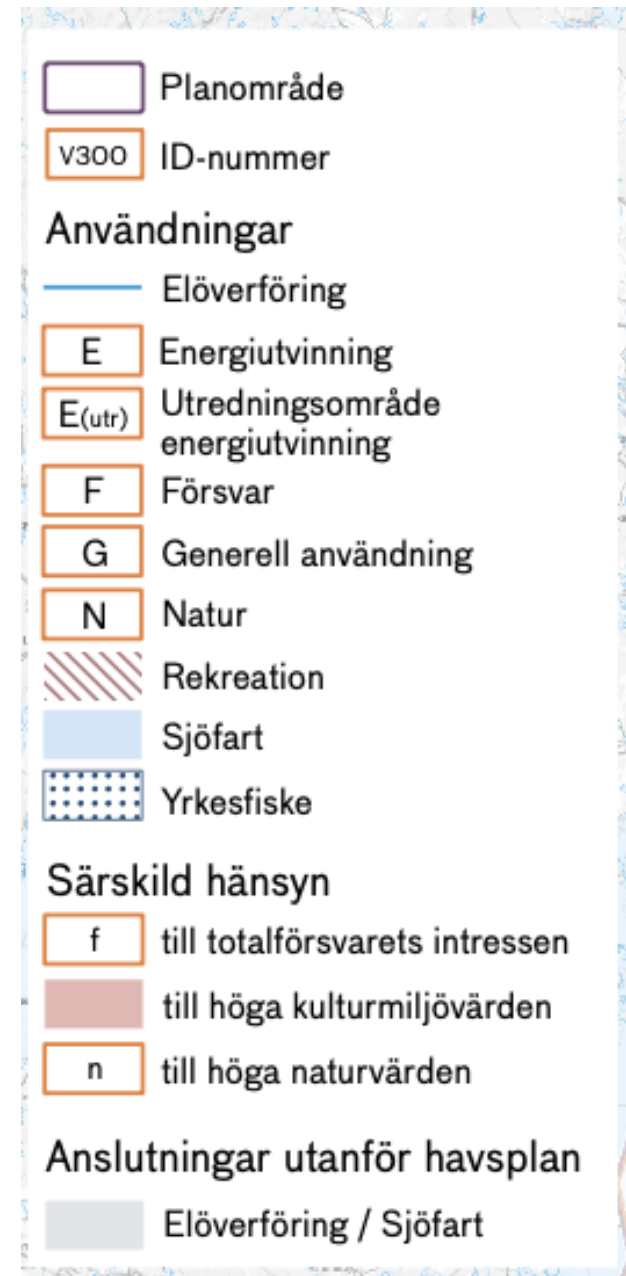
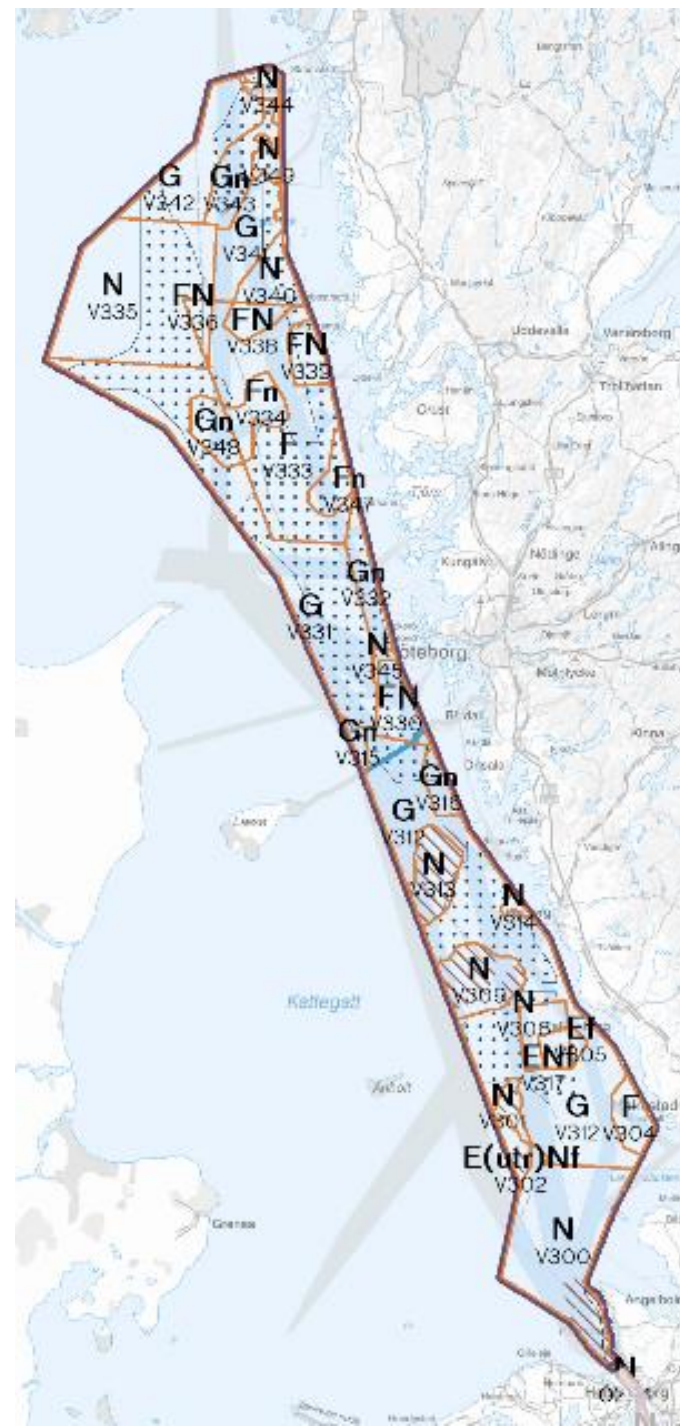
- 43 projects in different stages
- No consultations with the fishing industry before selecting an area and starting a project
- Consultations (compulsory) on co-existence within OWFs during the permit process
- Marginal or no possibilities of co-existence with fishing within OWFs



Current MSP for the Swedish west coast

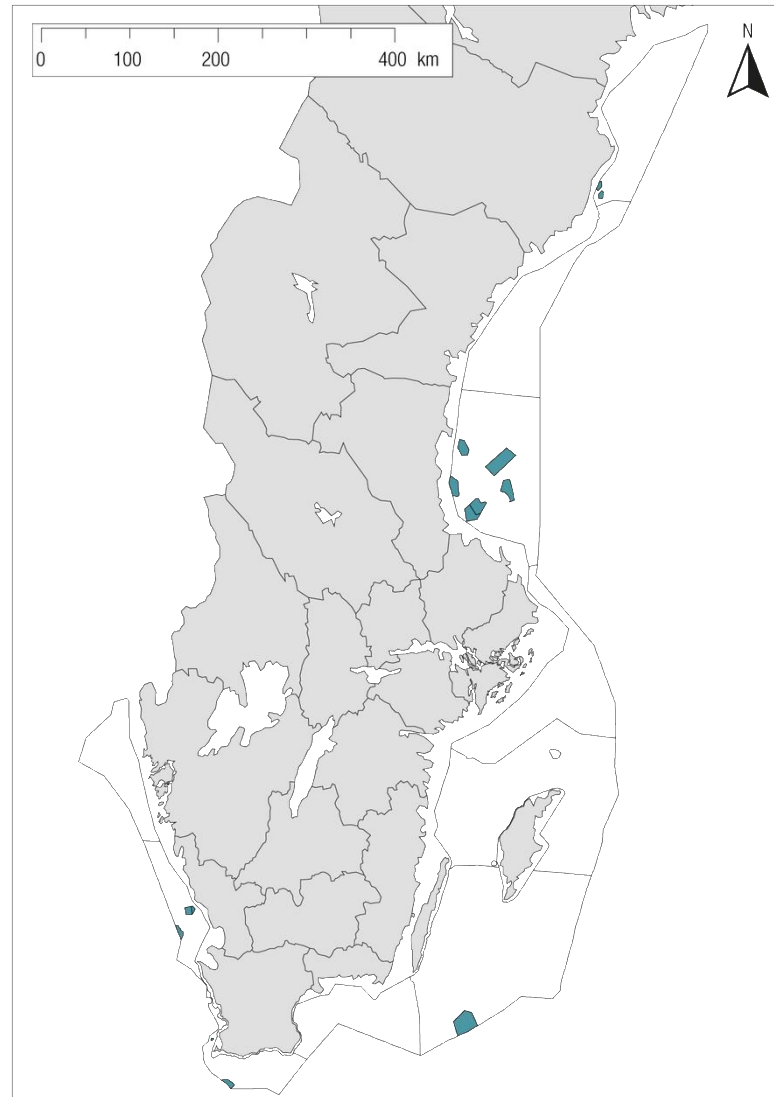
Areas of national interests

The spatial squeeze is evident

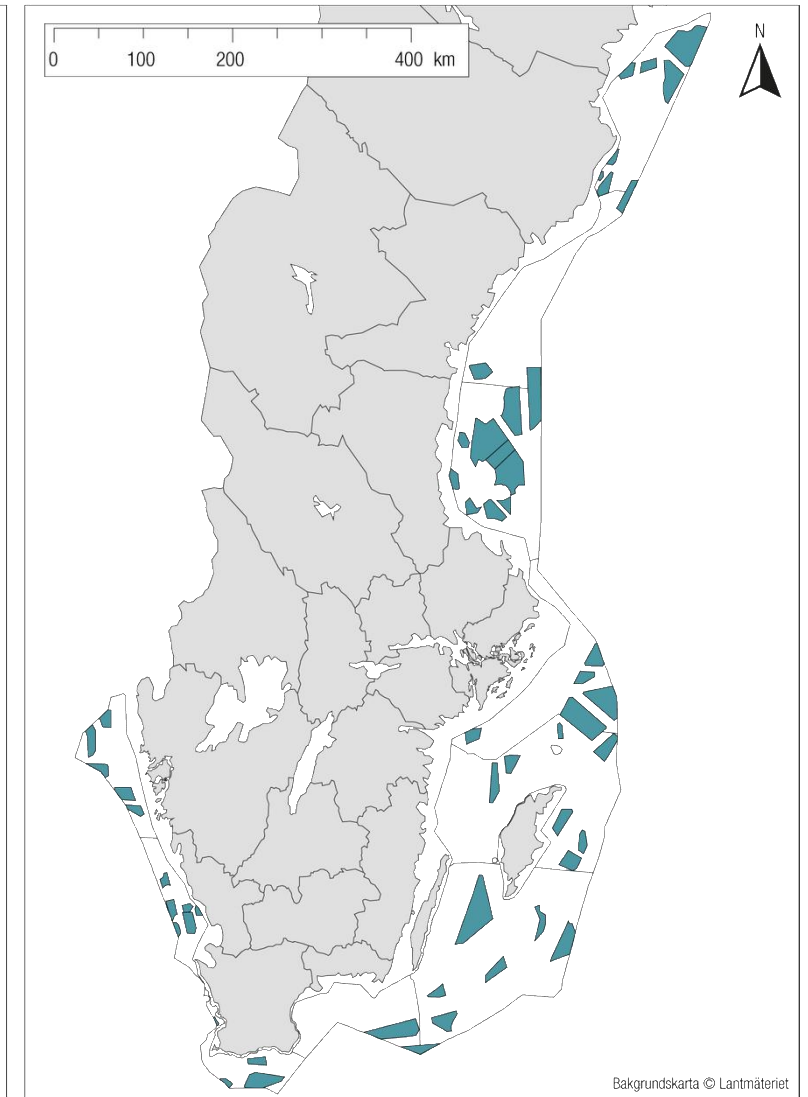


Areas for OWFs in current MSP and new proposed areas for revised MSPs

- The proposed new areas on the West coast overlap 44% with areas of national interest for commercial fishing
- The spatial squeeze will increase!
- No consultation with stakeholders in this process!



20-30 TWh



120 TWh

(Source: Swedish Energy Agency)

We have a challenge –
that the revision of the current Swedish
MSPs, to implement the new proposed
areas for OWFs, will fulfil the principles
of the Ecosystem Approach and
stakeholder involvement formulated for
the MSP process!

Has the train left the station?



Thank you!
