Annex to the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 14 April 2021 (Journal of Laws of . item 935)

APPENDIX NO 2

TEXT PART OF THE PLAN IN TERMS OF DETAILED DECISIONS CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL BASINS OR SEPARATED PARTS THEREOF, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT CONDITIONS AFFECTING ANY PARTICULAR RESIDUAL BASINS

§ 1. Whenever this Annex refers to:

- Annex 1 it should be understood as Annex 1 to the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 14 April 2021 on the adoption of the spatial development plan for internal sea waters, territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone on a scale of 1: 200 000 (Journal of Laws of . item 935);
- 2) Wolin area it shall be understood as the area covered by concession No. 9/2017/Ł for the exploration and appraisal of crude oil and natural gas as well as the production of crude oil and natural gas from deposits.

§ 53. Detailed decisions for basin POM.53.E, specified in the basin sheet, are established.

BASIN SHEET			1. LETTER MARKING			
POM.53.E			E			
2. BASIN	53	3.	1 2	55° 25' 54.539" N 55° 21' 14.900" N	16° 59' 31.464" E 16° 49' 44.852" E	
NUMBER		DESCRIPTION	3	55° 22' 32.207" N	16° 34' 58.878" E	
4. AREA	150.29 km ²	OF THE LOCATION	4 for	for the full list of coordinates see § 14(53) of		
Appendix No 1						
5. BASIC FUNCTION						
ACQUISITION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY (E)						

6. ALLOWED FUNCTIONS

- 1) aquaculture (A);
- 2) scientific research (N);
- 3) cultural heritage (D);
- 4) technical infrastructure (I);
- 5) fishery (R);
- 6) exploration, investigation of mineral and fossil resources and extraction from the resources (K);
- 7) artificial islands and installations (W);
- 8) transport (T);
- 9) tourism, sport, and recreation (S).

7. PROHIBITIONS OR LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF SPECIFIC AREAS

- 1) for aquaculture in the entire basin functions are limited to activities agreed with the respective investor of the offshore wind farms;
- 2) for scientific research in the entire basin scientific research is limited to methods which:
 - a) do not affect the linear elements of the technical infrastructure;
 - b) do not endanger the ecological function of spawning grounds and the survival of early development stages (spawn and larvae) of commercial fish;
- 3) for cultural heritage not established;
- 4) for technical infrastructure in the entire basin:
 - a) laying linear elements of technical infrastructure is limited to the infrastructure necessary for the acquisition of energy;
 - b) function is limited to methods which do not endanger the ecological function of spawning grounds and the survival of early development stages (spawn and larvae) of commercial fish;
 - c) linear elements of the technical infrastructure must be laid in such a way as to ensure the economical use of space, under the surface of the seafloor, and if not possible, other permanent safety measures must be applied to enable the safe use of anchored gillnets;
- 5) for exploration, investigation of mineral and fossil resources and extraction from the resources:
 - a) in the entire basin, functions are limited to methods which do not affect the linear elements of the technical infrastructure:
 - b) in the entire basin the extraction of minerals and fossils from the resources is limited activities agreed with the respective investor of the offshore wind farms;
- 6) for fishery:
 - a) not established until the beginning of offshore wind farms construction works;
 - b) during the operation of offshore wind farms, until the rules on fishing in the basin are

developed, it is prohibited to fish in safety zones of any construction and in places threatening the safety of internal connection infrastructure;

- 7) for artificial islands and installations:
 - a) the construction and use of artificial islands and structures are prohibited before the end of 2040,
 - b) artificial islands and installations are not allowed within 2 km away from the boundary of the Natura 2000 'Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna' (SE0330308) area;
 - c) in the remaining basin the following limitations apply:
 - construction of artificial islands, installations and structures is limited to methods which do not endanger the ecological function of spawning grounds and the survival of early development stages (spawn and larvae) of commercial fish;
 - construction of aquaculture-related structures is limited to those locations which do not affect the linear elements of the technical infrastructure;
- 8) for transport:
 - a) not established until the beginning of offshore wind farms construction works;
 - b) during the operation of offshore wind farms, navigation is limited to vessels up to 50 m long until the conditions for safe navigation are established by decision of the territorially competent Director of the Maritime Office, with the exception of vessels serving the operation and maintenance of offshore wind farm installations, structures and aquaculture;
- 9) for tourism, sport, and recreation not established;
- 10) other after laying the linear elements of the technical infrastructure, the territorially competent Director of the Maritime Office must establish safety zones around the linear elements of technical infrastructure where anchoring, except for emergency anchoring and anchoring relating to installation and service works, will be prohibited.

8. INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

Implementation of investments in the transmission infrastructure of electricity produced in offshore wind farms.

9. CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF THE BASIN

- 1) environmental protection not established;
- 2) national security and defence not established;
- 3) protection of cultural heritage not established;
- 4) fishery and aquaculture:
 - a) at the stage of issuing administrative decision to allow aquaculture in the basin, agreements should be made with appropriate investor of the offshore wind farm. The

- detailed location as well as technological and technical solutions should be indicated at the stage of the construction design;
- in the course of operation, the decision of the territorially competent Director of the Maritime Office is required to restrict fishing activities in the safety zones established for each project;
- 5) acquisition of renewable energy:
 - a) an area dedicated to the production of wind energy with the use from offshore wind farms after 2040. Integral elements of the investment are the internal and external technical infrastructure;
 - b) at the beginning of the investment of constructing artificial islands and installations, it is required to introduce, by decision of the territorially competent Director of the Maritime Office, the ban on fishing and navigation in the area under construction, together with a 500-metre safety zone around the basin, for the time of construction works;
 - c) during the operation of offshore wind farms, it is required to introduce, by decision of the territorially competent Director of the Maritime Office, restrictions on fishing and navigation in safety zones established for each structure and in places affecting the safety of internal technical infrastructure;
- 6) exploration, investigation of mineral and fossil resources and extraction from the resources:
 - a) exploration and investigation of mineral and fossil resources is allowed in the entire basin;
 - b) extraction of minerals and fossils from the resources is allowed under the limitations specified in sections 7(5) and 7(7).

10. ARRANGEMENTS BINDING FOR SELF-GOVERNMENTS OF VOIVODESHIPS AND MUNICIPALITIES

1) not established.

CONDITIONS

11. PRINCIPLESFOR USING THE BASIN

(resulting from documents or normative acts)

- 1) forms of nature conservation and their safety zones as well as decisions included in the protection plans mentioned in the regulations in the Act of 16 April 2004 on nature conservation none;
- 2) protected objects and basins established under the regulations on the protection and care of historical monuments none;
- 3) protected objects and zones established under the environmental protection law none;
- 4) zones closed to navigation and fishery as well as zones periodically announced as dangerous for navigation and fishery, established under Article 3(1) of the Act of 21 March 1991 on Sea Areas of the Republic of Poland and Maritime Administration none;
- 5) protection of living sea resources according to the regulations on sea fishery the rules,

- prohibitions and restrictions on fishery apply in the basin;
- 6) activities carried out as a part of the National Programme for the Protection of Sea Waters activities described in the National Programme for the Protection of Sea Waters apply in the basin.

12. ESPECIALLY ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE BASIN

- 1) pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 21 March 1991 on Sea Areas of the Republic of Poland and Maritime Administration, the basin is located within the territorial scope of the Director of the Maritime Office in Słupsk, within the exclusive economic zone of Poland;
- 2) the water area is used for military exercises of NATO submarines;
- 3) before implementation of the investment the basin used for navigation and marine transport (regular K route to ports of Lithuania and Latvia runs through this basin);
- 4) within the borders of the basin fishing activity of moderate intensity is carried out (using various fishing tools). In the basin operate mainly fishing vessels over 12 m long. The routes of fishing vessels from the ports and fishing bases to the fishing grounds north of the basin run through the basin;
- 5) on the Swedish side the Natura 2000 'Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna' (SE0330308) area was designated;
- 6) in the basin there are moderate habitat and hydrological conditions for effective spawning of autumn herring and flounder populations;
- 7) scientific research is carried out in the basin as a part of monitoring programmes;
- 8) there are unused telecommunication cables in the basin;
- 9) no underwater cultural heritage was identified in the basin.

13. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

1) **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) it is recommended to introduce a 100-meter safety zone around each operating structure;
- 2) it is recommended to transmit the energy generated in the basin using an integrated grid infrastructure, if it is possible in terms of environmental, economic and technical aspects and consistent with technical conditions for the connection to the grid issued by the Polish Power Grid:
- 3) it is recommended for each investment, before issuing a construction permit, to develop rules for fishing in the area of offshore wind farms. The rules should be developed by a team coordinated by the Minister in charge of fishery, the Minister in charge of energy, the Minister in charge of economy and the Minister in charge of maritime economy, including representatives of the offshore wind energy industry;
- 4) the environmental impact assessment for offshore wind farm investments should take into account the impact of generation of physical fields (electromagnetic field), possible negative cumulative mutual impacts with neighbouring offshore wind farms and collision risk, also in emergency situations;
- 5) due to moderate conditions for the reproduction of fish in the area, it is recommended to

- extend the scope of the EIA report for activities carried out in the basin to include the impact of these activities on resources and recruitment of fish important for fishery;
- 6) due to the higher probability of harbour porpoise occurrence in this basin during the procreation period than in other basins, it is recommended to systematically research and monitor underwater noise and its impact on harbour porpoises.