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Re: The Russia-Germany offshore natural gas pipeline in Finland's exclusive economic zone – an interim report on the environmental impact assessment programme

It is our estimation at this point that there are no particularly noteworthy differences between the impact of the various routing alternatives on the fishing industry and fishing in general in the Gulf of Finland. Accordingly, the Fishery Unit of the Uusimaa Employment and Economic Development Centre has no comments on the interim report.

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