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The current planned route for the gas pipeline would in some areas have a negative impact on fisheries. Accessibility for trawling vessels would probably be severely restricted *pace* the promise given by Dirk von Ameln at the meeting in Almedal Library in Visby on 22 January 2007 to the effect that no ban on fishing would be introduced in the area. Experience tells us that the risk of damage would be immediate both to fishing equipment and the gas pipeline. Compensation issues should therefore be investigated thoroughly.

The gas pipeline ought therefore wherever possible be laid at a depth exceeding 120 m, where it would come into minimum conflict with fisheries.

A maintenance platform would restrict fisheries even further.

For the Gotland Fishing Association
[signed]
Lasse Broman, Chairman