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### **Measures taken in response to recommendations in the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's report RS 2018:02 regarding a grounding and loss of ship at Ströms sluss near Lilla Edet, Västra Götaland County.**

The County Administrative Board has read the draft report, a very comprehensive and valuable account, and has no objections to its contents.

#### **Implemented measures**

On 29 May, the County Administrative Board will hold a seminar on maritime accidents in collaboration with the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) and several of the actors involved in the work on Sternö. The aim of the seminar is to learn from the incident, based on the SHK report, and to increase the knowledge and capacity of the actors with responsibilities relating to Göta älv.

During the spring of 2018, the County Administrative Board has been in contact with the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) in order to plan the coordinated exercise recommended by SHK. MSB has also been invited to the seminar on 29 May.

The County Administrative Board continuously monitors the municipalities' work in accordance with the Act (2006:544) on municipal and county council measures prior to and during extraordinary events in peacetime and during periods of heightened alert. Due to the maritime accidents, we chose to visit Lilla Edet earlier than planned to follow up on the municipality's emergency preparedness. During autumn 2017 and spring 2018, we have then visited and followed up on several municipalities along Göta älv. The follow-up of the municipal emergency preparedness will continue but there are possibilities to direct it more specifically, for example towards the municipalities located along the river. Planning of the follow-up process for the next term will be carried out after the summer.

The County Administrative Board has initiated an inventory of potential major accidents in the county. The first region where this work is already under way is Fyrbodalen, which includes Trollhättan Municipality and thus Norra Älvsborg Fire and Rescue Service. Maritime accidents have been identified as a potential major accident included in the efforts. The goal of this work is to create a basis for planning in order to manage various types of major accidents.

The County Administrative Board will continue its supervision of the municipalities' obligations in accordance with the Civil Protection Act. This supervision will also in the future include questions on how the municipalities have prepared for accidents involving vessels in Göta älv, and on their individual and combined capacity.

The County Administrative Board has held an initial meeting with the municipalities in preparation of developing an action programme in accordance with LSO for the coming term. During this meeting, particular emphasis was placed on the importance of a well-conceived risk analysis and capacity to handle major accidents (including maritime accidents).

Best regards,

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