



Water for life and livelihoods

River basin management plans

Record of consultation and engagement

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1. Introduction

This document presents a summary of the steps taken nationally and locally to ensure appropriate public consultation and engagement for the review and update to the river basin management plans (RBMPs).

Significant efforts to make information easily accessible have been made and are described in section 2 “Public access to information”.

In order to gain a more detailed insight into the views of stakeholders on different aspects of river basin management, a number of consultations involving a variety of organisations have been undertaken. These are summarised in section 3 “Consultations”.

Finally, the process of producing the consultations on the updated RBMPs has benefited from the active involvement in the planning process itself by many different stakeholders. These are summarised in section 4 “Involvement in the planning process”.

2. Public access to information

This section provides an overview of the information available to the public and other stakeholders relating to the updated RBMPs.

More detail about publicity activities in each river basin district can be found in the response documents for 'updated RBMPs', 'Challenges and choices', and 'Working together' (see links in section 3 below).

Means of dissemination	Activities
Environment Agency	
Website	<p>The current RBMPs can be downloaded from gov.uk: http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/river-basin-management-plans-2015</p> <p>Environment Agency led consultation documents are made publically available through the online consultation web pages here: https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal</p> <p>Responses are visible online so that they are open and transparent.</p>
Catchment Data Explorer	<p>The catchment data explorer is a web application to help explore and obtain detailed information about local catchments and individual bodies of water.</p> <p>http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/</p>
Conferences and seminars	<p>A large number of conferences and seminars which included discussion relating to the river basin management plans have been held, and the following are a few examples:</p> <p>International Navigation Association seminar in January 2015</p> <p>Society of British Water and Wastewater Industries conference in November 2014</p> <p>Cleaner Seas Forum in November 2014</p> <p>Waterwise annual conference in September 2014</p> <p>Water and Environment conference in April 2014</p> <p>Environment Agency pollution challenge conference in April 2013</p> <p>The catchment based approach conference in February 2013</p> <p>Thames Estuary Partnership annual forum in November 2012</p> <p>The Environment Agency has worked with the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) in the development and delivery of professional training, conferences, events and publications. Details about these events can be viewed here: www.ciwem.org/events/events-calendar.aspx</p>

Means of dissemination	Activities
Social media	Consultations were made public across all the river basin districts through social media such as Twitter and Facebook.
Newspapers and press	The consultations were publicised in the London Gazette and in local press in all river basin districts.
Environment Agency offices	Hard copies of the consultation documents were available in Environment Agency offices.
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)	
Website	<p>Background material relating to 'River basin management plan ministerial guidance and standards' can be viewed here: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/river-basin-management-planning-ministerial-guidance-and-standards</p> <p>Government policy on protecting and improving the water environment, including flood protection can be viewed here: www.gov.uk/government/policies/improving-water-quality</p>
United Kingdom Water Framework Directive Technical Advisory Group (UKTAG)	
UKTAG web site www.wfduk.org/	<p>UKTAG is a partnership of the UK environment and conservation agencies which was set up by the UK-wide Water Framework Directive (WFD) policy group consisting of UK government administrations. It was created to provide coordinated advice on the science and technical aspects of the WFD.</p> <p>Information held on the UKTAG website includes river basin planning, characterisation of the water environment, assessing the status of the water environment and monitoring.</p>

3. Consultations

In order to gain a more detailed insight into the views of stakeholders on different aspects of river basin management, consultations on general and specific aspects of implementation were carried out. Some consultations were carried out by the Environment Agency, others by Defra, Natural England and UKTAG. The main consultations are summarised below.

Environment Agency

Working Together

The Environment Agency consulted on a national (England and Wales) document and 1 for each river basin district from 22 June 2012 to 22 December 2012.

These consultations set out proposals on how the RBMPs would be updated and stated why it is important to get involved. Views were sought on:

- how interested groups or individuals can work together better so that everyone has the chance to contribute to the RBMPs and be involved in managing the water environment
- working at a catchment scale
- how the Environment Agency can co-ordinate consultation over the RBMPs and flood risk management plans

Following these consultations the Environment Agency published the following 2 documents:

'Response document' – March 2013

This includes:

- a summary of the responses received including the number of responses, who they were from and how they were submitted
- the Environment Agency's response and actions in relation to the responses received
- a summary of how the Environment Agency consulted and engaged in each river basin district, including who and how many people/organisations were engaged
- next steps

'Acting on your feedback' – September 2013

This includes:

- key findings and Environment Agency actions, and progress with these actions
- next steps

Both documents can be viewed here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/working/together2012>

Challenges and choices

The Environment Agency consulted on 1 national document called 'England's Waters: challenges and choices', from 21 June 2013 to 22 September 2013; and 1 for each river basin district called 'Water for Life and Livelihoods: challenges and choices', from 21 June 2013 to 6 January 2014.

Alongside each river basin district document the Environment Agency also consulted on a strategic environmental assessment scoping document.

These consultations shared the evidence and information on our water environment at national and local scales, and asked for views on the significant issues and how these should be addressed. Specifically, they sought views on:

- the significant challenges that are affecting your local water environment and limiting the benefits society obtains from the water environment
- the best way to solve these issues and what should be done first

Following these consultations the Environment Agency published 'Challenges and choices: consultation response document' (2014), which includes:

- a summary of the responses received, detailing the number of responses, who they were from and how they were submitted
- the Environment Agency's response and actions in relation to the responses received
- a summary of how the Environment Agency consulted and engaged nationally and in each river basin district, including who and how many people/organisations were engaged

This response document can be viewed here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/water/choices>

Consultation on the draft update to the RBMPs

The Environment Agency consulted on a draft update to the RBMP in each river basin district, from 10 October 2014 to 10 April 2015. The consultation proposed long term objectives for the water environment and the measures to achieve them, where the costs were justified by the benefits. It asked for views about the objectives and measures and sought feedback on what stakeholders could help deliver. The consultation also provided an opportunity to comment on the supporting economic appraisal and environmental assessment.

486 responses were received. Following these consultations, the Environment Agency produced 2 response documents.

Firstly, a summary response document that contains the main findings from the consultation, including the number of responses and types of organisations that responded, and a summary of the engagement carried out.

Secondly, a document showing how the Environment Agency has acted on the consultation responses. This document covers responses to both the draft RBMPs and FRMPs to show how the consultation feedback is helping to shape both sets of plans. It summarises the main themes raised during both of the consultations and states how those responses will help influence delivery of those plans for the next cycle.

Both documents can be viewed here:

https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/draft_plans/consult

Consultation on the approach to flood risk management plans in England and Wales (August to October 2012)

The Flood Risk Regulations 2009 (the Regulations) require Lead Local Flood Authorities, the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales to prepare and publish Flood risk management plans (FRMPs). The Regulations set up a 6 year cycle of assessing, mapping and developing plans to manage flood risk.

Responses from 82 stakeholders across England and Wales were received, and key findings included:

- support for consolidated FRMPs produced by the Environment Agency or Natural Resources Wales in partnership with others by bringing together information from separate plans
- using this approach the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales will develop consolidated plans at a catchment scale by pooling information from other existing plans

The results of the consultation can be viewed here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/flood/plans/approach>

Consultation on the Flood risk management plans (FRMPs)

The Environment Agency consulted on draft Flood risk management plans (FRMPs) between 10 October 2014 and 31 January 2015. The Environment Agency worked in partnership with Lead Local Flood Authorities to develop the draft FRMPs covering 10 river basin districts in England. The Severn and the Dee FRMPs were produced jointly with Natural Resources Wales, and the Solway Tweed FRMP was produced jointly with the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

Each of the draft FRMPs were accompanied by an environmental report, documenting the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

The draft FRMPs outline how risk management authorities propose to work with communities to manage flood risk. These consultations asked for views on the proposals to manage flood risk as well as the format and content of the draft FRMPs. 393 consultation responses were received.

Following these consultations the Environment Agency published two response documents. The first 'Consultation on the draft flood risk management plans - summary response document (2015)' which includes a summary of the responses received, detailing the number of responses, who they were from and how they were submitted.

The second document 'Acting on your responses to the draft update to the river basin management plan and flood risk management plan consultation (2015)' was published in conjunction with RBMPs and includes the Environment Agency's response and actions in relation to the responses received.

Both documents can be viewed here:

https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/flood/draft_frmf/consult

Improving the classification of water stressed areas (October to November 2012)

This was a consultation on a proposed revised methodology to define areas of water stress in England and Wales. Responses from 31 stakeholders were received.

Key findings included:

- support for updating the water stressed areas classification to include additional principles and the latest available evidence
- agreement in keeping 3 levels of water stress (low stress, moderate stress and serious stress) due to simplicity

The response document can be viewed here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-stressed-areas-2013-classification

Review of the hydropower good practice guidelines (July to September 2011)

The 'Hydropower Good Practice Guidelines' (GPG) provides advice and technical guidance for designers and developers of low head hydropower schemes. Consultations on the proposed changes to the GPG were carried out in 2011 with the Hydropower Working Group who are representatives from interest groups and partners.

As a result of these findings a supplementary consultation on river flow and water abstraction was carried out (see below: 'Review of good practice guidelines for run-of-river hydropower schemes').

The full list of consultation questions and responses can be viewed here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/br/gpg/review>

Review of Good Practice Guidelines for run-of-river hydropower schemes: Supplementary consultation on river flow and water abstraction standards (January to April 2013)

This was a consultation on river flow and water abstraction standards for hydropower in response to the 'Review of the good hydropower good practice guidelines'.

The full list of consultation questions and responses can be viewed here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/br/standards/hydro>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Draft river basin management planning guidance

This consultation ran from 1 May to 30 May 2014. The draft guidance set out how the agencies would be expected to use new and updated standards in classifying the status of water bodies, regulating controlled activities and setting environmental objectives in the second cycle of the WFD (2000/60/EC) river basin management planning process in England and Wales. The standards document described the new and updated environmental standards.

The consultation document, and a summary of consultation responses, can be viewed here:
www.gov.uk/government/consultations/river-basin-management-planning-ministerial-guidance-and-standards

Final river basin management guidance was published in July 2014:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-basin-planning-guidance>

Directions to the Environment Agency (and Natural Resources Wales) setting out the new and updated environmental standards being used in the second cycle of river basin management plans were published in 2015. The standards reflect the latest scientific understanding of the standards needed for a healthy water environment; and peer reviewed work across Europe to harmonise standards for good status.

Marine Strategy Framework Directive consultations: UK Initial Assessment and Proposals for Good Environmental Status (December 2012); proposals for UK monitoring programmes (January 2014); proposals for a UK Programme of Measures (January 2015).

These were all joint Defra, Northern Ireland executive, Scottish government, and Welsh government consultations on implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Further information can be viewed here:

www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-and-sustainably-using-the-marine-environment/supporting-pages/implementing-the-marine-strategy-framework-directive

A summary of responses can be viewed here:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/marine-strategy-framework-directive-consultation-uk-initial-assessment-and-proposals-for-good-environmental-status

[Marine Strategy Framework Directive \(MSFD\): proposals for UK monitoring programmes - Consultations - GOV.UK](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/marine-strategy-framework-directive-consultation-uk-initial-assessment-and-proposals-for-good-environmental-status)

Natural England

Improvement Programme for England's Natura 2000 Sites (IPENS)

Natural England has worked with stakeholders and partners throughout the life of the IPENS programme in order to gain their commitment to its objectives and to the implementation of the action plans. A fundamental part of the development of Site Improvement Plans has been engagement with local and national stakeholders led by local site responsible officers. This engagement was mainly by email or telephone conversations, with face to face meetings for more contentious sites or where existing partnership meetings could be used. Engagement on theme plans started with a series of technical workshops in 2013, as a result of which some partner organisations remained involved as theme plan content was developed. Natural England's Major Landowner Group and Terrestrial Biodiversity Group members were given the opportunity to comment on draft content for all theme plans before publication. Engagement for practical implementation of IPENS findings will continue as part of the 'AfterLIFE programme'.

UK Technical Advisory Group on WFD

Hazardous/non hazardous pollutant assessment of 20 substances: 2013/14

A public consultation was carried out on twenty substances, which were assessed in accordance with the methodology for determining hazardous substances for the purposes of the Water Framework Directive and Groundwater Daughter Directive, and as required under legislation that transposes these requirements into domestic legislation in the UK and Ireland. This consultation was open February - March 2013.

The consultation amounted to a practical trial of the determination methodology, the results of which are summarised in a consultation response document which can be viewed here:

<http://www.wfduk.org/stakeholders/hazardous-non-hazardous-pollutant-assessment-20-substances-201314>

Final recommendations on biological and phosphorus standards

The review was open from 10 December 2012 to 28 February 2013. Following the consultation UKTAG has finalised its recommendations on 1) biological standards for rivers, lakes, coastal and estuaries and 2) phosphorus standards for rivers.

The consultation documents and the final recommendations can be viewed here:

www.wfduk.org/stakeholders/final-recommendations-new-and-updated-biological-standards-0

UKTAG Good ecological potential mitigation consultation 2013

This guidance has been reviewed which has led to proposals to better define a default flow regime for good ecological potential in rivers downstream of reservoirs and their intakes. The proposals include identification of those flows considered to be of ecological importance throughout the year and the criteria to be used to implement them. They will help the regulatory bodies determine if a heavily modified water body, affected by water impoundment, is at good ecological potential, and if not, identify what improvement measures need to be implemented.

The consultation closed on 16 August 2013 and the recommendations have been updated and finalised in light of feedback received.

The consultation can be viewed here:

www.wfduk.org/stakeholders/uktag-good-ecological-potential-mitigation-consultation-2013

The River Flow for Good Ecological Potential

The recommendations in this document were determined following consultation and a stakeholder workshop throughout 2013.

The recommendations are intended to help UKTAG's member agencies design appropriate mitigation flow regimes for good ecological potential in rivers designated heavily modified because of the impacts of water storage and supply. They provide guidance on how to:

- identify which of a number of ecologically important components of river flows (flow building blocks) are likely to be ecologically beneficial at the site concerned
- determine the appropriate magnitude, duration and frequency of the relevant flow building blocks, taking account of the ecological characteristics of the site concerned

The final recommendations can be viewed here: www.wfduk.org/resources/river-flow-good-ecological-potential

4. Involvement in the planning process

The Environment Agency has used the results of the consultations to make sure that the plans set out the best ways to protect and improve the water environment. The consultations help to build understanding about the value of integrated river basin management, gather input from others to help improve the plans, and help build support from others to drive action.

Throughout the river basin planning process, the Environment Agency discussed the proposals with people in a large number of national and local meetings, workshops and other events. A huge amount of information was received through formal responses and from informal engagement. A diverse range of groups, organisations and individuals were engaged. These include water, energy and industrial companies, charities, local government, non-governmental organisations, wildlife groups and the public.

A summary of engagement can be found in the 'Working Together to deliver river basin management' response document here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/working/together2012>

and in the 'Water for life and livelihoods: challenges and choices' response document here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/water/choices>

and in the 'Updated RBMPs' summary response document here:

https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/draft_plans/consult

But working with others is an ongoing process. We are building collaborative, long-term relationships through continual dialogue with those who have an interest in, or responsibility for, river basin management planning.

Many different groups work towards improving and protecting the water environment. These can either be based around specific issues or on a geographic area such as a catchment partnership.

National liaison panel for England

Representatives of major sectors and national organisations make up the national liaison panel for England. The panel takes an active role in the implementation of the WFD at a national level to:

- contribute to the implementation of national measures
- enable and encourage action by others
- track general progress of implementation of the river basin management plans

The national liaison panel also has an Estuaries and coasts sub group, made up of representatives from those sectors that can help deliver the measures in estuarine and coastal waters.

The full terms of reference for the national liaison panel for England can be viewed here:

<https://ea.sharefile.com/d-sb837ac69be84a70a>

A list of the national liaison panel, and Estuaries and coasts sub group, members is in the appendix at the end of this document.

River basin district liaison panels

Representatives of major sectors, organisations and catchment partnerships make up the 9 river basin district liaison panels.

The role of liaison panels is to:

- contribute evidence to enable decision making and reporting on river basin management plans
- devise and track measures and projects as part of a programme of work to prevent deterioration and improve the environment
- liaise with members and their sectors so as to ensure a broad base for decision making and communication
- assist and champion the implementation of the catchment based approach

To carry out this role, liaison panel members communicate with, and through, their organisations and sector or catchment networks.

The full terms of reference for the river basin district liaison panels can be viewed here:

<https://ea.sharefile.com/d-s45f582279384593b>

A list of the liaison panel members for each river basin district is in the appendix at the end of this document.

Catchment partnerships and the catchment based approach

Since March 2011 Defra, the Environment Agency and a variety of other organisations have been developing a Catchment Based Approach (CaBA). Central to CaBA is engagement of local stakeholders to establish common ownership of problems and their solutions, building partnerships to implement actions at the local level. The CaBA aim is to balance environmental, economic and social demands and align funding and actions within river catchments to bring about long term improvements.

Following a pilot phase Defra published a formal CaBA policy framework in May 2013. The Defra policy framework can be viewed here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/catchment-based-approach-improving-the-quality-of-our-water-environment

Over 100 catchment partnerships have been established across England since CaBA was launched in June 2013 (plus 6 cross border catchments with Scotland and Wales).

Catchment partnerships are groups of organisations with an interest in improving the environment in their local area and are led by a catchment host organisation. They inform the river basin management planning process and help implement measures by:

- providing local evidence
- targeting and coordinating action
- identifying and accessing funding for improvements in the catchment
- incorporating river basin management planning into the wider environmental management of the catchment

Some of the partnerships will produce their own catchment or local plans.

The partnerships work on a wide range of issues including, but not restricted to, the water environment and river basin management. Catchment partnerships cover coastal and marine waters.

The Environment Agency has around 60 dedicated catchment coordinators across England to support the catchment partnerships.

A CaBA national support group is in place, with a remit to work collaboratively to support catchment partnerships and to champion CaBA. The group comprises national Non Governmental Organisations, Defra, the Environment Agency, Natural England, the Forestry Commission and Water UK.

The national support group has developed a number of tools to support local catchment groups with their work, including hosting a series of learning events in February and March 2013 to share best practice on catchment management.

The national support group, through a working group, is striving to improve data and evidence sharing. For example the Catchment Data Explorer (<http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/>) and Geostore (<http://www.geostore.com/environment-agency/>) and the trial of an evidence sharing platform, have significantly improved how river basin planning data is now all publically available. The national support group have commissioned the development of visual platforms and models so that this data can now be interrogated by farmers and other stakeholders.

More information on the Catchment Based Approach and the national support group can be found here:

www.catchmentbasedapproach.org/

Public dialogue on significant water management issues

In order to gather views from the public to feed in to the RBMPs, the Environment Agency held a series of workshops of 8 workshops between September and November 2013, in different locations across England. They were facilitated by experts in public engagement and were designed to prompt discussion and seek views around some of the key issues in water management. The final report and key findings can be viewed here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-dialogue-on-significant-water-management-issues

Regional Flood and Coastal Committees

Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (RFCCs) were established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. They promote partnership working to understand flood and coastal erosion risks and to ensure coherent plans for identifying, communicating and managing flood and coastal erosion risks across catchment and coastlines (www.gov.uk/government/publications/regional-flood-and-coastal-committees-map). RFCCs meet on a quarterly basis and bring together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities and independent members. The Environment Agency engaged with RFCCs throughout the development of draft Flood risk management plans.

Water resource management planning

Water companies produce a Water Resource Management Plan every 5 years to show how they will manage their water supplies and protect the environment over the next 25 years. This is a statutory requirement and the water companies last consulted their customers, statutory consultees and interested parties in May to August 2013. Nearly all companies published final plans in 2014, after taking account of what was raised in the consultation.

Customer challenge groups

The role of customer challenge groups is to ensure that water companies consult with their customers and that the results of these consultations are accounted for in company business plans. They also assess how successful water companies are in achieving outcomes for customers and the environment. Each water company has its own customer challenge group which is made up of members of the public, customer representatives including the Consumer Council for Water, local authorities, organisations representing customers with specific needs (for example Age UK or Citizens Advice) and regulators such as Natural England and the Environment Agency. As part of the water company's business planning process each customer challenge group discussed river basin planning and the outcomes their water companies should be seeking for the water environment and future environmental programmes. This included work required to meet WFD obligations.

5. Appendix – list of liaison panel members

National liaison panel for England

Sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Pete Fox
Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Anne Dacey
Association of Drainage Authorities	Association of Drainage Authorities	Innes Thomson
Local Government	Bradford City Council (rep for Local Government Association)	Tony Poole
Canal & River Trust	Canal & River Trust	Peter Birch
Defra	Defra	David Cooper
Defra	Defra	Helen Ainsworth
Forestry Commission	Forestry Commission	Mark Broadmeadow
Highways England	Highways England	Michael Whitehead
Marine & Coastal Regulation	Marine Management Organisation	Michael Coyle
Rural Land Management	National Farmers Union	Rob Howells
Rural Land Management	National Farmers Union	Diane Mitchell
Rural Land Management	National Trust	Stewart Clarke
Rural Land Management	Country Land and Business Association	Derek Holliday
Natural England	Natural England	Alastair Burn
Recreational users	Royal Yachting Association (rep for Central Council of Physical Recreation)	Emma Barton
Environmental NGOs	RSPB (rep for Wildlife and Countryside Link)	Simon Wightman
Environmental NGOs	The Rivers Trust	Arlin Rickard
Riparian owners/fisheries	Salmon & Trout Association	Paul Knight

Shellfish Industry	Shellfish Association of Great Britain	David Jarrad
Ports and Harbours	United Kingdom Major Ports Group	Liz English
Water Consumers	Consumer Council for Water	Sarah Thomas
Water industry	OFWAT	Nicholas Adjei
Water Industry	Water UK	Sarah Mukherjee

Estuaries and coasts sub group

Sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Anne Dacey
Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Dominic Hutchings
Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Paul Parker
Environment Agency (Technical Secretary)	Environment Agency	Mike Jones
Agriculture	NFU	Nicola Dunn
Cefas	Cefas	Chris Vivian
Coastal Groups	Coastal Groups Chair	Bryan Curtis
Coastal Partnership	Coastal Partnership Network	Caroline Salthouse/ Amy Pryor
Defra	Defra Marine Environment	Dominic Pattinson / Richard Moxon
Defra	Defra WFD Implementation	Mark Rosenberg
Defra	Defra Marine Planning	Steve Collins, Gary Larkman
Environmental NGO	Catchment Based Approach National Support Group	Ali Morse
Environmental NGO	Wildlife Trusts	Helen Perkins
Environmental NGO	Marine Conservation Society	Laura Foster
Environmental NGO	RSPB	Simon Wightman
Fisheries	Shellfish Association of Great Britain	David Jarrard / Sarah Horsfall
Fisheries	Sea fish Industry Authority	Mandy Pyke
Fisheries	Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	Stephen Bolt
Land Management	Country Land and Business Association	Derek Holliday
Land Management	National Trust	Phil Dyke
Local Government	Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group	Cllr Stuart Hughes
Marine Aggregates	Marine Aggregates	Mark Russell

Marine and Coastal Regulation	Marine Management Organisation	Ruth Barber
Natural England	Natural England	Alastair Burn / Kevan Cook
Natural Resources Wales	Natural Resources Wales	Mark Charlesworth / Jill Howells
Ports and Navigation	British Ports Association	David Whitehead
Ports and Navigation	International Navigation Association (PIANC)	Jan Brooke
Ports and Navigation	UK Major Ports Group	Liz English / Richard Bird
Ports and Navigation	UK Chamber of Shipping	Richard Nevinson
Ports and Navigation	United Kingdom Harbour Masters Association	TBC
Recreational Users	British Marine Federation	Brian Clark
Recreational Users	Royal Yachting Association	Emma Barton / Paul Raynor
Renewable Energy	Renewable UK	Filippo Locatelli
Sea Angling	Angling Trust	David Mitchell
Seabed Users	Seabed Uses and Developers Group	Peter Barham
Water Industry	Water UK	Sarah Mukherjee
Corresponding members		
Department for Transport	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Kevin Colcomb
JNCC	JNCC	Steve Gibson
Land Management	Crown Estate	Olivia Thomas
Welsh Government	Welsh Government - Marine	Tamsin Brown

River basin district liaison panel members

Anglian river basin district liaison panel

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Julie Foley
Local authorities	Peterborough City Council	Julia Chatterton
Natural England	Natural England	Gareth Dalglish
Water Companies	Anglian Water	Clive Harward
Environmental NGOs	RSPB	John Sharpe
Farming	National Farmers Union	Rob Wise
Ports	Harwich Haven	John Brien
National Parks	Broads Authority	Simon Hooton
Internal Drainage Boards	Middle level commissioners	Iain Smith
Angling and fisheries	Angling Trust, Eastern region	Kelvin Allen
Rivers Trusts	The Rivers Trusts	Barry Bendall
Local Economic Partnerships / Business / Industry	Wild Anglia	Richard Powell
Catchment partnerships	Upper & Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership	Cliff Andrews
Catchment partnerships	Combined Essex Catchment Partnership	Mark Iley
Catchment partnerships	River Nene Regional Park	Katherine Hardcastle

Thames river basin district liaison panel

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Water companies	Thames Water	Yvette de Garis
Port Authority	Port of London Authority	Tanya Ferry
NGO	Thames Estuary Partnership	Amy Pryor
NGO	Thames Landscape Strategy	Jason Debney
Central Government	Natural England	Rebecca Tibbetts
Greater London Authority	Greater London Authority	Kevin Reid
Fisheries and angling	Institute for Fisheries Management	Peter Spillett
Agriculture	Country Land and Business Association	Robin Edwards
NGO	Berkshire Buckinghamshire and Oxon Wildlife Trust	Matt Jackson
Business and industry	RWE Npower	Neil Edwards
Boat users	Dutch Barge Association	Andy Soper
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Caroline Douglass
RFCC	Thames RFCC	Rob Oates
Regional and Local Government	Hertfordshire Council	John Rumble
Academia	Greenwich University	Dr Vanessa Taylor

Severn river basin district liaison panel

Catchment/Sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Dafydd Evans
Natural Resources Wales	Natural Resources Wales	Bill Purvis
Local authorities - England	Telford & Wrekin Council	Gavin Ashford
Local authorities - Wales	Monmouthshire County Council	Dave Harris
Natural England	Natural England	Ian Butterfield
Water companies - England	Severn Trent Water	Mark Craig
Water companies - Wales	Welsh Water Dwr Cymru	Paul Henderson
Agriculture - England	National Farmers Union	Sarah Faulkner
Agriculture - Wales	CLA Wales	Ben Underwood
Environmental NGOs	Wales Environment Link	Julian Jones
Environmental/Angling/Fishery NGOs/Catchment host	Wye & Usk Foundation	Stephen Marsh Smith
Business and Industry	Aggregate Industries	Graeme King
Natural Resources Wales (representing former IDB interests)	Natural Resources Wales	Matt Bajowski
Ports	The Bristol Port Company	Anne Hayes
Water consumers - England	Consumer Council for Water Midlands	Sarah Thomas
Inland navigation	Canal & River Trust	Sara James
Environmental/Angling/Fishery NGOs	Severn Rivers Trust	Tony Bostock
Catchment host	Wessex Water	Zoe Hancocks

South East river basin district liaison panel

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Fisheries and angling	Test and Itchen Association	Paul Jose
Ports	Associated British Ports	Sue Simmonite
Regional and Local Government	East Sussex County Council	Karl Taylor
eNGO	Royal Society for Protection of Birds	Steve Gilbert
Water companies	Southern Water	John Spence
Central Government	Natural England	Louise Bardsley
Marine Fisheries and Angling	Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	Tim Dapling
Recreation	Royal Yachting Association	Paul Raynor
Agriculture	National Farmers Union	Tom Ormesher
Regional and Local Government	Kent County Council	Kate Philips
Fisheries and angling	Arun and Rother Rivers Trust	Sebastian Anstruther
ex-Southern RFERAC chair, fisheries and angling	The Atlantic Salmon Trust	Ivor Llewelyn
ex-Thames REPAC chair	Independent	Valerie Owen
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Andrew Pearce

South West river basin district liaison panel

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Lucy Hunt
Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Jeremy Bailey, Sophie Moore
Dorset	Dorset Wildlife Trust & Wessex Water	Andrew Pollard / Sarah Williams & Ruth Barden
East Devon	Devon Wildlife Trust & Westcountry Rivers Trust	Harry Barton & Laurence Couldrick
Hampshire Avon	Wessex Chalk Stream & Rivers Trust	Jon Bass
North Cornwall, Seaton, Looe & Fowey	Cornwall Wildlife Trust	Cheryl Marriot
South & West Somerset	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group SW Ltd	Ben Thorne /Ann Langdon
South Devon	Westcountry Rivers Trust & South Devon AONB	Laurence Couldrick & Robin Toogood
Tamar	Westcountry Rivers Trust	Laurence Couldrick
West Cornwall & Falmouth	Cornwall Wildlife Trust	Cheryl Marriot
S. Devon	AONB	Robin Toogood
Harbours	Portland Harbour Authority	Sandie Wilson
Water	Wessex Water	Ruth Barden
Water	South West Water	Lewis Jones
Industry	Aggregate	John Penny
Rivers	Wessex Chalk Stream	Jon Bass
Rivers	Westcountry Rivers Trust	Laurence Couldrick
Water - customer challenge group	Consumer Council for Water	Vacant at April 2015
Local authority	Teignbridge Council	Graeme Smith
Wildlife	Devon Wildlife Trust	Harry Barton
Local Authority – Coastal Officer	Devon County Council	Aidan Winder
Natural England	Natural England	Orlando Venn
Farming	NFU	Paul Cottington
Fish/riparian owners	Fish riparian owners	Roger Furniss
RSPB	RSPB	Richard Archer

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Catchment/Sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Keith Ashcroft
Environment Agency (Board)	Environment Agency (Board)	Clive Elphick
Local authorities	AGMA (Association of Greater Manchester Authorities)	Mark Atherton
Local authorities	Lake District National Park Authority	Mark Eccles
NGO	Canal & River Trust	Cath Ferguson
Rivers	Rivers Trust	Alistair Maltby
Rivers	Ribble Rivers Trust	Jack Spees
Rivers	South Cumbria Rivers Trust	Pete Evoy
Rivers	Lune Rivers Trust	Sarah Littlefield
Rivers	Wyre Rivers Trust	Phil Robson
Rivers	West Cumbria Rivers Trust	Vikki Salas
Rivers	Healthy Waterways Trust	Caroline Riley
Land/countryside	National Trust	John Malley
Industry	United Utilities	Jo Harrison
Natural England	Natural England	Paul Glading
Water	Consumer Council for Water	Pending appointment
NGO	Groundwork MSSTT	Paula Pearson
NGO	Groundwork Cheshire Lancashire & Merseyside	Sara Clowes
Farming	NFU	Alice Unsworth
Industry	INEOS	Darius Richardson
Industry	Chemicals North West	John Roche
Industry	Chemical Industries Association	David Pollard
Fisheries	Chair - Ribble Fisheries Consultative Association	David Hinks
Ports	Harbour Master – Peel Ports, Mersey Maritime Centre	Steve Gallimore
Countryside	CLA (Country Land & Business Association) North	Richard Frewen
Forestry	Forestry Commission	James Anderson-Bickley

Northumbria river basin district liaison panel

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Marie Fallon
Ports	Port of Tyne Authority	James Wright
Business and Industry	Coal Authority	Ian Watson
Business and Industry	Tees INCA	Bob Pailor
Farming	NFU	James Copeland
Forestry	Forestry Commission	Richard Pow
Local Authorities	Gateshead MBC	Peter Bell
National Parks	Northumberland National Park	Andrew Miller
Natural England	Natural England	Rob Aubrook
Rural Business	CLA	Dorothy Fairburn
Water Company	Northumbrian Water	Ken Oswald/Richard Warneford
Local Authorities	ANEC	Councillor David Rose
Consumers	Consumer Council for Water	Barbara Leach
Catchment Host	Northumberland Rivers Trust	John Hogger
Catchment Host	Wear	Peter Nailon
Catchment Host	Tees	Ben Lamb
Environmental NGOs/Tyne Catchment Host	Tyne Rivers Trust	Susan Mackirdy

Trent and Ancholme Partnership Group

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Lisa Pinney
Ancholme catchment host	Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust and North Lincolnshire Council	Tim Allen
Derbyshire Derwent catchment host	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Kath Stapley
Idle catchment host	Nottmshire Wildlife Trust	Claire Sambridge
Torne catchment host	Yorkshire Wildlife trust	Nic Scothern
Idle and Torne catchment host	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Claire Sambridge
Lower Trent and Erewash catchment host	Groundwork Greater Nottingham	Jo Phelan
Soar catchment host	Trent Rivers Trust	Ruth Needham
Dove catchment host	Trent Rivers Trust	Ruth Needham
Staffordshire Trent Valley catchment host	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	Nick Mott
Tame Anker Mease	Severn Trent Water	Jodie Rettino
E-NGO	National Trust	Carl Hawke
E-NGO	RSPB	tbc
Recreation	Canoe England	Chris Page
Heavy industry	Tata Steel	Chris Jackson
Aggregates	Tarmac	Nic Atkins
Agriculture	NFU	Paul Tame
LNP/Local Authority	Notts CC	Martin Suthers
Natural England	Natural England	Ian Butterfield
Water Company	Severn Trent Water Anglian Water	Jodie Rettino Simon Eyre
Inland navigation	Canal & River Trust	Lucie Hoelmer
Angling and fisheries	Angling Trust	Don Jones
Consumer Groups	Consumer Council for Water	Sarah Thomas
Flood risk management	Trent RFCC/IDB	John Coggan
Education	Birmingham City University	Alister Scott
Landowner/LNP	Individual	Tim Farr
Infrastructure	Highways England	Simon Baldrey

Humber (Yorkshire) liaison panel

Catchment/sector	Organisation	Name
Environment Agency (chair)	Environment Agency	Mark Scott
Business and Industry	Coal Authority	Ian Watson
Navigation	Canal & River Trust	Jonathan Hart-Woods
Environmental NGOs	Calder & Colne Rivers Trust	Ian Oates
Rural Business	Country Land & Business Association	Dorothy Fairburn
Consumers	Consumer Council for Water	Hilary Putman
Farming	National Farmers Union	James Copeland
Ports	Associated British Ports	Tom Jeynes
Natural England	Natural England	David Shaw
Water Company	Yorkshire Water	Miles Foulger
Hull & East Riding catchment partnership host	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Terry Smithson/Jon Traill
Aire & Calder catchment partnership host	Aire Rivers Trust	Geoff Roberts
Don & Rother catchment partnership host	Don Catchment Rivers Trust	David Rowley
Esk & Coast catchment partnership host	Yorkshire Esk Rivers Trust	Angus Oughtred
Derwent catchment partnership host	East Yorkshire Rivers Trust	Steve Axford
Swale, Ure, Nidd; and Wharfe and Ouse catchment partnership host	Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust	Andrew Brown
Humber Estuary catchment partnership host	Humber Nature Partnership	Darren Clarke Tania Davey

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