



Water for life and livelihoods

River Basin Management Plan
South East River Basin District

Annex L: Record of consultation
and engagement

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L.1 Introduction

This annex presents a summary of the steps taken nationally and within the South East River Basin District to ensure that the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) has been produced through consultation and engagement with interested parties.

It is an important principle of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) to encourage a wide range of stakeholders to be involved in improving the water environment. As a first step to securing meaningful engagement stakeholders and the public need access to the information about the work in hand. Significant efforts to make information easily accessible have been made and they are described below under the heading “Public access to information”.

As a step on from making information available, and in order to gain a more detailed insight into the views of stakeholders on different aspects of river basin management, there have been a number of consultations on general and specific aspects of implementation. Some of these were led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Welsh Assembly Government, some by the Environment Agency, and some by other bodies such as the United Kingdom Technical Advisory Group. Some of the consultations have had a river basin district focus and some have been for England and Wales (“national” in the context of this chapter). All of these consultations have helped develop the proposals for river basin management and provided the benefit of wide geographical, sectoral and stakeholder coverage, and linked into a number of groups focussed on specific water management issues. All these activities are listed below under the heading of “Consultations” along with a summary of their outcomes.

Finally, the process of producing this River Basin Management Plan has benefited from the active involvement in the planning process itself by many different stakeholders. These have taken place at the national (England and Wales) and at the regional level through very wide ranging activities, which include for example the work of the National stakeholders, the river basin district liaison panels and many local groups. These forms of engagement are listed and described below under the heading “Involvement in the planning process”. Because this engagement has been extensive over a number of years this list is not exhaustive.

L.2 Public access to information

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| Environment Agency | |
| Environment Agency website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Article 5 information (River Basin Characterisation outputs) on 'What's in your backyard' (WIYBY) – 2005 • Technical water body level information on objectives, classification status and identified risks as presented in the draft River Basin Management Plans - December 2008 <p>A river basin management web page has been set up and is updated regularly. Information on website includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background documentation used in River Basin District Liaison Panel meetings and the minutes of meetings • Information about river basin districts, and guidance for key sectors • All consultation documents and supporting information posted on the website (different sites depending on the lead organisation for each consultation) • Posting of all statement of response to consultations • The internet address of the online consultation was promoted to local stakeholders' websites to enable web links to be created. • Use of electronic consultation to facilitate responses • Technical supporting information including further characterisation (risk assessment) outputs, classification, objectives and measures as presented in the draft River Basin Management Plans • Contact details for Environment Agency staff involved in river basin management |
| Use of public libraries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic and hard copy versions of the consultation documents ('River Basin Planning: Working Together', 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' and 'draft South East River Basin Management Plan') were made available at the district's central library and all local branches |
| Use of Environment Agency offices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all Environment Agency led consultation documents were made available free of charge at the Head Office in Bristol and in the principal office in the South East River Basin District at Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing BN11 1LD |
| Direct mail outs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of 'The Water Framework Directive – Guiding Principles on the Technical Requirements' mailed to National stakeholders • 300 paper copies and 400 electronic copies of the consultation document 'River Basin Planning: Working Together' sent to stakeholders |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 paper copies and 700 electronic copies of 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' sent to stakeholders • 50 paper copies and a number of electronic copies of the 'draft South East River Basin Management Plan' were sent to stakeholders through the Panel and their Sectors via SharePoint • Direct notification of consultations sent to 1200 South East River Basin District stakeholders <p>The database used was populated via a stakeholder analysis of key organisations relevant to the Water Framework Directive and supplemented by a questionnaire issued to capture the names of additional interested stakeholders</p> |
| Public notices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice published in London Gazette for one day stating submission on 22 September 2009 of the 'River Basin Management Plans 2009-2015' to Ministers for approval, under Regulation 13(1)(b) of the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 • Notice of consultation on 'River Basin Planning: Working Together' published in the London Gazette for two weeks • Notice of consultation on the 'draft South East River Basin Management Plan' published in the Southern Daily Echo for one week from 29 January 2009; in the Brighton Evening Argus for two weeks from 29 January 2009 and in Kent on Sunday for one week from 1 February 2009 • Notice of consultation on 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' published in the Hampshire Chronicle for two weeks from 2 August 2007 • Notice of consultation on 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' published in the London Gazette for two weeks from 24 July 2007 • Notice of consultation on 'River Basin Planning: Working Together' published in the Southern Daily Echo for two weeks from 21 December 2006 |
| Technical pamphlets/ information sheets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Water Framework Directive introductory material distributed at conferences • Issue/ sector based briefing sheets distributed at conferences • Sector briefing notes for the South East River Basin District produced during the consultation on the draft River Basin Management Plan, and available on the Environment Agency website • Significant Issues Evidence summary on Water Management Issues published in September 2007 as a supplement to the Significant Issues Report |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Framework Strategic Assessment Report produced at a national level including the evidence for particular pressures and the measures that could be used to address them |
| Publicity material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of leaflets to publicise and promote participation in consultations • Regular publication of 'River Basin Planning Newsletter for the South East River Basin District', to publicise and promote participation in consultations and other news • Publication of 'Improve your local water environment' leaflet circulated to approximately 1,000 stakeholders. • Article promoting public consultation on draft South East River Basin Management Plan included in Summer 2009 edition of Solent News • National photography competition launched in April 2009 for Under 16s to promote the value of water • Leaflets entitled 'About Your Rivers' distributed at Pride in Brighton on 1 August 2009 |
| Interviews/articles in local media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted the 'Significant Issues' consultation on local radio stations and distributed media release • Articles promoting public consultation were published in Southern Daily Echo (Southampton) on 24 December 2008; in the Worthing Advertiser on 13 May 2009; in The News (Portsmouth) on 17 June 2009 and in the Kent and Sussex Courier on 19 June 2009 • Media releases publicising the River Basin Mmanagement Plan and public consultation details were sent out to stakeholders on 22 December 2008 , February 2009 and then notice of one week before the end of the consultation period on 15 June 2009 • Article in Southern Daily Echo (Southampton) on 2 September 2009 publicising how the Water Framework Directive will lead to improvements in the water quality of the rivers, coastal waters and groundwaters over the coming years |
| Public meetings/drop in events, other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder workshop on river basin planning in March 2006 • Drop in surgeries for stakeholders to discuss draft River Basin Management Plan held in Worthing on 6th April and 5th June 2009 On 27 April in Kent and in Hampshire on 23 April 2009 |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer for translations of documents to be made available on request |

| Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs | |
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| Publication of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping study for Water Framework Directive Annex III (economic |

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| background documents on the economic aspects of implementation | analysis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Impact Assessment on potential costs and benefits associated with new environmental standards • Report on economic importance and dynamics of use of River Basin Characterisation led by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government also involved • Report on cost recovery and incentive pricing led by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government also involved • Report on cost-effectiveness analysis and methodology for assessing disproportionate costs led by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government also involved • Report on private water services • Groundwater daughter directive partial Regulatory Impact Assessment covering England and Wales • Priority substances partial Regulatory Impact Assessment |
| Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 5 reports • Advert for the draft River Basin Management Plans consultation and links to details on the competent authority websites |
| United Kingdom Water Framework Directive Technical Advisory Group | |
| United Kingdom Water Framework Directive Technical Advisory Group website | Access to information on technical interpretation of Water Framework Directive requirements including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental standards • Classification |

L.3 Consultations

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| Led by the Environment Agency | | | |
| Draft South East River Basin Management Plan | <p>This document presented the main issues for the South East River Basin District and briefly set out the actions that were proposed to deal with them. The annexes to the document gave much more detail on the conditions in the river basin district, the actions proposed and the mechanisms that can be used to take these actions forward.</p> <p>Most members of the liaison panel endorsed the report for consultation.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 90 responses by e-mail, letter and e-consultation to the consultation. The main comments received were that there was general support for the aims of the draft plan, and recognition for the size of the task in putting it together • There were concerns about the limited increase in the number of good quality water bodies by 2015 • Consultees requested greater clarity about how actions are selected, the justifications for extending deadlines beyond 2015, and how some water bodies such as the heavily modified ones were designated • Some stakeholders felt that more effective legislation is required, to back up voluntary actions • Most respondents did not comment on | December 2008 – June 2009 |

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| | | <p>individual water bodies. Those that did raised a range of issues including boundaries, classification, objectives, and requests for measures to be listed by water body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity was requested on the link with other plans and processes. There was concern about the integration of actions for protected areas • Although stakeholders were helped by the information in the draft plan, some found it either too detailed, or not detailed enough • Opinion was divided as to whether the assessment of how climate change will affect the pressures on the water environment was accurate • There was concern about the balance of costs of implementing the draft plan, and the impact on some stakeholders such as small businesses <p>As a result of the comments made, The Environment Agency:</p> | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have sought to increase the ambition of the first plan • Will revise the scope and/or specificity of several local measures • Will add a number of new measures to the plan, identified by consultees • Will actively pursue opportunities with stakeholders/individuals who have raised an ability or interest in implementing actions <p>Further detail is provided in 'draft River Basin Management Plans, a consultation response for the South East River Basin District'</p> <p>http://wfdconsultation.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfdcms/en/southeast/Intro.aspx</p> | |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment Reports for the draft River Basin Management Plans | The Water Framework Directive requires the production of River Basin Management Plans across the United Kingdom. These plans require assessment under the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EC) to identify wider effects on the environment. The environmental | A total of 5 responses were received relating directly to the South East Plan. A summary of comments across all river basin districts included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of ensuring the maintenance of water supplies to canals and the need to maintain canals open for navigation and at suitable depth. | December 2008-June 2009 |

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| | <p>report presented the methodology we used in the SEA, an explanation of how environmental factors have been considered within the decision-making, and the results and conclusions of the SEA process.</p> | <p>Concerns were also raised about measures that may require the screening of abstractions and transfers to supply water to reservoirs and canals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of river basin management process in delivering habitat creation, green infrastructure, re-instatement of habitat, and the enhancement of protected and UKBAP, LBAP and other locally important species • Concerns were raised about how the SEA has considered the historic environment (including historic landscape character, historic built environment, archaeological remains and deposits). Sensitivities include: changes in water quality, water levels, habitat restoration schemes, managed realignment and pollution | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents wished to see further evidence of how the SEA had influenced the Plan process and how it may be possible to influence other future plans and strategies <p>Further detail and the action the Environment Agency has taken to all comments is provided in the 'Strategic Environmental Assessment Statement of Particulars'.</p> <p>http://wfdconsultation.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfdcms/en/southeast/Intro.aspx</p> | |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Reports consultation | The Water Framework Directive requires the production of River Basin Management Plans across the United Kingdom. These plans require assessment under the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) to identify wider effects on the environment. The Scoping Reports set out the information to be included in this assessment | The results of the consultation were considered in finalising the approach to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Further details for each river basin district can be obtained on the Environment Agency website. | October to November 2007 (extended to January 2008) |
| River Basin Planning – | This document presented information | 21 responses were received. The majority of | December 2006 to June 2007 |

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| Working Together South East River Basin District | <p>and proposals about the way river basin planning could work in the South East River Basin District and how and when people interested in participating in this process could do so.</p> <p>The members of the Liaison Panel endorsed the 'Significant Issues' report for consultation</p> | <p>responses agreed with the proposals. As a result of the comments made, The Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added additional stakeholders to the database, in particular people from the fishing community • Encouraged involvement. They produced and disseminated a publication called 'Get Involved'; held catchment and issue workshops and worked with established groups and forums to reduce duplication of effort <p>Further detail is provided in 'River basin planning: working together, a consultation response for the South East River Basin District'</p> | |
| Water for life and livelihoods – a strategy for River Basin Planning in England and Wales | <p>This document set out proposals for how the Environment Agency was planning to work to develop River Basin Management Plans and implement the Water Framework Directive. In particular how it would engage with and encourage participation from stakeholders at national, regional and local level; and how it would integrate different aspects of</p> | <p>Responses were received from many different stakeholders. These contributed to refining the planned approach to river basin management, particularly in relation to the terms of reference for stakeholder engagement. This consultation process also helped the process of aligning the thinking about implementation of the Directive between the Department for Environment, Food and</p> | January to April 2005 |

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| | managing the water environment | Rural Affairs, the Welsh Assembly Government and key stakeholders. | |
| River Basin Characterisation | District based consultation on River Basin Characterisation (Water Framework Directive Article 5) | <p>There were many varied and constructive responses, with many suggesting improvements to the Environment Agencies proposals. As a result of these comments, The Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • made method statements clearer • refined and corrected the assessments for authorised point and diffuse sources, where necessary • updated morphological pressure assessments where new information was available • improved assessment of non-native species risks to surface waters; and chemical and quantitative risks to ground water | September to November 2004 |
| The Water Framework Directive – Guiding Principles on the Technical Requirements | This document presented the Environment Agency's interpretation of the technical requirements from Annex II and V of the Water Framework Directive. Aspects covered by these annexes included the characterisation of surface and groundwater body | <p>Responses were received from a number of the main stakeholders. These allowed the Environment Agency to achieve a common understanding of the technical requirements of the Directive and informed the work undertaken to complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Characterisation Reports | June to September 2002 |

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| | types; identification of pressures and impacts; review of impacts of human activity; classification of surface water and groundwater bodies; and the design of monitoring programmes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the design of the monitoring programmes the approach to status classification for water bodies | |

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| Consultation on the Draft Flood and Water Management Bill | <p>The draft Flood and Water Management Bill will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deliver improved security, service and sustainability for people and their communities it will be clear who is responsible for managing flood risk protect essential water supplies modernise the law for managing flood risk and reservoir safety encourage more sustainable forms of drainage enable water companies to control more non-essential uses of water during droughts make it easier to resolve misconnections to sewers <p>The overall effect will</p> | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/flood-water-bill/index.htm</p> | April to July 2009 |
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| <p>Consultation on the second phase of Environmental Permitting Programme (EPP2)</p> | <p>be a healthier environment, better service and greater protection for people, their communities and businesses.</p> <p>EPP2 is a Better Regulation initiative designed to reduce costs for operators and the regulator by cutting unnecessary red tape, while continuing to protect the environment and human health. This consultation proposes to extend the single EP system formed under EPP1 to create a common system of risk-based environmental permitting and compliance for an extended range of regimes. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Discharge consents: Permits to control certain discharges to surface water; • Groundwater Authorisations: Permits to control the disposal of specific substances into groundwater, and; • Radioactive Substances Regulation: permits for keeping and use of radioactive materials; and for | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/env-permitting/letter.htm</p> | <p>February to May 2009</p> |

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| | accumulation and disposal of radioactive waste. | | |
| Consultation on new arrangements for establishing Water Protection Zones | For England, the principle of new Water Protection Zone arrangements was included in all options for the consultation on Catchment Sensitive Farming. A Welsh consultation will consider the need for new Water Protection Zone arrangements alongside other agricultural diffuse pollution measures. | http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-protection-zones/index.htm http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/waterprotectionzones/?lang=en&status=closed | Catchment Sensitive Farming consultation in England ended in November 2007 December 2008 to March 2009 |
| Consultation on Directions to the Environment Agency on Classification of Water Bodies | This consultation is the final stage in a process of developing the environmental quality standards and other criteria recommended for use in classification in the first river basin planning cycle. It also includes recommendations on methodologies for the use of those standards and criteria to classify all WFD water bodies. | | October to December 2008 |
| Consultation on Directions to the Environment Agency on Classification of Water Bodies | This consultation is the final stage in a process of developing the environmental quality standards and other criteria recommended for use in classification in the first river basin planning cycle. It also includes recommendations on methodologies for the | | October to December 2008 |

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| | use of those standards and criteria to classify all WFD water bodies. | | |
| Ministerial Guidance - Consultation on River Basin Planning Guidance Volume 2 | Consultation seeks views upon draft guidance in relation to standards, objectives, emerging policy trends, issues around technical feasibility and disproportionate cost; and impact assessments associated with the Water Framework Directive. | http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/wfd/documents/consult-guidance-response-letter.pdf | February to May 2008 |
| Consultation on Implementation of European Union Legislation in England and Wales: Aquatic Animal Health Directive | <p>This paper asks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the provisions in the Directive which are obligatory; • comment on the interpretation; • respond on the proposals relating to the areas of choice. <p>The Directive and the implementing proposals generally cover the aquatic animals when they are caught, kept or moved by humans. There are also some obligations in relation to aquatic animals in the wild.</p> | http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/khv/khv-consultation-doc.pdf | December 2007 to March 2008 |
| Consultation on the implementation of the revised Bathing Water Directive | <p>The purpose of this Consultation paper was to seek views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number and type of bathing waters where measures should be taken to improve the water quality; | http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/waterquality/bathing/documents/summary-responses.pdf | November 2007 to February 2008 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of a prediction and discounting system; and • the development of public information for beach signage. | | |
| <p>Consultation on the review of schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and a ban on the sale of certain species</p> | <p>This consultation sought comments on proposals for a prohibition on the sale of certain species. The prohibition will be achieved by an Order made under section 14ZA of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.</p> | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/wildlife/management/non-native/documents/consultation.pdf</p> | <p>November 2007 to January 2008</p> |
| <p>Consultation on Non-Agricultural Diffuse Pollution</p> | <p>General binding rules for non-agricultural diffuse pollution; Control on phosphates in laundry detergents; Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems: permeable surfaces, filter strips and swales, infiltration devices, basins and ponds.</p> | <p>Various steps are being considered and the Consultation on options for controls on phosphates in domestic laundry cleaning products in England has been launched.</p> | <p>February to May 2007</p> |
| <p>Consultation on mechanisms to deliver Water Framework Directive Requirements on hydromorphology</p> | <p>This document looks at the range of legislative, economic and voluntary mechanisms that are available in England and Wales for delivering measures to avoid or reduce effects resulting from hydromorphological pressures, and whether they are sufficient to meet Water Framework Directive requirements.</p> | <p>The majority who responded welcomed the consultation and most provided practical and constructive comments.</p> <p>Various options are being considered with the Environment Agency taking on board responses to recent consultation. Any new powers that might be needed would have to</p> | <p>February to May 2007</p> |

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| Article 5 economic analysis of water use supporting document | Article 5 (characterisation) requirement for River Basin District based assessments of the 'Economic analysis of water use'. | <p>be in place by the end of 2009.</p> <p>The idea of a catchment restoration fund is being actively considered to address the physical restoration of a number of water bodies. Reports summarising, for each River Basin District, the analysis required by Article 5 of the Directive have been reported by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (on behalf of the United Kingdom) to the European Commission.</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/wfd/characterisation.htm</p> | March 2005 |
| Consultation on Guidance for River Basin Planning | This guidance set out the expectations of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in relation to river basin planning. | Set out in two parts. See Ministerial Guidance Consultation. | December 2004 to March 2005 |
| Second consultation on the Water Framework Directive | This second consultation invited views on the key issues arising from transposition and implementation of the Water Framework Directive into national legislation. | <p>The summary of responses and the response to them is detailed in the document below, from pages 14 – 53.</p> <p>http://www.freshwaterlife.org/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet?filename=1060944568091_WFD_consult3_chapters_only.pdf</p> | October 2002 to January 2003 |
| First consultation on the Water Framework | This consultation invited views on key issues arising from the | In addition to the main themes, the role of wetlands and the degree | March to June 2001 |

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| Directive | implementation of the Water Framework Directive. It was the first step, including discussions with the principal affected parties. It also served as an introduction to the Directive's provisions and principal obligations. | <p>to which they could be protected under the Water Framework Directive and the definition and timing of the "no deterioration" in status requirement were discussed.</p> <p>As a result of the comments made the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Welsh Assembly Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed that its important to develop techniques to trace and monitor diffuse sources of pollution. • gave their intention to implement the Water Framework Directive by means of secondary legislation (regulations). | |

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| Consultation on proposals for time limiting of water abstraction licenses | <p>This consultation is gather views on proposals for time limiting of water abstraction licenses.</p> <p>The time limiting of existing abstraction licenses is vital in ensuring water resources can be managed and allocated efficiently, in order to cope with the anticipated impacts of climate change and</p> | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-abstraction/consultation.pdf</p> | May to August 2009 |
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| | achieve water quality objectives set out in the UK Government's 2008 water strategy for England <i>Future Water</i> . | | |
| Consultation on implementing the abstraction elements of the Water Act 2003 | This consultation is to seek views on draft proposals from Defra and the Welsh Assembly Government on the removal and creation of various exemptions from license control. The proposed new Regulations to bring these proposals into force will implement the remaining abstraction provisions of the Water Act 2003. | http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-act/index.htm | April to July 2009 |
| Environmental Standards for Farming - Consultation on proposed changes to standards in cross compliance Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) and related measures in England | This consultation is to seek your views on a range of proposed changes to cross compliance following the conclusion of the review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP Health Check). These proposals relate to cross compliance standards and related measures in England, including recapturing the environmental benefits of set-aside. | http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/gaec/index.htm | February to May 2009 |
| Consultation on modernisation of salmon and freshwater fisheries | Proposals to improve the free passage of fish and to allow free access to breeding, nursery and feeding grounds for fish in England and Wales. These proposals follow recommendations | http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/fisheries-legislation/letter.htm | January to April 2009 |

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| legislation; new order to address the passage of fish | made in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Review, published in 2000, and were included in the consultation which started in February 2007 on "Mechanisms to Deliver Water Framework Directive Requirements on Hydro-morphology" and in the new water strategy for England, Future Water on 7 February 2008. | | |
| Consultation on Draft Statutory Instrument to amend provisions of the Water Resources Act 1991 for Water Protection Zones, and related Draft Statutory Guidance for the Environment Agency | <p>This consultation follows on from one on diffuse water pollution from agriculture that was conducted in 2007. Defra concluded in the light of that earlier consultation that the need to provide a power to regulate where necessary to implement the Water Framework Directive would be best met by simply updating the existing power to designate Water Protection Zones. This power would be available for use where appropriate under the River Basin Management Plans now being developed by the Environment Agency with the aim of achieving good chemical and ecological status in inland and coastal</p> | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-protection-zones/</p> | December 2008 to March 2009 |

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| | waters by 2015. Parts of this consultation will also apply in Wales. | | |
| Consultation on improving surface water drainage | <p>This consultation develops some of the key policy proposals set out in the Government's new Water Strategy, <i>Future Water</i>. The strategy sets out a vision for more effective drainage of surface water, in order to resolve existing problems and prepare for the impacts of climate change. The floods last summer brought into sharp focus the real damage that surface water flooding can cause. The interim report from the Pitt Review on lessons learned has urged early action to improve the way that surface water is managed, particularly in high risk areas.</p> | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/documents/manage/surfacewater/swmp-consult.pdf</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/documents/manage/surfacewater/swmp-consult-sum.pdf</p> | February to April 2008 |
| Consultation on the future of the Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD) | <p>This consultation paper sought views on the future of the Pesticides Safety Directorate, following recommendations made by the 2005 Hampton Review, which aimed to make Government's inspection and enforcement functions simpler and more customer focussed.</p> | | November 2007 to January 2008 |
| Protection of Waters Against | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of this Consultation paper | <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/</p> | August to December 2007 |

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| Pollution from Agriculture | <p>was to seek views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> proposals for revised Action Programme measures to control pollution caused by nitrogen from agricultural sources. whether to apply these measures within discrete Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (as revised) or throughout the whole of England. | <p>waterquality/diffuse/nitrate/documents/consultation-supportdocs/consultation.pdf</p> | |
| Consultation on the revised Code of Good Agricultural Practice to protect water, soil and air quality. | This consultation invited views on the draft revised Code of Good Agricultural Practice. | http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/landmanage/cogap/documents/summary-responses.pdf | August to November 2007 |
| Catchment Sensitive Farming Programme: Consultation on diffuse sources of water pollution from agriculture. | Three policy packages are presented for consideration for inclusion in Programme of Measures: supportive, regulatory and economic. Also whether Water Protection Zones should be merged with Nitrate Vulnerable Zones. | <p>Government response:</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/landmanage/water/csf/documents/diffuse-consult-govresponse.pdf</p> | August to November 2007 |
| Consultation on options for controls on phosphates in domestic laundry cleaning products in England | This consultation paper covers the need to take action on phosphates in the water environment and the contribution that controls on domestic laundry cleaning products might make to that process. | | February 2007 to April 2008 |

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| Consultation on draft statutory social and environmental guidance to the Office of Water Services (Ofwat) | This consultation delivers on a commitment made by the Government in the Regulatory Impact Assessment which accompanied the Water Act 2003, that a full public consultation would take place on the draft Guidance. | | February 2007 to April 2008 |
| Partial Regulatory Impact Appraisal | This Regulatory Impact Assessment concerns environmental quality standards for implementation of the Water Framework Directive. The Directive requires the United Kingdom administrations to introduce environmental standards and conditions to help with the classification and objective setting process that will form the basis for the river basin management planning required to meet the Directive objectives. | http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/wfd/documents/pdf-ria-draft/ria-wfd-excludingannexes.pdf Note: the United Kingdom Water Framework Directive Technical Advisory Group issued their initial proposals for standards for stakeholder review in early 2006. This Regulatory Impact Assessment takes into account the changes proposed as a result of the stakeholder review and reflects the final recommendations made. | 2007 |
| Consultation: <i>Making Space for Water:</i> Environment Agency strategic overview – strengthening our strategic approach to sea flooding and coastal erosion risk management | This consultation paper seeks views on the proposals of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the way in which the Environment Agency will exercise a strategic overview in relation to sea flooding and coastal erosion risk management. A | <i>Making space for water</i> has identified the need to explore a greater range of delivery mechanisms for flood and coastal erosion risk management, with a view to developing more sustainable approaches which maximise the environmental, social and economic benefits achieved and which may | August to November 2006 |

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| | separate consultation will take place at a later stage regarding the Environment Agency's strategic overview in relation to inland sources of flooding. | also deliver wider benefits. | |

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- Environmental Standards and Conditions – Phase 1
- Environmental Standards – part 2
- United Kingdom Environmental Standards and Conditions (Specific Pollutants/Groundwater Standards/Surface Water) (SR1-2007)

For more information visit <http://www.wfduk.org/>

Other

- Towards Sustainability (United Kingdom Water Industry Research)

For more information visit <http://www.ukwir.org/site/web/content/home>

L.4 Involvement in the planning process

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| River Basin District Level | |

The liaison panel was created as a new forum for co-deliverers to discuss and influence the development of the River Basin Management Plan and assist with its implementation. The panel works on a representational system and core membership will be based around the key organisations that are responsible for implementation, and others who can both represent the public and other sectors. The liaison panel is made up of representatives from key stakeholder sectors. Current members are listed in the table below:

| | Sector | Key Representative | Organisation (Role) |
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| South East River Basin District Liaison Panel | Ports | Sue Simmonite | Associated British Ports |
| | Consumers | Jill Thomas | Consumer Council for Water |
| | Environment Agency | Harvey Bradshaw | (Chair) |
| | Local authority | Rupert Clubb | East Sussex County Council |
| | Business & industry | Duncan Wardrop | Lafarge Aggregates Ltd |
| | Farming | John Archer | National Farmers Union |
| | Natural England | Alan Law | Regional Director |
| | Recreation | Paul Rayner | Royal Yachting Association |
| | Regional Development Agency | Martin Bolton | The South East England Development Agency |
| | Regional Assembly | David Payne | South East England |
| | Water Companies | | Southern Water |
| | Marine Fisheries Committee | Tim Dapling | Sussex Sea Fisheries |
| | Freshwater Fisheries and Riparian Owners | Jim Glasspool | Test and Itchen Association |
| | Environmental Non-Governmental Organisations | Ian Hepburn | Wildlife Trusts in the South East |

- Twelve meetings of the Liaison Panel were held in different

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| | <p>venues within the River Basin District between July 2006 and April 2009. Meeting reports are available from the Environment Agency website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three field trips were organised as part of these meetings, to examine riverine issues in Sussex (October 2006), coastal issues in the Solent (September 2007) and agricultural issues in Hampshire (December 2008) • One to one meetings to discuss the document 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' were held with members of the Liaison Panel in winter 2006 • One to one meetings were held in summer 2007 and winter 2008 respectively, to develop a stakeholder engagement strategy and sector communication action plans for Panel members • One to one meetings were held in summer 2008 to discuss the pre-publication draft river basin management plan • One to one meetings were held in Spring 2009 to discuss the ambition of the draft river basin management plan |
| Business & Industry | <p>The business and industry representative attended regular meetings of a sector group, covering South East England, to discuss issues and forthcoming agendas for Liaison Panel meetings.</p> |
| Consumers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to table an agenda item for Thames and South East public meeting in autumn 2008 and to Maintain regular contact with Other members of Thames and South East Committee (ten in all) as well as:- • Officers of the Thames and South East Committee (Policy Manager: Karen Gibbs) • Members of the other Consumer Council for Water (CCW) committee and officers at HQ • Specifically the CCW in England and Wales members who sit on the other Liaison Panels • Members of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group, the parish councils in the valley (12 in all), valley residents and riparian owners • National Flood Forum • Kept in contact with MP, Julian Brazier • Liaised with officers at Canterbury City Council • Liaised with Stour Internal Drainage Board • A column for the local newspaper on village matters and incorporated water issues when appropriate. Maintained informal links with water consumers across the Region |
| Environmental NGOs | <p>A sector group was established as a sub-group of the South East Forum for Sustainability. It met before each panel meeting to provide comment and advice to the environmental NGO representative.</p> <p>Ran a workshop for environmental non-governmental organisations in</p> |

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| | the South East and Thames River Basin Districts in April 2009. |
| Farming | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kept sector partners informed of progress • Included Water Framework Directive and river basin planning in presentations to NFU officeholders and local office staff in all SE Region counties in Spring 2008 • River basin planning article in NFU magazine 'British Farmer & Grower' (November 2008 edition) • Presentation to NFU Regional Board (county officeholders and NFU Council delegates) in either autumn/winter 2008 • Arranged for Liaison Panel to visit working Linking Environment and Farming/England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative demonstration form in December 2008 • Ran two workshops for the farming sector called 'Common Ground' in March 2009 to discuss the draft River Basin Management Plan and key actions for the sector |
| Local authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment Agency organised two workshops for East and West Sussex Local Authority Planning officers in October 2007. A workshop for officers from Hampshire authorities and the Isle of Wight was held in January 2008 • Follow up planning workshops were held for spatial planning and development control officers in local authorities in all relevant counties in 2009. These involved some 100 people and explored how the Water Framework Directive and river basin management fits with spatial planning and development control • Presentations were made to chief officers at Kent Planning Officer Group in October 2007, and East Sussex chief officers also in October 2007 • The Liaison Panel County Council representative met with Directors from Hampshire, West Sussex and Kent to discuss and agree the relevant actions in the River Basin Management Plan, before publication |
| Marine Fisheries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representative maintained email contact with relevant Sea Fisheries Committees in the South East • Also agreed to keep up momentum over data collection and joint working between the Environment Agency and Committees and prepared a short summary of the draft Plan with benefits to sea fisheries • Marine and Fisheries Agency newsletter used to inform about Water Framework Directive |
| Natural England | Workshop with the Coastal Project in 2008. Communications Action Plan established in December 2008 to drive a series of activities during the draft plan consultation period |
| Ports | The representative maintained a contact list including representatives |

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| | <p>of all harbours and ports in the river basin district. Key papers were summarised and circulated, seeking views on Liaison Panel agendas and items as necessary.</p> <p>The Ports Sector has created an in-house presentation to explain Water Framework Directive and what it means practically, as well as how the process will be driven. This has been circulated to ports/harbours in South East.</p> |
| Recreation | <p>The recreation sector representative maintained a sub-group of contacts from a range of recreation interest groups and organisations. Recreation sector produced an article on Royal Yachting Association (RYA) for South East River Basin District newsletter.</p> |
| Regional Assembly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A South East England Regional Assembly Dialogue meeting in December 2007 focused on Water Framework Directive, current progress and potential regional measures • The Regional Planning Committee received the following papers: 21 May 2008 – paper for information on DEFRA guidelines for River Basin Management Plans; 28 November 2007 – paper for information on progress on River Basin Management Plans http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/documents/committees/planning_committees/2007/agenda_item_6_items_for_information(updated).pdf |
| Regional Development Agency | <p>Prepared article in SEView magazine during autumn 2008 to promote the draft river basin management plan and emphasise the need to be involved in the consultation</p> <p>Distributed copies of the relevant sector briefing to key contacts in the sector.</p> |
| Water Industry | <p>The water industry sector representatives met before each Liaison Panel meeting. Thames Water was included by correspondence. Agreed to communicate and engage water company customers through mailings or water festivals.</p> <p>A Water Sector group meeting was held on 7 April 2009 to discuss navigation of the plan and location of key information. This comprised representatives from Southern Water, Portsmouth Water, Folkestone and Dover (now Veolia Water Southeast), South East Water and Bournemouth and West Hampshire Water.</p> |
| River basin planning workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop in March 2006, to provide stakeholders with information about the Water Framework Directive and river basin planning process; the different ways they can get involved in river basin planning • 48 stakeholders attended • Proposals were received for membership of the South East River Basin District Liaison Panel |
| Issue Work Groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Issue Work Groups were organised by the Environment Agency and Liaison Panel in October and November 2007. |

Liaison Panel members chaired the meetings

- The Groups were: Diffuse rural pollution, Flow problems, Non-native species, Point source pollution, Diffuse urban pollution and transport and Physical modifications
- The aim of these groups was to help representatives from a variety of organisations to:
- Enable a better understanding of the Water Framework Directive in a local context and what it can realistically deliver in the first cycle
- Come to an understanding of where it is thought the local environmental problems are
- Help understand what 'national' measures will provide in terms of environmental benefits, and an understanding of 'the gap' between the standards delivered by national measures, and default Water Framework Directive objectives
- an opportunity to help us identify priority catchments for action on the issues under consideration, relevant regional measures and co-deliverers, recommendations for funding
- Briefing notes and reports for these Groups are available on request
- Approximately 70 participants were involved in these work groups
- Information for how these work groups fitted into the local measures development process is given in Annex E

Catchment groups

- Nine catchment workshops were organised by the Environment Agency in February and March 2009. These were chaired by members of the Liaison Panel and encouraged stakeholders to respond to the public consultation on the draft South East River Basin Management Plan
- Nine catchment workshops were organised by the Environment Agency in February 2008. They were chaired by members of the Liaison Panel
- The catchments were: Test & Itchen, Cuckmere & Pevensey Levels, Rother, Isle of Wight, Adur & Ouse, East Hampshire, Arun & Western Streams, New Forest, Stour
- The aim for these workshops was to help representatives from a variety of organisations to: possess a better understanding of what the Water Framework Directive means for their local catchment and what it can realistically deliver; have considered the environmental pressures and problems affecting the catchment; understand other delegates' needs and aspirations for the River Basin Management Plan; have had the opportunity to propose and discuss the local actions needed to solve these pressures, including the best possible partners and funding mechanisms for each

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional workshop was organised by the Solent Forum in March 2008, focused on identifying key local measures for the Solent European Maritime Sites • Approximately 510 participants were involved in these workshops. Information for how these workshops fitted into the local measures development process is given in Annex E |
| Hydromorphology workshops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder workshop on the initial designation of artificial and heavily modified water bodies in September 2007 • Ports and harbours workshop on the classification of artificial and heavily modified water bodies in July 2008 |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment Workshops | <p>A workshop was held in July 2008 to discuss the draft Environment Report. Ten people were present, including some Liaison Panel members.</p> |

The following papers were presented for information to statutory Environment Agency committees:

- Presentation to a cross committee workshop held on 18 May 2009 giving an overview of River Basin Planning and how to navigate the draft South East River Basin Management Plan.
- Regional Environmental Protection Committee (REPAC)
 - Water Framework Directive - Feedback (16th January 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Significant Issues (9th October 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Presentation (15th January 2008)
 - Water Framework Directive - Newsletter (June 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Newsletter (April 2008)
 - Draft River Basin Management Plan information paper (November 2008)
- Regional Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation Committee (RFERAC)
 - Water Framework Directive Environmental Standards & Conditions (N) (26th January 2006)
 - Water Framework Directive – Highlighting our Significant Water Management Issues (26th April 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Newsletter (June 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Newsletter (April 2008)
- Regional Flood Defence Committee (RFDC)
 - Water Framework Directive - Update (3rd October 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Update (9th April 2008)
 - Water Framework Directive - Newsletter (June 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive - Newsletter (April 2008)

The following discussion items were taken to statutory Environment Agency committees:

- Regional Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation Committee (RFERAC)
 - Water Framework Directive - River Basin Planning (26 January 2006)
 - Water Framework Directive - Verbal Update (April 2006)
 - Water Framework Directive - Classification and environmental standards and conditions (19 October 2006)

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- Water Framework Directive - Progress on Implementation and Liaison Panels (19 October 2006)
- Highlighting our Significant Water Management Issues (26 April 2007)
- Water Framework Directive - Significant Water Management Issues (October 2007)
- Water Framework Directive - Workshop Update (By Paul Rayner) (24 January 2008)
- Draft River Basin Management Plans and Timeline for Draft River Basin Management Plans (26 June 2008)
- Draft River Basin Management plan verbal update (18 June 2009)
- Regional Environmental Protection Committee (REPAC)
 - Water Framework Update on Classification and environmental standards and conditions (10 October 2006)
 - Highlighting our Significant Water Management Issues (24 April 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive River Basin Planning: Working together and monitoring and classification (24 April 2007)
 - Significant Water Management Issues (9 October 2007)
 - Ministerial Guidance on Water Framework Directive (10 June 2008)
- Regional Advisory Panel (RAP) – Water Framework Directive Liaison Panel Update (January 2006)
 - Update on Liaison Panel (10 January 2006)
 - Water Framework Update (10th March 2006)
 - Update on Liaison Panel Nominations (9 May 2006)
 - Water Framework Directive Catchment Workshops Update (10th March 2008)
 - Water Framework Update plus SWMI and Newsletter (3 June 2008)
- Regional Flood Defence Committee (RFDC)
 - Verbal update on outcomes of workshops (12 January 2006)
 - Water Framework Directive update (3 October 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive update (9 April 2008)
 - Water Framework Directive Water Framework Directive - Progress on Implementation and liaison panels (inc. verbal) update from (Southern Region)Environmental permitting and Annex 1 presentation (10 October 2006)
 - Water Framework Directive: Working Together and Monitoring and classification (including annexes 2 and 3 (16th January 2007)
 - Water Framework Directive River Basin Planning update (11th January 2006)

Examples of influencing that took place outside Panel:

- Questionnaire, 'Get Involved in River Basin Planning', was issued in July 2006 to all stakeholders identified through a Water Framework Directive stakeholder analysis, to gauge interest and need for involvement in river basin planning, and encourage more stakeholders to get involved
- Environment Agency presentation to managers and officers of European project 'SURCASE' about Water Framework Directive and risk assessment, in July 2006
- Government Office for the South East workshop on Water Framework Directive and Planning, January 2008

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- Presentation to SCOPAC officers (Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline) in January 2008, focused on river basin planning, significant issues, and hydromorphology
- Solent Forum – presentations from the Environment Agency about Water Framework Directive and Significant Issues at Solent Water Quality Conference, July 2006 and Full Meeting in March 2008. Article appeared in the Summer 2009 issue of the Solent News – the newsletter for the Solent Forum
- Local Development Frameworks - ongoing advice given to various Local Planning Authorities on the appropriateness of spatial planning policies (to address Water Framework Directive concerns)
- Environment Agency gave a presentation at the June 2008 CIWEM National Water Framework Directive conference regarding river basin measure development, which focused on examples from the South East River Basin District and the local engagement activities across Great Britain

National and European level

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Water Framework Stakeholder Group

Chaired by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This group was established to promote stakeholder participation in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive. Members of the group are able to raise issues of concern and provide input. The Environment Agency leads on items and provides a detailed Water Framework Directive Programme update for each. Examples of members of the Stakeholder Group are given below. Members include people representing the water industry, land management, environmental Non-Governmental Organisations and Government organisations.

- Water United Kingdom
- Natural England
- Office of Water Trading
- British Waterways
- Forestry Commission
- National Trust
- Country Landowners Association
- National Farmers Union
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

National Liaison Panel for England

Chaired by the Environment Agency. The National Liaison Panel for England has been set up to complement the River Basin District Liaison Panels. The panel consists of around 20 members based around the key co-deliverers, that is, organisations who are responsible for carrying out actions, and others who can both represent the public and help drive changes in behaviour. The panel works on a representational system. This means the panel members

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are expected to represent the views of the whole of their sector and act as a two-way channel between the panel and their sector. Eight meetings of the Liaison Panel were held between July 2007 and June 2009. Meeting papers and minutes are available on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings as observers, by appointment with the Chair.

Collaborative research programme on economics (CRP)

The Collaborative Research Programme provided a consistent UK-wide basis for the environmental economics assessments for Water Framework Directive implementation. It was managed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and included participation from key interested groups:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Executive, Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland and other Government Departments
- Environment Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Environment and Heritage Service
- Natural England (previously English Nature), Office of Water Trading
- Industry
- Non-governmental organisations

The project considered assessment of measures and their benefits, in particular:

- a methodology to assess both the cost and effectiveness of measures aimed at protecting water resources
- guidance on deciding when costs are likely to be disproportionate to benefits
- a methodology for assessing the benefits - environmental, social and economic - from measures

Other supporting material was produced, including a database of typical cost ranges for specific measures.

South East River Basin District representative: Paul Rayner

Sectoral meetings

- Water Framework Directive Port, harbour, navigation and dredging sector group
 - English Nature, Countryside Council for Wales, National Farmers Union, Water UK, Wildlife-Link; British Waterways bilaterals
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| Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group (EASG) | <p>(particularly around characterisation)</p> <p>The Water Framework Directive Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group in England and Wales met for the first time in December 2003. Established to support the implementation of the Water Framework Directive across in England and Wales. The Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group leads on issues defined as specific to England and Wales. Includes government, agencies and stakeholders, and complements separate Water Framework Directive arrangements in the devolved administrations. The Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group in England and Wales includes all members of the ESG (government and regulators). Additional non-ESG members are listed below:</p> <p>Aluminium Foundation; Association of Electricity Producers; British Hydropower Association; British Marine Federation; British Water; British Waterways; Chemical Industries Association; The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management; Confederation of British Industry; Confederation of British Wool Textiles; Confederation of Paper Industries; Country Land and Business Association; Crop Protection Association; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Communications Directorate; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Flood Management; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Policy and Corporate Strategy Unit; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Regulation Review Team; Department of Business and Regulatory Reform; Environmental Education Forum (EEF); Environmental Campaigns (ENCAMS); Environmental Industries Commission; Highways Agency; International Navigation Association (PIANC); Kaolin & Ball Clay Association; National Farmers' Union; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; Royal Yachting Association; Salmon and Trout Association; Society of British Water and Wastewater Industries; Surface Engineering Association; Surfers Against Sewage; United Kingdom Centre for Economic and Environmental Development; United Kingdom Major Ports; Water UK; Watervoice; The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).</p> |
| European Union Common Implementation Strategy | <p>Key outputs from group and subgroups have been</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary cost-effectiveness analysis <p>Involvement of European Stakeholder groups in development of common European implementation guidance, including European Environment Bureau,, WWF, PIANC (ports and navigation), Eureau and other stakeholder groups</p> |
| Conferences and seminars | <p>Numerous conferences and seminars including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) series |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water UK Water Framework Directive conference 2009 Specific conference for liaison panel members on economics March 2009 Defra Ministerial event 19 March 2009 |
| Environment Agency Significant Water Management Issues workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National workshop for Liaison Panels on significant water management issues, November 2006 South East River Basin District Liaison Panel representatives: Paul Rayner, John Archer |
| Environment Agency measures appraisal workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South East River Basin District Liaison Panel representatives: Paul Rayner, Ian Hepburn, Duncan Wardrop. Information for how these work groups fitted into the local measures development process is given in Annex 9. |
| Other conferences and seminars | <p>Numerous conferences and seminars including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIWEM series |