



water matters

"Have your say!"

SWMI reports and next
steps

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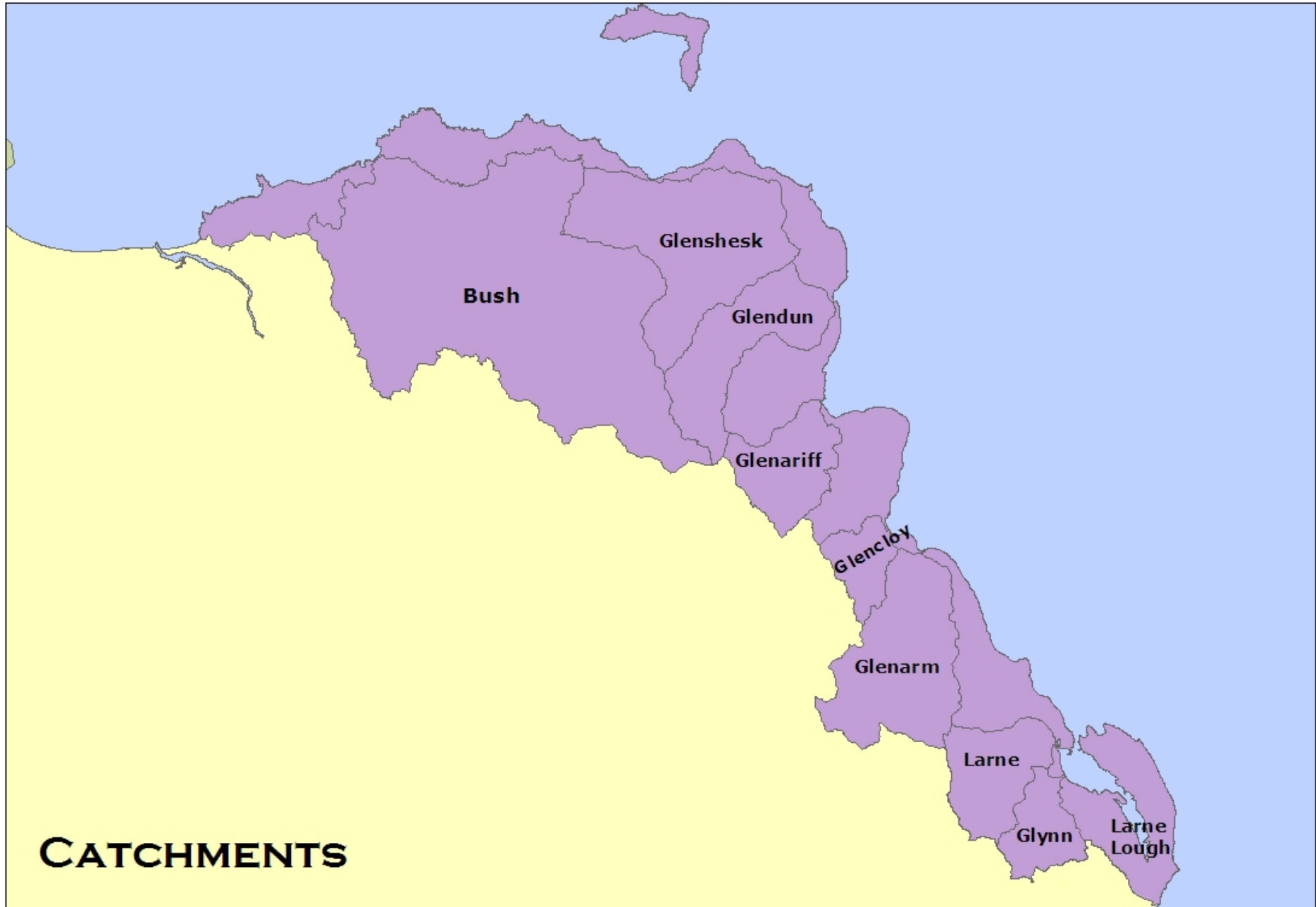


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Public Participation - Catchment Stakeholder Groups

Aim - The Catchment Group will provide a forum for local knowledge and expertise in order to address and resolve regional water quality issues.



Terms of Reference

The Catchment Group will:

- Provide a source of help, support and advice for local/regional stakeholder engagement.
- Provide support and advice on resolving water quality issues.
- Provide knowledge on the Bush & Glens Catchment to ensure issues of local significance are identified.

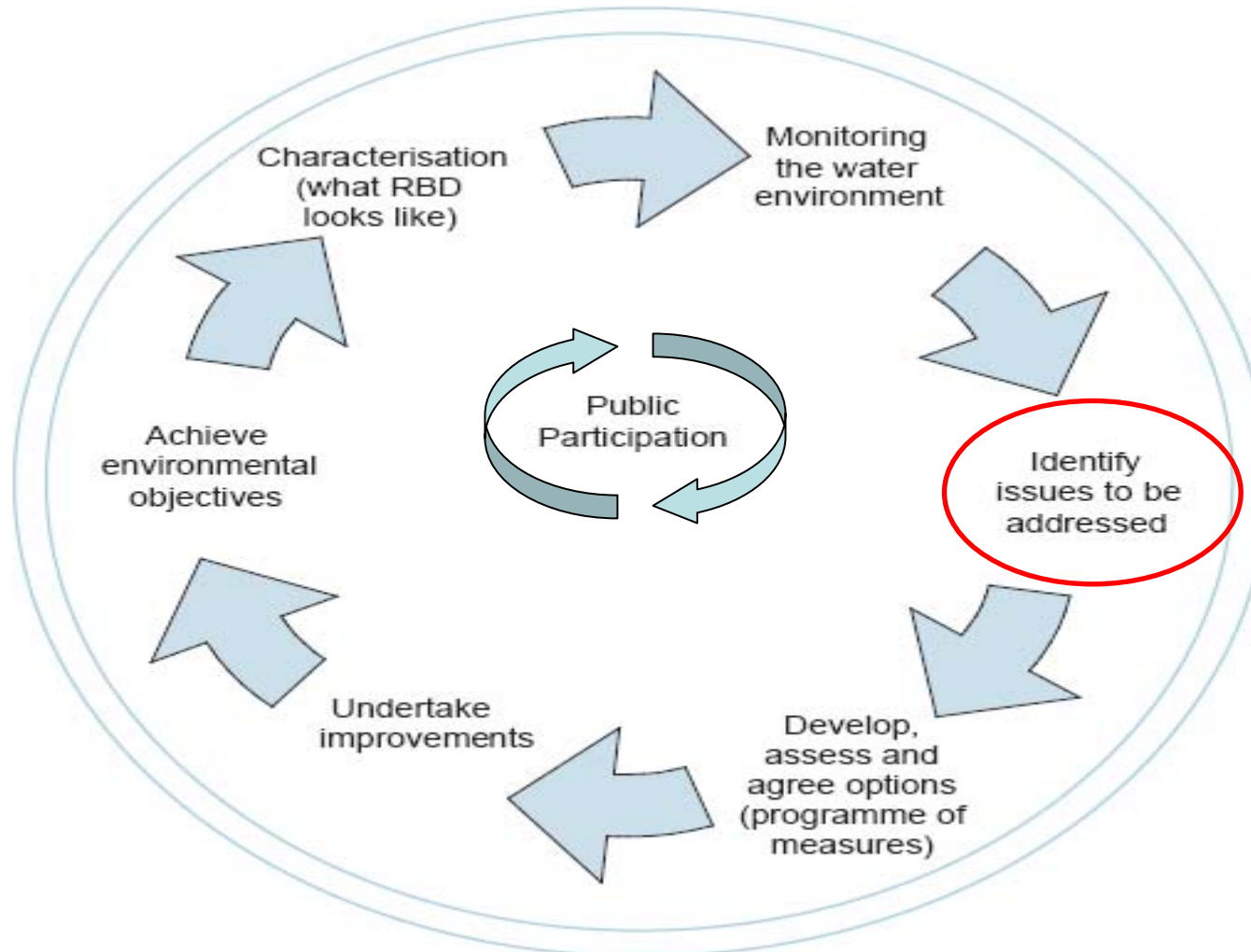


Next steps identified at our last meeting

- Public comment on SWMI reports must be received by 22 December 2007 (water-matters@doeni.gov.uk)
- Your comments will be used to draft the 1st River Basin Management Plan, by end of 2008.
- Catchment Stakeholder Group meetings will continue on 6th monthly basis, focussing on catchment specific issues

Please continue to stay involved and help make a difference

The WFD / River Basin Planning Process



What we asked....

We issued –

- 1100 Neagh Bann IRBD
- 1080 North Eastern RBD
- 1260 North Western IRBD
- 100 Shannon IRBD

We held - 9 SWMI focused Catchment Stakeholder meetings around NI.

What you told us.....

More than 1200 comments from

- Written submissions
- Questionnaires
- Talking walls
- Discussions at the meetings



SWMI Digest

- Single document for NI.
- Provides a response from Agencies and Departments to comments received.
- Local issues fed to Catchment Officers and other EHS staff.
- Focused attention on the content of the Draft River Basin Plans.

Implementation of the EC Water Framework Directive

SIGNIFICANT WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES - DIGEST OF COMMENTS

A Response to Stakeholders' Submissions in Northern Ireland - March 2008



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Key findings

- Majority agreed that we had identified the most significant water management issues.
- The digest shows that the comments could be corralled into 30 generic areas.
- Biodiversity
- Planning issues
- Regulatory control
- Septic tanks
- Illegal waste
- But the “signposted” issues caused some confusion



Pressures

- Diffuse Pollution – Rural
- Diffuse Pollution – Urban
- Point Source pollution
- Abstraction & flow Changes
- Physical modifications;
- Other threats and future pressures; and
- Local problems per River Basin District



Circulation of Digest

- Available on EHS website by end of April.
- Hard copy to statutory consultees, contributors of written submissions and on request from EHS.
- Reminder of electronic publication to all those who registered at the CSG meetings.
- The facilitators report will be available electronically at the same time.

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Glenarm Harbour