










ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (1 OCT 2009)

Gerry Wilson (Lower Neagh Bann Catchment Officer)

Catchment Stakeholder Group Areas

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-  Belfast Lough & Lagan
-  Bush & Glens
-  Carlingford & Mourne
-  Erne & Melvin
-  Lower Foyle
-  Lower Neagh Bann
-  Strangford & Lecale
-  Upper Foyle
-  Upper Neagh Bann



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ACTION 1:

Stakeholders with concerns regarding intermittent pollution or other water management issues to contact EM.

RESPONSE: This is an ongoing issue. Note that the contact for this CSG is now myself not Eileen

ACTION 2: Details of NIEA pollution incident classification procedures to be presented at next meeting.

RESPONSE: Conor to do this later on. A hand out is available and you can find it on our website.

www.ni-environment.gov.uk/water-home/waterpollution/pol_respon.htm

ACTION 3: Details of problems with the Pollution Hotline to be highlighted to NIEA so they can be addressed with the service provider.

Response: No issues have been highlighted to date.

ACTION 4: NIEA staff to be reminded of the importance of giving timely feedback to stakeholders.

Response: Ongoing. Feedback should be given where this is appropriate.

ACTION 5: BL to follow up on specific pollution incident regarding potato dumping in river.

RESPONSE: Completed. BL has met with and visited sites with Moyola anglers on a number of occasions.

ACTION 6: BL & EM to meet with Moyola Anglers to log and address other issues

RESPONSE: Completed

ACTION 7: Details of distribution of Zebra Mussels to be provided to Tom Simpson and at next meeting.

RESPONSE: Information was emailed to TS in November 09. Zebra Mussels are present in Erne System, Lough Neagh, Carran Lough (Derrygonnelly) and unconfirmed report of presence in Lough Bresk (Co Fermanagh) . The last 2 Loughs are unconnected. Spread within Lough Neagh has been slower than might be expected from experience in Lough Erne.

First found in Lough Neagh in 07/08 9 mussels found, in 08/09 150 were found, in 09/10 220000 found. (68000 on one rowing boat which had not been anti-fouled) Hot spot still round Kinnego marina.

The Zebra Mussel management strategy can be found at www.ni-environment.gov.uk/zebramusselsreport_web.pdf

ACTION 8: All invited to contact EM with suggestions and comments on the LMA proposals

RESPONSE: Some comments have been received to date and the information leaflet is in the process of being amended accordingly.

ACTION 9: All invited to contact EM with suggestions and comments on how the CSG meetings can be improved.

RESPONSE: No comments have been received to date.

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and promote our natural and built
environment for the benefit of
present and future generations.

