

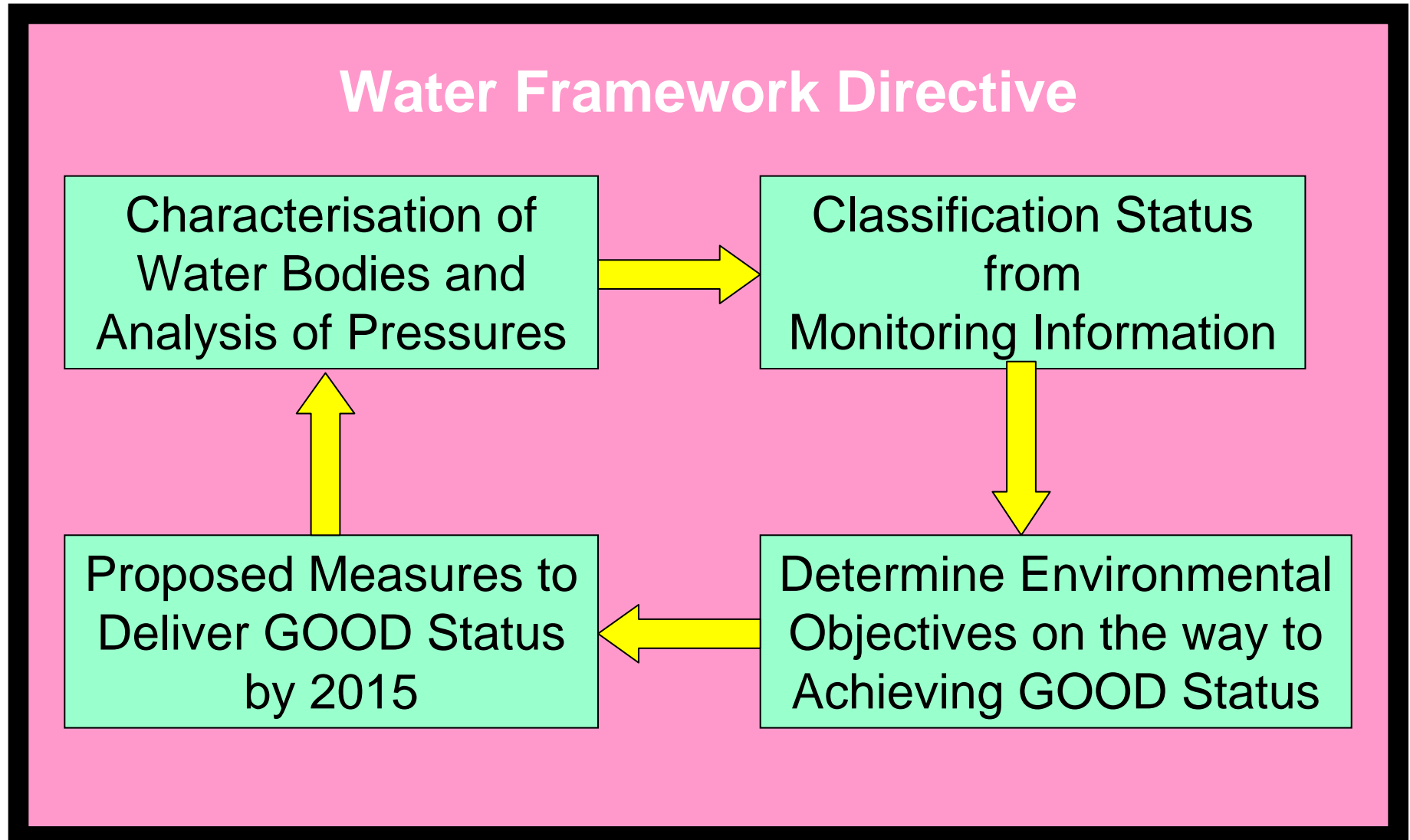
Draft River Basin Plans Lower Foyle CSG AREA

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Introduction

- Background of the overall process and how it fits into the logic of the Directive
- Classification Results for Lower Foyle CSG Area
- What is likely to appear in the draft plans
- What is the time line for the plans
- How people should become involved
- What will happen between the draft and final plans

Water Framework Directive Steps



What is a RBMP?



The plans cover:

groundwater

wetlands

rivers

lochs/lakes/loughs

transitional waters (eg estuaries)

coastal waters

Set out the objectives to be achieved and the actions required.

Draft River Basin Management Plans

- 1 Northern Ireland only draft plan
- 3 shared plans with NI & RoI – North Western Neagh Bann and Shannon IRBDs
- Tiered approach – combination of published summary document and technical appendices available on-line
- Will include information on classification status results, objectives and measures

Draft River Basin Management Plans

- Tier 1- NI/RoI Coordination/Summary Statistics for IRBD
- Tier 2 – Summary of draft River Basin Management Plans
- Tier 3- interactive web map
- Tier 4 – background documents

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Waterbody name:
Ballycassidy River Upper

Classification:
Poor

2015 target classification: Moderate
2021 target classification: Good
2027 target classification: Good
Risk: 1a

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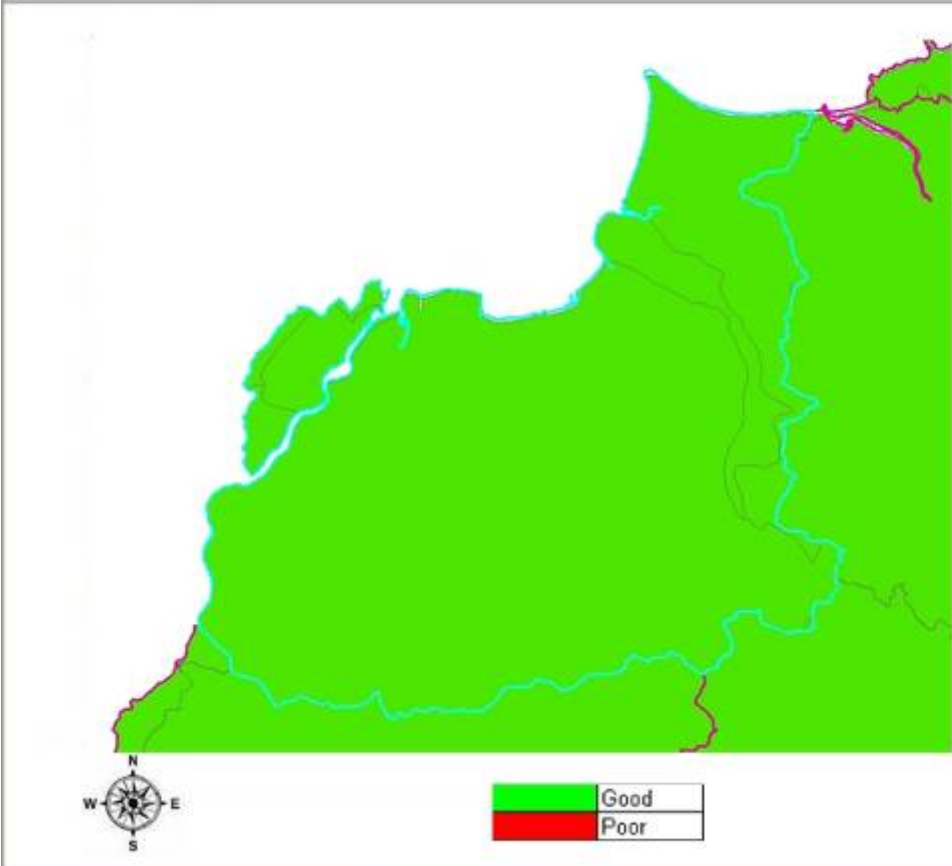
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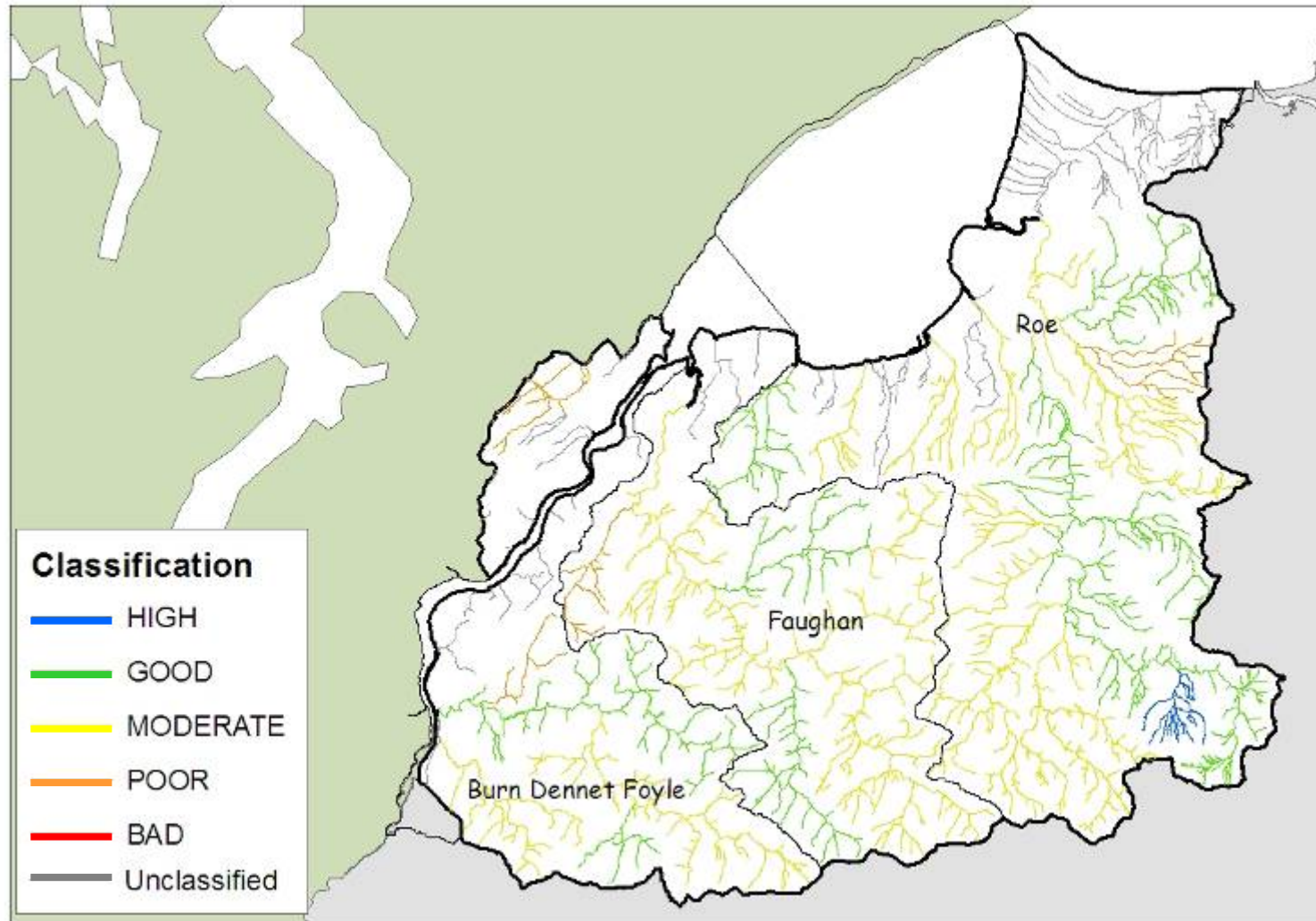
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Status Classification for Lower Foyle

- Rivers
- Transitional waters (estuaries)
- Coastal waters
- Groundwaters

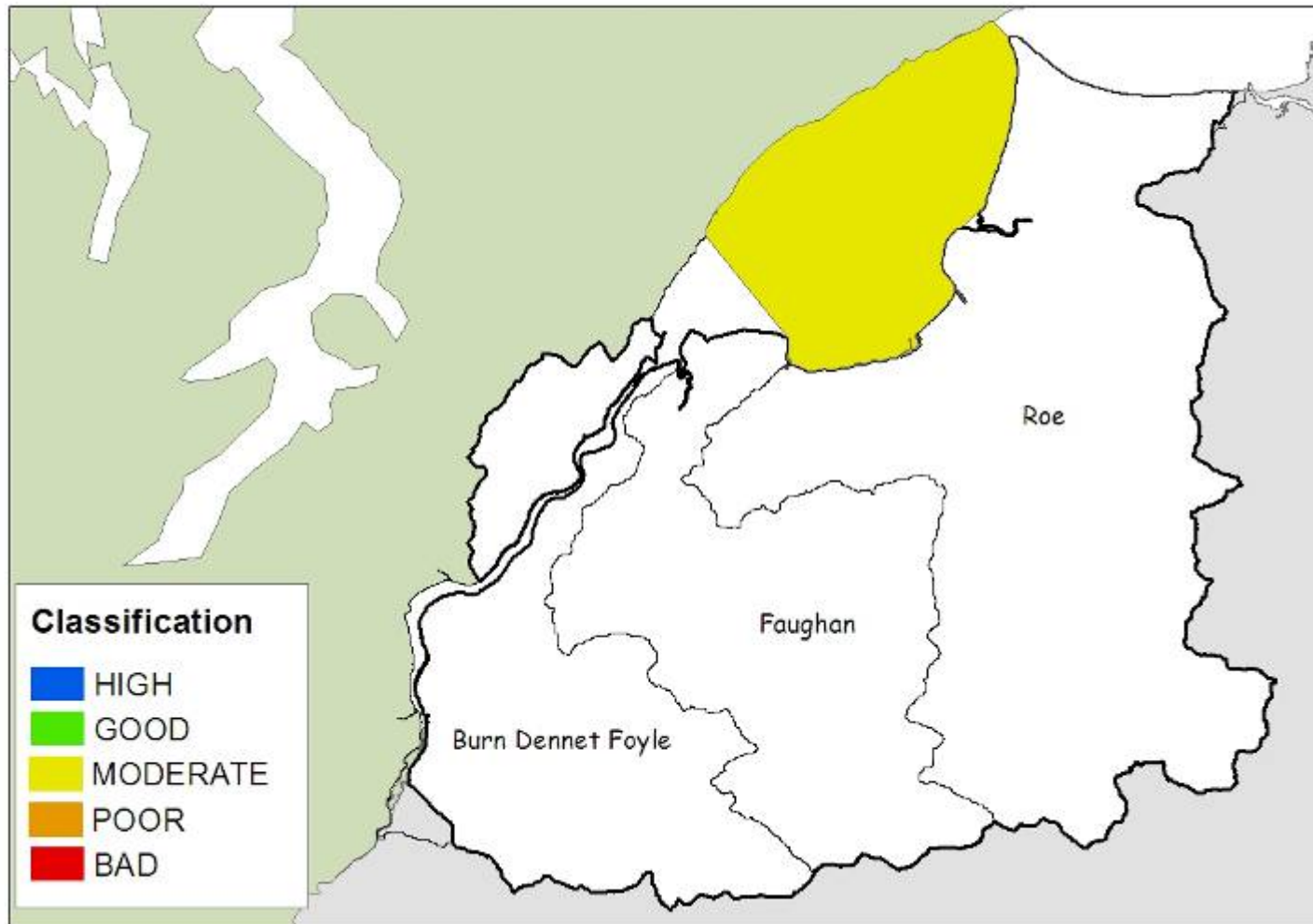
Summary of River Water Body Status



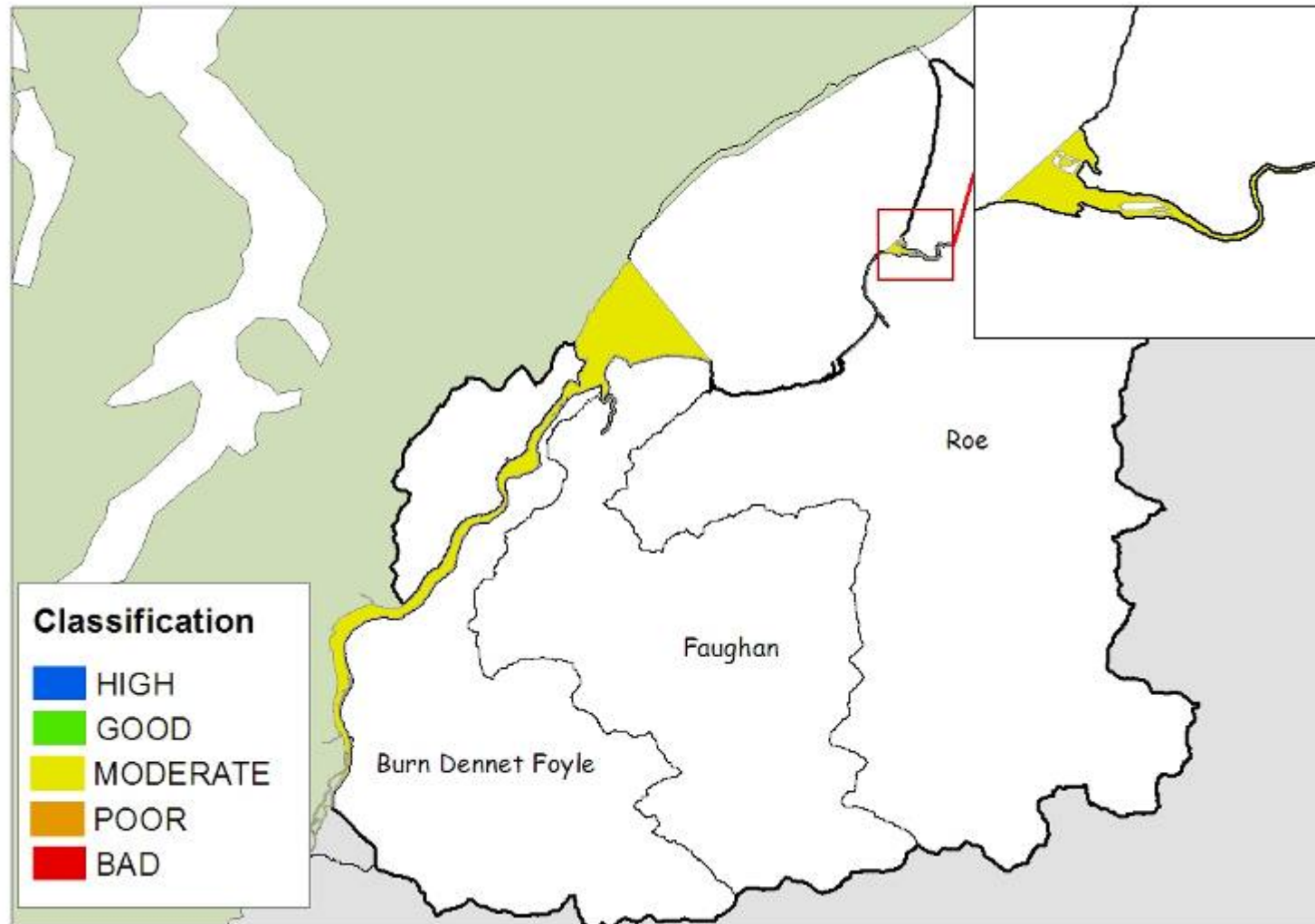
Summary of River Water Body Status

River Status as % of Total River Length for 38 WBs							
Management Area	High	Good	Moderate	Poor	Bad	Not Yet Assessed	% Total
Faughan		26	68	6			100
Roe	4.5	42	49	4.5			100
Burndennet & Foyle		38	45	17			100

Coastal Water Body Status for



Transitional Water Body Status for



Groundwater Status



Overall status classification for Lower Foyle CSG Area

- **48 % good or better**
- **52 % not good**
- **93 % Moderate or better**

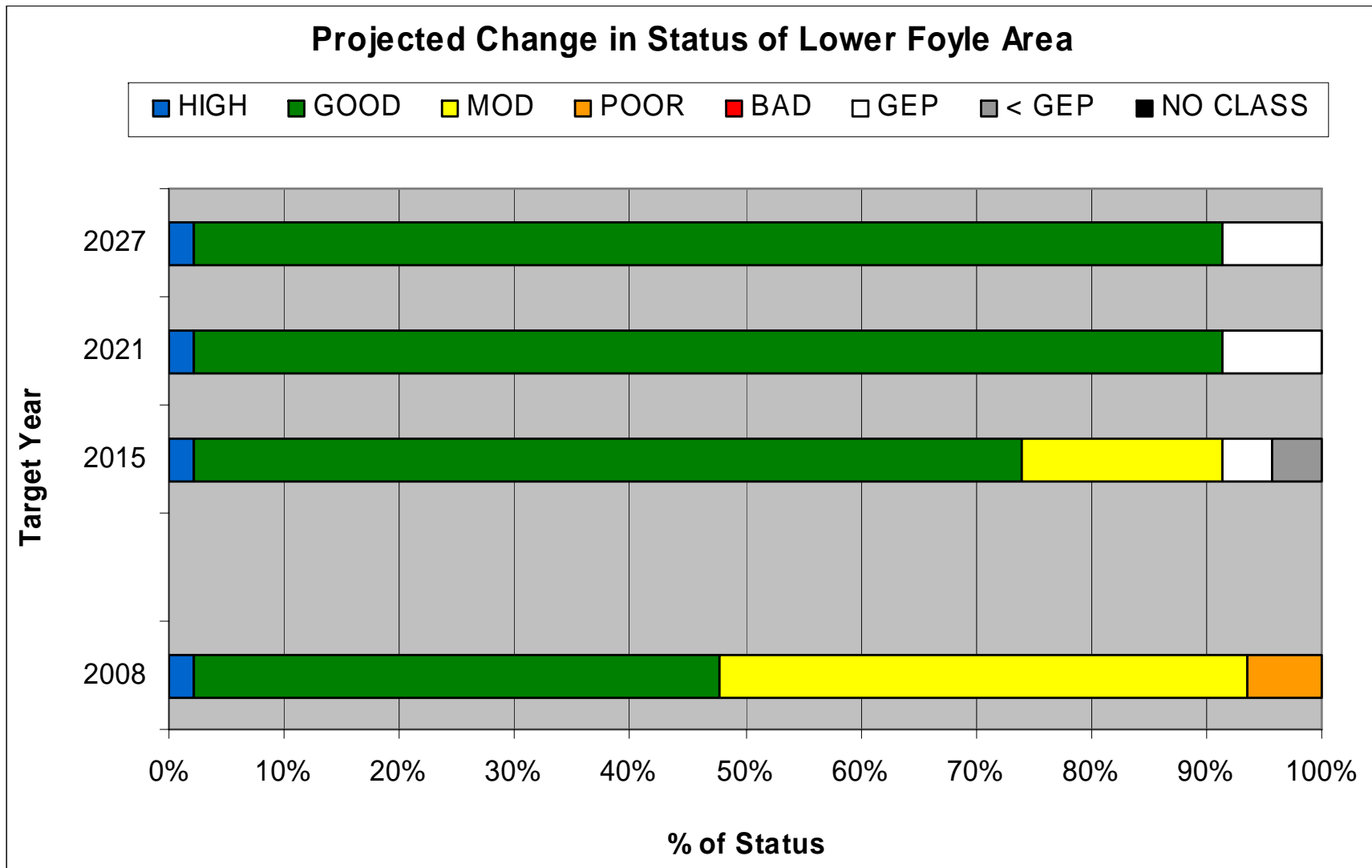
Rules for Prioritising Provisional Objective Setting

- Rule 1: Where a water body is at **moderate** status in **2008** the provisional objective for **2015** is **good** status.
- Rule 2: Where a water body is at **poor** status in **2008** the provisional objective for **2015** is **moderate** status and the provisional objective for **2021** is **good** status.
- Rule 3: Where a water body is at **bad** status in **2008**, the provisional objective for **2015** is moderate status and the provisional objective for **2021** is **good** status

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES FOR LOWER FOYLE

STATUS	2008	2015	2021	2027
High	2	2	2	2
Good	46	72	89	89
Moderate	46	17	-	-
Poor	6	-	-	-
Bad	-	-	-	-
GEP	-	4.5	9	9
Less than GEP	-	4.5	-	-
Unclassified	-	-	-	-
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%

Objectives for Lower Foyle CSG Area



Programme of Measures

Break down the problem

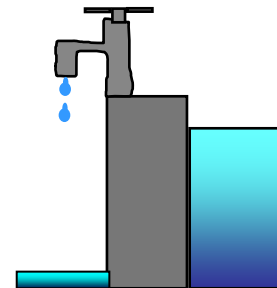
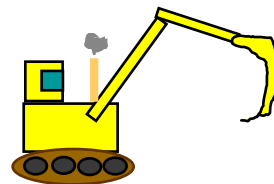
Water quality



Water resources



Biological



Sense check

Work out what improvements will be delivered by existing measures – before spending time on exemptions

Process of filling the gap between current status and target status for each pressure/status component

- Target Status

Measures that may happen as a result of the River Basin District Planning process

Measures and trends that will happen

- Current Status

**Pre-WFD national and EU
measures**

**UWWTD; Habitats Directive;
CAP; etc**

Existing local initiatives

**Fisheries management projects;
etc**

Planning Assumptions

- Point Source Pollution
- Diffuse Source Pollution
- Chemical pollution
- Water resources
- Physical modifications

Programme of Measures

Two scenarios for measures:

- actions funded/legislation in place and timetabled – 2008/11 – Programme for Government
- actions not funded/new legislation – 2011/14 – Programme for Government

Types of Measures

- Point Source –
 - 2007 – 2010 NIW Capital Investment Programme
 - 2010 -2012 and 2012 – 2017 Capital Investment Programme
- Review polluting impact of septic tanks and develop best practice guidance
- Develop catchment water quality models
- Promotion and adoption of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS)

Types of Measures

- Low/zero phosphorus (P) detergents
- Improved education and awareness campaigns
- Targeted advisory visits and inspections
- Further investigate sources and options for removal of P from point and diffuse sources
- Work with Sector Groups to develop and promote Good Practice Guidance
- Installation of fish passes/river restoration programme

Timeline

Dec 2008	Publish draft RBMP for 6 month consultation
Dec 2009	Publish 1st RBMP
Dec 2010	Pricing policies for cost recovery of water services
Dec 2012	Programme of measures operational
Dec 2013	Prepare for 2nd RBMP
Dec 2015	Achieve Environmental Objectives – 1st RBMP

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- In Northern Ireland – Stakeholder Forum/ 9 Catchment Stakeholder Groups
- News paper adverts and wide distribution of Tier 2 hardcopy
- Web – www.ni-environment.gov.uk/wfd
- Launch in Jan 09
- Next round of CSG meetings - proposed series of information days– Feb/Mar 09

From Draft to Final

- Public consultation on draft plans – December 2008 to June 2009
- Status classification results updated – new tools still under development and trialling
- Objectives updated
- Consultation responses considered
- Programmes of measures:
 - some better targeted
 - scenarios confirmed

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

