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Welcome &
introductions

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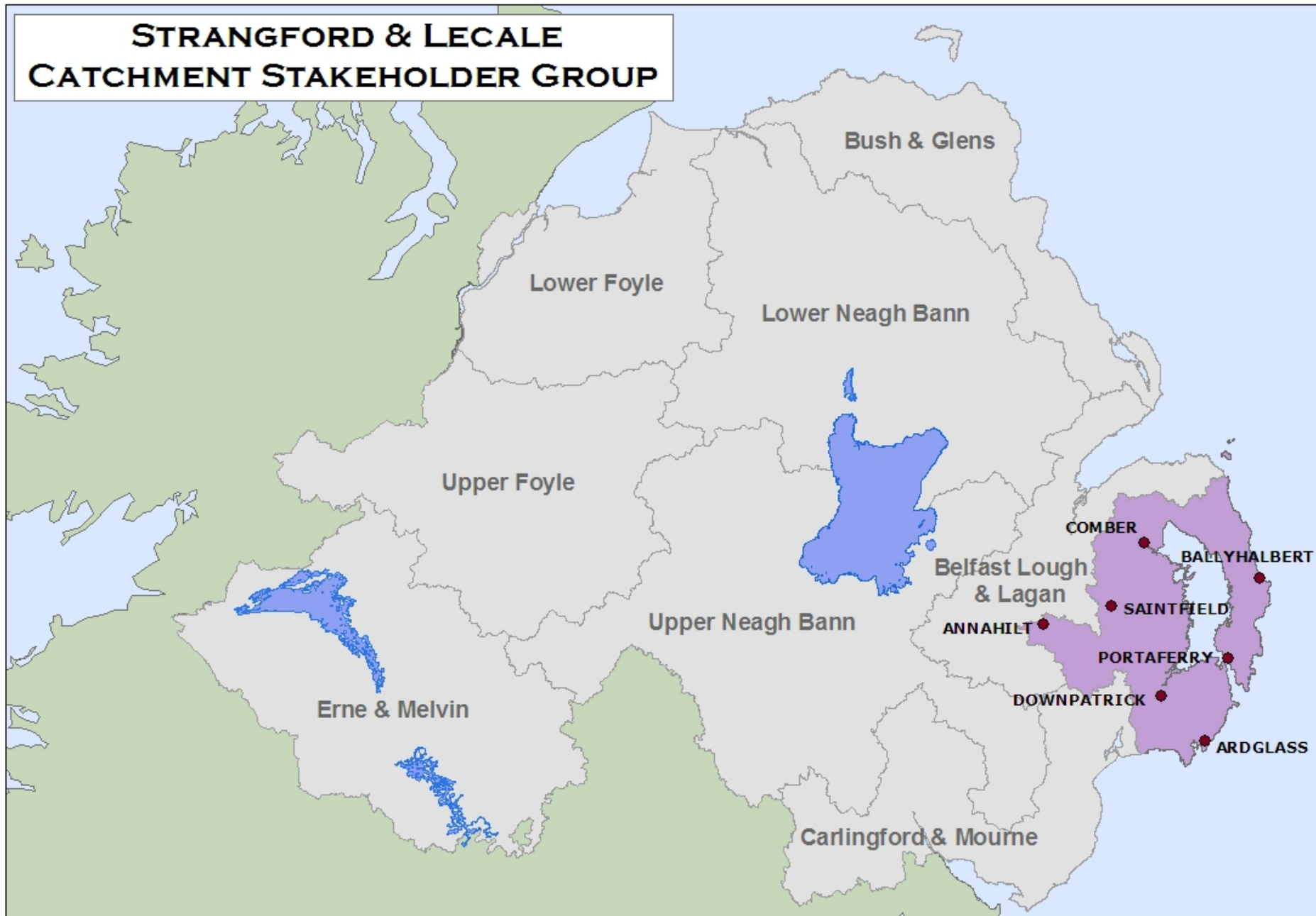
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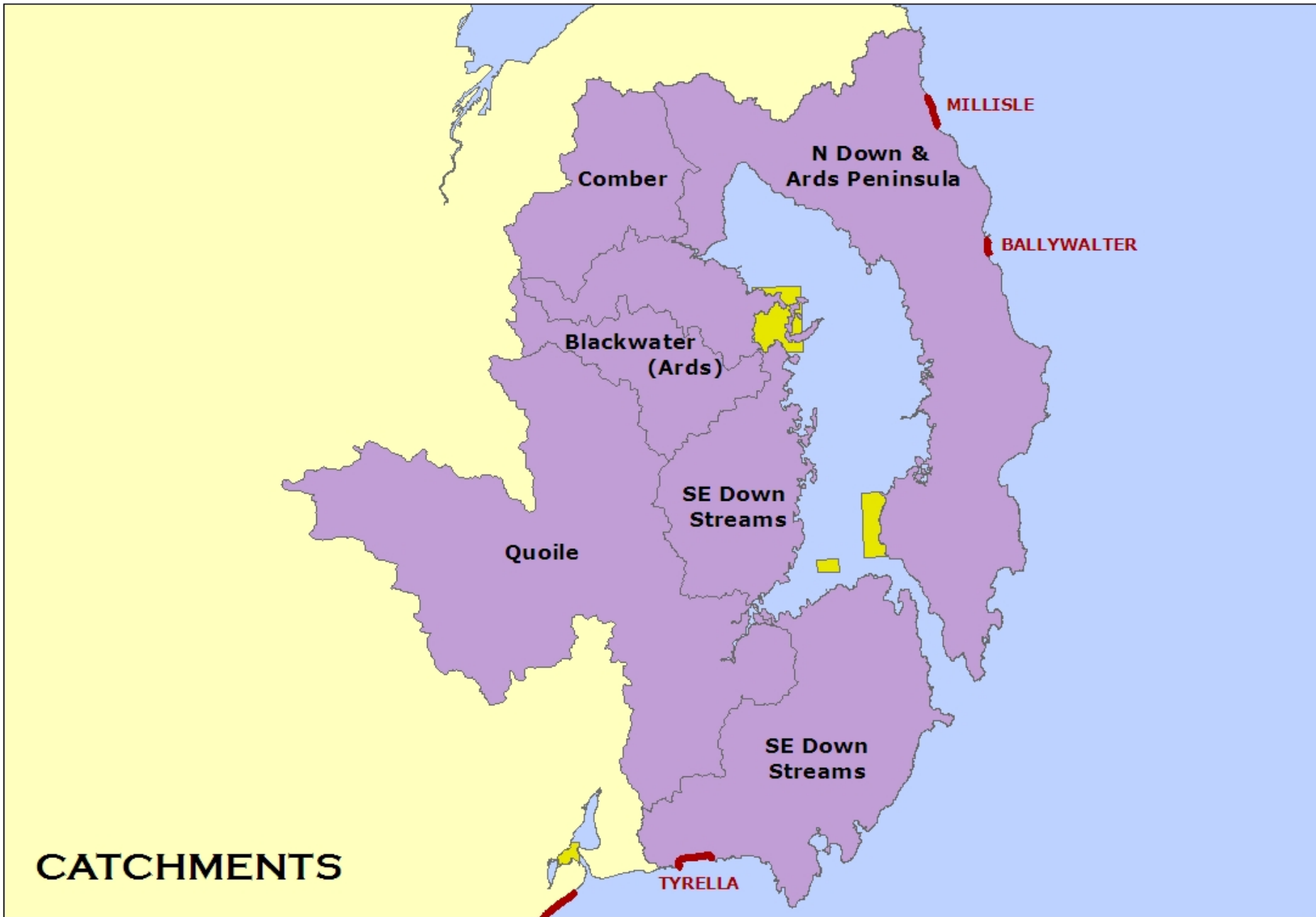
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STRANGFORD & LECALE CATCHMENT STAKEHOLDER GROUP





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 management issues.



Terms of Reference

The Catchment Group will:

- Provide a source of help, support and advice for local / regional stakeholders.
- Provide support and advice on resolving water management / quality issues.
- Provide knowledge on the Strangford and Lecale Catchment to ensure issues of local significance are identified.

Group Operation

1. EHS will service the Catchment Group, including recording & communicating all decisions.
2. The Catchment Group will provide support & advice on appropriate areas of interest/concern.
3. EHS will draw upon members of the Catchment Group outside normal meetings, as appropriate, to assist with technical & detailed work.
4. Membership & the terms of reference will be reviewed on an annual basis.



5. EHS will use its website to publish Catchment Group meeting details & other communications.
6. Members will be expected, if necessary, to share a role in resolving conflict.
7. Local representatives will be responsible for feeding back to national colleagues.
8. Members are expected to have a basic understanding of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in order to contribute.
9. The Catchment Group will meet approximately 2 times per year.

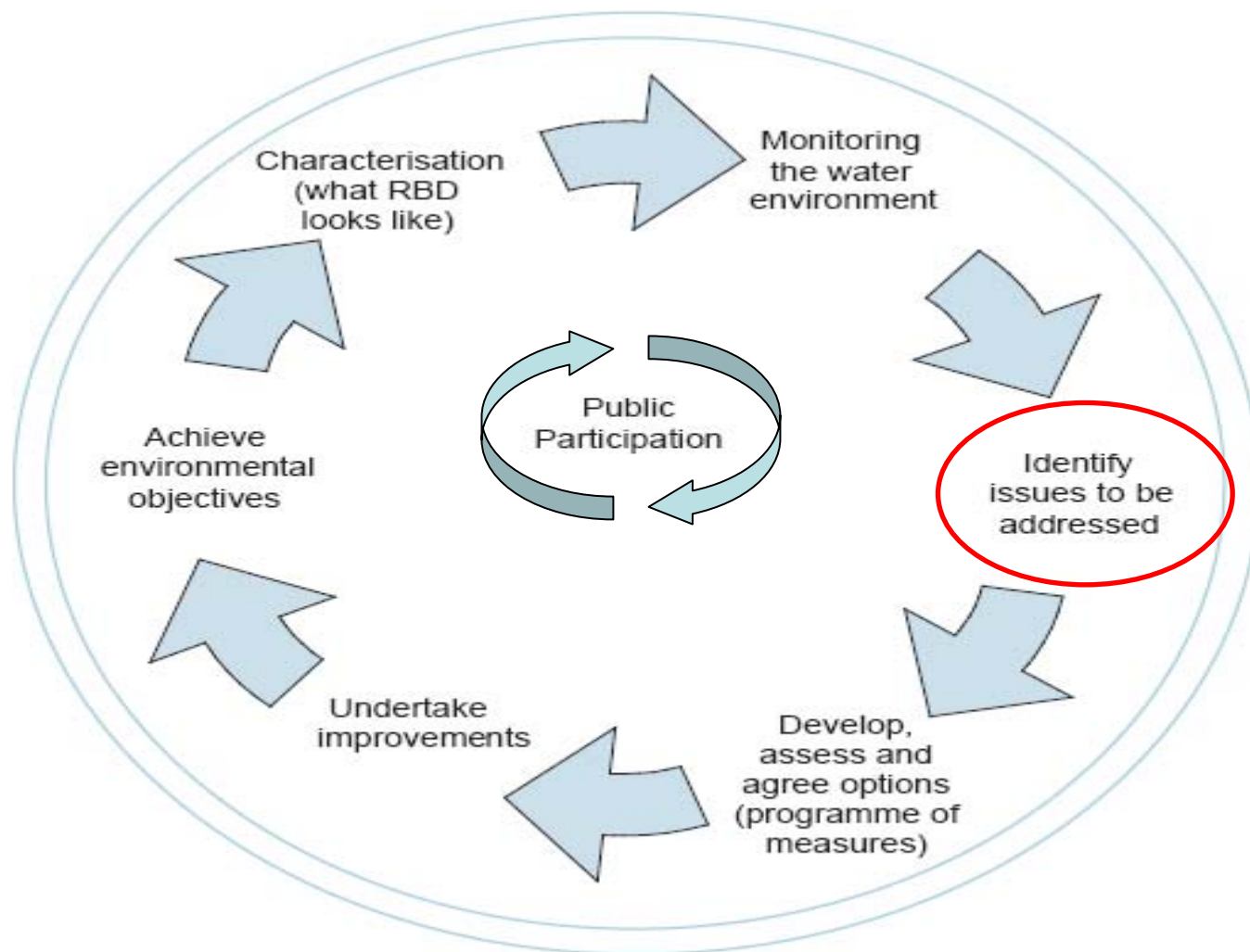


Next steps identified at our last meeting

- 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



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