

**Actions from the  
Upper Neagh Bann Catchment Stakeholder Group Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Market Place Theatre, Armagh.**

**Action 1:** Regional pollution incident information to be presented as high, medium and low incidents at future meetings.

**Incorporated into Future CSG meetings where appropriate**

**Action 2:** Clarification to be provided on the NIEA and DCAL Memorandum of Understanding.

**Norman to progress**

**Action 3:** Angela Halpenny to be invited to present at the next CSG meeting. Angela Halpenny asked to provide written NIW Capital Works update for circulation to stakeholders or to present at Autumn meeting (due to full Spring meeting agenda)

**Action 4:** NIEA to provide an update to Robbie Marshall regarding Lough Neagh Fish Baseline.

**Jake Gibson had provided Robbie with a response. NIEA have submitted a bid for an expanded programme of fish monitoring and that this would include WFD fish monitoring of Lough Neagh. The current NIEA Freshwater fish monitoring budget is not sufficient to include Lough Neagh.**

**AFBI have also submitted an Interreg bid for 'The development of ecological modeling tools for lake management' which would also include fish sampling of LN.**

**Action 5:** EM to provide information to DC regarding Lough Neagh Sand extraction.

**Action Completed. Response letter from Cathy Barker NIEA sent to Stakeholder – Denice Corbett in January. Copies available**

**Action 6:** NIEA to investigate the opportunity to advise third parties on progress made to date on the road projects.

**WMU planning team had drafted guidance so developers working on major road schemes can carry out environmental assessments which adequately take into account the water environment. Comments are welcome on this guidance. All comments to be sent to [Neill.McAllister@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:Neill.McAllister@doeni.gov.uk) 028 9262 3166 by 25 June**

## **Update on Fallen Animals**

NIEA had agreed to collate information on number and type of fallen animal

Range of bodies such as local councils, DCAL, Rivers Agency, DARD, Lough Agency etc agreed to provide NIEA with information on reports of fallen animals in watercourses

Information to date

In 2009 – 13 animals report in total – consisting of 7 sheep, 2 cows, 1 deer, 2 dogs and a calf

In 2010 to mid May - 59 animals - large number due to Isolated atypical incident of 30 sheep in the Long Lough, Ballynahinch – further information on background and clean up to follow.

Other returns included 21 sheep, 2 cows 4 calves, and 2 horses

DARD have **APHIS Online (Animal and Public Health Information System)** - gives traceability of cattle as it is used to register cattle births, deaths and stillborns

The situation with sheep differs as ne tagging rules came into force in December 2009

The objective of the system is to ensure full traceability of all sheep and goats. Hopefully this will then decrease the occurrence of the 'illegal dumping' of sheep.

## **Closet River Update (if required)**

Keith Henderson and Dymphna Gallagher from NIW will be attending the CSG if there are further queries.

The trial clean up is progressing

The excavation part of the work is complete for a stretch of the river plus the side drains.

The material was left to dewater on the bank of the river for two weeks which finishes this Friday.

The same contractor will then move the material to the corner of the field and a second contractor will remove it to a landfill site.

NIW management will then need to take a decision to engage one of its approved contractors to continue the work.

Keith has asked Leslie Craig to encourage his members to visit the site and see what is going on so that they will agree to have the work carried out on their land.