

Belfast Lough & Lagan Catchment Stakeholder Group



<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
7:00 pm	Welcome – Kerry Anderson, Water Management Unit Minutes & Update on Matters Arising from the Last Meeting
7:15 pm	Catchment Case Study – Dr Jim Bradley, Belfast Hills Partnership
7.30 pm	Discussion
7.40 pm	Operational Actions – David Miller, Regional Manager, NIEA
7.55 pm	<i>Tea & Coffee</i>
8.10 pm	Update on Lagan Local Management Area Action Plan & Arrangements for working in the Belfast Lough LMA – Jo Campbell, Acting Catchment Management Officer, NIEA
8.50 pm	Summary and Way Forward – Kerry Anderson, Water Management Unit
9.00 pm	Close

Ref.	Action
2.1	Helen Nutt to reissue the note of the Belfast Lough & Lagan CSG meeting held on 5 May 2010 for feedback and add the agreed note of the meeting to the website.
2.3	Helen Nutt to find out the timescales for the delivery of the anti-poaching awareness leaflets in minority languages.
4.7	Dave Foster to provide feedback to Robbie Marshall on NIEA's progress in applying restoration cost fines to identified polluters.
5.4	NIEA to consult CSG attendees on the locating of Water Pollution signs.
5.6	NIEA to consider all feedback on LMA Action Plans.

Lagan Local Management Area Action Plan Update

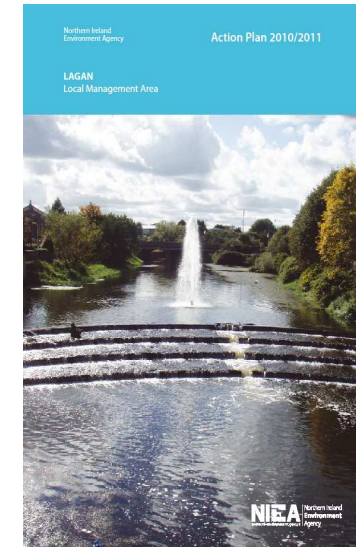


Lagan LMA Action Plan

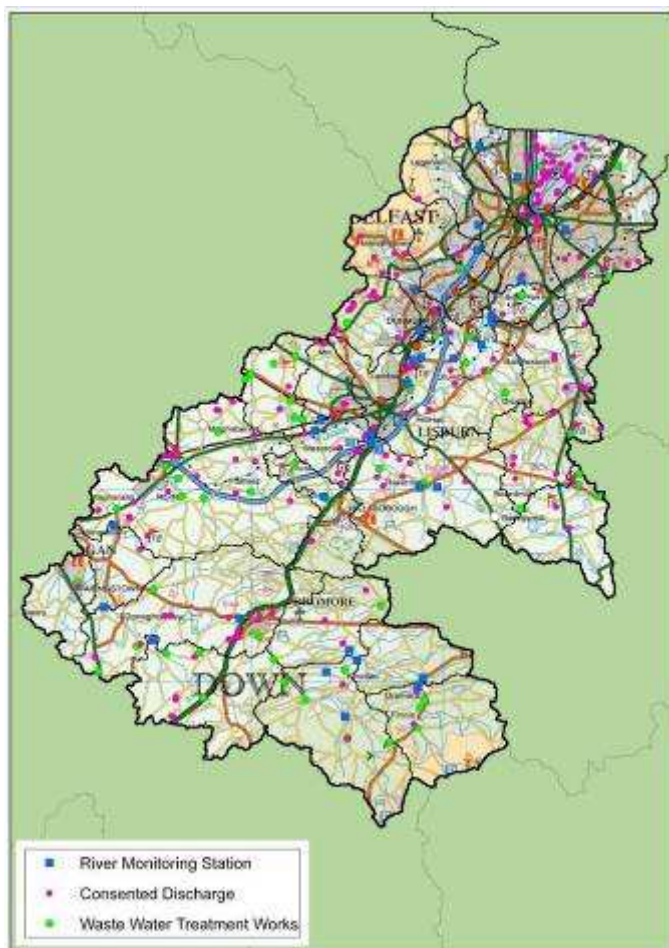
- Published to website
25th March 2011

http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/lagan_lma_actionplan.pdf

- Working documents
- Scheduled reviews



Data Analysis by Water Quality Planners



- Results of a comprehensive desktop study
- Local data from different teams
- Risk Analysis
- Historical Monitoring Data (Biology/Chemistry)
- Occurrence of Pollution Incidents
- Land use, run-off risk, soil type, soil cohesion
- Information received from Stakeholders – Bilateral meetings

Agriculture

- LMA Cross Compliance inspections
 - WMU Agricultural Regulations Team
 - 385 farms were selected for x-compliance visits
 - 118 breaches across 73 businesses
- Referrals
 - 98 businesses visited
 - 140 breaches



Pesticides workshop

- Pesticides workshop held in Loughry College on 15th March 2011
- Partnership event with UFU, DARD, NIW, CAFRE
- Key Speaker Dr Bob Breach, chairman of the Voluntary Initiative
- Attendees – other Gov Departments, Local Councils, Loughs Agency, Freshwater Task Force.
- Delivery through the set up of a Steering group set up including NIW, DARD, UFU, NIEA
- Focus catchments (Rural & Urban)

We are pleased to invite you to attend the

Pesticides Awareness Workshop

Administration Conference Hall at Loughry College, Cookstown
on Tuesday 15th March 2011
09.45am – 16.00pm

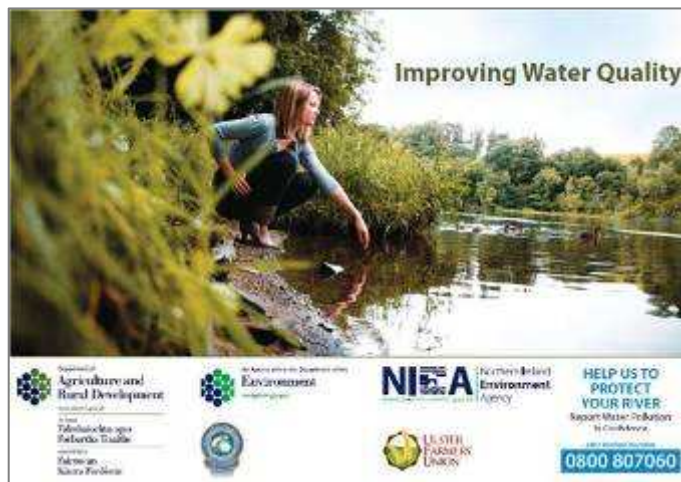
RSVP to RiverBasinPlanning@doeni.gov.uk by 5th March 2011

Tea / Coffee & Lunch will be provided



Development of awareness raising leaflets

- 'Improving Water Quality' - Landowners & Householder



- CAFRE student WFD awareness raising

Pollution Hotline Signs

- LMA Pollution Hotline Signage Project – Lagan
- CSG input to potential sign locations ongoing
- Official launch by NIEA Chief Executive and Enler Anglers – Monday 18th April



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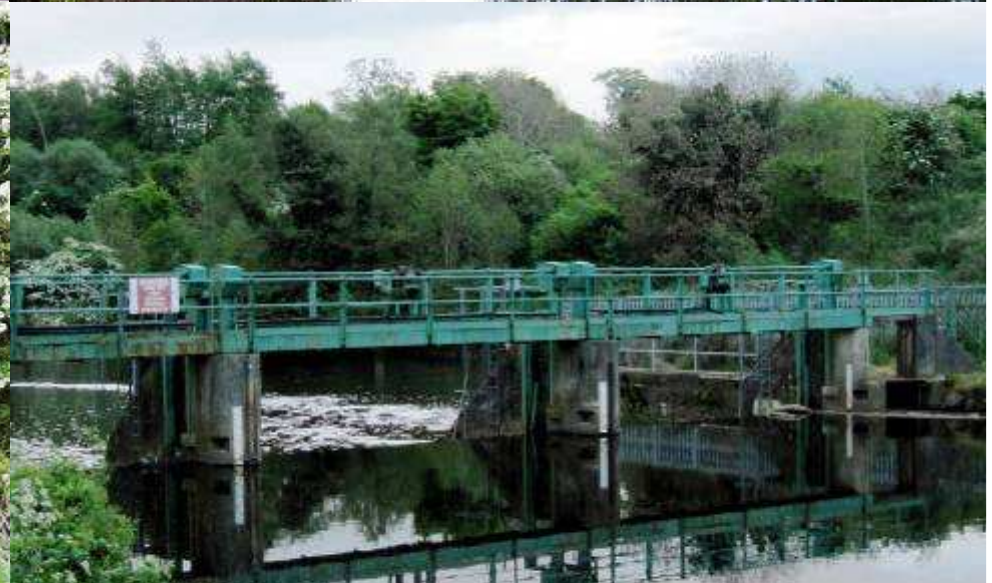
- Water Management Facts & Figures



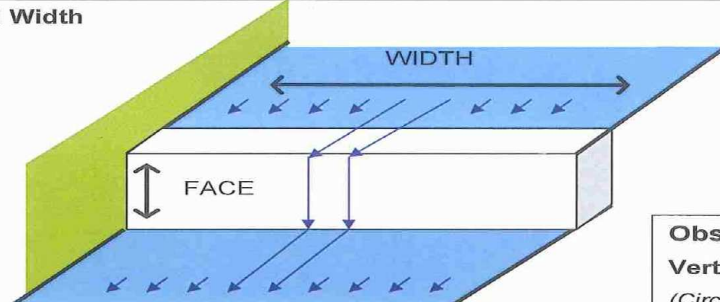
- E-zines



Create an inventory of physical structures within the river channel and bank structures



Inventory of physical structures – Can you help?

NIEA Structures Information Sheet	
SITE DETAILS Information will ideally be recorded when the river flow level is "Moderate flow" or lower	
Date/..../.... River	Flow Flood <input type="checkbox"/> Spate <input type="checkbox"/> Mod <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/>
Obstacle name.....	Obstacle location.....
Ownership (if known): Name.....	Telephone No.....
Owner Address.....	
Obstacle In use Redundant	(If in use state use)
Obstacle Height and Width (visual estimate) Approx height of obstacle face in metres _____ <i>(for reference: An average man's waist height is approx 1 metre)</i>	 Approx width of obstacle in metres _____ <i>(for reference: A normal walking stride is almost 1 metre)</i>
Based on local knowledge/surveyors opinion score the obstacle's ease of passability to all fish species The Scoring system 1 - Obstacle easily passable in all flow conditions 2- Obstacle generally passable in majority of flow conditions though very high or very low flows may result in obstacle being impassable. 3 - Obstacle generally impassable but may become passable under certain flow conditions 4 - Obstacle is impassable	Obstacle Passability Score (1-4) <i>(if not known with regard to particular species then insert NK)</i> Adult Salmon Adult Trout Juv. Salmon Juv. Trout Adult Eels Adult Lamprey Juv. Eels Juv. Lamprey Cyprinids
Does the obstacle have a fish pass	YES / NO
NIEA have aerial photos of many obstacles but any taken at ground level would be greatly appreciated	

Information from (name(s) or club):.....

Signed:Date:.....

Thank you for your help. The time you have taken to fill this in is greatly appreciated

Promote and encourage local projects through WATER Environment Community Awards



Examples of other ongoing action in the CSG

- CSG meetings



- Anglers Monitoring Initiative Pilot Project
- Support for formation of Rivers Trusts

Examples of support to local groups

- **Connswater Community Greenway**
 - Ongoing support and engagement to the project

- **Belfast Hills Partnership**
 - Mapping information and advice

Attendance at local Events

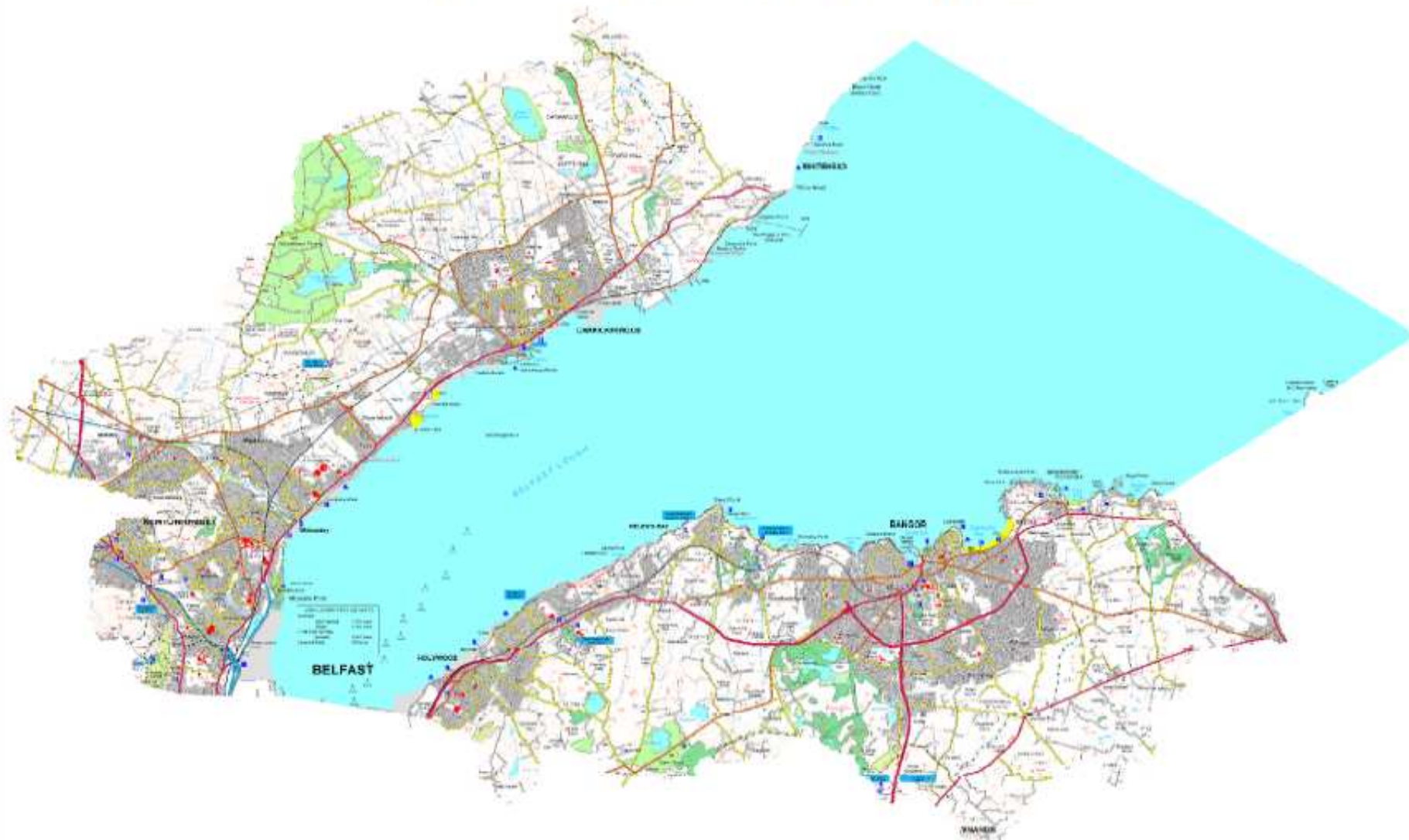
- Balmoral show 11th – 13th May 2011
- Loughs Agency Angling Fair - Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May 2011
- South Antrim Fishing Festival – Saturday 21st May & Saturday 28th May 2011



Belfast Lough LMA 2011



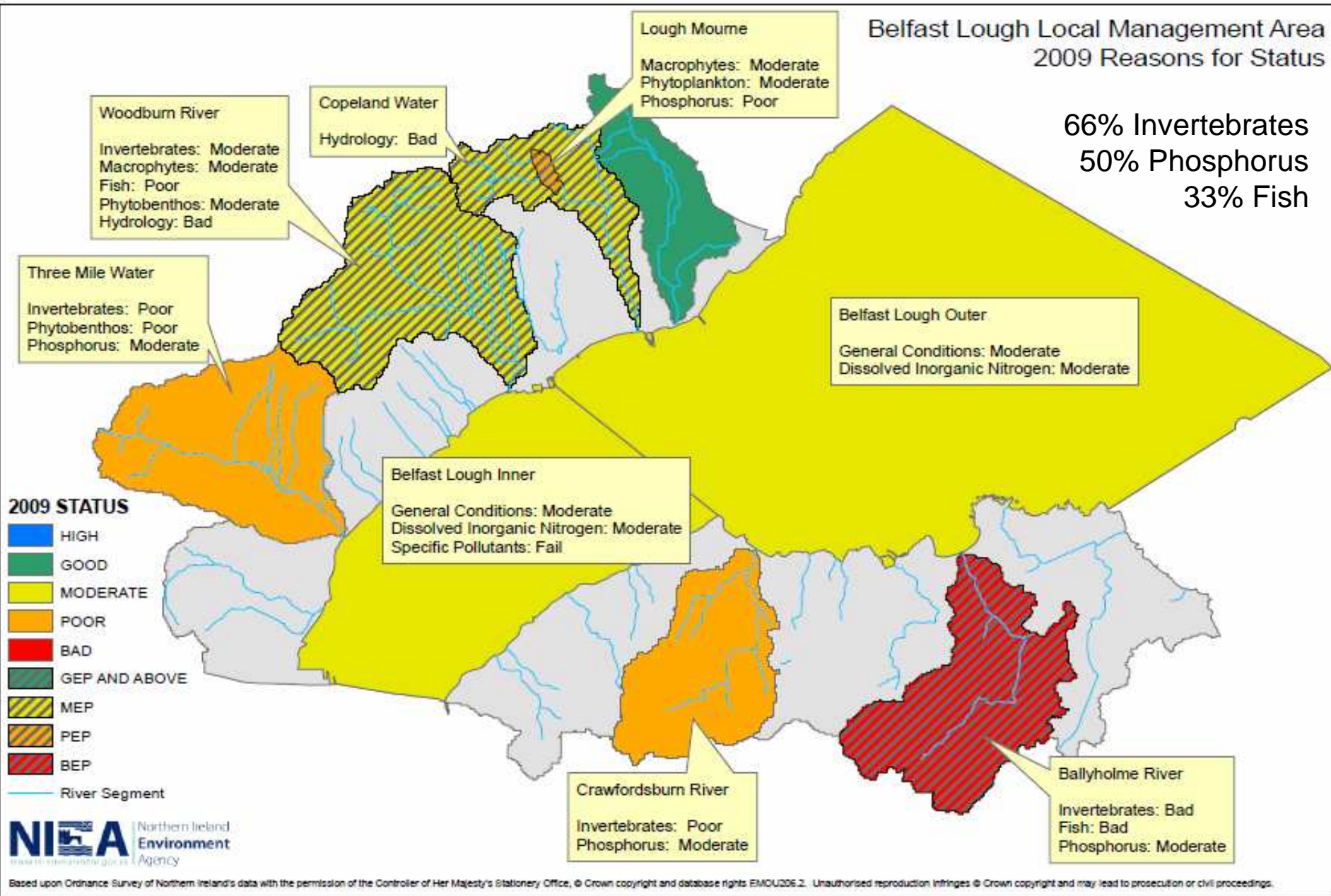
Belfast Lough Local Management Area

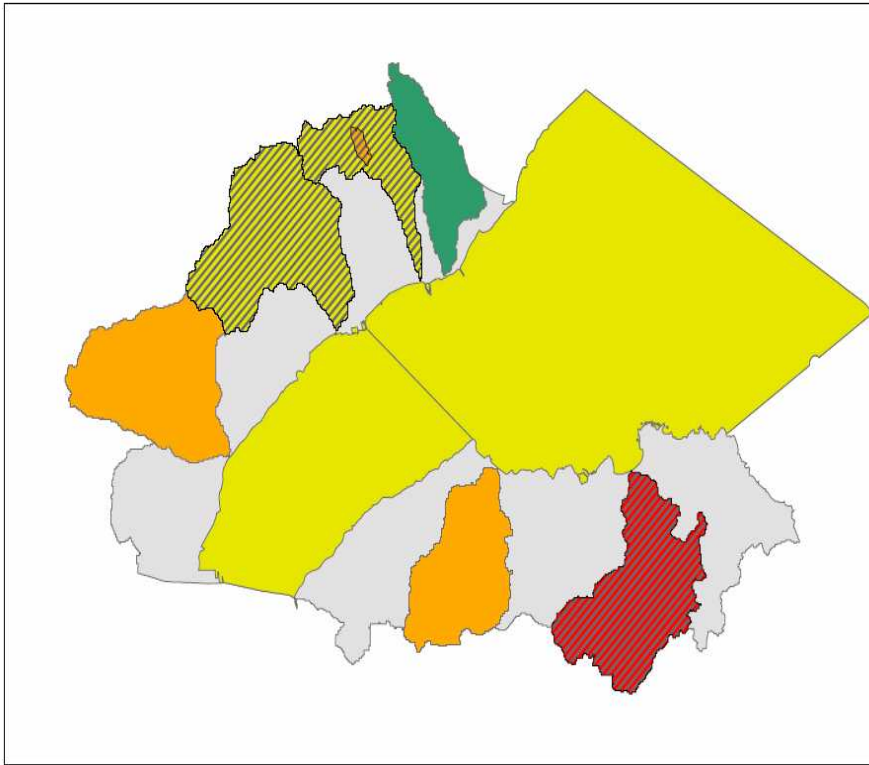


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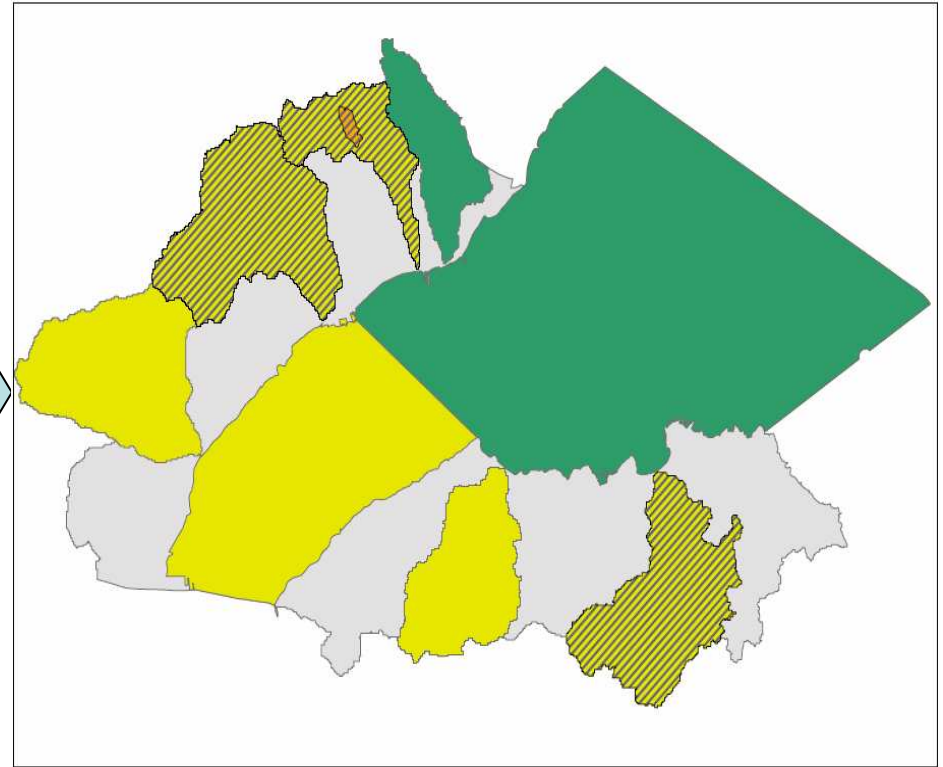
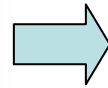
Belfast Lough Local Management Area
2009 Reasons for Status

66% Invertebrates
50% Phosphorus
33% Fish





2009



2015

- HIGH
- GOOD
- MODERATE
- POOR
- BAD
- GEP AND ABOVE
- MEP
- PEP
- BEP

Stakeholder Participation

- Projects
 - Any proposed or possible improvement projects for 2011?
- Events
 - What local events are planned that could promote water quality issues, in Belfast Lough LMA?
- Issues
 - Situations or problems that should be considered for examination.

Identification of Issues

- Use OS and water body status map
- Identify locations where there are environmental issues or concerns that may be affecting status or actions/improvements currently being carried out
- Provide details on the A3 feedback form and identify the location of the large LMA map
- Indicate if you or your group would like to provide further input

Thank you

Our aim is to protect, conserve and promote our natural and built environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

