

Lower Neagh Bann Catchment Stakeholder Group

Welcome

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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 quality issues.



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Terms of Reference

The Catchment Group will:

- Provide a source of help, support and advice for local/regional stakeholder engagement.
- Provide support and advice on resolving water quality issues.
- Provide knowledge on the Lower Foyle Catchment to ensure issues of local significance are identified.



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Group Operation

1. EHS will service the Catchment Group, including recording and communicating all decisions.
2. The Catchment Group will provide support and 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 and detailed work.
4. Membership and the terms of reference will be reviewed on an annual basis.



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5. EHS will use its website to publish Catchment Group meeting details and 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.



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EHS – one of our many roles

to co-ordinate the

Department's response

to reported incidents of

water pollution and

promote pollution

prevention initiatives to

reduce the number of

incidents



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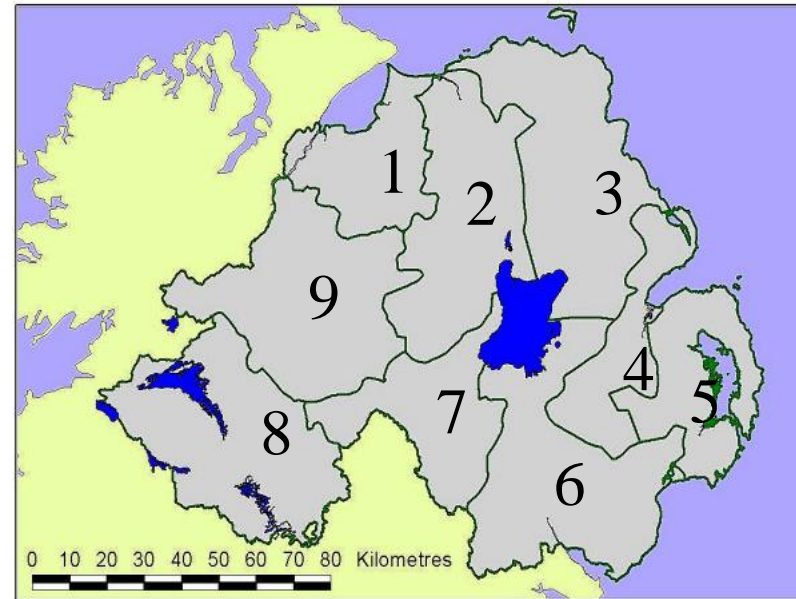
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Resources for Pollution Investigation

EHS

“16 Headquarters staff

“51 Regional staff (14 increase from last year)



“Development of protocols to work more effectively with Loughs Agency and DCAL Fisheries

“Numerous River bailiffs

What are we trying to achieve?

- “ To protect and improve water quality in ALL waters
- “ To ensure no deterioration in present quality
- “ To deliver wiser, sustainable use of water resources
- “ To create better habitats for wildlife



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Keep on having your say.....

“ Angling Club meetings – keen to attend

**“ Catchment Stakeholder Groups –
New Catchment Officer**

“ Face to Face EHS Regional Staff

“ Pollution Hotline



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