

Lower Foyle Catchment Stakeholders Meeting

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Pollution Incidents Investigated 1st January to 30th September 2011

- 170 Incidents Investigated
- 104 Incidents confirmed as pollution
 - 0 High Severity
 - 4 Medium Severity
 - 100 Low Severity

Pollution Incidents Investigated

	2011	2010
■ No Investigated	170	195
■ Discovered by staff	58	99
■ Reported	112	96

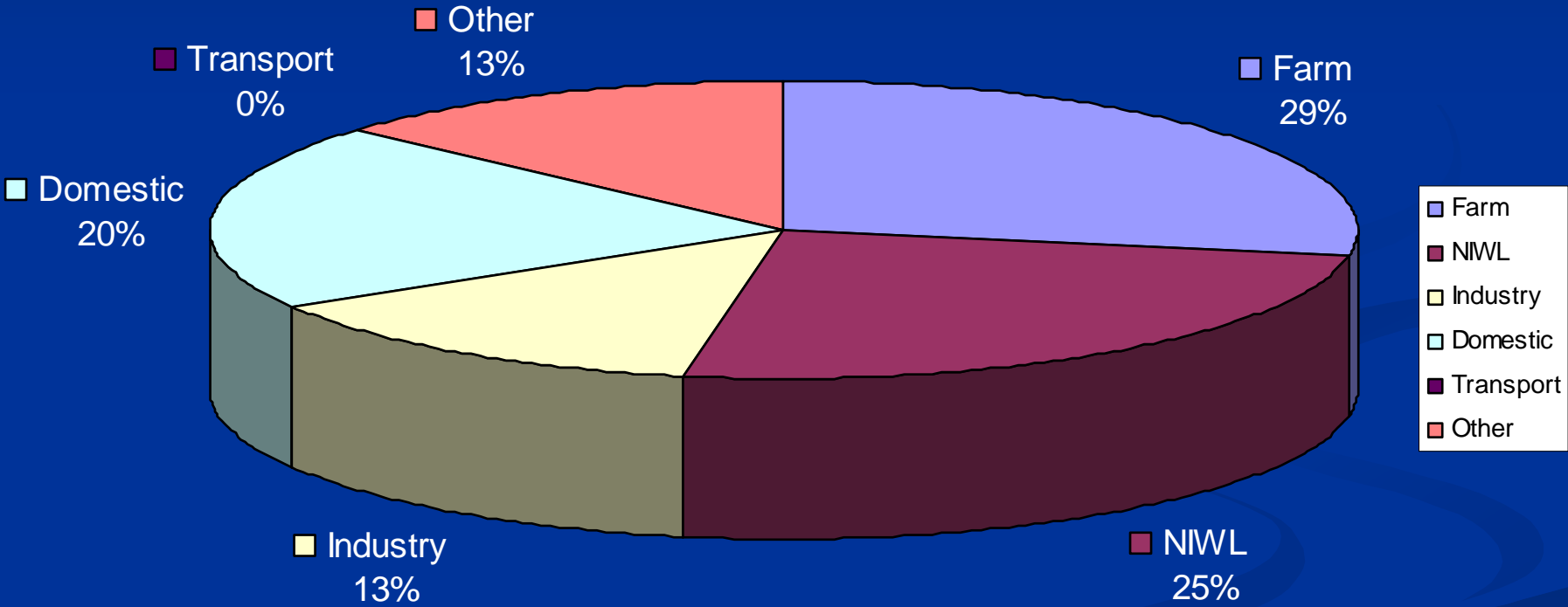
Pollution by Catchment (Jan- Sept)

- 18 River Faughan
- 48 River Foyle
- 3 Lough Foyle
- 20 River Roe
- 8 North Coast (Magilligan to Castlerock)
- 5 Burn Dennet
- 2 Skeoge
- 104 – Total confirmed

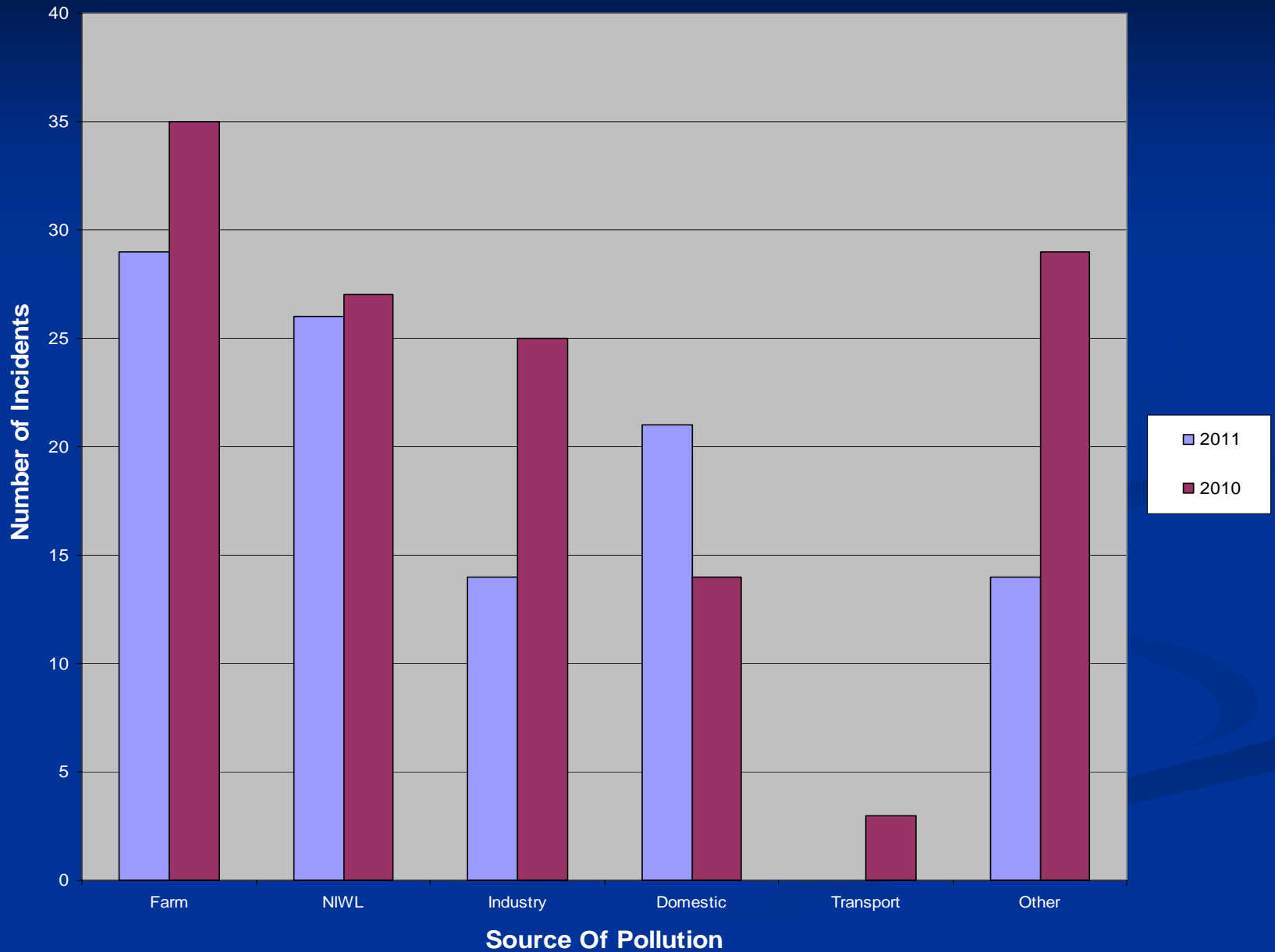
Sources of pollution (Jan-Sept)

	2011	2010
■ Farm	29	35
■ NIWL	26	27
■ Industry	14	25
■ Domestic	21	14
■ Transport	0	3
■ Other	14	29
■ Total	104	133

Sources of Confirmed Pollution Jan – Sept 2011



Sources of Confirmed Pollution Jan – Sept 2010 and 2011



Enforcement- 2011

- Cooperation in a Loughs Agency case for a fish kill back in 2009
 - Fine of £750
- 2 Successful cases taken against NIWL
 - Fine of £1,000 for both
- 5 Prosecution Files Ongoing
- 2 Statutory samples lifted
- 8 Breaches Under NAP Regulations

Local issues of note

- Herbicide spraying for Invasive Species
 - Spraying along the River Roe- summer 2011 from Limavady down to Swans Bridge
 - Quercus supported project started on the River Faughan- catchment approach for spraying
- River Roe is targeted catchment for 2011
 - River walks to begin over coming weeks.
 - River Roe canoed by officers from O'Cahans Rock down to Swans Bridge- good view of the modified lower stretches of the Roe

Local issues

- River Roe Anglers met with local officers back in September to discuss local issues.
- Some local reporting of slurry spreading outside the closed period of 15th October.
- New pollution reporting system commissioned by WMU recently
 - PIMS- Pollution Incident Management System

Local issues

- Cutbacks in resources and staffing levels
 - Loss of a Water Quality Inspector position
 - Limited Department vehicles

Water Pollution Hotline

0800 80 70 60