

North Highland Area Management Plan Advisory Group Action Plan

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| Morphology/ habitat restoration | Review information on morphology (non heavily modified water bodies) pressures, actions and funding required and facilitate discussions to drive these forward. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate task group. • Review information on morphology (non heavily modified water bodies). • Consider priority sites and catchments. • Identify actions and possible funding mechanisms such as the SEPA restoration fund or the Scottish Rural Development Program (SRDP). • Develop awareness raising for design of structures in the future • Consider options for the restoration of rivers and burns straightened for agriculture balancing the needs of land managers and the water environment. | tbc | Through task group; Local Authorities, fishery trusts, SEPA | <p>Across North Highland area but focussed on natural water bodies with morphology pressures.</p> <p>This task group will also include the mainland of the West Highland area.</p> |
| Invasive non native species | Coordination of local action and implementation of national measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate task group and/or link to existing Highland Invasive Species Forum • Share information on current control and eradication work and identify key gaps • Encourage coordination of actions and implementation across catchments • Raise awareness of nationally produced material for prevention, data collection processes and protocols for rapid reaction • Encourage the sharing of good control and eradication practice and rapid response protocols. | Iain Milne (SEPA) | Linked to existing Highland Invasive Species Forum | <p>Across North Highland area.</p> <p>This task group will also include the mainland of the West Highland area.</p> |

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| Diffuse pollution | Raise awareness of diffuse pollution and facilitate discussion on preparation needed for action required in future planning cycles (e.g. shellfish waters and candidate priority catchments). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate task group • Coordinate local delivery of the national awareness raising campaign to improve water bodies affected by diffuse pollution and prevent further deterioration. • Facilitate discussion on the research required to establish the source of the diffuse pollution downgrading water bodies – and shellfish waters in particular - and therefore the measures required to improve them. • Hold an event for forest managers of both estate and private land to start the process of awareness raising | tbc | Through task group including SEARs partners and industry reps; SEPA, SNH, FCS, NFUS, SRPBA | Across North Highland area. This task group will also include the mainland of the West Highland area. |
| Catchment restoration | Explore, develop and implement catchment management approaches where locally relevant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peffery catchment project • Desk study of existing information and research on diffuse pollution issues in Loch Eye • Initial investigative study of phosphorus loading in relation land and water management in Shin catchment • Further develop a coordinated approach to water resource activities within the Ness catchment • Consider future catchment-wide projects | CFDSFT SEPA SEPA SEPA AAG | Through catchment groups as appropriate. | River Peffery Loch Eye Loch Shin Ness catchment |