

Argyll and Lochaber Area Advisory Group (AAG) meeting 22nd May 2012 – update on actions for AAG meeting on 9th October 2012

Action point number	Action	Update
Argyll and Lochaber AAG meeting		
1	Get update from AKW on outputs from catchment walks and diffuse pollution data gathering.	<p>JM emailed AKW and CM to ask for outputs from catchment walks and diffuse pollution data gathering.</p> <p>CM replied saying would bring an update at meeting.</p> <p>Update from CM at meeting – Argyll Fisheries Trust surveyed Loch Fyne last year. This year Islay and Jura surveyed. Lots of diffuse pollution impacts etc cattle poaching and some channelisation also picked up. Only Loch Etive left to survey.</p> <p>Given the amount of data gathered and the fact that it will be very useful to feed into the river basin planning process, it was agreed that CM would send data to AAG Coordinator for discussion at a meeting before end of 2012.</p> <p>Action point 4 – CM to send AAG coordinator the Argyll Fisheries Trust survey data- JB - meeting set up for January 2013</p> <p>Action point 5 – AAG coordinator to set up a meeting with CM, local SEPA Ops staff and EQ. Involve SEPA land unit too to get a template for type/format of diffuse pollution data which would be most useful. JB - Meeting set up for January 2013.</p>
2	JM to send diffuse pollution catchment walking methodology (as sent to AKW) to Drew McFarlane Slack.	<p>Update to be provided at meeting.</p> <p>Action point 6 – AAG coordinator to send diffuse pollution catchment walking methodology (as sent to AKW) to Drew McFarlane Slack on a CD. JB – Arranging this to be sent out before Christmas</p>
3	DMS would be keen to accompany a SEPA catchment officer on a diffuse pollution catchment walk to understand how it is	<p>Update to be provided at meeting</p> <p>Action point 7 – AAG coordinator to consider a catchment walk with AAG members with Pete Wright (SEPA Land Unit) as a site visit following the spring 2013 AAG meeting.</p> <p>JB to contact Pete Wright. Ongoing.</p>

	managed. JM to contact Grahame Newman, SEPA Elgin, to organize.	
4	Circulate minutes of DP meeting	JM - DONE
5	JM to update Argyll and Lochaber AAG members on progress following national meeting with Forestry Commission Scotland.	JM – national meeting now on 25 th October, update will be circulated after it. Action point 8 – AAG coordinator to circulate an update on national Forestry Commission meeting on 25th October 2012. JB to distribute before Christmas.
6	JM to contact MS for RBMP policy approach proposed in the main issues report to AAG before August consultation	JM – DONE update will be provided at meeting. Mark Steward provided e-mail update circulated with the minutes and will be in touch with Argyll and Lochaber RBMP coordinator and AAG when Argyll and Bute Council LDP goes out for consultation later in year.
7	JM to ask Joyce Carr, Scottish Government, for a summary of the main outcomes of the shellfish consultation.	JM – DONE update will be provided at meeting. The main outcomes of the shellfish consultation were published as part of the Aquaculture and Fisheries Bill consultation report available here http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00398755.pdf . The shellfish section is on p65 of the document.
8	Paul Griffiths to develop WFD classification training materials ("easy guide to classification") for AAG members and other external stakeholders. This material is nearing completion and PG will send classification training information,	PG – DONE, update will be provided at meeting. Classification presentation to be put on website before Christmas.

	including for morphology, to AAG members for their comments by the end of July.	
9	JM to circulate link to the National Advisory Group (NAG) minutes and NAG representatives.	JM - DONE
10	JM to circulate a link to the Getting involved public consultation when it goes live in August 2012.	JM – DONE. The consultation is open until 28th February 2013 available online on the SEPA website. http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/river_basin_planning.aspx AAG members are encouraged to respond.
11	Circulate minutes of INNS meeting	JM – DONE
12	Circulate information on the crayfish eradication to AAG members	JM –DONE
13	JM to contact Mags Russell, SNH coordinator for agricultural shows about getting diffuse pollution information to the shows attended.	Update will be provided at meeting as part of diffuse pollution subgroup update JM – DONE – Diffuse pollution information was sent to agricultural shows in summer 2012 through members of the north area diffuse pollution subgroup.
14	AAG members to let JM know any ideas for venues for diffuse pollution awareness raising farm events	AA- ongoing.
15	Send a link to the	JM – DONE

	restoration fund criteria to all AAG members for circulation to any interested contacts	
16	BB to send JM a link to the Scottish Water Sustainable Land Management Initiative information and JM to explore linking it with other funding information	BB/JM – DONE BB is updating the Sustainable Land Management Initiative section to make better links with the Diffuse Pollution Management Advisory Group (DPMAG) and SEPA's Land Unit (Janette MacDonald) is doing the same to their websites to make links better and clearer.
17	JM to send presentation on small water bodies and local SEPA colleagues for comments and suggestions of where the approach could be used.	JM – DONE, update will be provided at meeting JB – DONE
18	JM to circulate a link to the spreadsheet of restoration projects shown	JM – DONE
19	JM to investigate why the Awe catchment restoration work does not appear on the restoration projects spreadsheet	JM – DONE, update will be provided at meeting JM confirmed the Awe catchment work was on the spreadsheet under INNS work.
20	JM to send a link to the classification spreadsheet to AAG members	JM – DONE
21	PG to clarify whether the standard for	PG – DONE, update will be provided at meeting There are proposals to change the copper standard in marine waters. These proposals have just been the

	<p>copper is being changed for coastal waters.</p>	<p>subject of consultation by UKTAG, and whilst it can't yet be confirmed, it's looking like the changes will go ahead. Summary taken from the draft proposals is as follows:</p> <p>Table 2.11: Recommended standards for copper</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Water</th><th>Exposure</th><th>Annual statistic</th><th>UKTAG proposal</th><th>Existing standard</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fresh</td><td>Long-term</td><td>Mean</td><td>1 µg/l bioavailable</td><td>1–28 µg/l dissolved</td></tr> <tr> <td>Salt</td><td>Long-term</td><td>Mean</td><td>2.64 µg/l dissolved, where DOC ≤ 1 mg/l</td><td>5 µg/l dissolved</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2.64 + (2.677 x ((DOC/2) - 0.5)) µg/l dissolved, where DOC > 1 mg/l</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>"Bioavailable" means the fraction of the dissolved concentration of copper likely to result in toxic effects as determined using the Metal Bioavailability Assessment Tool (also referred to as a PNEC Estimator) for copper [8].</p> <p>"DOC" means the annual mean concentration of dissolved organic carbon in mg/l.</p> <p>The proposed salt water standard applies to the fraction of a water sample that passes through a 0.45-µm filter or that is obtained by any equivalent pre-treatment.</p> <p>The existing freshwater standard depends on the hardness of the water.</p> <p>Without going into the details of the maths, where the DOC concentration is less than 1 mg/l the standard will tighten considerably from the current 5 µg/l down to 2.64 µg/l. At DOC concentrations of 2.74 mg/l and above the standard will get progressively more relaxed. At this stage it's not clear what the implications will be for marine waters in Argyll without knowing the average levels of DOC. In general though, UKTAG have noted that there is a lack of data for DOC in saltwater, so it might be a while before we can assess the implications.</p>	Water	Exposure	Annual statistic	UKTAG proposal	Existing standard	Fresh	Long-term	Mean	1 µg/l bioavailable	1–28 µg/l dissolved	Salt	Long-term	Mean	2.64 µg/l dissolved, where DOC ≤ 1 mg/l	5 µg/l dissolved
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22	EC to circulate the flood risk management arrangements document	EC – DONE															
23	EC to send the Solway Tweed summary mentioned to AAG members.	EC – DONE															
24	JM to circulate a	JM – DONE															

	link to SEWeb to AAG	<p>SEWeb currently links to SEPA's published SPRI data through the mapping pages :</p> <p>http://www.environment.scotland.gov.uk/map.aspx</p> <p>click on “Advanced Maps” – when you pick a location/postcode in the “Place of Interest” box, you</p> <p>Under “Society” you'll see the SEWeb Maps present SPRI data on Air Releases, Water Releases, Waste Water Releases and Waste Transfers</p> <p>Under “Air” the SEWeb Maps present SPRI data on Air Releases</p> <p>For any point that is then shown on the map, click on the point for summary SPRI info, and then click on “more information” and it will direct you straight to the SEPA SPRI web pages</p> <p>SEWeb doesn't publish any of its own data, it provides tools (such as this mapping tool) to present data that is published by a range of different organisations (including SEPA) in one place – so for the SPRI example noted above, all of the SEWeb SPRI data, is just a representation of the data that is already published by SEPA.</p>
25	JM to investigate whether there is a link between the Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) and SEWeb.	JM – DONE, update will be provided at meeting
26	JM to circulate an update on when the river basin planning interactive GIS map on SEPA website will be updated.	<p>JM – DONE, update will be provided at meeting</p> <p>There is no definite date for this update as SEPA is currently investigating various options for data/map presentation for the second river basin management plans, not necessarily updating the existing interactive GIS map. It could be a different, better system such as Spotfire which is currently being investigated. Further updates will be provided to AAG as available.</p> <p>BB commented that a Spotfire demonstration at the Tay AAG looked impressive and asked whether the tool would be available externally on SEPA's website. It was confirmed that there are no firm plans to do this just now as the tool is still in development internally.</p>
27	JM to circulate the Better Regulation	JM – DONE

	consultation email to AAG	
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