Improving the physical condition of Scotland's water environment – what does it mean for fisheries?

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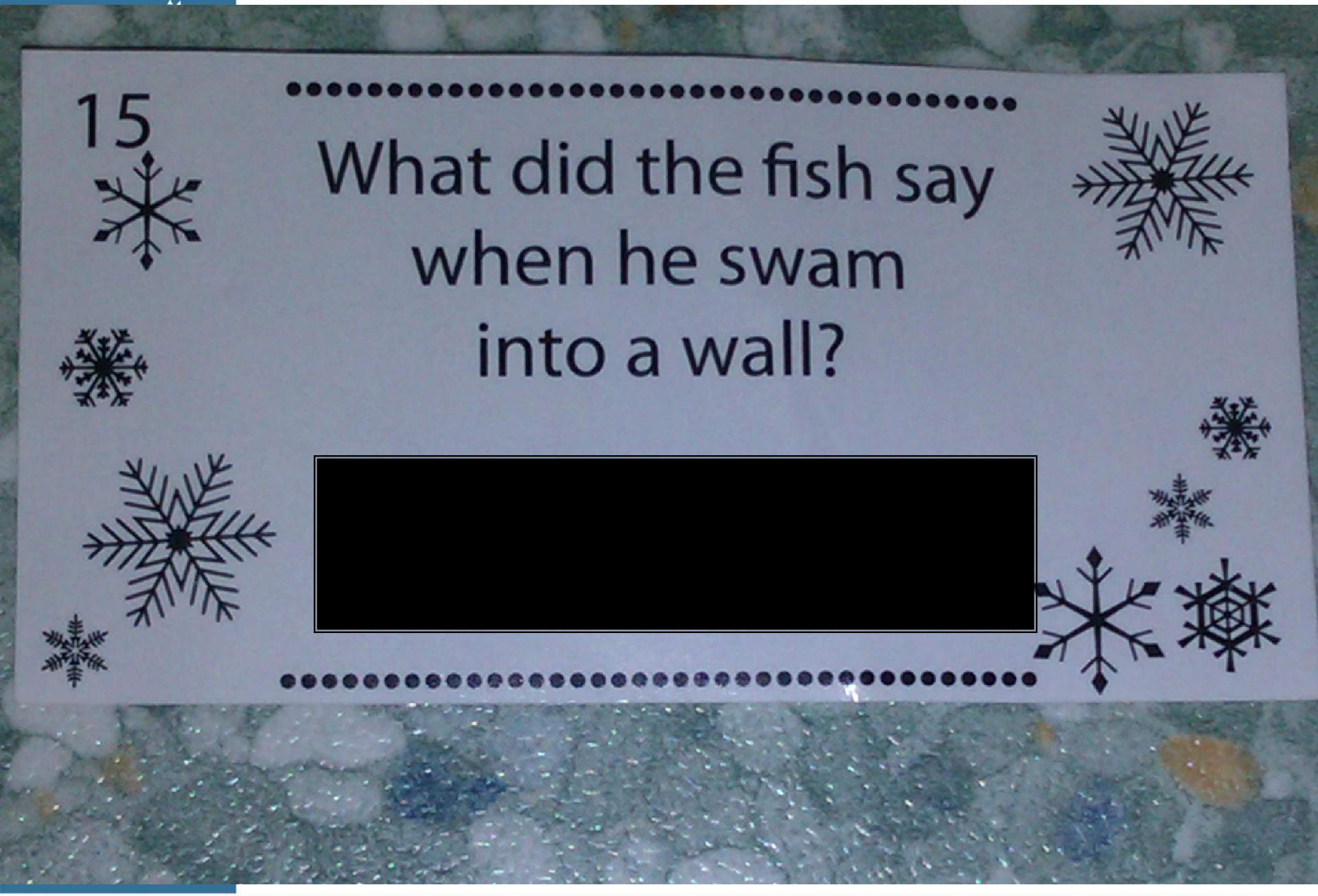
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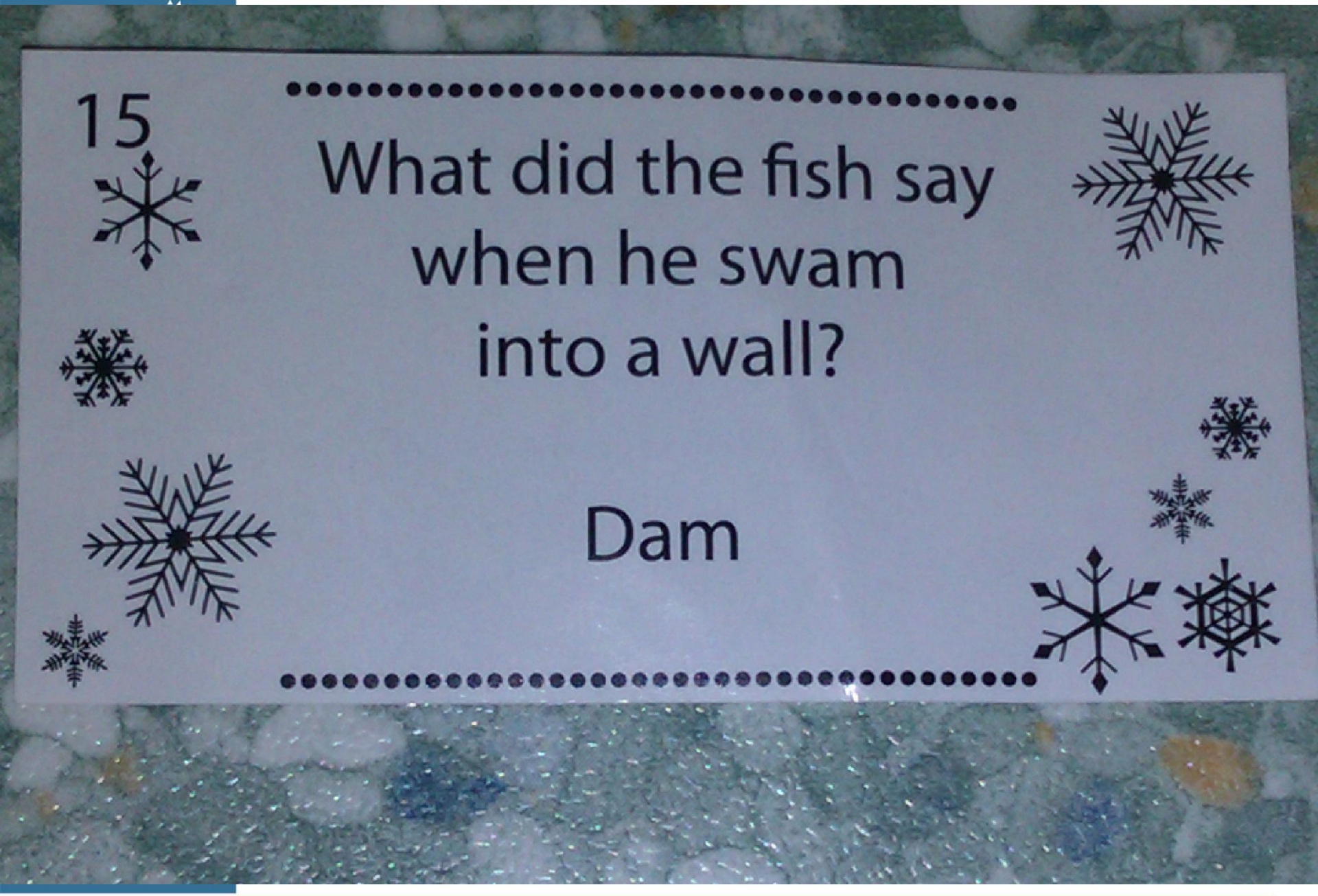
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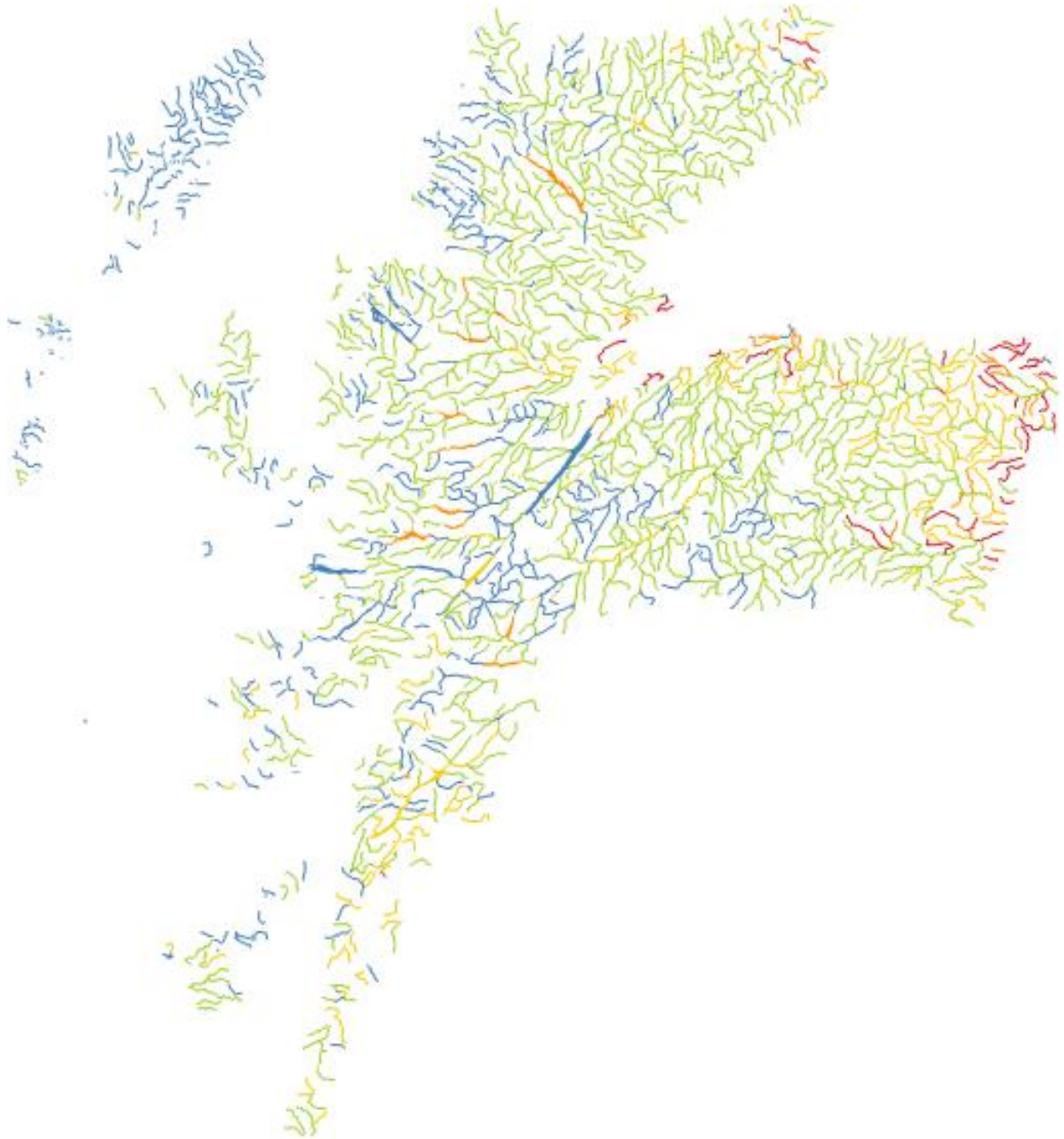

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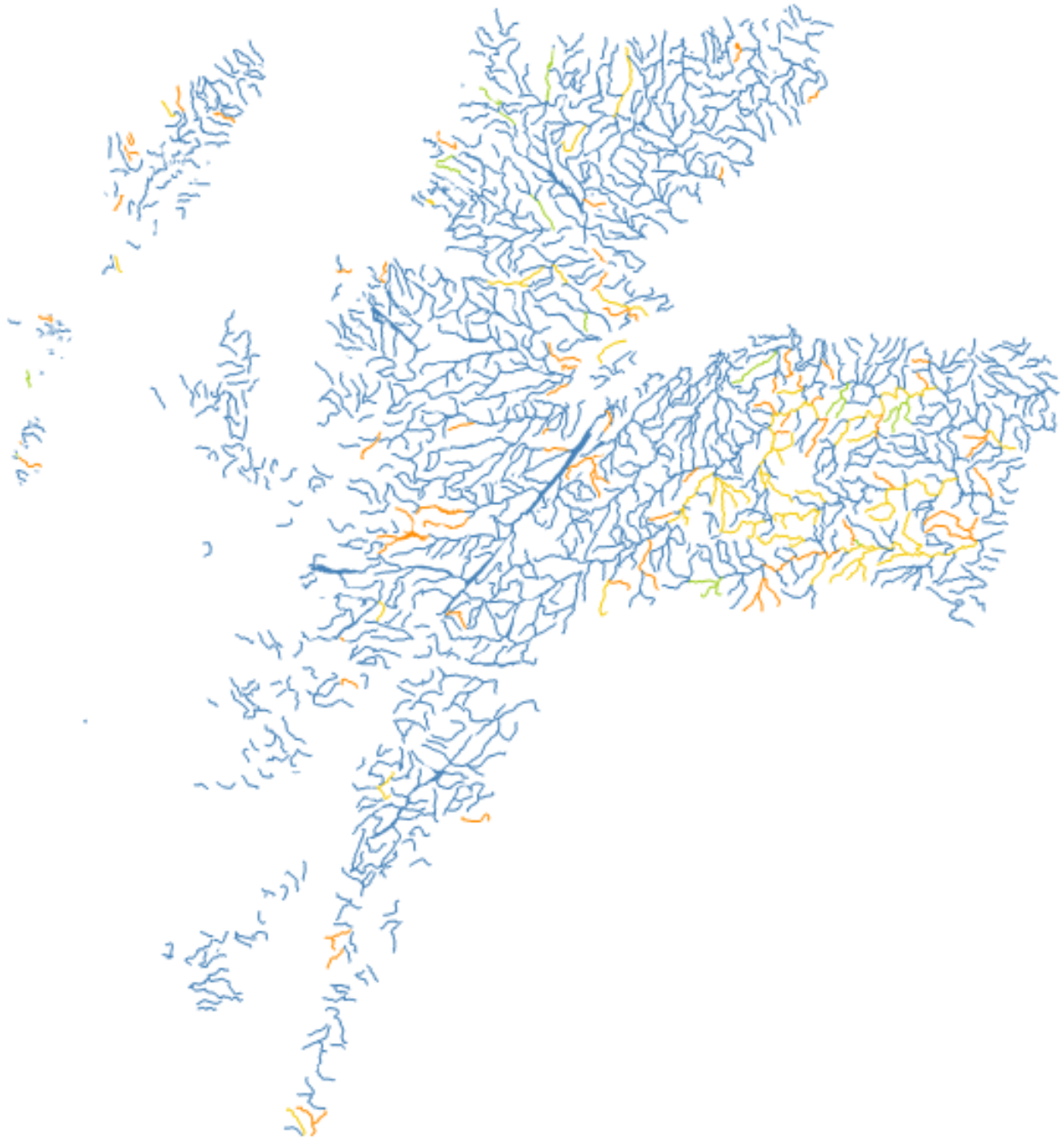

Barriers – suggested approach

- Work with advisory group and RAFTS to identify individual barrier priorities, and catchment priorities
- Weirs and dams – CAR licensing, asset investment by owner OR restoration funding if abandoned
- Bridges and culverts – asset investment by owners, licensing on new developments, restoration notices

Rural areas – suggested approach

To improve bankside vegetation:

- Awareness raising, guidance
- Funding for improvements via SRDP, forestry grants, Water Environment Fund and wider sources
- Regulation via GBRs, forest design and felling plans, CAR

Rural areas – suggested approach

To improve straightened, embanked and culverted water bodies in rural areas:

- Use of funding (SRDP, Water Environment Fund, wider sources) to support restoration
- Use of CAR for maintenance works – may allow some recovery
- Links with Flood Risk Management funding and powers
- Set priorities by linking with DP priority catchments, and screening for significant impact on use, costs and benefits

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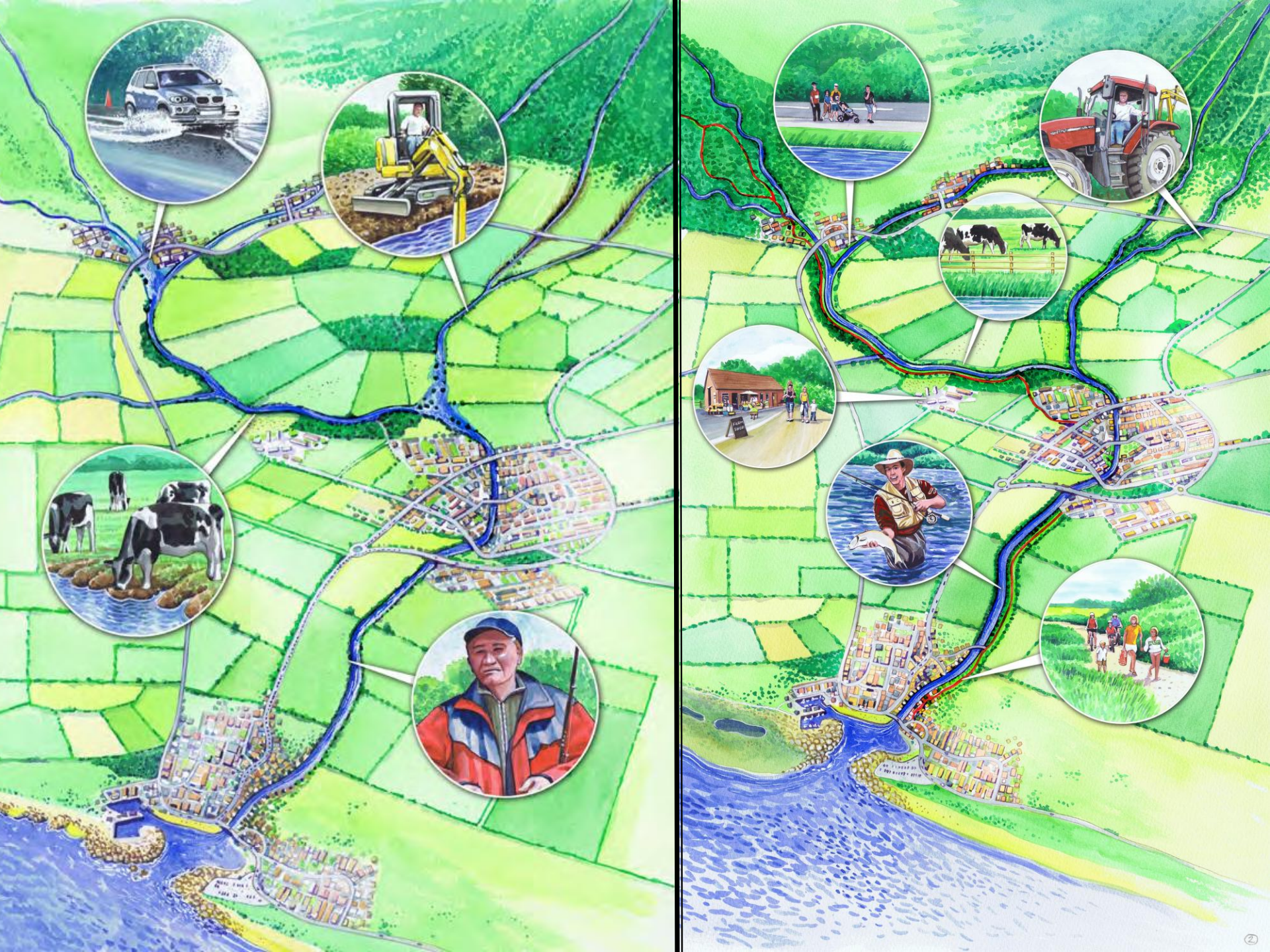
We asked for your views!



Some pre lunch questions

- We've focused on fish barriers – do you have other areas where you would like to see improvements?
- Catchment approach – can we improve lots of things at once?
- How can we improve the partnership approach, which we need for restoration?