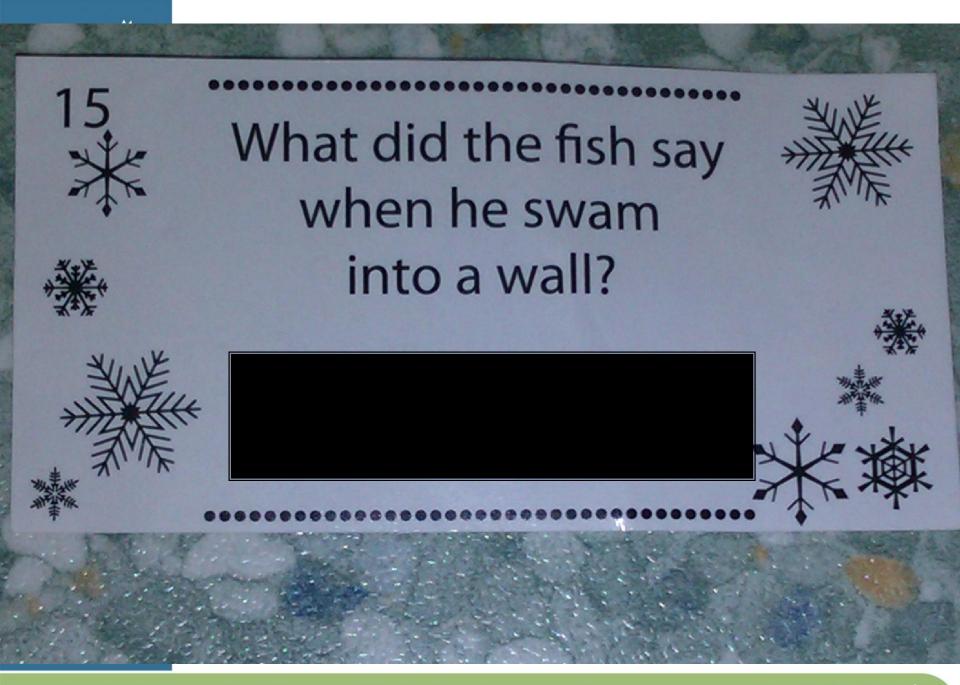


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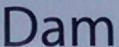




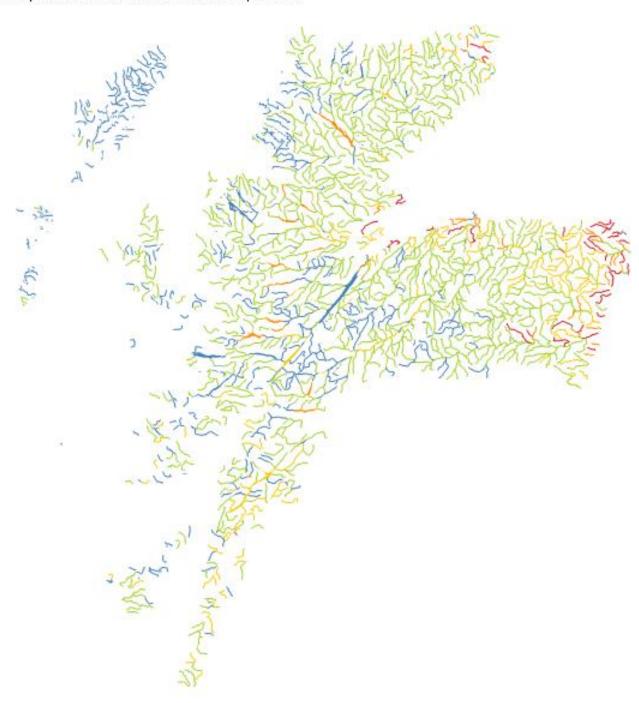


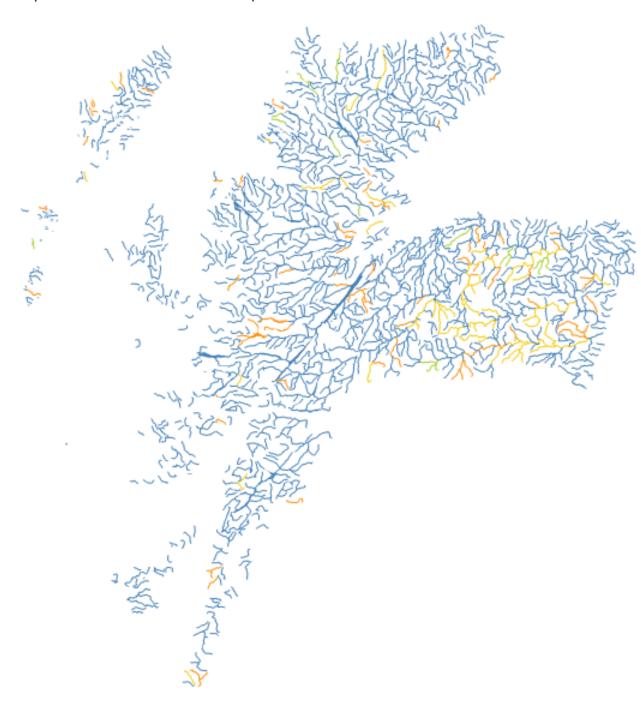
What did the fish say when he swam into a wall?













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:

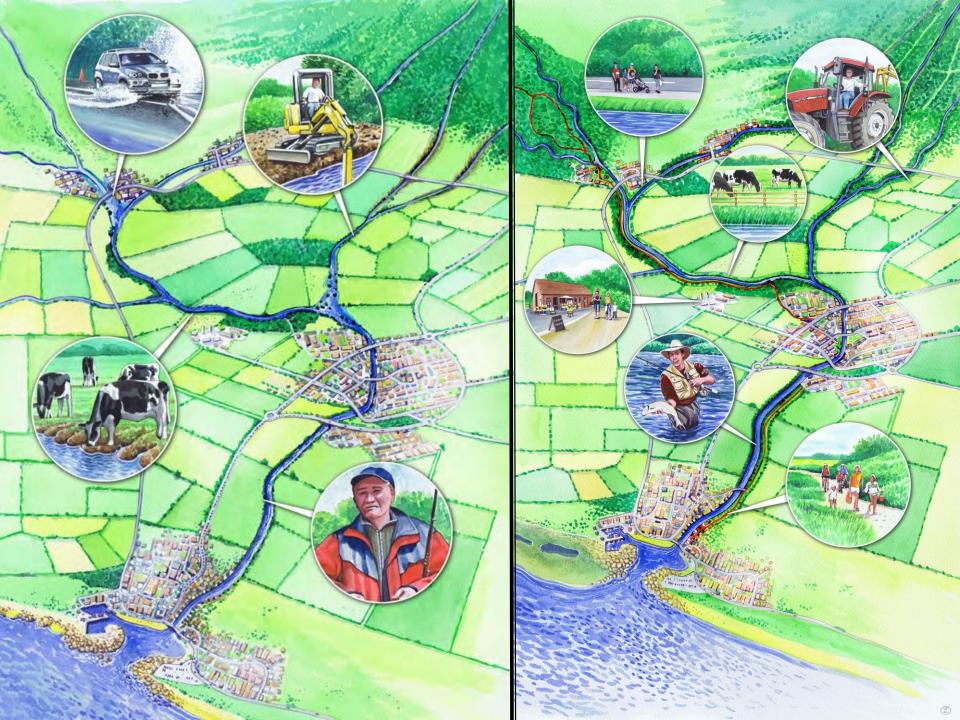
- Use of funding (SRDP, Water Environment Fund, wider sources) to support restoration
- Use of CAR for maintenance works may allow some recovery
- Links with Flood Risk Management funding and powers
- Set priorities by linking with DP priority catchments, and screening for significant impact on use,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





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?