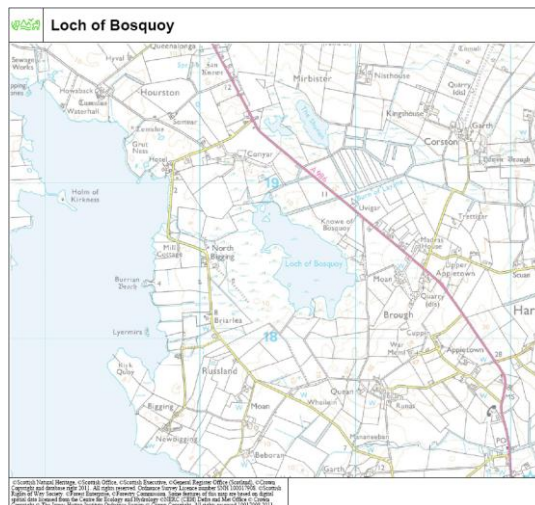


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Loch of Bosquoy

General details and location

Name	Loch of Bosquoy
Area	27.5 Ha
Catchment	Loch of Stenness
Site designations	Local Nature Conservation Site (proposed)
Associated protected areas	Lochs of Harray and Stenness SSSI; Loch of Harray UWWTD Sensitive Area
Heavily modified?	Yes
Artificial?	No
Typology	Duigan Group I: base rich, lowland, with <i>Chara</i> spp., <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> and diversity of <i>Potamogetons</i>
Grid Reference	HY306185



Category

This small water body has been classed by Orkney and Shetland AAG as: **CATEGORY 1**, subject to **MULTIPLE PRESSURES**.

Pressures and measures

The following table outlines the pressures on this water body, their causes and measures which could reduce or remedy the effects of these pressures.

Pressure	Drainage	Diffuse Pollution
Arising from	Lowered water level due to deepened drains towards Loch of Harray.	Livestock farming
How Assessed	Visual	Visual
Proposed measure	Ensure no further lowering of water levels	Investigate nutrient status and take appropriate action to manage and reduce inputs
Target date	2015	2021
Responsibility for Action	SEPA and relevant farmers	SEPA and farmers through proactive application at a catchment level of GBR on diffuse pollution and other land management measures (e.g. SRDP)
Funding	Projected	Projected
Notes		

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Future targets for this water body

We have set the following environmental objectives for this water body over for the first, second and third River Basin Management Planning (RBMP) cycles.

Year	2012	2015	2021	2027
Pressures and Measures	DP; Drainage	DP (reduced); Drainage: no further lowering of levels.	DP negligible; Drainage as in 2015.	DP negligible; Drainage as in 2015.

DP: Diffuse Pollution

Future work

Additional work to identify pressures and to develop and implement measures to mitigate their impacts will continue over subsequent river basin cycles.