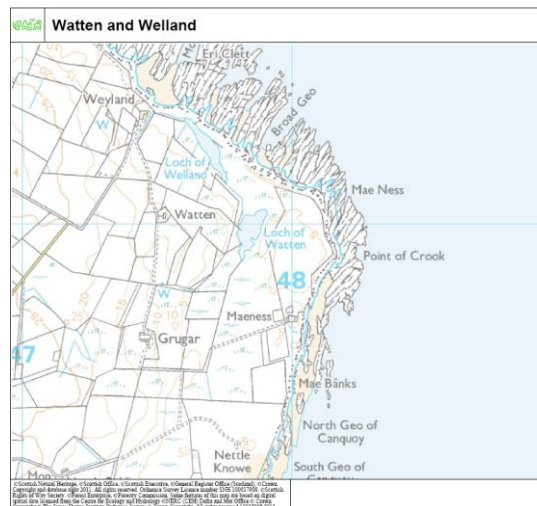


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Lochs of Watten & Welland, Egilsay

General details and location

Name	Lochs of Watten & Welland, Egilsay
Area	0.90Ha and 1.00Ha
Catchment	Egilsay Coastal
Site designations	proposed Local Nature Conservation Site
Associated protected areas	None
Heavily modified?	No
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	HY477311



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	Poaching	Diffuse Pollution
Arising from	Livestock farming	Livestock farming and greylag geese
How Assessed	Visual	Visual
Proposed measure	More detailed assessment of extent and degree of poaching to inform changes to livestock management	Investigate nutrient status and take appropriate action to manage inputs
Target date	2015	2021
Responsibility for Action	SEPA and relevant landowners	RSPB (goose monitoring), 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	Water is also occasionally abstracted from this site for agricultural use but not thought to be a significant pressure.	

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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; Poaching Abstraction?	DP reduced; No serious poaching No excessive abstraction	DP negligible No serious poaching No excessive abstraction	DP negligible No serious poaching No excessive abstraction

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.