

Fourteenth Diffuse Pollution Management Advisory Group Meeting
2nd May 2013
SAC office, Edinburgh

Present	Organisation
Jannette MacDonald (JMacD)	SEPA
Morgane Gillet (MG)	SEPA (coordinator)
Stephen Field (SF)	SEPA
Anne Gray	Scottish Land and Estate
Callum Sinclair	RAFTS
Andrew Bauer (AB)	NFUS
Sarah Hutcheon (SH)	SNH
David Harley (DH)	SEPA (Chair)
Andy Vinten (AV)	The James Hutton Institute
Fiona Wallace (FW)	Scottish Tenants Farmers Association
Ian Speirs (IS)	Scottish Government
Joyce Carr (JC)	Scottish Government
Zoë Frogbrook (ZG)	Scottish Water
Lisa Webb (LW)	RSPB
Neil Henderson (NH)	SGRPID
Graham Kerr (GK)	SAC
Apologies	
Julia Garritt (JG)	Forestry Commission Scotland
Carolyn Hedley (CH)	Scottish Golf Environment Group
Alan Wells (AW)	Association of Salmon Fishery Boards
Carmel Rowlands (CR)	Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park / Cairngorms National Park

Item	Discussion
1.	Introduction - David Harley (DH) DH welcomed the group to the fourteenth meeting of the Diffuse Pollution Management Advisory Group.
2.	Diffuse pollution action plan – Morgane Gillet (MG) (See : DPAMG 2013 03 19_03 DP action plan update -March 2013) No comments were received.
3.	Sediment management update- David Harley (DH) DH explained to the group that SEPA has adopted a new approach to regulate sediment management in rivers. A new registration category has been developed to reflect the low risk of dredging in historical straitened river. SEPA has worked with SNH to ensure the protection of designated sites and with NFUS. Seven NFUS events with a total of 700 attendees were organised to introduce this new registration to the farming sector. DH added that now SEPA is continuing to work with partners to ensure effective implementation of this new process.

	<p>CS raised Fisheries Trusts' concerns regarding this new registration and the perception that the new registration will limit restoration of river. He added that this process needs to be clarified for other sectors and a similar engagement with the fisheries trust will help them understand the process.</p> <p>It was suggested that this kind of approach should be brought to DPMAG attention to ensure that all sectors are engaged at the right stage of the process.</p> <p>Action 14.1: DH to feedback comments and to ensure that engagement with the fisheries trust happens.</p>
4.	<p>Priority catchment update- Stephen Field (SF)</p> <p>SF presented a review of the work done in priority catchments in the last year. He explained that 61 farms in Ayrshire have secured SRDP funding to increase storage facilities. However many farmers have implemented measures without using SRDP.</p> <p>The key questions that the group asked were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- how much of this work have been funded by SRDP 2- Is it going to bring water body to good status? <p>SF explained that it is too early to comment on status improvements as it could take time for the water environment to recover and for the classification to pick up any step changes. We have a monitoring strategy based on a range of indicators to identify the direction of travel. This was presented to DMPAG at the last meeting.</p> <p>SF presented the progress done in the Dee catchment. The catchment is formed of small farms that have struggled to access SRDP funding but it is also a catchment where a lot is happening and therefore it is a great opportunity for partnerships working.</p> <p>The group raised the importance for each stakeholder working in the same catchment to be clear of their role so that land managers know who to speak to.</p> <p>SF then gave an update on the development of the farmers guidance. The group discussed the availability of this guidance for the farms visits and awareness raising events in the summer.</p> <p>Action 14.2: SF to circulate the article on diffuse pollution that UPM published in their staff magazine.</p> <p>AB added that NFUS was pleased with the priority catchment approach and the effort made to make this approach work. The group agreed and added that there are loads of interest from partners across Europe and is often referred to as a good example.</p> <p>Action 14.3: SF to send formal report highlighting with the number of revisits and improvements done on the ground.</p> <p>AV added that the James Hutton Institute is conducting a project on</p>

	<p>effectiveness of engagement with land managers (SEPA and S Govt are involved in this) and that it will be interesting to see contrast between priority catchments.</p> <p>The group discussed monitoring of the water environment.</p> <p>Action 14.4: JMacD to circulate the paper on monitoring the effectiveness of measures.</p> <p>The group discussed the benefit of having a DPMAG event in the Autumn to engage with a wider audience at high level to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - share good news stories; - build some momentum. <p>Action 14.5: SF, IS, GK and AB to take this forward.</p>
5.	<p>SRDP update –Jannette MacDonald (JMacD)</p> <p>(See: <i>DPMAG 2013 05 02_ 05 SRDP 2014 - 2020 - Key milestones</i> and <i>DPMAG 2013 05 02 _04 Recommendations to help ensure SRDP delivers for WFD</i>)</p> <p>JMacD presented progress in the development of the new SRDP process. She explained that DPMAG is a powerful group to influence SRDP and to ensure that the new SRDP programme is going to help deliver WFD objectives. She added that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it has been agreed that targeting is key to achieve WFD objectives but there are still questions on how it can be implemented. - the proposed advisory service is key to WFD delivery and discussion is needed with S Govt on this. SEPA have discussed with partners including learning from experience in Wales <p>Action 14.6: JMacD to draft a paper showing key principle for the advisory service and submit it to the sub group for consideration.</p> <p>The group discussed the how to influence the dialogue process.</p> <p>Action 14.7: JMacD and others DPMAG members to influence the dialogue process to ensure it is going the right way and will deliver WFD objectives.</p> <p>The group discussed how much is required to meet WFD objectives and how to balance all the priorities.</p> <p>Action 14.8: JMacD to circulate report from the DG Env workshop on improving delivery of WFD through rural development programmes.</p> <p>The chair thanked the sub-group for all its work.</p>
6.	<p>Overview of the first cycle approach and getting ready for the second cycle (DH)</p> <p>DH gave a presentation on the first cycle approach including SEPA's key work stream for the first cycle and the big challenges associated with land use.</p> <p>He then, explained the planning work for the second cycle has started, including the review of the prioritisation of catchment and the catchment</p>

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7.	<p>SWOT analysis on progress to date to inform the second cycle- All</p> <p>The group has been asked to do a SWOT analysis on the progress to date. This will then be used to inform the development of the second cycle.</p> <p><u>Strengths</u>: engagement (DPMAG and farmers), actions (planned), focus, integrated approach, ecological targets, shared objectives, evidence based, GBRs.</p> <p><u>Weaknesses</u>: long term results, slow progress, lack of environmental evidences of progress, not using existing initiatives, lack of targeted SRDP, lack of resources causing a difference in progress-some catchments are neglected and the delivery of delivering multiple is not optimum. .</p> <p><u>Opportunities</u>: SRDP, advisory service, demonstrate effectiveness of measures, multiple benefits, new ways to deal with the geographic spread, working better with partners, expending our expertise across Europe, not starting at the zero, communications, how SEPA operates, sharing evidence between relevant authorities to have joined up messages.</p> <p><u>Threats</u>: lack of joint up between SEPA and partners, lack of money and resources, classification results, lost of focus, lost of momentum, change of political priorities, uncertainty caused by climate change, skills, CAP reform, the market.</p>														
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