

River Basin Management Plans Water Framework Directive

- 1 This Directive is the most far-reaching piece of European legislation to affect the water environment. We must be actively involved in implementation to ensure the social and economic value of our sport is recognised.
- 2 The Directive requires River Basin Management Plans(RBMPs) to be prepared which are being done by the Environment Agency. England and Wales are covered by 11 plans of which Anglian RBMP and Humber RBMP affect the RYA East Midlands area.
- 3 The RBMPs split rivers, lakes and reservoirs, estuaries and coastal waters into water bodies. Anglian has 840 water bodies and Humber some what more.
- 4 Draft RBMPs are presently being consulted on. This consultation runs until 22nd June 2009 and the final plans will be published in December 2009.
- 5 The legislation requires improvements to the water environment by 2027. The 1st plan runs until 2015.
- 6 There are 3 scenarios, namely A, B and C. Scenario A is what is presently being done, Scenario B is what is anticipated to be done when the RBMP is adopted and Scenario C are additional activities which could be done if funding and 'certainty' were available.
- 7 Potential affects to boating activities include:-
 - a) boat wash, bed disturbance
 - b) dredging, bank protection, weed control
 - c) boat wash down, anti-fouling paint
 - d) abstraction or impoundment
 - e) moorings, new development.

8 The draft plans can be found on www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd. Please do not print as they are over 2,000 pages each.

9 Each plan has a Main Document and Appendices.

10 Anglian

- a) For RYA East Midlands covers Welland and Witham catchments and part of Lincolnshire coastline approximately south of Mablethorpe.
- b) Main document includes 'Proposed Objectives' for Welland, Witham and Estuaries and coastal water bodies together with in 'Summary of key contributions' a section for 'Navigation and Ports'.
- c) Appendix B-'Objectives for waters' gives by individual water body detailed information and proposed objectives.
- d) Appendix C-'Actions' gives schedules of which C 3 Angling, Fisheries and Conservation and C 9 Navigation are particularly relevant.
- e) Appendix E 'Actions Appraisal' includes section EA 1-6 Morphology Pressures

11 Humber

Has a similar layout but the relevant catchments are: -

- a) Idle & Torne
- b) Louth, Grimsby & Ancholme
- c) Derbyshire Derwent
- d) Dove
- e) Lower Trent & Erewash
- f) Soar

12 Consultation

Consultation responses can be done either online by individual clubs or passed back to Regional Chairman. If individual responses are made directly can you please let Regional Chairman know.

Consultation is also ongoing on Catchment Flood Management Plans(CFMPs) and Shoreline Management Plans(SMPs) which may include issues relevant to clubs ie development in flood plains.

13 Useful Links

- a) Association of Inland Navigation Authorities, 'Water Framework Directive: guidance for AINA members'
http://www.aina.org.uk/wor_programme/water_framework.html
- b) RYA Environmental Briefing 07_02 'Water Framework Directive Update January 2009.'
<http://www.rya.org.uk/KnowledgeBase/environment/WFD.htm>
- c) Environment Agency
<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd>