

The Draft River Basin Management Plans for each of the 11 river basin districts in England and Wales, under the European Water Framework Directive (WFD), have recently been published for consultation. Each draft River Basin Management Plan describes the main issues to be addressed for each river basin district, and highlights some key actions proposed for dealing with them in an attempt to bring all water bodies up to good ecological status.

Your local draft River Basin Management Plans can be found at;

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/33106.aspx>

The proposals in these draft plans will affect your local fisheries and environment. But, these are currently **draft** plans, so there is still time to influence them and make our voices heard.

HQ will be making a generic, high level response to the consultations, but we really need your help to highlight issues at the local level. The consultation runs until 22 June 2009, but in order to help us coordinate responses, please provide any comments you have to us as soon as possible. S&TA will respond individually to all the draft River Basin Management Plans on which we receive comments. We would really appreciate your time, help, and local knowledge to ensure that all the plans deliver for fisheries.

We would also strongly recommend that you submit your comments separately as well, in order to truly maximize our fisheries' voice.