

UKTAG Proposed Biological Standards for River Basin Planning

Response Form

Part 1: About you

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Please tick one box from the list below that best describes you/ your company or organisation.	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Third sector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Government
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public
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If you are responding on behalf of an interest group, have you obtained the views of your members:	

<p>Your consultation feedback, personal details (names) and contact details (email, address, phone numbers) will be treated in accordance with the appropriate legislation including, but not limited to, the Freedom of Information Act and General Data Protection Regulation.</p> <p>As part of the consultation process, UKTAG will publish responses to comments received from stakeholders on its website www.wfduk.org. UKTAG will securely retain all comments received, along with any personal and contact details, for up to six years for the purposes of keeping you informed about this consultation and similar consultations in the future. UKTAG will not share your contact details with any organisations outside the partnership without your explicit consent.</p> <p>If you do not wish your details to be retained by us or if you have any specific requests/ concerns about how we store your data, please indicate this in the space below.</p>

Part 2: Your comments

Please provide your comments and feedback to the consultation below.

Lake fish	
<p>Q1. Do you support the proposals to introduce a new lake fish assessment method?</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Scottish Water welcomes these proposals since introduction of a lake fish assessment standard reflects a general move across ecological disciplines to make more use of eDNA as a way of obtaining reliable data from surveys whilst minimising the intrusiveness of the survey.</p> <p>We support the need for staged intercalibration and recommend that the method is confirmed to be Water Framework Directive (WFD) compliant prior to implementation to ensure that any changes are meaningful and effective in supporting improvements to ecological status.</p>	<p>YES NO [] []</p>
<p>Q2. Are you content with the technical basis and evidence base for the proposed standards, and with the resulting proposed classification scheme?</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>With the recognition there is potential for deterioration in classification at some waterbodies in Scotland based on these proposals, it is unclear why the method would be adopted prior to confirmation that it is WFD compliant. It is unclear whether ecological quality ratios would include only species found in the region being surveyed, e.g. we note that certain species noted in the consultation document are not present in Scotland.</p>	<p>YES NO [] []</p>

Part 3: How to respond

Consultation responses should be returned either by email or by post to the addresses shown below. All responses must be received by **Friday 14 February**.

By email	By post:
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