

**Northumberland Rivers Catchment Partnership  
Catchment Management Plan 2021**



The Northumbria Catchment Partnership are in the process of creating a Catchment Management Plan. We aim to complete this process and replace this holding plan by November 2021

The start of this process has been to identify the priority challenges the catchment faces in each sub-catchment. We have prioritised these in the table below, A being our top priority.



Catchment	Priority Issues 2020	Rank 2020
North Northumberland Coastal Streams	Effects of run-off from agricultural land and highways	A
	Impacts from small STW and septic tanks	
	Potential obstruction to fish passage: tidal flaps.	
	Lack of information on trout populations.	
	Channel restoration / poor riparian habitat.	
Northern Coast	Lindisfarne/Budle: suspected water quality impacts (from streams) on mussels & seagrass.	A
AIn	Conservation/ protection of native crayfish population.	B
	Improvement of spawning gravels and nursery areas.	
	Potential obstruction to fish passage : Lower AIn weirs	
	Lack of information on type & impact of issues.	
Upper Wansbeck	Conservation/ protection of key native crayfish population.	A
	Improved spawning gravels and nursery areas.	
	Recreation access - canoe portage at Morpeth log catcher; debris catchers obstruct at Morpeth & East Mills Weir bridge.	
	Flood barriers - Mitford (debris clearance).	
	Font - flow regulation/naturalisation.	
Lower Wansbeck	Conservation/ protection of native crayfish population.	B+
	Potential impacts of development pressure.	
	Pegswood STW (to be upgraded from 2017).	
	Mink	
	Sheepwash weir - debris and trees.	
	Wansbeck Barrage (habitat connectivity & upstream siltation).	
Upper Coquet & tributaries	Castron - potential obstruction to fish passage at bridge; bank erosion.	A
	Access into river by stock, principally cattle.	
	Forestburn - road crossings impeding fish passage.	
	Restricted spawning gravels and nursery areas: ieFoxton Burn Forestry Clearances at Uswayford etc	
Main Coquet & tributaries	Tyelaw Burn	A
	Hazon Burn	
	Longdyke Burn	
	WFD failures - sediment	
Coquet Estuary	Thirston Burn.	A
	Amble weirs - habitat connectivity & effects on fish passage.	
Upper Blyth (& Pont)	Discharge of foul water onto foreshore at Warkworth.	B
	Conservation/ protection of native crayfish population; threat and wider habitat impacts from Signal Crayfish.	
	Water is always coloured in upper Blyth.	
	Pont Transfer - habitat connectivity & obstruction to fish passage issues; effect of abstraction downstream.	
Lower Blyth	Opportunity for a catchment scale project on the Pont/Blyth linked to Pont Transfer and Pont Ends proposals.	B
	Humford Weir, Bedlington – obstruction to fish passage.	
Lyne	Fish counter - Hartford Gauging Station.	A
	Beach structure/dumping blocks habitat connectivity of 'estuary' & Beach pollution (legacy dumping).	
	Impact from previous open-cast on flow / quality.	
	Channel structure / riparian habitat.	
Mid & Southern Coast & Coastal Streams	Runoff (farm & highway).	C
	Horton Burn & Seaton Burn - potential impacts of development pressure. Agricultural drainage.	
	Briardene Burn - potential impacts of development pressure; NWL strategic survey underway.	
	Druridge streams.	

<b>Multi-catchment locations</b>	<b>Invasive non-native species - plants : strategy to 'hold the line'.</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>Crayfish conservation (Pont, Blyth, Wansbeck, Aln).</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>Need for improved information base, monitoring.</b>	<b>B</b>
	<b>Minewater</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>Climate impacts</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>Upland land management</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>Highways</b>	<b>B</b>
	<b>Mapping</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Coast</b>		<b>A</b>