

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help produce the Catchment Plan.

The draft Stage One is now available for public consultation. If you would like to know more about the Torridge Catchment Management Plan you can study a copy of the draft at the following locations:

- ★ West Devon District Council
- ★ Torridge District Council
- ★ NRA Office at Alverdiscott, near Bideford
- ★ Libraries at Bideford, Okehampton and Torrington
- ★ NRA Regional Office, Exeter
- ★ NRA Regional Office, Bodmin

Your comments on the draft are welcomed by the NRA and should be sent to the Water Quality Planner at the NRA Offices in Exeter by January 31st, 1991.

The NRA will then consider your comments before producing a final version of the Plan.



Working on the Torridge System

GUARDIANS OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

The National Rivers Authority is a public body with the task of safeguarding and improving the water environment in England and Wales through flood defence, water quality regulation, pollution control, environmental monitoring and water resources planning and control.

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The East Okement, a tributary of the River Torridge.

HELP guard the water environment in the South West.

If you see a pollution and/or dead/distressed fish or suspect someone of illegally catching or selling fish we would like to hear from you immediately. In an emergency please ring the NRA - free - on:

0800 378500

It will greatly help if you can:

- ★ Tell us exactly where the incident is.
- ★ Describe the incident fully.
- ★ Let us know how we can contact you again.

HELP SAFEGUARD THE TORRIDGE



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SAFEGUARDING THE TORRIDGE

Everyone can play a part in helping to safeguard the River Torridge and its catchment area. This leaflet sets out the proposed approach of the National Rivers Authority and outlines how you can contribute to this vital project.

OUT WATER HERITAGE

Our river and estuary systems, together with the catchments they drain, are unique. They need careful management so that we may benefit from them fully, now..... and in the future.

An essential balance must be struck between using these watercourses for drinking water, agriculture, industry and drainage, and enjoying them through recreation pursuits and wildlife conservation.

The NRA recognises that a closer study of each catchment area is required to predict and reduce conflicts between these uses. This approach is known as Catchment Management Planning.

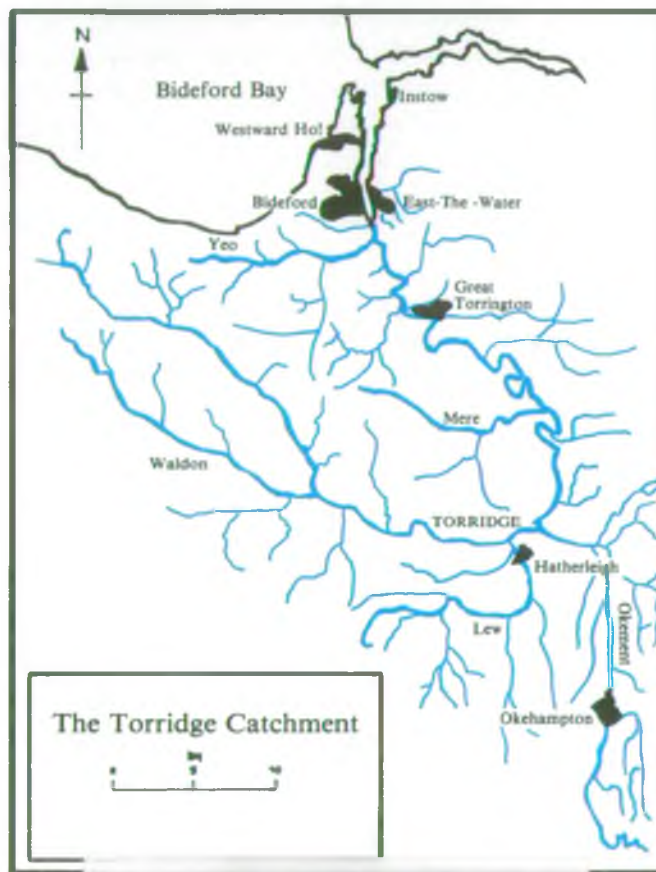
THE WAY FORWARD

The Torridge has been chosen as a pilot study and is the subject of the NRA's first Catchment Plan. The plan is being produced in two stages.

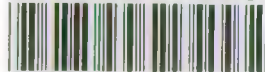
Stage One — which has now been produced in draft form — identifies existing uses, environmental needs, the relationship between targets and current practices, known problem areas and gaps in information.

Stage Two will subsequently explore problem areas and propose solutions.

THE TORRIDGE CATCHMENT



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THE FIRST STAGE

In line with the aims of the NRA to protect and improve the water environment, Stage One describes the Torridge Catchment, looks at the environmental targets and identifies what needs to be done. This stage includes:

- ★ An introduction to Catchment Management Plans.
- ★ A full description of the Torridge Catchment including the geology, climate, agriculture, industry and population.
- ★ The river and its various uses; the relationship between conservation, water recreation, anglers, farmers, industry and how our drinking water supply and sewage disposal fit into the picture.
- ★ The targets set for water quality, river flow, fish conservation/ecology and flood defence.
- ★ How far these targets are met.



Part of the Torridge Catchment