

Responsibilities

Organisational Roles and Responsibilities	Relevant legislation or policy	Existing Management
Issuing of permits for industrial processes and discharges to the environment	The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014	All consents and permissions issued by SEPA which potentially affect a European site are subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment
Production of Flood Risk Management Strategies	Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009	A local Flood Risk Management Strategy is available for the Forth Estuary District http://apps.sepa.org.uk/FRMStrategies/forth-estuary.html
Lead authority in delivering the river basin management plans and objective setting	Water Framework Directive	The current River Basin Management Plan for Scotland runs till 2027. It can be viewed at https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/water/river-basin-management-planning/the-current-plans/
Monitoring of water quality and bathing waters	Environmental Protection Act 1995	A programme of water quality monitoring takes places and can be viewed at https://www.sepa.org.uk/data-visualisation/water-classification-hub/
Statutory Consultee on planning applications and local development plans	Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006	Advice provided as required
Competent Authority with a general duty, in the exercise of any of their functions, to have regard to the EC	Conservation (Natural habitats, &c.) 1994	Potentially any activity. Any competent authority authorising a plan or project that may (either alone or in combination with other plans

Habitats Directive and Wild Birds Directive		or projects), have a significant effect on the protected site, must undertake an appropriate assessment of the implications for that site in view of that site's conservation objectives
Statutory duty as a public authority to take reasonable steps to conserve and enhance the special features of sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs)	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended	Section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(as amended) imposes a duty on public bodies in exercising their functions to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to further conservation and enhancement of the special features on a SSSI. This applies where the public body is exercising its statutory
Statutory duty as a public authority to further the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities.	The Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011	Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act (2004), all public bodies in Scotland are required to further the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities. This includes coastal and marine biodiversity where relevant to the functions of the public body. The Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act (2011) requires public bodies in Scotland to provide a publicly available report, every three years, on the actions which they have taken to meet this biodiversity duty.