

BHA-SRF Workshop

The Water Framework Directive and Hydropower

The Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Directive 2000/60/EC of 23rd October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy.

The WFD came into force in December 2000.

**WFD –
Threat ?
or
Opportunity ?**

Implementation should:

- **balance socio-economic and environmental issues,**
- **take account of costs and benefits,**
- **take account of local and global benefits and political decisions.**

Progress is being made:

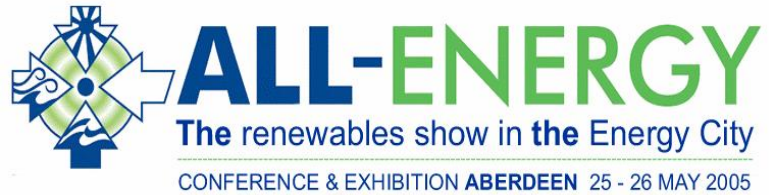
- on river basin planning
- on the programme of measures
- river basin characterisation, and
- the preparation of guidance on heavily modified, and artificial water bodies.

- **Scottish Hydropower Working Group**
- **England & Wales Hydro Working Group**

So is the WFD a threat ?

Or could it be an opportunity ?





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