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25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	General	Layout and binding unsatisfactory - pages falling out.	Binding will be sufficient in other reports.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	General	Pagenate correctly and put page numbers in the contents.	Yes this has been rectified.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	General	After discussion at steering committee meeting and project meeting - any publication should have a footer listing the date, version no. and status in accordance with template agreed.	Yes this has been rectified.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Preface & Acknowledgements	Finds the use of the preface and acknowledgments confusing as it introduces the WFD & ERBD project before they have actually been included in their correct context. Feels the preface and acknowledgements should be deleted.	Not going to be deleted as it is to drastic an ammendment. Felt it should be included.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Exec. Summary	Exec Summary - thinks that a brief section that mentions that the document is a deliverable from the ERBD project and the purpose of the document should be culled directly from the agreed RTP and the timescale within which the project will operate, should be matched with the timescale within which the WFD has to be implemented and in turn the 5 principal tasks which CDM are to perform as part of their project should be listed.	Cut objectives out of preface and placed into exec summary.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	General	A the end of each page the sections should not be identified, but the page no, version no etc. If CDM wishes to put in the section no - should appear as a header. Any important documents which link in with the Deliverable should be separately mentioned in the appendix.	We have had problems paginating, section numbers have been left in for this report. Will not be in any other reports.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 1	It should be mentioned that Hydrometric Areas were identified by the EPA.	Yes this has been mtioned.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 1: 1.2	The purpose of this report should be culled directly from the RTP and should appear in italics.	Yes statement from brief.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 2: 2.2.3	CDM should be aware that the Dept have circulated informally draft comments on regulations that they propose to introduce in December - may be appropriate, as finalisation of this document will take palce in Dec, that mention is made of these regs. Ray Earle will advice in relation to any appropriate wording.	
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 3: Table 3.1	Near this table, important to identify the structure which exists in Ireland for the implementation of the WFD (particularly referring to the National Co-ordination Group and its subcommittees, national and international RBDs)	Nothing Inserted in this section, already delt with in Section 2.1.4.3 but ammendment made to this to incorporate
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 3: 3.2.3.1 Bathing Waters	Have not identified who has the primary responsibility under the statutory instrument for managing the process. CDM has limited the involvement of the LA's. Toms understanding is that LA's have the responsibility for implementing the primary provisions of the statutory instrument but he stands to be corrected on this.	Yes - Local Authorities
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 3: 3.2.3.3 Salmonid Waters	It is not clear who has responsibility for designating Salmonid waters.	Duchas on behlaf of DEHLG
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 3: 3.2.3.4 Shellfish Waters	It is not clear who has the responsibility for designating shellfish waters or the process which has been adopted for such designation. This general comment on the lack of identification of who has the role of designating, and the process, carries through to other Directives listed in the document.	Yes - (Minister of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources)
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 3: 3.2.3.6	Once an area has been designated as an SPA/SAC, CDM should identify, in overview, what limitations/restrictions that designate places on developments/activities within those designated areas.	Yes - ammendment made after reading 'Living with Nature' Duchas Document.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 3: 3.2.3.7	Have not identified exactly who the Blue Flag Committee are, who issues the designation based on inspections and water quality data.	Yes - An Taisce etc
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 4	After OPW mention other reps on the River Basin Management Group. As a result of discussions at the Public Participation Working Group (Ray Earle will advise on), the composition of the RBMG has changed. Kieran Fitzgerald is to give a paper on this - Tom thinks CDM should ensure that any mention of RBMG is compatible with the briefing by Kieran.	Yes - Change wording 'river basin management group' to technical forum'.

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25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 4: 4.2.2.2 Local Authorities	Mention is made at the end that there may be a participation role for Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) on the project. It is identified very clearly that the adoption of a River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) is a reserved function and under the creation of the SPC, the Environment SPC has a primary role in the setting of policy and will be central to the creation and adoption of a RBMP. K. Fitzgerald can advise of the discussions on the PPWG which contributed to this activity.	Yes
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Section 4: Table 4.1	Lists 12 LA's and mention is made of 13. Confirm with Ray and DoEHLG as to exactly how many LA's are in the ERBD.	It has 13 in table which is correct.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Appendix B	It would be appropriate in Appendix B to try to link together the legislation which is identified and to try to stream it into certain themes. Tom's initial thought is that CDM should try to cross reference the Directive & identify whether it primarily impacts on air, water quality, biodiversity etc.	No amendment made - already in themes.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Appendix B: p 11	Be aware of the Biofert Initiative by DCC & ensure that any mention sewage sludge does not contradict this initiative.	We are aware of Biofert - not mentioning in report.
25/11/03	Tom Leahy, DCC	Letter to Bob Thomas	Appendix C: Article 3	The regulations to appoint competent authorities are likely to be published in Dec '03. Tom thinks the mention of Irvine et al should be deleted.	Delete reference.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	Comments (written in hard copy of report) handed to CDM at Steering Committee Meeting #2. Comments on both V1 & V2.	V1 Executive Summary	Special protected areas for birds; and Special Protected Areas and Special Areas of Conservation under Natura 2000' - change to 'Special protected areas for birds (Special Protected Areas) and...	Not incorporating edit as this is conveying the message that SPAs are designated under the Birds Directive as well as being incorporated in to Natura 2000 sites.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 2 pg 9	Identification of risk assessment of ...??	Comment noted, no change.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 3	Habitats Directive to be added to table 3-3.	Habitats Directive not entered as suggested as it is not directly related to water quality.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Section 3 (V1) pg 6-7 (V2) pg 5-7	Deletion of some designated and sensitive waters from the tables.	Yes, deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V2 Section 3 Pg 7	Deletion of River Slaney from Table.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 8	Change DEHLG to National Parks and Wildlife Service??	I have left DEHLG as it is the 'minister' of the environment (DEHLG) that designates SPAs but recommendations by the NPWS.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 10	Typing and gramatical errors.	Have been rectified in version 2.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 10	Details included in Appendix E' - change to Appendix F.	This was not changed, Appendix E is correct.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 10	Insert at the end of paragraph 1 of section 3.2.3.6 lamprey species and juvenile salmon.	Inserted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 11	Delete Blue Flag beaches in Westmeath.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 3 pg 11	Add in the Fisheries Act 1959 - 2001 into Appendix F.	Fished Act 1959 - 2001 added into Appendix F as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	V1 Section 4 pg 11	EPA in the UK and the Environment & Heritage Service in NI - is this correct?	Yes, the Environment & Heritage Service are the competent authority in NI.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix A	No comments.	
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix B pg 10	As with the Wild Birds Directive areas designated under the Habitats Directive must be identified as protected areas in the WFD'. Incomplete or not done here.	Left this as it is just stating that protected areas must be identified under the WFD. A register of protected areas is currently being done.

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15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix C pg 7	S.I. No. 293 of 1998' is it not 1988?	1988 is correct - changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix D pg 1	Act 14' etc ???	Change 'Act' to 'S.I. No.'.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix D pg 4	Act 14' ?? 'Acts 1959-97' change to 'Acts 1959-2001'.	Changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix D pg 7	Insert EPA, IPC & UWWTs Acts	UWWTP Act is already in this table. Refer to Table A-G-3 for EPA and IPC Acts.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix D pg 8	Delete "Protocol on roles and responsibilities for Fishery" .	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix D pg 11	Delete 'A porotocol on roles and responsibilities of Fisheries....'.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix E pgs 1 to end	Delete SPAs and SACs that are not in the ERBD.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix E pgs 2-3	Fix Headings (Meath and delete Louth Cont.).	Changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Trevor Champ, CFB	As above	Appendix G	No comments.	
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	Comments (written in hard copy of report) handed to CDM at Steering Committee Meeting #2.	V1 Executive Summary	Primary legislation, in the form of a new Act' insert 722??	S.I. 722 Water Policy Regulations have been incorporated.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 6	Change DEHLG to EPA.	Changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 6	Delete Lough Ennel and Lough Owel from the table.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 7	Delete sensitive waters that are not in the ERBD. Table incorrect.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 8	Delete River Slaney.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 8	Delete Carlingford Lough - it is not in the ERBD.	Deleted as suggested and change the txt saying that there are no desingated shellfish waters in the ERBD.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 8	Delete Duchas and replace with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.	Changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 11	Delete Athlone Marina and Quigleys Marina from the table.	Deleted as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 11	whats he trying to say	
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 3 pg 13	Regulation made identifying the whole territory as the one to which AP 0-11 apply. 19th dec.	
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Section 4 pg 1	Change 'may' to 'will'.	Changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix A	No comments.	
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix B pg 1	Paragraph 2 'Listed in Appendix F'.	Change reference to S.I. No. 22 of 2001 Quality of Bathing Waters Regs., 1992??
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix B pg 1	Paragraph 4, change the word 'skeleton' to 'proposal'.	Changed as suggested.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix B pg 3	Quality standards..... In Appendix F' Check.	Referenced correctly as S.I. No. 293 of 1998
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix B pg 5	Nitrates - The government has adopted a 'whole country approach'.	Changed as suggested - 'The Government has adopted a "whole territory"

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15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix B pg 10	No clear comments, one phrase underlined and a sentence with a line beside it.	Comments noted, may restructure sentence to flow better.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix C	Needs review in light of WFD regs!	S.I. 722 Water Policy Regulations have been incorporated.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix D pg 12	Line along side a paragraph.	Comment noted, no change.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix D pg 19	Birds Directive - SPAs, Habitats Directive - SACs.	Comment noted. This is already in the text.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix E	Delete SPAs and SACs that are not in the ERBD.	Deleted as suggested and review of lists.
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix F	No comments.	
15/12/2003	Pat Duggan, DEHLG	As above	Appendix G pg 3	Needs review in light of WFD regulations.	S.I. 722 Water Policy Regulations have been incorporated.