

**NS 2 FRESHWATER PEARL MUSSEL SUB-BASIN
MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**REPORT ON MORPHOLOGICAL MONITORING AND
CATCHMENT WALKOVER RISK ASSESSMENTS IN THE
CLODIAGH CATCHMENT**

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INTRODUCTION

In order to assess the hydromorphological alterations within the Clodiagh catchment the EPA WFD classification tool called the River Hydromorphology Assessment Technique (RHAT) was utilised by RPS. This tool was developed through the North South Share project, to classify rivers in terms of their morphology. It is a field technique which assigns a channel typology. This influences the rivers physical attributes assessed in the field. The technique assigns a morphological classification directly related to that of the WFD – high, good, moderate, poor and bad.

RHAT surveys were carried out at high risk areas located within pearl mussel populations. The methodology classifies river hydromorphology based on a departure from naturalness, and assigns a morphological classification, based on semi-quantitative criteria. It is designed to be a rapid visual assessment based on information from desktop studies, using GIS data, aerial photography, historical data and data obtained from previous field surveys as well as observations in the field.

A catchment walkover risk assessment survey sheet was also designed by the project team in conjunction with NPWS in order to focus the collation of the pressure data in the field with respect to the Freshwater Pearl Mussel. The risk sheet was divided into eight categories designed to highlight the main pressures within the catchment. The eight categories are as follows:

- Source of erosion
- Diffuse Nutrient
- Diffuse Silt
- Current Riparian Zone
- Field Drainage
- Outfalls
- Abstractions
- Barriers to Migration

Each sub-pressure within the eight categories is analysed and an overall risk assessment of High, Medium or Low is assigned to that category. The “one out all out principle” is then used to assign the river stretch or point an overall risk category. A detailed description, together with a series of photographs outlining the pressures is also taken. The risk assessment sheets will assist the project team in focussing the specific freshwater pearl mussel measures within the catchment.

Location of survey stretches and points are shown in **Figure 1**

2.0 METHODOLOGY

Sampling was carried out on the 23rd of June 2009.

2.1 RIVER HYDROMORPHOLOGY ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE (RHAT)

Classification of hydromorphology can be used to contribute to the status classification of water bodies at high ecological status only. However, RHAT plays a vital role in identifying why a water body might be failing to achieve Good Ecological Status as it is based on the observed impact in the field. It can assist in deciding what indirect and direct efforts are needed to improve status and in helping to prevent further deterioration.

The eight criteria that are scored are:

1. Channel morphology and flow types
2. Channel vegetation
3. Substrate diversity and embeddedness
4. Channel flow status
5. Bank and bank top stability
6. Bank and bank top vegetation
7. Riparian land use
8. Floodplain connectivity

Sheet 1 of the RHAT form contains the Field Health and Safety sheet which is filled on arrival at the site. Before the field survey, a desk study is required this element of the survey was completed as part of the development of the draft sub-basin management plans. The reach identification and physical characterisation sections for each field site are recorded on Sheet 2 (see Appendix 1) with all information available from GIS and aerial photographs, including:

- a. expected stream type and the description of various stream types
- b. catchment and reach-scale pressures (these may help to identify, confirm or explain field observations);
- c. expected riparian vegetation types (for high quality status);
- d. the weather conditions on the day of the survey, and those immediately preceding the day of the survey. This information is important to interpret the effects of storm events on the survey results;
- e. the estimated stream width and the reach length to be assessed (~ 40 x width).
- f. any other notable issues (e.g. from previous surveys).

A score is allocated to each relevant attribute (the number of attributes to be assessed will depend on the stream type). Where the condition departs from the reference condition, note should be made if this condition results from a particular identifiable pressure. Where possible and where relevant, all attributes should be included in the assessment, using the assessment sheet (Sheet 3, see Appendix 1). If an attribute is not assessed, the score-summary table should be amended (cells shaded) and a note made as to why the assessment was not carried out. The WFD status can still be calculated on the basis of other attributes, but with a note that a particular attribute was omitted.

Transfer scores for individual attributes to the summary table on the survey Sheet 2.

Finally the overall WFD category can be calculated using the following values:

> 0.8	= high
0.6 – 0.8	= good
0.4 – 0.6	= moderate
0.2 – 0.4	= poor
< 0.2	= bad

For the purposes of the assessment as part of the NS2 project, a high status for morphology is desirable for pearl mussel habitats. Through work carried out by the Shannon IRBD project on the Freshwater Morphology Programme of Measures Study, it was found that an observed relationship exists between biological data and a RHAT score. The study confirmed that morphological pressure can impact biology and therefore ecological status. In general, sites with RHAT scores less than 0.6 also have less than good Q scores. Similarly high levels of siltation affecting macrophyte populations are reflected by less than good RHAT scores.

Grid references were recorded at all sites using a GPS together with site photographs which were taken using a digital camera.

2.2 CATCHMENT WALKOVER RISK ASSESSMENT

During the development of the draft sub-basin management plans throughout 2008 a complete desk study was conducted of all relevant biological, water quality and pressure source data within the Clodiagh catchment. Best use was made of all available datasets such as the pressure source data collated by the River Basin District Projects for the Article V Characterisation and Programme of Measures Studies. This work allowed the NS 2 project team to assess the catchment through the combined availability of aerial imagery and digitised pressure information. Where gaps in this data existed together with areas that required ground truthing such as physical barriers to migration, catchment walkover risk assessments were focussed throughout the 2009 field survey season.

The catchment walkover risk assessment sheet (See Appendix 3) covers eight main categories or pressures which are subsequently sub-divided into the various sources. Each source is ticked if present and an overall risk assessment for each pressure assigned from High to Medium to Low over the survey length or point. All eight pressures are combined to give an overall risk assessment to the catchment based on the “one out all out principle”.

3.0 RESULTS

Figure 3.1 indicates where the Clodiagh RHAT assessments were carried out throughout the catchment.

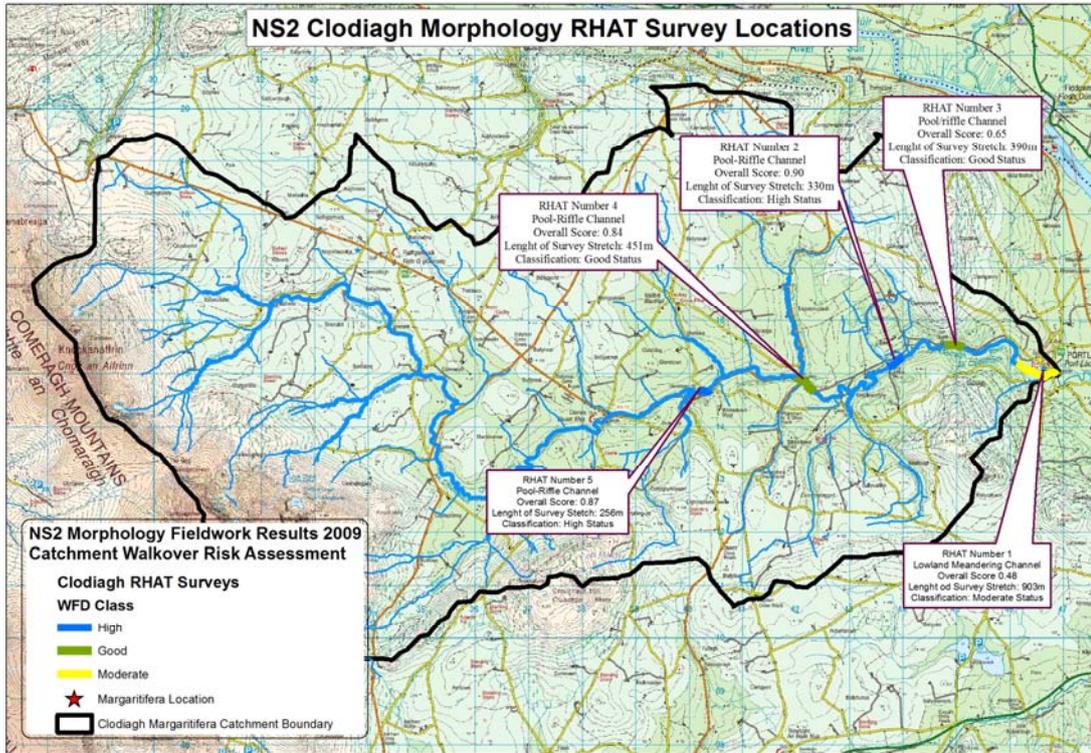


Figure 3.1 Morphology RHAT Assessment Locations

(The RHAT numbering system corresponds to the site code which may mean they are not sequential where a RHAT was not carried out at a particular site)

3.1 RHAT Survey Results

Five RHAT surveys were carried out within the Clodiagh catchment in the vicinity of the pearl mussel populations. The first was carried out in Portlaw on a largely lowland meandering channel however it does change to a pool-riffle-glide channel at the downstream end of the survey stretch. The survey was carried out over a 903m stretch with some resectioning and reinforcement recorded. All attributes scored quite low with the bank structure and stability, bank vegetation and floodplain connectivity all scoring one out of four only. This is due to the toe line reinforcement which is found at the beginning of the survey stretch together with a wall that runs along the majority of the stretch. One major bridge together with a weir and fish pass were recorded at the lower end of the survey stretch in association with the old mill which is found in the town. The substrate condition was also quite poor scoring two out of four over the survey

stretch it was largely found to contain fine silts with dead mussels recorded in the channel. Overall this stretch was classified as moderate status however the hydromorph score was just over the poor classification boundary.

The second RHAT survey was carried out along a 330m stretch of a pool-riffle-glide channel within the grounds of Curraghmore Estate. This stretch was found to be in good condition with very little morphological alterations acting on the channel. The only attributes which were downgraded were the substrate condition and the barriers to continuity which scored two and three out of four respectively. From a morphological point of view this stretch was classified as being at high status however the substrate condition was found to contain high levels of fine silts and a heavy silt plume was evident during a kick of the substrate.

RHAT number 3 was also carried out in Curraghmore Estate over a 390m survey stretch. Excessive resectioning on the left bank together with resectioning on the right bank and reinforcement on both banks were recorded. As a result the channel form and flow type only scored one out of four based on the observation that approximately >80% of the left bank was reinforced and/or resectioned. The bank structure and stability together with the bank vegetation and floodplain connectivity all scored low also.

Plate 3.1 Representative photographs from reach:



<p>RHAT 2 Site 2 Photo 9</p> 	<p>RHAT 2 Site 2 Photo 1</p> 
<p>RHAT 3 Site 3 Photo 1</p> 	<p>RHAT 3 Site 3 Photo 2</p> 

For a channel of this type significantly more macrophyte growth than would be expected for a channel of this type was recorded in particular *Ranunculus*. Overall this stretch was classified as being at good status.

RHAT number 4 was carried out farther up the catchment over a 451m stretch of a pool-riffle-glide channel. Overall this stretch was found to be in good condition from a morphological point of view with only the substrate condition and channel vegetation scoring quite low due to the presence of fine silts in the channel and greater than expected levels of macrophyte growth in particular *Ranunculus*. Overall this stretch was classified as being at good status.

The final RHAT survey carried out within the catchment was RHAT number 5 this was carried out at Glenstown Bridge. This is a pool-riffle-channel with very little morphological alterations. Only the substrate condition scored low together with the

channel vegetation. This is again due to the presence of fine silts and greater than expected amounts of macrophytes including *Ranunculus* and filamentous algae. Some poaching has occurred in the past but this is largely localised and not an on-going issue. Overall this stretch was classified as being at high status.

Plate 3.2 Representative photos from the survey reach

<p>RHAT 4 Site 4 Photo 9</p> 	<p>RHAT 4 Site 4 Photo 3</p> 
<p>RHAT 5 Site 5 Photo 5</p> 	<p>RHAT 2 Site 5 Photo 3</p> 

Details in relation to photographs are tabulated in Appendix 2.

3.2 Catchment Walkover Risk Assessment Results

A total of thirteen sites were surveyed in the Clodiagh sub-basin catchment, with a risk assessment carried out at all of these sites. **Figure 3.2** outlines the locations of the High to Low Risk Assessments from the Catchment Walkover Risk Assessments. Three high risk sites were recorded out of the thirteen that were assessed. Nine sites were recorded as medium risk; meaning only one low risk site was recorded within this catchment. **Figure 3.3** outlines the percentage of sites classified at high, medium and low risk throughout the catchment.

The most common high risk categories identified were:

- Erosion – at 100% of high risk sites.
- Outfalls – at 67% of high risk sites,

The Current Riparian Zone category of the Catchment Walkover Risk Assessment slightly varies from the seven other categories or pressures. The Current Riparian Zone is not a pressure in itself; however the aspects listed in this category are the interceptors to the pressure and convey the extent or lack of buffer provided by the riparian zone. A high risk riparian zone indicates that the pressures acting on the river are more likely to have significant impact. For example the lack of fencing along a river stretch can lead to excessive trampling and/or poaching which in turn may lead to siltation within a pearl mussel habitat. The various categories and pressures listed in the Catchment Walkover Risk Assessment sheet were designed to assist the project in focussing the measures which will be needed to combat the pressure along its pathway, rather than removing a source which may not always be possible such as intensive agriculture. Recording the Riparian Zone in terms of its current performance as a buffer is important in this regard.

Current Riparian Zone has ten aspects as follows:

- Fencing
- Buffer

- Tree line at bank
- Tree line buffer
- Plantation with no buffer
- Urbanisation
- Flood Protection
- Marshy Land
- Landuse at bank
- Other Sources

Where one or any of these aspects is found to be the cause of significant impact to the riparian zone, or the channel along the stretch then this category may be assigned a high risk score. Locations where pressures were evident in the field which were not highlighted through the desk based assessment were also noted as stopping points. These points were not selected prior to fieldwork, they were opportunistic as the catchment drive through was taking place. The pie chart in **Figure 3.3** indicates the percentage of stopping points also.

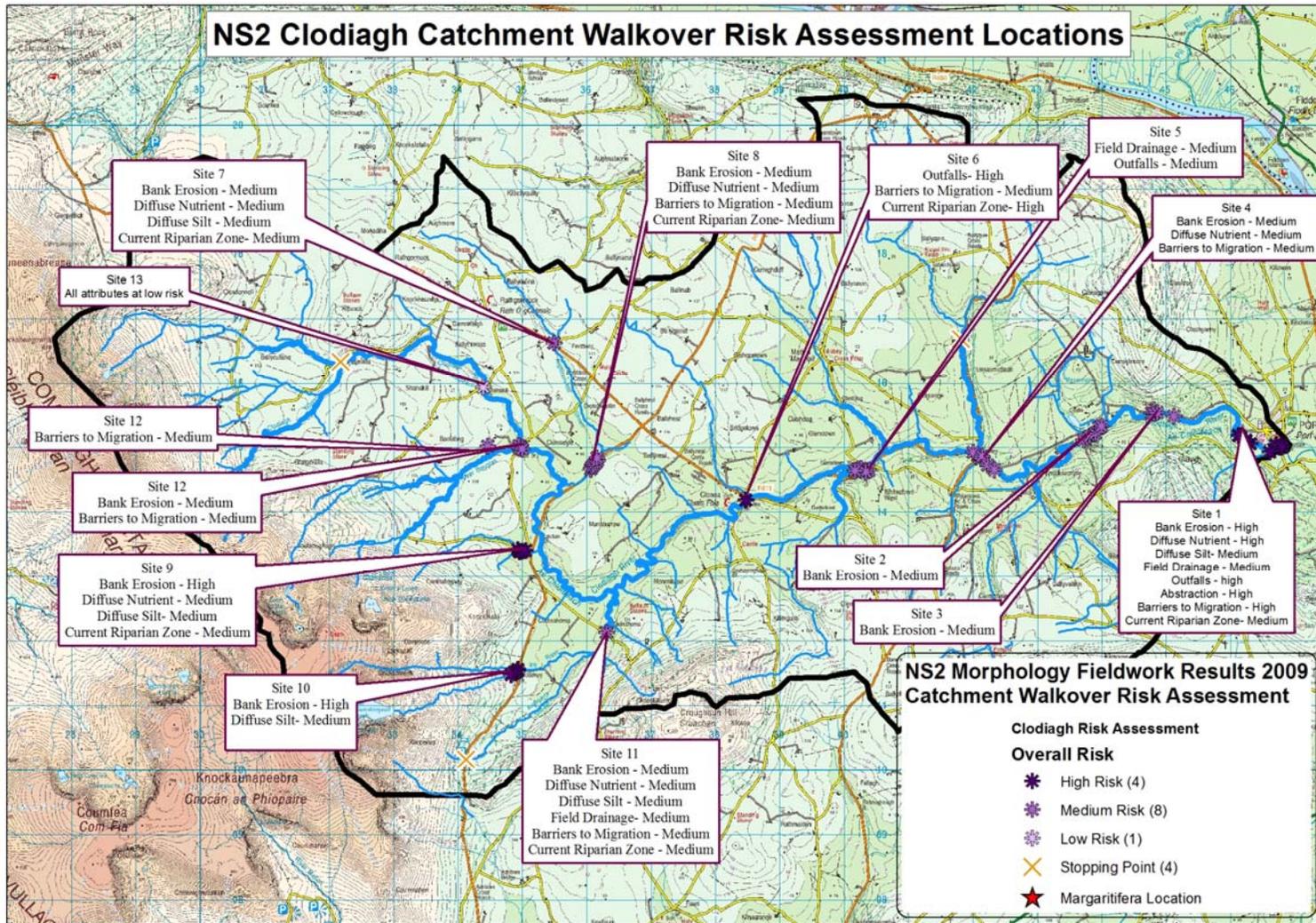


Figure 3.2 Location of Stopping points and Catchment Walkover Risk Assessment

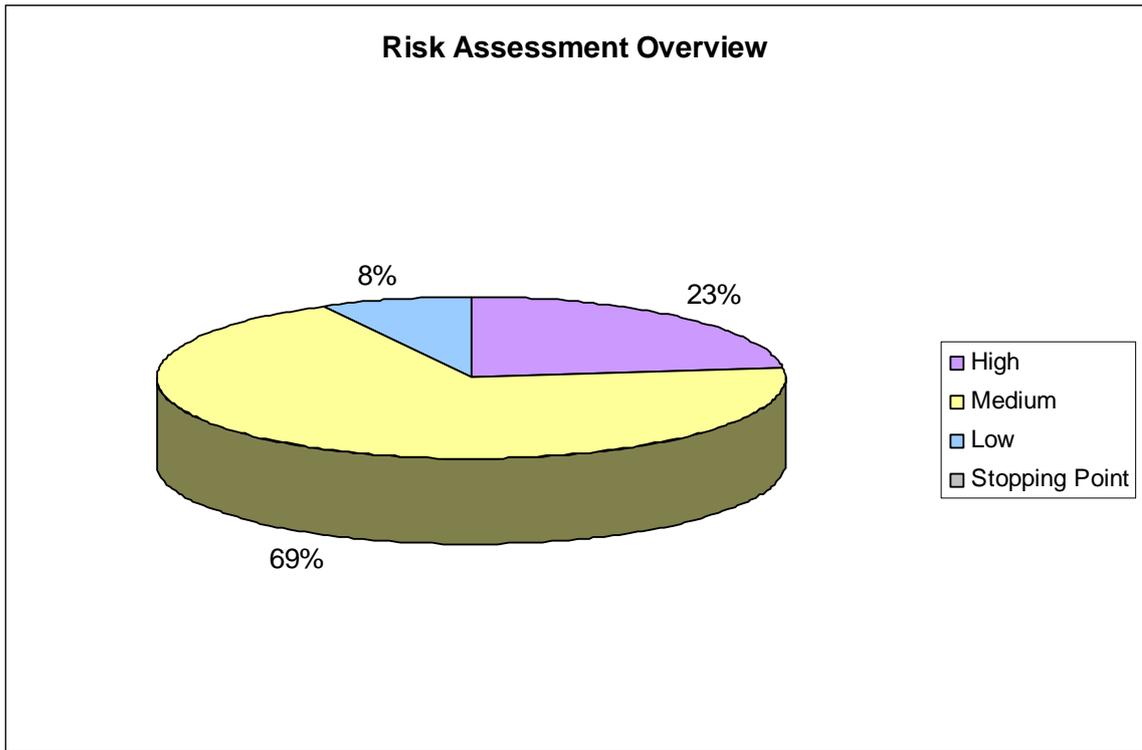
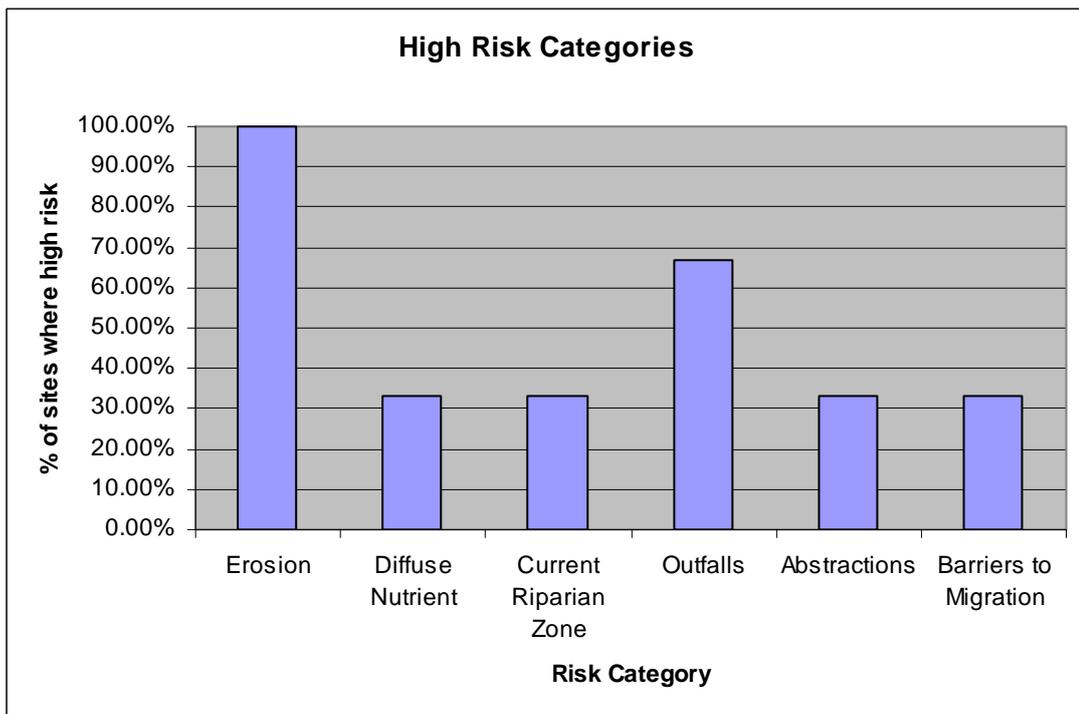


Figure 3.3 Risk Assessment Overview

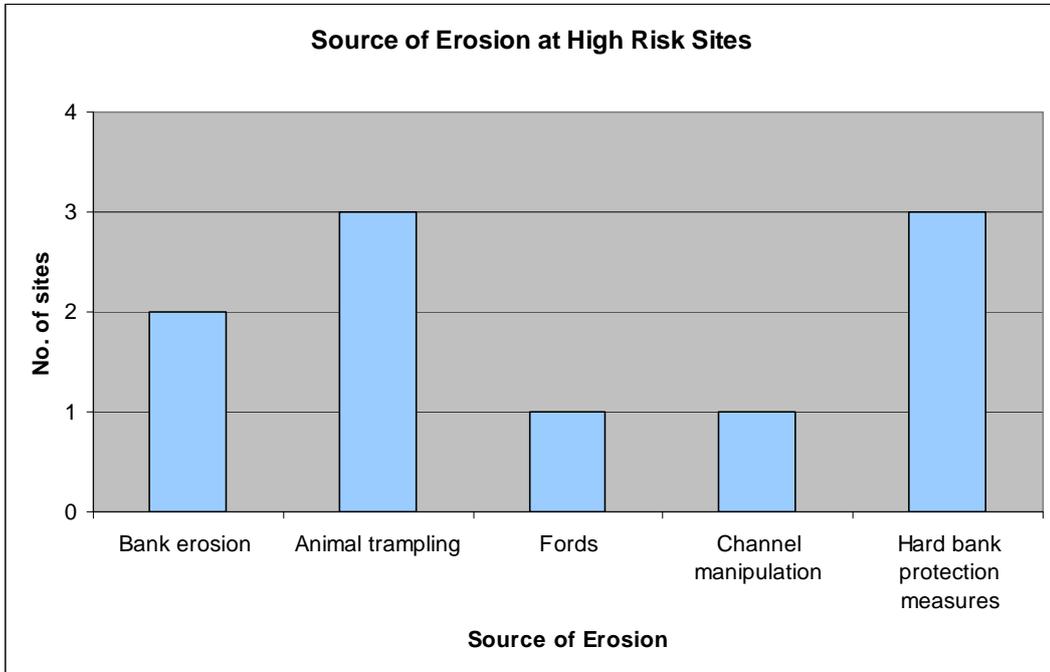
The break-down of pressure categories identified as high risk are outlined in **Figure 3.4**

Figure 3.4 Breakdown of High Risk Categories



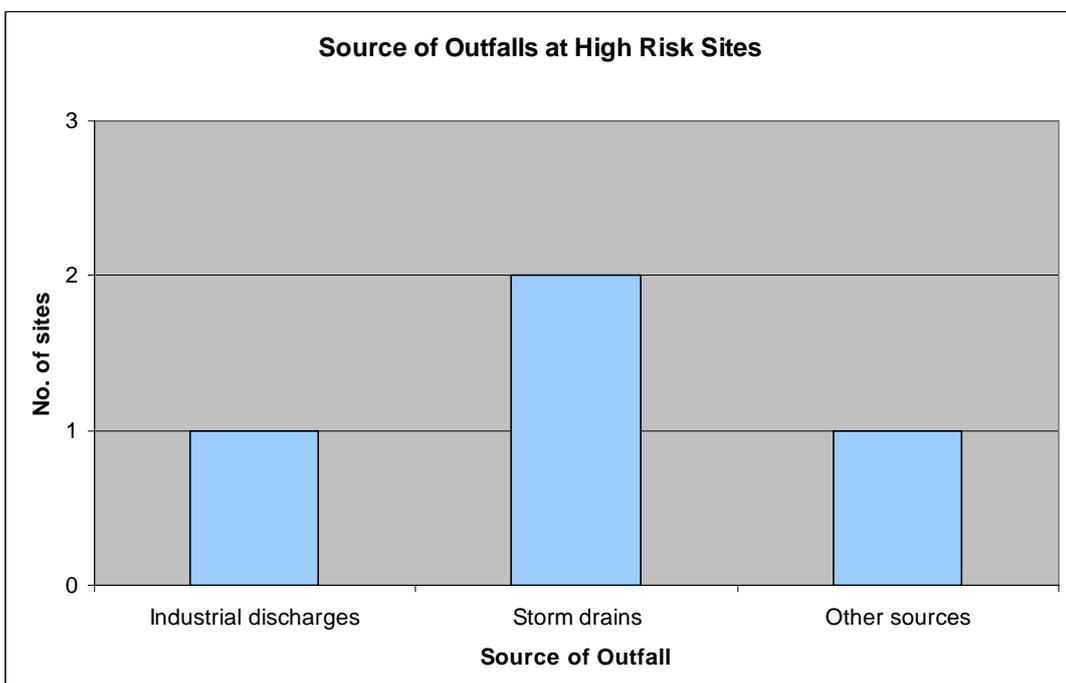
The most common source of erosion is animal trampling and hard bank protection measures which were both evident at all three high risk sites. The additional high risk erosion categories can be seen below:

Figure 3.5 Sources of Erosion at high risk sites



High risk outfalls were present at two sites, the most common type identified is storm drains.

Figure 3.6 Sources of outfalls at high risk sites



3.3 Point Discharges

Point sources discharging nutrients, such as wastewater treatment plants, can contribute very significant nutrient and organic loads to rivers. Quarry dust and effluent can cause problems with silt pollution and, in some cases, lime pollution. Landfills and landfill leachate can be sources of surface and groundwater contamination that can find pathways to the river. Storm water drainage can be a source of silt and pollutants.

Waste Water Treatment Plants

A review was undertaken of the available information on municipal and industrial discharges by the South Western River Basin District Project (SWRBD) and an assessment carried out as to whether any river water bodies were considered to be at risk from point sources under a number of circumstances. Within the Clodiagh catchment we then assessed all monitoring information together with pearl mussel status above and below any WWTP and prioritised those which we deemed to have a significant adverse effect on the pearl mussel population or its habitat. Following this prioritisation process Clonea Power WWTPs within the Clodiagh catchment was deemed to have a significant adverse affect on the pearl mussel or its habitat.

The plant is upstream of the majority of mussels in this population. Both the NS2 monitoring information as shown in Chapter 4 together with the EPA monitoring results supports the impact this plant is having given the poor status downstream of the discharge. This requires further investigation, connection of all sewerage/unsewered houses to WWTP and WWTP upgrade. As a result Clonea Power has been included in the Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012.

Quarries

The Clodiagh catchment contains one quarry which is upstream of the pearl mussel populations as per **Figure 3.7**. The potential risk from quarry dust, effluent or pollution incidents will need to be investigated further within the catchment.

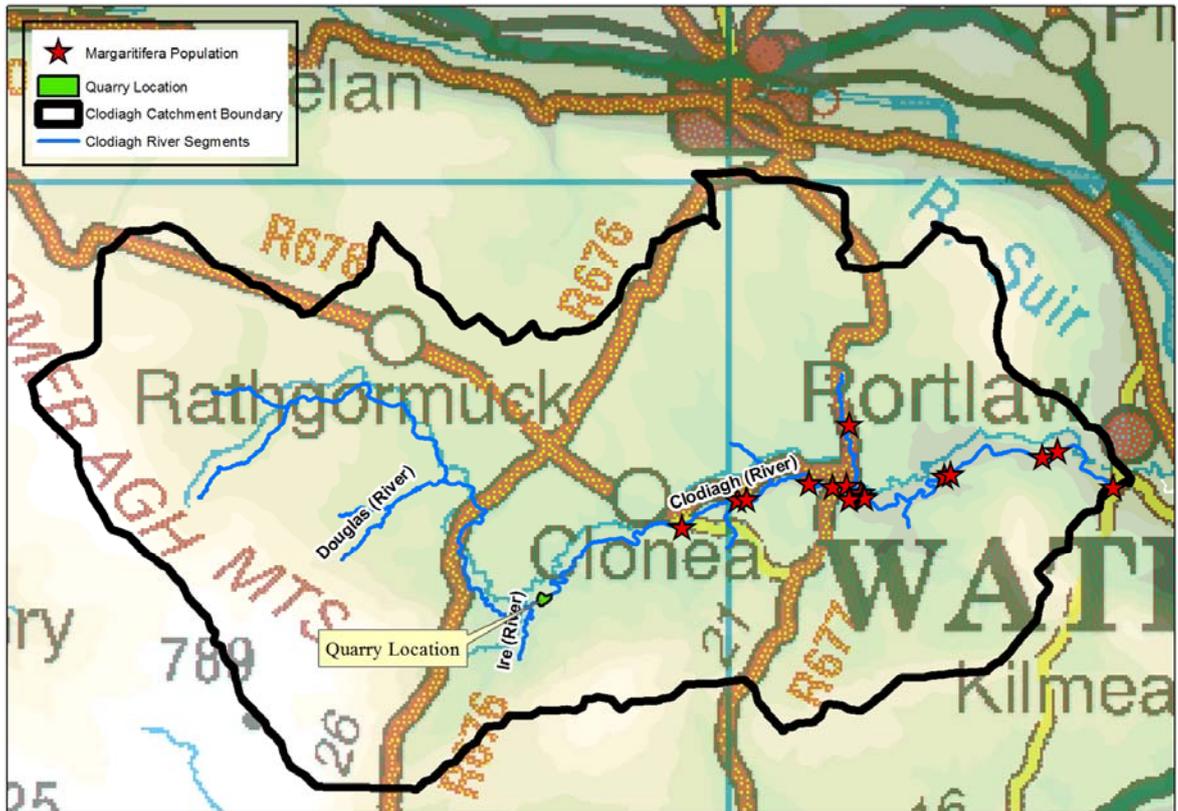


Figure 3.7 Location of Quarries within and adjacent to the Clodiagh Catchment

The pressures outlined above all have the ability to negatively affect the status of the freshwater pearl mussel. In some cases, a single pressure alone may be enough to cause a kill or ongoing chronic effects, but in most cases it is the combination of the negative effects of a number of pressures that are acting together to leave the freshwater pearl mussel habitat in unfavourable condition. It is unlikely that the effect of every diffuse source of pollution can be totally removed. Therefore, it is not possible to choose a subset of pressures to act on; steps must be taken to reduce every pressure, until the cumulative effect of all the reductions is a sustainable habitat for the freshwater pearl mussel and all the other species that it protects thanks to its umbrella and keystone status in its habitat. This is the essence of the precautionary principle under which the Habitats Directive must be implemented.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Freshwater Pearl Mussel populations are present in certain locations along the downstream end of the Clodiagh River from Clonea to Portlaw. There were six risk assessments carried out along this stretch; out of these two were recorded as high risk and the remaining four were medium risk. The remaining low risk and medium risk sites are located further upstream in the catchment in locations along the Clodiagh main channel and its tributaries. The main point source pressure within this catchment which needs to be addressed as a top priority is located at Clonea village as outlined above. The untreated sewage which enters the channel at this point is having a considerable impact on the main river channel downstream and should be addressed prior to the implementation of all other measures.

APPENDIX A

RHAT Field Sheet

Field Health and Safety sheet

River Name _____ Site Code _____ Date _____

1 = Low risk 5 = High risk

Please circle applicable number

PARKING	1	2	3	4	5
FENCES/BARRIERS	1	2	3	4	5
GROUND STABILITY	1	2	3	4	5
DENSE VEGETATION	1	2	3	4	5
BANK STEEPNESS OR STABILITY	1	2	3	4	5
RISK FROM ANIMALS	1	2	3	4	5
PHONE COVERAGE	1	2	3	4	5

Previous RHS/RAT/RHAT surveys - year and code _____

Details of access _____

RHAT (VERSION 2)

TRIBUTARY / MAIN CHANNEL*

Site Identification

River Name _____ Site Code _____

Nearest WFD site FF10 _____

Water Body ID _____ Start U / S or D / S*

First IGR _____ Last IGR _____

Bank surveyed from L / R / Both / in-Channel*

Desk-study notes	Field Notes						
<p>ACTION TO TAKE PRIOR TO FIELDWORK</p> <p>General overall shape of river Check weirs, impoundments etc. on catchment</p>	<p>River type</p> <p>Date</p>						
<p>Floodplain connectivity and land use</p> <p>Expected river type</p> <p>Rain last week</p> <p>Estimated river width</p> <p>Estimated survey length</p> <p>Riparian land cover(s)</p> <p>River Agency designated?</p> <p>Other comments including geology - limestone / siliceous / peat*</p>	<p>Time</p> <p>Surveyors</p> <p>Weather conditions now</p> <p>Estimated river width (m) (average 3 readings)</p> <p>Estimated survey length (m) (40 X wetted width)</p> <p>Estimated river depth (m)</p> <p>Channel characteristics (e.g. different stream types on the reach)</p>						
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Photograph details include IGR or approximate location

N.B. The survey length should be 40x the wetted width with a minimal stretch of 160m but not exceeding 1km.

NS RHAT

Anthropogenic Impacts

River Name _____ Site Code _____ Date _____

Feature	Tick if present, record as E if > 30%
Resectioning	None <input type="checkbox"/> Left bank <input type="checkbox"/> Right bank <input type="checkbox"/>
Reinforcement	None <input type="checkbox"/> Left bank <input type="checkbox"/> Right bank <input type="checkbox"/>
Embankments NO*	LB <input type="checkbox"/> RB <input type="checkbox"/> Set back LB <input type="checkbox"/> SB RB <input type="checkbox"/>
Culverts**	Y / N / Unknown*
Over deepening	Y / N / Unknown*
Wver widened	Y / N / Unknown*
Narrowing	Y / N / Unknown*
Fords**	Y / N*
	Major / Intermediate / Minor
Bridges** NO*	
Weirs** NO*	
Fish Pass** NO*	

Physical features or resource use if applicable. *

Deflectors / Jetties / Arterial drainage / Side channels / Mid channel bar / Field Drains / Mill Race

Navigation / Fishing / Recreation / Forestry/ Urban / Industry / HEP

Trashline present (height __ m) above water / Buffer zone (LBm / RBm back from water edge)

Other observations - Invasives - Trees - Birds - Pollution indicators - Invertebrates*

Rhododendron / Himalayan Balsam / Japanese Knotweed / Giant hogweed / Snowberry / Cherry-Laurel/ Gunnera

Sycamore / Beech / Conifers / Oak / Ash / Alder / Willow / Birch / Hazel / Hawthorn / Blackthorn / Holly

Heron / Sand martin / Grey wagtail / Dippers / Kingfishers /

Sewage fungus / Diatomaceous algae / Oil / Cladophora / Vaucheria / Dumping / Silt on Substrate

Other comments:

* Circle as appropriate E - extensive. ** Tally as appropriate. LB - left bank / RB - right bank

RHAT RIVER HYDROMORPHOLOGY ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE

Field Assessment of Morphological Condition

River Name _____ Site Code _____ Date _____

If river in spate ignore 3 and 4 but deduct individual scores from overall if either feature not visible. Greyed boxes may be scored but note why in Comments/Notes.

	Bedrock	Cascade / Step-pool	Pool-riffle-glide	Lowland Meandering
1. Channel form and flow types	4	4	4	4
2. Channel vegetation	4	4	4	4
3. Substrate condition	4	4	4	4
4. Barriers to continuity	4	4	4	4
5. Bank structure & stability L+R	4	4	4	4
6. Bank vegetation L+R	4	4	4	4
7. Riparian land cover L+R	4	4	4	4
8. Floodplain connectivity L+R	4	4	4	4
TOTAL	32	32	32	32
Hydromorph Score *				
WFD class **				

* Hydromorph score - Assessment score = Maximum Possible score

** WFD Class

> 0.8 = high

>0.6 - 0.8 = good

>0.4 - 0.6 = moderate

>0.2 - 0.4 = poor

< 0.2 = bad.

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NOTES

APPENDIX 2

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs of site locations and catchment pressures on the Clodiagh River and tributaries 2009. All field work photographs can be found in the accompanying electronic appendix.

Overall Risk * uses the “one out all out” principle

Site No.	Catchment Name	Location	X	Y	Photo No.	Bank Erosion	Diffuse Nutrient	Diffuse Silt	Field Drainage	Outfalls	Abstraction	Barriers to Migration	Current Riparian Zone	Overall Risk*	Pressure/Photo Details
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246779	115049	1	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Looking downstream from left bank at bridge
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246779	115049	2	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Council staff washing stones for capping wall in channel
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246779	115049	3	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Cannalised section looking upstream
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246779	115049	4	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Abstraction facility on right bank
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246785	115003	5	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Abstraction facility
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246785	115003	6	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Pumping station note on door
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246752	115009	7	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	View across bank from right to left
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246784	115019	8	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Combined Sewer overflow on right bank blue pipe
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246703	115042	9	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Perforated pipe on top of bank below it larger outfall
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246703	115042	10	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Perforated pipe on top of bank below it larger outfall
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246703	115042	11	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Poor substrate condition
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246798	115007	12	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	View from right bank looking downstream
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246798	115007	13	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Outfall on right bank just downstream of bridge

1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246608	114925	14	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Possible tributary entering on right bank, tiny concrete weir before bridge, 1.5m wide crosses under bridge & into main river
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246608	114925	15	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Possible tributary entering on right bank, tiny concrete weir before bridge, 1.5m wide crosses under bridge & into main river
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246306	115056	16	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Reinforced right bank with large boulders. Deposition on left bank
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246306	115056	17	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Reinforced right bank with large boulders. Deposition on left bank
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246306	115056	18	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Reinforced right bank with large boulders. Deposition on left bank
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246238	115112	19	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Silty substrate condition on right bank, some small fish visible
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246238	115112	20	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Trampling & poaching evident but not excessive
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246241	115119	21	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Dead mussel recently dead, white shell inside x2 & one juvenile dead
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246241	115119	22	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Major weir & fish pass

1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246131	115185	23	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Bridge apron associated with weir on both banks, old mill on left bank at end point of survey
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246131	115185	24	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Fish pass
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246122	115187	25	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Channelised flow & back water behind weir
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246122	115187	26	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	View across river shows left bank there is a concrete channel & view of old mill
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246122	115187	27	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	View of fish pass & walkway over river
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246122	115187	28	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	View of water intake for water supply
1	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Portlaw Bridge	246122	115187	29	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	High	Chamber / tank underground tank before pipping station on right bank
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243718	115123	1	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Looking upstream from bridge, riparian zone almost meets over river
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243718	115123	2	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from bridge
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243816	115177	3	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Looking across from left bank
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243816	115177	4	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from left bank
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243902	115219	5	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Colouration of water
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore	243902	115219	6	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Looking upstream from

		Estate														left bank standing on rock outcrop of river bed at bankside
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243902	115219	7	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking downstream at large pool area standby at point 6							
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243902	115219	8	Medium	Low	Medium	Upstream view looking at right bank to capture silty/ sand deposition							
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243902	115219	9	Medium	Low	Medium	View of kick on rock outcrop silt plume standing at point 6							
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243961	115309	10	Medium	Low	Medium	Beneath copper beech tree left bank. Heavy siltation							
2	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Currahmore Estate	243993	115336	11	Medium	Low	Medium	Tributary to river on left bank							
3	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Knocknacrohy	244772	115541	1	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking upstream from wooden bridge, ranunculus in sight							
3	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Knocknacrohy	244772	115541	2	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from wooden bridge							
3	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Knocknacrohy	244811	115533	3	Medium	Low	Medium	Possibly OPW staff gauge							
3	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Knocknacrohy	244811	115533	4	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking upstream at bridge structure, reformed structure on left bank, dead mussels seen at staff gauge							
3	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Knocknacrohy	244862	115541	5	Medium	Low	Medium	Taken from right bank over to left bank							
3	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of	245118	115495	6	Medium	Low	Medium	View from right bank over to left							

		Knocknacrohly													bank, poaching due to horses accessing for drinking water
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242141	114863	1	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from bridge
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242141	114863	2	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking upstream from bridge
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242076	114877	3	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	On right bank of main river before bridge
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242007	114929	4	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	On right bank of Clodiagh
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242007	114929	5	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Land use meadow
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242120	114824	6	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Tributary to river on right bank of bridge as it comes from culvert behind lodge house, 100% shaded
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242133	114836	7	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Further on downstream of tributary 100% cover
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242145	114869	8	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	From right bank beside bridge cloudy water, very silty & sandy bed
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242231	114733	9	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking upstream from mid-channel
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242231	114733	10	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from mid-channel
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242231	114733	11	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Some toe line re-inforcement on right bank
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry Bridge	242231	114733	12	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Bridge in estate looking upstream
4	Clodiagh	Main Channel At Lowry	242329	114661	13	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Bridge in estate looking

		Bridge														downstream, bridge is up high over river
Stopping point 1	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: South of Tobarchuain	241813	116691	1											Looking upstream from bridge
Stopping point 1	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: South of Tobarchuain	241813	116691	2											Poaching upstream 20m from bridge
Stopping point 1	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: South of Tobarchuain	241813	116691	3											Downstream from bridge
Stopping point 1	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: South of Tobarchuain	241813	116691	4											Planted forest 1/2 km upstream
Stopping point 1	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: South of Tobarchuain	241813	116691	5											C & D waste downstream on right bank
Stopping point 1	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: South of Tobarchuain	241813	116691	6											C & D waste downstream on right bank
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240212	114669	1	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium		Left bank downstream of bridge looking upstream of bridge structure
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240212	114669	2	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium		Discolouration / S.S of water
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240212	114669	3	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium		Downstream view
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240212	114669	4	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium		Cattle poaching on right bank just downstream from bridge
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240264	114679	5	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium		On right bank looking upstream towards the bridge poor substrate
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown	240324	114649	6	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium		On right bank looking

		Bridge													downstream at left bank deposition
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240383	114654	7	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Local Authority chip yard s.s source
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240331	114626	8	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Gully downstream of chip yard
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240331	114626	9	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Right bank looking downstream at bridge on mussel side
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240165	114642	10	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Tributary side channel & mid channel just at confluence of river & tributary deep in mid river- no habitat
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240165	114642	11	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from centre of channel
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240165	114642	12	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Poor substrate condition
5	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Glenstown Bridge	240165	114642	13	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Ranunculus flowers -shelia photo
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	1	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Outfall / discharges on right bank upstream of bridge
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	2	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Bridge structure
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	3	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Collection of discharge pipes from pub
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	4	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge point from pub under bridge on right bank
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	5	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Sewage discharge from town at bridge on left bank,

																three houses upstream no septic tanks , one at bridge, one from church, felling at area
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	6	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge from town discolouration on wall	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	7	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge from town discolouration on wall	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	8	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge from town discolouration on wall	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	9	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge from town discolouration on wall	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	10	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge from town discolouration on wall	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	11	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discolouration of substrate from sewage discharge. Flow today at this point is quite low	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	12	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	View of discharge from downstream of bridge	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	13	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Poaching although fenced off inadequate on right bank approx 30m downstream of bridge	
6	Clodiagh	Main Channel: At Clonea Bridge	238472	114196	14	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	High	Discharge point into tributary from church	
7	Clodiagh	Aughatanwillin River At Feddans Cross Roads	235493	116632	1	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Choked channel excessive Ranunculus growth >90%	

																looking upstream from bridge
7	Clodiagh	Aughatanwillin River At Feddans Cross Roads	235493	116632	2	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium		Heavy shading of channel, largely overgrown looking from bridge
7	Clodiagh	Aughatanwillin River At Feddans Cross Roads	235493	116632	3	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium		Grazing on left bank
7	Clodiagh	Aughatanwillin River At Feddans Cross Roads	235493	116632	4	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium		Downstream of bridge >90% shading faster flowing no ranunculus
7	Clodiagh	Aughatanwillin River At Feddans Cross Roads	235493	116632	5	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium		Poaching & trampling on left bank
7	Clodiagh	Aughatanwillin River At Feddans Cross Roads	235493	116632	6	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium		Horse riding pathway on left bank upstream
8	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Lackan Bridge	236067	114673	1	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium		Looking downstream from field access bridge
8	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Lackan Bridge	236067	114673	2	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium		Cattle poaching on right bank just downstream from bridge
8	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Lackan Bridge	236067	114673	3	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium		Excessive new ranunculus growth with filamentous algae growing on it
8	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Lackan Bridge	236067	114673	4	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium		Excessive new ranunculus growth with filamentous algae growing on it
8	Clodiagh	Main Channel: North East of Lackan Bridge	236067	114673	5	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium		Bridge structure, concrete bed, apron
8	Clodiagh	Main Channel:	236083	114699	6	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium		Cattle poaching

		Tributary: Aughgarra Stream													upstream from point plantation in background
Stopping point 2	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Aughgarra Stream	234122	110174	2										Substrate condition, no silt source is just below plantation
Stopping point 2	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Aughgarra Stream	234122	110174	3										2x box culverts under road where drain joins tributary
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234944	11569	1	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Looking downstream from road bridge, Possible placed stone weirs
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234944	11569	2	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Substrate just downstream of bridge
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234944	11569	3	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Major bridge apron with outfall on right bank
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234944	11569	4	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	River substrate apron upstream of right bank
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234918	111536	5	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Culverted pipe along road
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234928	111559	6	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Run off on right bank
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234928	111559	7	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Bridge structure & apron
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234928	111559	8	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Bridge structure & apron
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234876	111518	9	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Ford crossing
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234876	111518	10	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Ford crossing
10	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary: Ire River	234827	111484	11	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	End point, ranunculus growth in channel
11	Clodiagh	Inflowing	236303	112129	1	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Looking

		Tributary At Coolnahorna Bridge													upstream from road bridge
11	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary At Coolnahorna Bridge	236303	112129	2	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Minor poaching effect on left bank at bridge, possible with Iron loving bacteria
11	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary At Coolnahorna Bridge	236303	112129	3	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Looking downstream from bridge
11	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary At Coolnahorna Bridge	236303	112129	4	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Bridge structure
11	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary At Coolnahorna Bridge	236303	112129	5	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	On right bank looks like a dicotamous algae
11	Clodiagh	Inflowing Tributary At Coolnahorna Bridge	236303	112129	6	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Overview looking downstream from road plantation with no buffer
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234465	115026	1	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Sika spruce cut at left bank and thrown into river
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234465	115026	2	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Sika spruce cut at left bank and thrown into river
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234976	115020	3	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Bridge structure
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234976	115020	4	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Evidence that tractor is entering channel on left bank just upstream of bridge
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234976	115020	5	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Crop on left bank downstream of bridge

12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234976	115020	6	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Looking downstream from bridge
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234960	114996	7	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Side tributary - Douglas
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234960	114996	8	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Continuous tree line buffer plus adequate fencing
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	234947	115028	9	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Second machinery / tractor access point on right bank
12	Clodiagh	Confluence of R. Douglas & R. Clodiagh at Ross Bridge	235001	114978	10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Poor substrate condition
13	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Shanakill Bridge	234393	115940	1	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Looking upstream from road bridge
13	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Shanakill Bridge	234393	115940	2	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Looking downstream from road bridge, Possible placed stone weirs
13	Clodiagh	Main Channel: Shanakill Bridge	234393	115940	3	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Tree line buffer on right bank looking upstream
Stopping point 3	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary Near Ballycullane	232180	116340	1										Downstream of bridge from culvert under road
Stopping point 3	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary Near Ballycullane	232180	116340	2										Main channel downstream
Stopping point 3	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary Near Ballycullane	232180	116340	3										Upstream view of culvert under roadway
Stopping point 3	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary Near Ballycullane	232180	116340	4										Recent dumping of road grass cuttings
Stopping point 4	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary North of Ballycullane	231235	118180	1										Looking downstream of bridge on left

															bank poaching & erosion, broadleaf plantation
Stopping point 4	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary North of Ballycullane	231235	118180	2										On bridge looking west of upstream
Stopping point 4	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary North of Ballycullane	231235	118180	3										Felled forest & new plantation in upper catchment
Stopping point 4	Clodiagh	Inflowing tributary North of Ballycullane	231235	118180	4										Felled forest & new plantation in upper catchment

Appendix 3 – Catchment Walkover Risk Assessment Survey Sheet

	Present?		Grid Reference of specific pressure	No. of Photographs	Comments
	Yes	No			
Source of Erosion					
Bank erosion					
Land clearance					
In river clearance					
Arable ploughing					
Animal trampling					
Fords					
Channel manipulation					
Hard bank protection measures					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		
Diffuse Nutrient					
Arable					
Grazing					
Improved grassland					
Slilage					
Forestry					
Housing					
Industry and associated works					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		
Diffuse Silt					
Arable					
Grazing					
Over-grazing					
Improved grassland (Re-seeding)					
Forest					
Slilage					
Industry					
Construction stages					
Housing					
Infilling					
Peat cutting					
Quarries					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		

	Present?		Grid Reference of specific pressure	No. of Photographs	Comments
	Yes	No			
Current Riparian Zone					
Fencing					
Buffer					
Tree line at bank					
Tree line buffer					
Plantation with no buffer					
Urbanisation					
Flood protection					
Marshy land					
Landuse at bank					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		
Field Drainage					
Ditch managed					
Ditch unmanaged					
Drainage on high slope					
Drainage on low slope					
Land drainage (perforated pipes)					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		
Outfalls					
Industrial discharges					
Storm drains					
Culvert outfalls					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		
Abstractions					
Small					
Large					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		
Barriers to migration					
Culverts					
Bridge aprons					
Weirs					
Stone weirs					
Other sources					
Overall Risk	High	Medium	Low		