

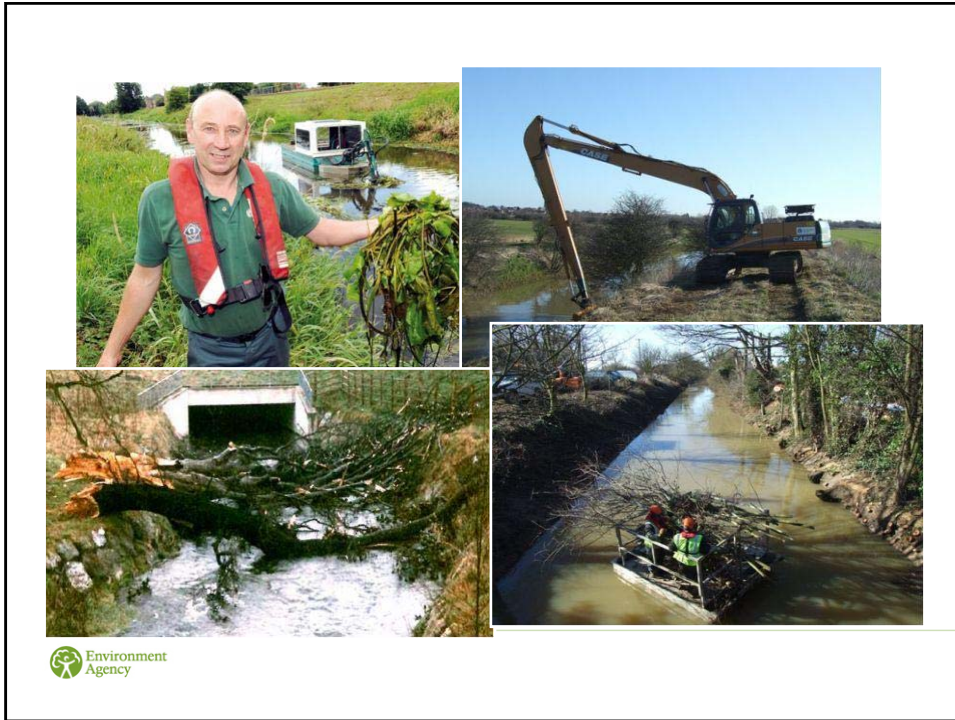


Channels and their management

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Why is considering channel management important?

- ⇒ We carry out £M's of channel management
- ⇒ One of the methods to reduce flood risk
- ⇒ Gives wider benefits
- ⇒ Conveyance is affected by many factors
- ⇒ Panacea and disaster



Coming soon to a river near you?

EA accused of heavy-handed work
By Greg Whitham

The Environment Agency this week stands accused of raising scores of popular river stretches due to its heavy-handed approach to flood relief work. Anglers on a host of mooring water venues, including the Thames, London, Willford, Windsor, Thame, Cherwell, Marston and others, have been outraged at the damage caused by EA dredging, channeling and straightening. In doing so, they argue, they have removed the 'wild, but old days' of flood management that could be on the cards.

A growing number of clubs have faced a battle to prevent their fishing as the EA's efforts to get floodwater safely through rivers and holding areas have left fish stocks with little to river cover to use as shelter from predators such as otters and carpenter.

The Angling Trust has been quick to condemn the actions, claiming they represent a major step back in river conservation.

"This is contrary to everything anglers have worked hard to achieve over the past 20 years in terms of improving river habitats," claimed Mark Davis, the Angling Trust's environment campaign manager.

"The Agency is intent on outdated and disproved methods of flood defence defence. It is essential that club and riparian owners find out about the EA's plans to address environmental protection for all our work to ensure that habitats are protected and enhanced. These provisions have been approved by RSPB and English Nature."

But with anglers crying foul over the apparent 'overhaul' work, the EA has vowed to check the 'ground' what the impact are likely to be.

"The river bank environment provides a home for otters, water, kingfishers, curlew, moorhens and other wildlife. Anglers, in particular, need plenty of bankside trees and deadwood to perch on while hunting. These habitats need to be managed sympathetically so as to avoid adversely affecting a river's wider biodiversity," said RSPB spokesperson Hil Shallop.



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13 July 2010 | By William Surman

THE NFU is 'stunned' by Environment Agency plans to abandon strategic water pumping stations in Yorkshire to leave thousands of acres of land unprotected from floods.

The Agency has admitted its plan, which will abandon maintenance on three water pumping stations on the River Hull, could cost farm businesses more than £13 million if the rains of 2007 returned to the area.

But an Environment Agency spokesman said 'people and homes' were the top priority in the 'challenging economic climate'.

"It may no longer be possible to maintain some pumping stations and flood banks which serve an important land drainage function but do not reduce flood risk to people and homes which is our top priority," said the spokesman.

But NFU President Peter Kendall said the plans were 'unacceptable'.

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- ⇒ Sediments and Habitats
- ⇒ Sediment Matters
- ⇒ Pilots technical report
- ⇒ Conveyance guide/report
- ⇒ Landowner pack
- ⇒ Channel management handbook (R&D)



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