

River Basin Management Plans 2027 & Programme of Measures

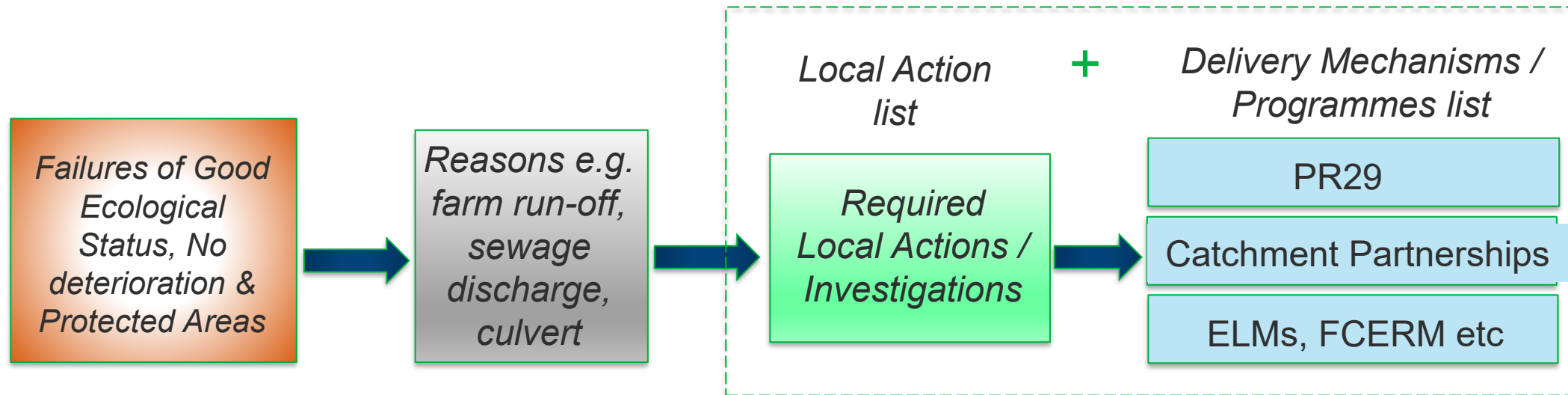
River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs)

1. Engage and inform stakeholders and the public
2. Shape government water policy and future engagement
3. Facilitate collaboration and partnership action
4. Define actions to meet environmental objectives
5. Set statutory objectives
6. Assess current and future environmental state
7. Make the engage and inform stakeholders and the public



Programme of measures

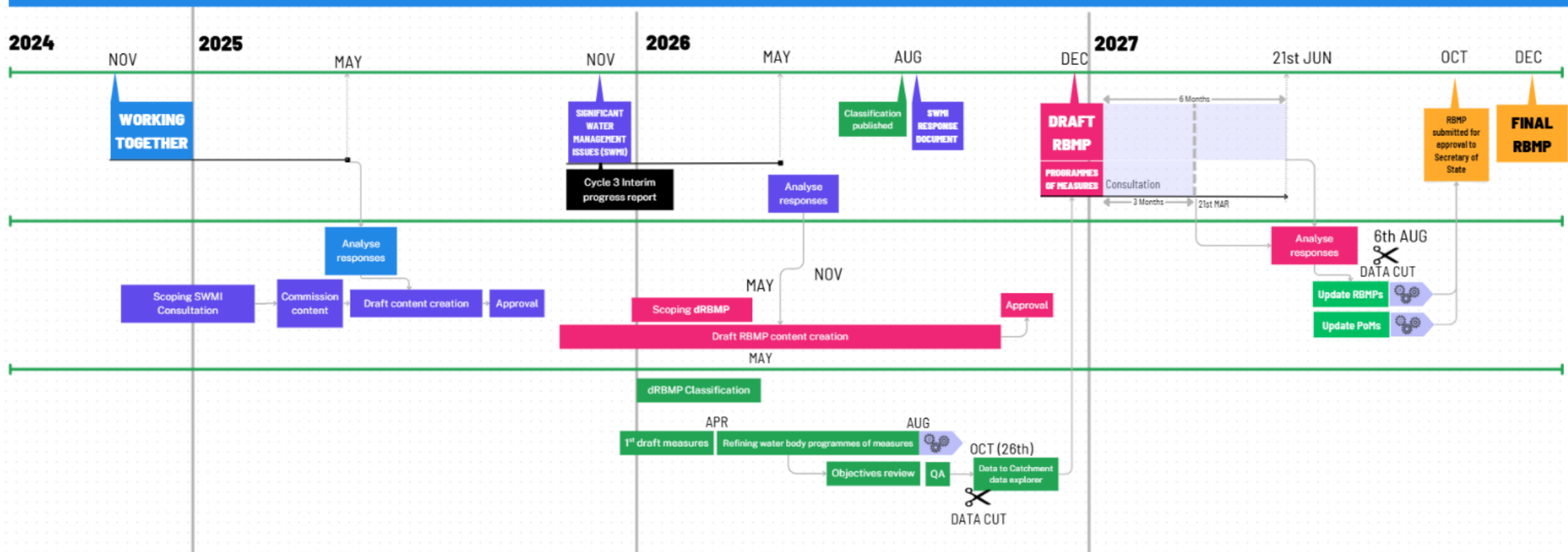
- Programmes of measures define the actions needed for water bodies and protected areas to meet environmental objectives.
- They form part of the decision-making process, linking water body failures to actions, delivery programmes and funding.
- Measures address the causes of non-compliance or deterioration and are delivered through mechanisms such as the Water Industry Price Review.



RBMP & POM's timeline 2026/27

CYCLE 4 RBMPs

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Consultation Programme

- Two consultations will open on **21 December 2026** and will be available through **Catchment Data Explorer** and **the Water Hub (Engagement HQ)**.

Programmes of Measures Consultation

- Covers the actions and investigations proposed for individual water bodies.
- Includes detailed information and specific questions for feedback.
- Open for **3 months**, closing on **21 March 2027**.

Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) Consultation

- Covers the wider river basin, including objectives, priorities and overall direction.
- Includes national and local information, plus a summary of the proposed measures.
- Open for **6 months**, closing on **21 June 2027**.

Current Position

- Since the launch of the Programmes of Measures (PoMs) in November 2025, substantial progress has been made. Across all 14 EA areas approximately:
- **43,000 measures** have been identified.
- **10,000 investigations** have been recorded.
- National quality assurance checks have been completed.
- Data is now being uploaded ahead of consultation.

Data Uploads

- Data uploads are continuing throughout October. .

However, two categories of measures will not be included in the consultation version of the PoMs:

- WINEP permitting measures
- Coastal restoration measures. These require further development and will be considered for inclusion in the final plans.

Supporting information on Engagement HQ (the Water Hub)

- To ensure transparency and provide access to information not shown in Catchment Data Explorer, a dedicated consultation area will be created on Engagement HQ (the Water Hub) This will include:
 - Protected Area measures :- link to Protected Area action plans
 - This will include proposed coastal restoration measures in some areas
 - Potential other partner measures not yet incorporated into the wider PoMs.

This will provide additional context and measures to inform consultation responses and stakeholder understanding.

Some measures identified

Measure Details				
Measure ID	Measure Deleted	Category Tier 1	Category Tier 2	Title
42716	-	31: Create, restore and enhance biodiversity habitat	31.3: Restore habitats	Portscreek & Moat Sea Defence Ecology Enhancements - Restore Hab
42729	-	[To mitigate the impacts on ecology from physical modifications	[Remove or enhance existing structur	Portsea flood defence ecology enhancements
New_M12	-	1: Investigation	1.4: Investigate technically feasible ar	Investigation to determine Measures -Angiosperms in GB6507051500
42718	-	19: Reduce pollution from misuse of the drainage system	19.1: Rectify sewer misconnections to	Addressing misconnections
42720	-	21: Control run-off from the built environment	21.1: Mitigate drainage outfalls from	Addressing misconnections in surface water drainage
42721	-	28: Restore or Rehabilitate Inland and coastal waters	28.10: Improve and/or maintain natu	Solent sea defence ecology enhancements, Southsea (Solent)
New_M128	-	31: Create, restore and enhance biodiversity habitat	31.3: Restore habitats	The Hurst Spit to Lymington Flood and Coastal Erosion Management (
New_M137	-	36: Coastal environmental improvement	36.1: Use of green engineering/eco-e	West Itchenor BUDs - Phase 3,
New_M143	-	31: Create, restore and enhance biodiversity habitat	31.5: Saltmarsh and mud flat creation	Langstone Village Saltmarsh
New_M144	-	36: Coastal environmental improvement	36.1: Use of green engineering/eco-e	Ports Creek Seagrass planting trial
New_M150	-	30: Protect, enhance or recover populations of protected or pri	30.2: Implement targeted actions for	Hayling island oyster beds

Final points to note

Within the consultation, there may be some coastal measures that Area's have specifically added. These will be on CDE to support the consultation.

In addition, we are developing coastal restoration measures that can be applied to TRAC waterbodies where require these will be a separate dataset in the consultation.

The proposed measures cover:

1. Where saltmarsh and seagrass habitats have historically occurred and are currently declining, implement measures to reduce the pressures affecting these habitats and, where appropriate, actively restore their extent and condition

And

2. Restore native oyster reef habitat within this water body to support the recovery of ecological function and contribute to delivery of the Environmental Improvement Plan target.

It is anticipated that these will be included for the final plan

Coastal partners will be able to see these in the consultation, make responses on where they would be appropriate, and provide any suggestions for further coastal measures.