

OGN 72 Appendix 2 WFD Compliance Assessment template

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Figure 1: Stage 1 Screening

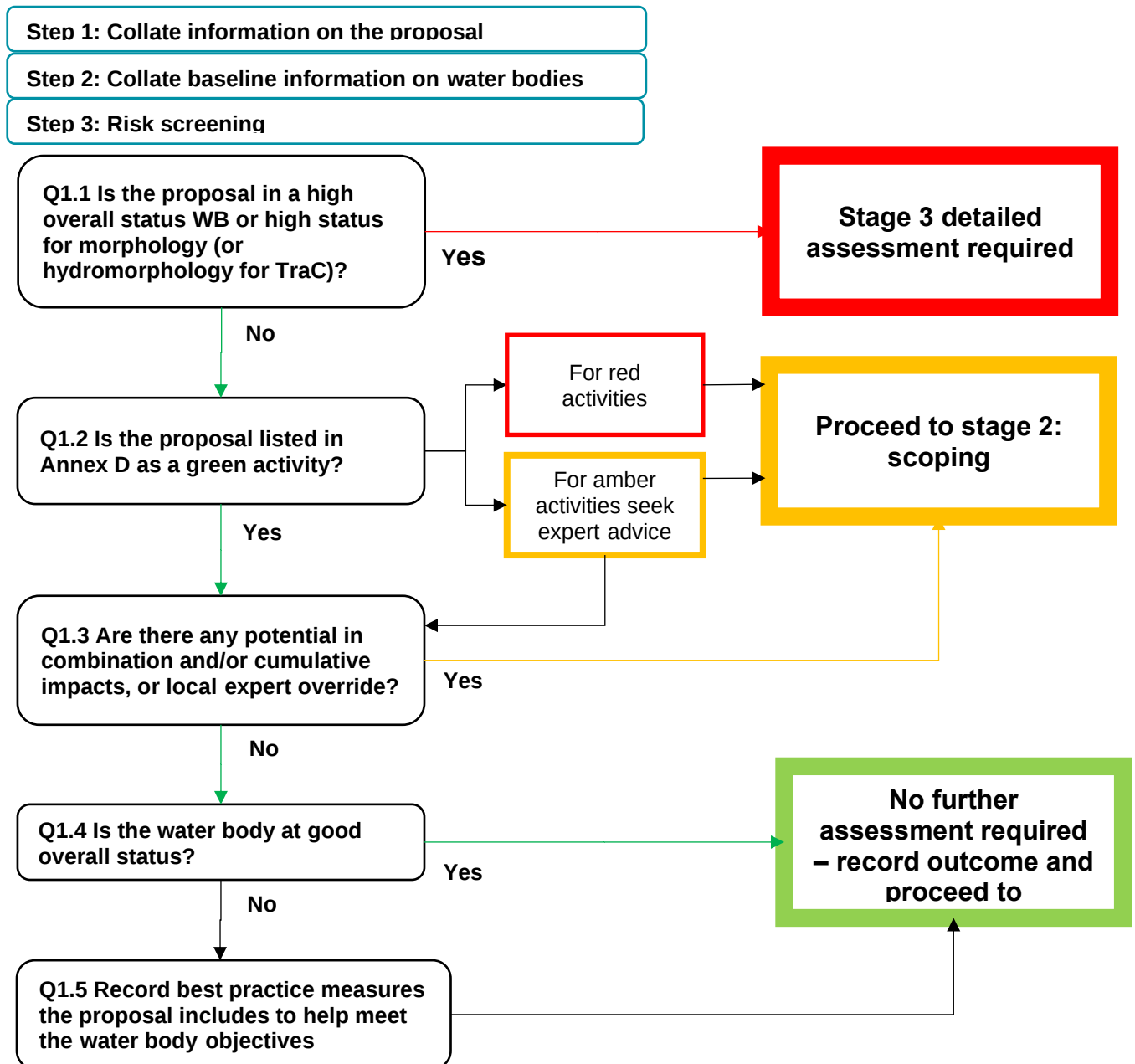
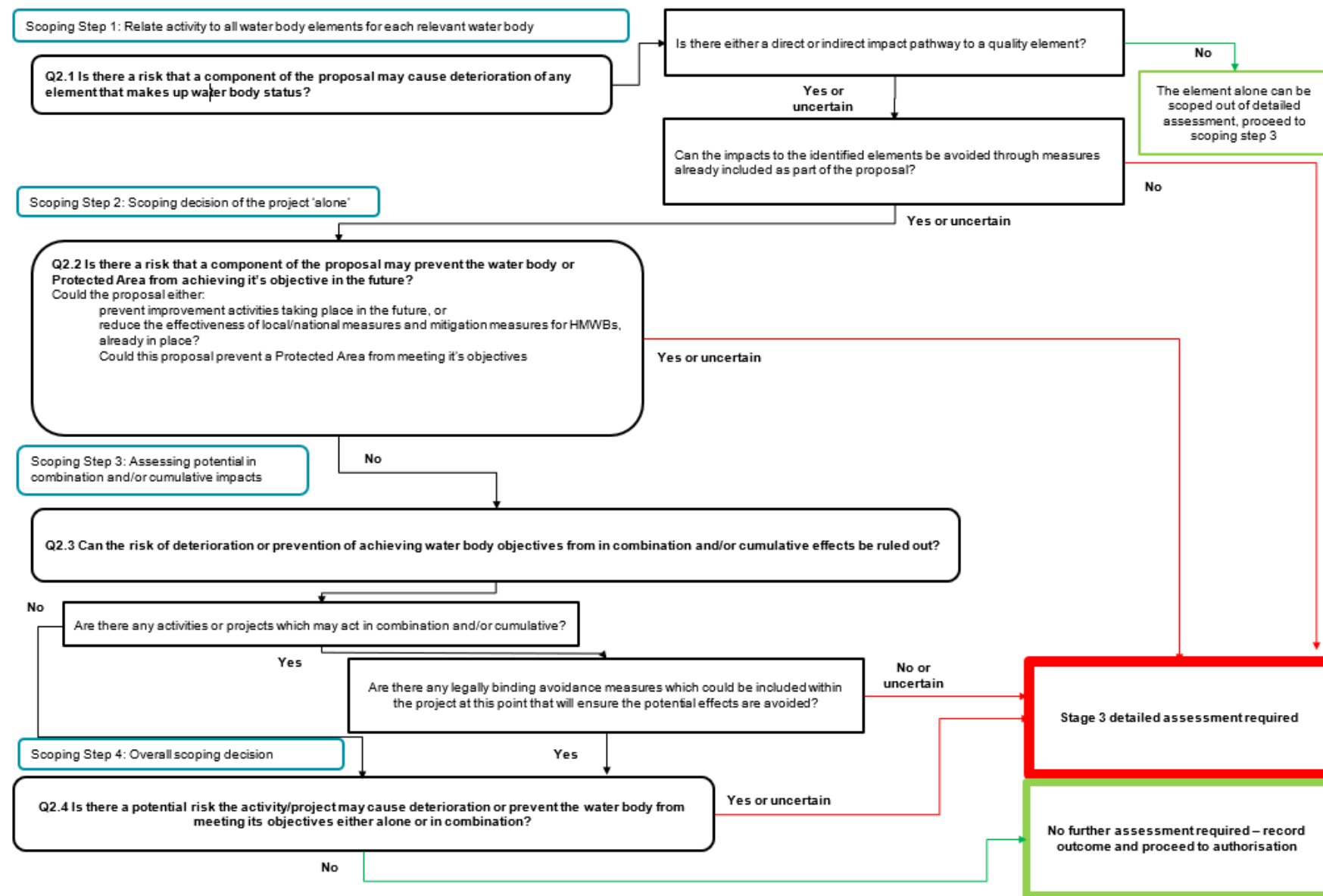
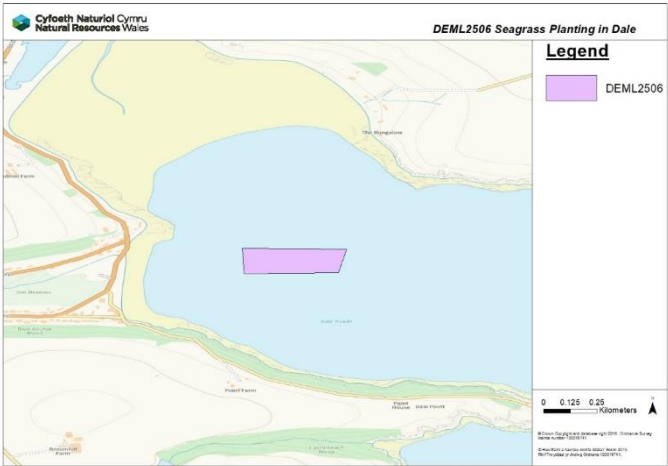


Figure 2: Stage 2 Scoping



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Stage 1 step 1: proposal details.

a): Project details where an <u>external party</u> has applied to NRW for any form of authorisation		
Project details	Application reference number (if applicable)	DEML2506
	Date application received	16 January 2025
	Applicant details	Project Seagrass
	Activity proposed	Seagrass Planting at Dale, Pembrokeshire Build upon the work completed under licence CML1944 by continuing to seed the licensed area, thus supplementing the shoots that are now growing and ensuring the growth of a healthy and resilient meadow. Expansion of the original license area (CML1944) by 1 ha upon agreement with the Dale Stakeholder Group. This takes the area up to 3 ha. A series of planting methods will be used and are described in the supporting document entitled "DEML2506 - 2. Marine Licence Dale Continuation".
	Relevant legislation	Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017
	List other permissions that may be required where known	N/A
	Location (include map where appropriate)	Dale, Pembrokeshire  Latitude Longitude

	51.7097976 -5.1636496 51.7088438 -5.1636310 51.7097670 -5.1592790 51.7087830 -5.1596260
Application documents <i>Include: Project purpose and background, site map, scaled plan, site photographs and working method statement.</i>	DEML2506 - 1. Dale-marine-works-licence-application.docx DEML2506 - 2. Marine Licence Dale Continuation.docx DEML2506 - 3. Habitats Regulations Assessment.docx DEML2506 - 4. Water Framework Directive Assessment.docx DEML2506 - 5a. Biosecurity Assessment Management.docx DEML2506 - 5b. Biosecurity Assessment Management.docx DEML2506 - 6. Welsh National Marine Plan.xlsx
Environmental Statement	N/A
List ongoing maintenance requirements. All structures will require maintenance	N/A
Timing of works	No specific timing provided. Deposits will be made throughout the duration of the licence from 2025 – 2030.
Pre-application correspondence	N/A
Are the works located within a WFD waterbody? Or do they have the potential to impact upon a WFD water body? Waterbodies include surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters out to 1 nautical mile) and groundwaters	The works are located in the Milford Haven Outer waterbody.
NRW team responsible for drafting this WFD Compliance Assessment report, and name of lead officer	Jack Thompson

	Date of assessment	03 March 2025
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Stage 1, step 2: Collate baseline information on all water bodies at risk from the proposal.

Date of classification information: 2021 WFD Classification

WB ID	Water body name	WB type	Management catchment	HMWB	Overall water body status	Ecological status	Chemical status	Hydro-morphology status*	Relevance to the proposal
GB641008220000	Milford Haven Outer	Coastal	Western Wales	Yes	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Not high	Proposal is: in the water body

**where there is no information, or a null value then assume it is at good status for morphology (or hydromorphology for TraC water bodies)

The potential for the proposal to affect the following water bodies was also initially considered, but can be ruled out without further consideration:

N/A

Stage 1, Step 3: Risk Screening

Question number	Risk screening questions	Name of activity	Screening decision – delete as appropriate
Q1.1	Is the proposal in a water body at high status or high status for morphology or hydromorphology?	N/A	No – go to Q1.2
Q1.2	Is the activity listed in Annex D as a green activity? Complete new row for each activity	Seagrass Planting (NOTE: habitat restoration is listed as green activity for Rivers provided the use is not for	Yes – go to Q1.3

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		agricultural purposes)	
Q1.3	Are there any potential cumulative/in combination impacts? Or is there Local Expert Override*?	No	No – go to Q1.4
Q1.4	Is the water body at Good overall status?	No	No - Go to Q1.5
Q1.5	Record best practice measures that the works include to help achieve the objectives of the water body.	Transplants will be lab-grown at the Project Seagrass nursery facility in Pendine, Carmarthen which is free of non-native and invasive species, the water is filtered and UV-treated, and regularly monitored for the presence of any non-native and invasive species. To minimise the risk of unintentionally importing invasive and non-native species, seeds that are to be planted are first rinsed and stored in lab facilities, and rigorously and regularly checked for the presence of any invasive and non-native species. As seeds are stored in a layer that is one seed thick, this allows for the effective identification and removal of any invasive and non-native species. Prior to planting, all seeds that are to be planted will be washed with sterilised seawater. Furthermore, transplants to be used will be local transplants and transplants grown in the applicant's seagrass nursery which is free of non-native and invasive species. Furthermore, all vessels used are located within Milford Haven and therefore, will not introduce new INNS from other waterbodies. All vessels will be antifouled and cleaned prior to use. For more details, see the attached Biosecurity Assessment & Management documents (DEML2506 – 5a_BiosecurityAssessmentManagement and DEML2506 - 5b_BiosecurityAssessmentManagement).	

Question number	Risk screening questions	Name of activity	Screening decision – delete as appropriate
		All man-made materials deployed on the seabed will biodegrade within 6-18 months or will be removed. Vessel(s) used for the proposed work are maintained regularly to ensure no leakage of fuel and oil takes place. Furthermore, standard pollution prevention conditions will be included in the licence. The activity occurs within the West Wales Marine SAC and Pembrokeshire Marine SAC. The impacts of the project on these protected sites has been assessed through the HRA and no Likely Significant Effects have been found (see HRA).	

**Expert judgement may be required i.e. for complex or cumulative interactions; or a particularly sensitive site/activity (including target water bodies).*

Conclusion of WFD Compliance Assessment & Authorisation

WFD stage 1 screening has been completed and the activity/project have been ruled out as not requiring any further WFD assessment. Or, further assessment is not required because there is no conceivable impact pathway to any water body or Protected Area.

Completed by	Jack Thompson
Job title	Marine Licensing Officer
Date	03 March 2025

Consultation with technical advisors/specialists

Relevant section of the WFD compliance assessment	Date(s) of correspondence* and any meeting(s) with technical advisor(s) and include the name of the technical advisor	Description of how the comments from technical advisors have been considered

*Attach a copy of any written correspondence with the WFD assessment for the audit trail

Where there is a dispute on the conclusion the decision should be taken by the Leadership Team member of the team exercising the competent authority role