

RBMP Water body information sheet for water body 100198 in Argyll

General details

Water body name:	Loch Laggan
Water body Identifier code:	100198
Area:	7.61 km ²
Water body category:	Lake
Baseline:	Y
River basin district:	Scotland
Area advisory group:	Argyll
Catchment:	River Lochy
Associated protected areas:	
Associated groundwater:	Spean and Loch Lochy bedrock and localised sand and gravel aquifers
Responsible body:	SEPA W Highlands & Argyll
Heavily modified:	No
Artificial:	No
Typology:	Mid-altitude Large Low alkalinity Deep
National Grid Reference:	NN 48640 86417
Latitude:	56.94417
Longitude:	-4.48975

Current status of this water body

We have classified this water body as having an overall status of Moderate with High confidence in 2008 with overall ecological status of Moderate and overall chemical status of Pass.

This overall classification of status is made up of many different tiers of classification data. A complete set of classification data for 2008 is shown at the end of this document.

Targets for the future status of this water body

We have set environmental objectives for this water body over future river basin planning cycles in order that sustainable improvements to its status can be made over time, or alternatively that no deterioration in status occurs, unless caused by a new activity providing significant specified benefits to society or the wider environment.

For this water body we have set the overall environmental objectives for the first, second and third River Basin Management Planning (RBMP) cycles as:

Year	2008	2015	2021	2027
Status	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

We have established an ongoing programme of monitoring in order to identify pressures on our water bodies. The pressures listed below contribute to this water body's failure to meet good ecological status. River basin planning allows us to plan improvements for particular parameters over time. We have collaborated with others to identify measures which will act to protect or improve our water environment in order that all water bodies reach good status over successive RBMP cycles.

Pressures and measures on this water body

The pressures listed below contribute to this water body's failure to meet good ecological status or potential. River basin planning allows us to plan improvements for particular parameters over time. We have collaborated with others to identify measures which will act to protect or improve our water environment in order that all water bodies reach good status over successive RBMP cycles.

The following table shows our collated information on the pressures on this water body, their causes and the measures which could be introduced to mitigate their effects. We have also indicated the current funding status of the measure; with projected measures being potentially funded and agreed measures having funding in place. Finally, we have included information on the potential or actual owner of the measure, the date it will be effective and information on the justification for extending the deadlines or for setting an alternative objective, where appropriate.

Pressure	As a Result of	Assessment Parameter	Objective	Reasons for Failure
	Measure	Funding	Owner	Effective date
Flow Regulation	Production of renewable electricity (NB nuclear and pumped hydro are not renewable forms of electricity generation)	Change in the outflow from the lake	Moderate by 2015	Implementation of the measure by an earlier deadline would impose disproportionate burdens

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	Appropriate management of rate and range of artificial drawdown	Neither Agreed nor Projected	Alcan	31/12/2026

Future work

Additional work to identify pressures and to develop and implement measures to mitigate their impacts will continue over subsequent river basin cycles.

Complete classification for this water body in 2008

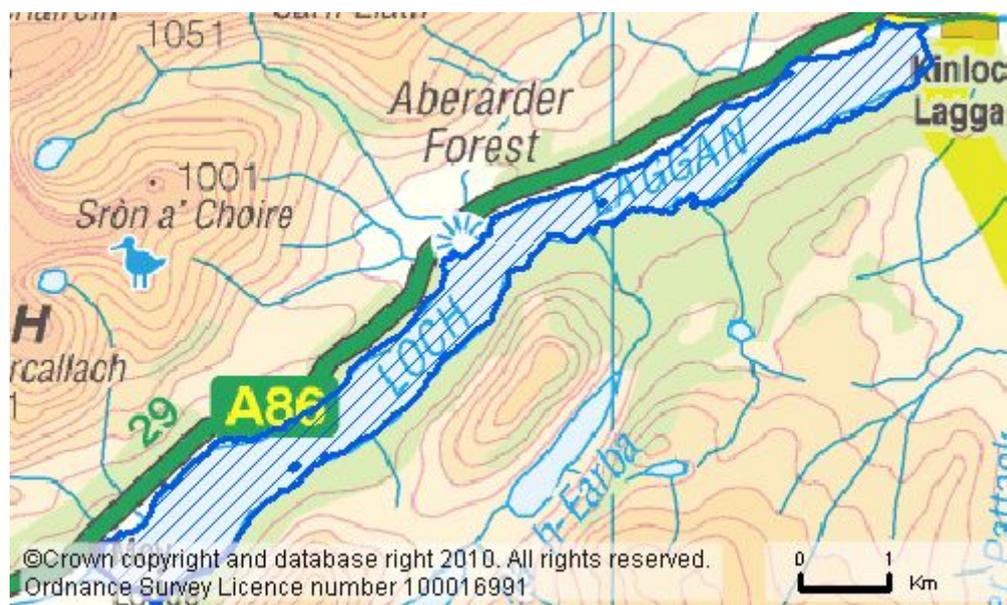
Parameter	Status	Confidence of Class
OVERALL STATUS	MODERATE	HIGH
Pre-HMWB status	Moderate	High
Overall chemistry	Pass	Low
Priority substances	Pass	Low
Lead	Pass	Low
Overall ecology	Moderate	High
Physico-Chem	High	High
Dissolved Oxygen	High	Low
Total Phosphorus	High	Medium
Salinity	High	High
Acid Neutralising Capacity	High	Low
Biological elements	Moderate	High
Phytobenthos	High	Medium
Macrophytes	Moderate	Medium
Benthic invertebrates	Moderate	High
Macro-invertebrates (acid)	Moderate	High
Macro-invertebrates (CPET)	High	Low
Alien species	High	Low
Fish barrier	High	Low
Phytoplankton	High	High
Chlorophyll a	High	High

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Parameter	Status	Confidence of Class
Cyanobacteria	High	Medium
Specific pollutants	Pass	High
Ammonium	Pass	High
Hydromorphology	High	Medium
Morphology	High	Medium
Hydrology	High	Medium
Water quality	Moderate	
Morphological pressures	Moderate	

Location of this water body

You can find the geographical location of this water body by searching on water body ID in the interactive maps at www.sepa.org.uk/water/river_basin_planning.aspx



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