

Guidance in connection with the supplementary consultation on changes to the draft river basin management plans

The watercourse area, water catchment in the Greater Copenhagen area and lake restoration

The guidance provides elaborating information on the draft changes to the river basin management plans subject to consultation.

How to submit a consultation response?

On the website you will find a link to GIS maps showing the changes to which a response may be made.

Enter the GIS map via the link on the website. There you will find detailed instructions guiding you to the consultation response form.

Quick guide

It is important that you proceed in this order:

1. Zoom in on your property on the map
2. Look at watercourses and lakes subject to consultation by clicking on subjects on the map
3. Have any changes been made to/near your property? If yes, use the info button to open a window providing further information on the change(s). If you disagree with the change, you may submit a response using the consultation response form.
4. It is possible to submit a response by email to nst@nst.dk or by letter to the Nature Agency, Haraldsgade 53, 2100 Copenhagen Ø. If you use method, it is important to indicate precisely which property your response concerns (by stating the property number) and which change to a watercourse or lake on/near your property your response concerns.

The consultation request covers

The supplementary consultation process covers the sections of watercourses, barriers and lakes where changes have been made to the present draft river basin management plans compared to the previous public consultation. Such changes appear from GIS maps on the website.

The consultation request covers the following types of changes:

Sections of watercourses:

- Which are no longer included in the planning procedure
- With changed classification
- With new initiatives
- With initiatives adjusted in comparison to earlier
- Which have been included in the planning procedure
- Which are subject to salt water impact
- With changed initiatives in relation to catchment

Watercourse barriers:

- omitted from the planning
- with adjusted initiatives in future river basin management plans
- with initiatives excluded in future river basin management plans
- barrier – covered but initiative is postponed with respect to deadline

Lakes:

- where restoration is no longer part of the planning procedure
- with new or changed restoration initiatives

An elaboration of the individual changes is found below.

Watercourses no longer included in the planning

- harmonisation of the number of watercourses in the river basin management plans. The harmonization primary covers watercourses of little natural value. The change in delimitation leaves out watercourses situated in basins smaller than 10 square kilometres unless the watercourses are of a high natural value or have already achieved a sound ecological condition based on the fauna class (DVFI). The natural value of the watercourse has mainly been assessed on the basis of the watercourse objectives set out in the regional plans.

Watercourses with changed classification

- changed classification of the watercourse sections as a result of a consultation response to the river basin management plans. Primarily changes from natural watercourses to either artificial or heavily modified watercourses are at issue. Many culverted watercourses have been included in this changed classification.

Watercourses with new initiatives

- include new initiatives for sections where new knowledge of the condition shows that there is a need for action. The initiative involves “changed watercourse maintenance” or “restoration” and
- new initiatives (changed watercourse maintenance) for sections with the highest nature potential where the main reasons for the lack of compliance with objectives are the physical conditions, but where waste water deriving from scattered houses may also have an impact.

Watercourses with adjusted initiatives in comparison to earlier

- Adjusted initiatives for sections which, according to the consultation request, had to be subject to both “changed watercourse maintenance” and “restoration”. These initiatives have been adjusted so that only one mechanism is applied to any given watercourse.
- Adjustment of initiatives for watercourses in large, private woods. The adjustment concerns the change of initiative from “changed watercourse maintenance” to “restoration”.
- Adjustment of initiative for watercourses subject to the impact of ochre where an “increase of the water level” was the mechanism used according to the consultation request. Instead, the mechanism of “changed watercourse maintenance” is used for such watercourses.

Watercourses included in the planning procedure

- Due to a technical error, a very small number of culverted watercourses did not appear from the maps included in the draft river basin management plans. These have now been included in the maps for the river basin management plans.

Watercourses subject to salt water impact

- In the river basin management plans, an initiative based on fauna assessments had been planned for a very small number of watercourses subject to salt water impact. Such initiative has been cancelled as the present fauna index is non-applicable to watercourses subject to salt water impact.

The supplementary consultation further includes the below changes to requirement values for the median-minimum flow of water.

Watercourses - catchment with changed initiative

Including:

- Groundwater with changed initiative

It has been pointed out that certain requirement values were fixed at too low a level compared to historical, measured values conducted before catchment. The change applies only to areas surrounding sections of watercourses that form part of the Køge Stream system and related basins.

- Groundwater with adjustment of the need for action

On the basis of the consultation and the result of the task force for catchment in the Greater Copenhagen area, an adjustment has been made to the fixed requirement values to median minimum flow of water, requirements which must be met out of consideration for the watercourse objectives in the first and next two river basin management plan periods. The adjustments concern a number of watercourse sections with related basins.

Adjustment of the initiative for watercourse barriers

The initiative relating to watercourse barriers has been adjusted and prioritized to the effect that it covers barriers in watercourses with great natural potential and aiming to gain passage in large adjoining water systems.

Including:

- Omitted from the planning procedure

Barriers not covered by the river basin management planning. Mainly as they are situated in sections of watercourses that are no longer part of the planning procedure.

- Initiatives in future river basin management plans

Barriers covered by initiatives in the future river basin management plans for the purpose of creating continuity at the barrier.

- Initiatives excluded from the future river basin management plans

Barriers not covered by the action programme for the first planning period as an initiative for the barrier has been exempted. The barrier is part of the future river basin planning.

In order to help, initiatives that form part of the 2010 draft river basin management plans, but are not covered by the consultation request, also appear from the GIS map, but responses may not be submitted to the said initiatives as no changes have been made.