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Abstractions and Challenges – best practice from a charity perspective

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- Introducing the Trust
- Legislative drivers
- Relationship with regulators
- Implications for Trust
- Where are we now?
- What have we learnt?



Did you know, we have

2000
miles of
waterway

200
average age of
our reservoirs

80000

Olympic sized swimming
pools of water in our canals

76 pumping stations

72 reservoirs



1589 locks used **4** million times
each year



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- Largest owner of freshwater fishing rights in the UK
- Statutory duty to provide fishing under Transport Act 1968,
- Look after fish with a replacement value of £40 million
- Award winning “Let’s Fish” programme
- Stakeholder on England Fisheries Group and Wales Fisheries Forum
- Partner in National Angling Strategy (England)

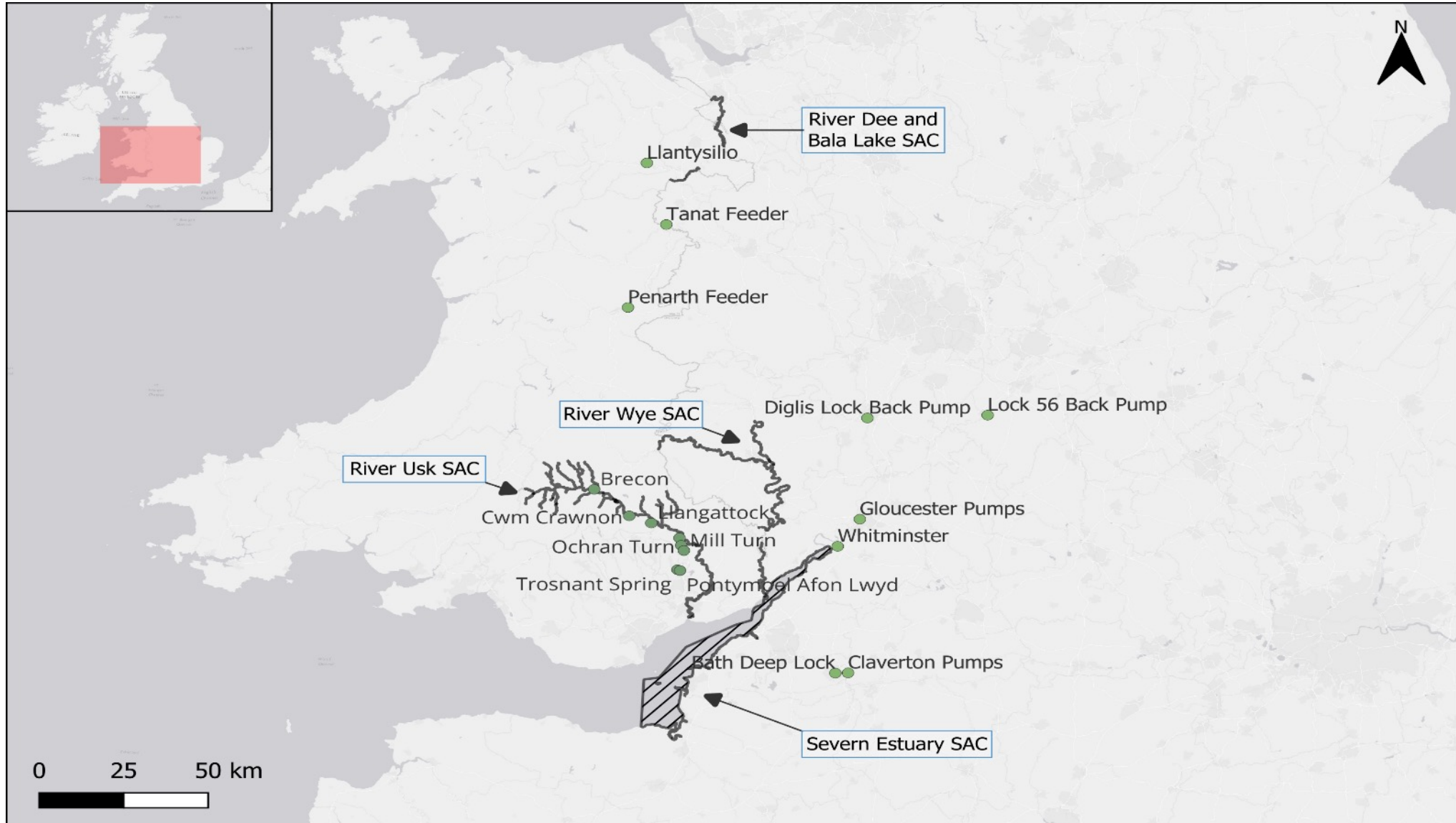


- Water Act 2003
- Habitats Regulations - Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
 - Stage 1 screening
 - Stage 2 appropriate assessment
- Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009
- Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (as amended)

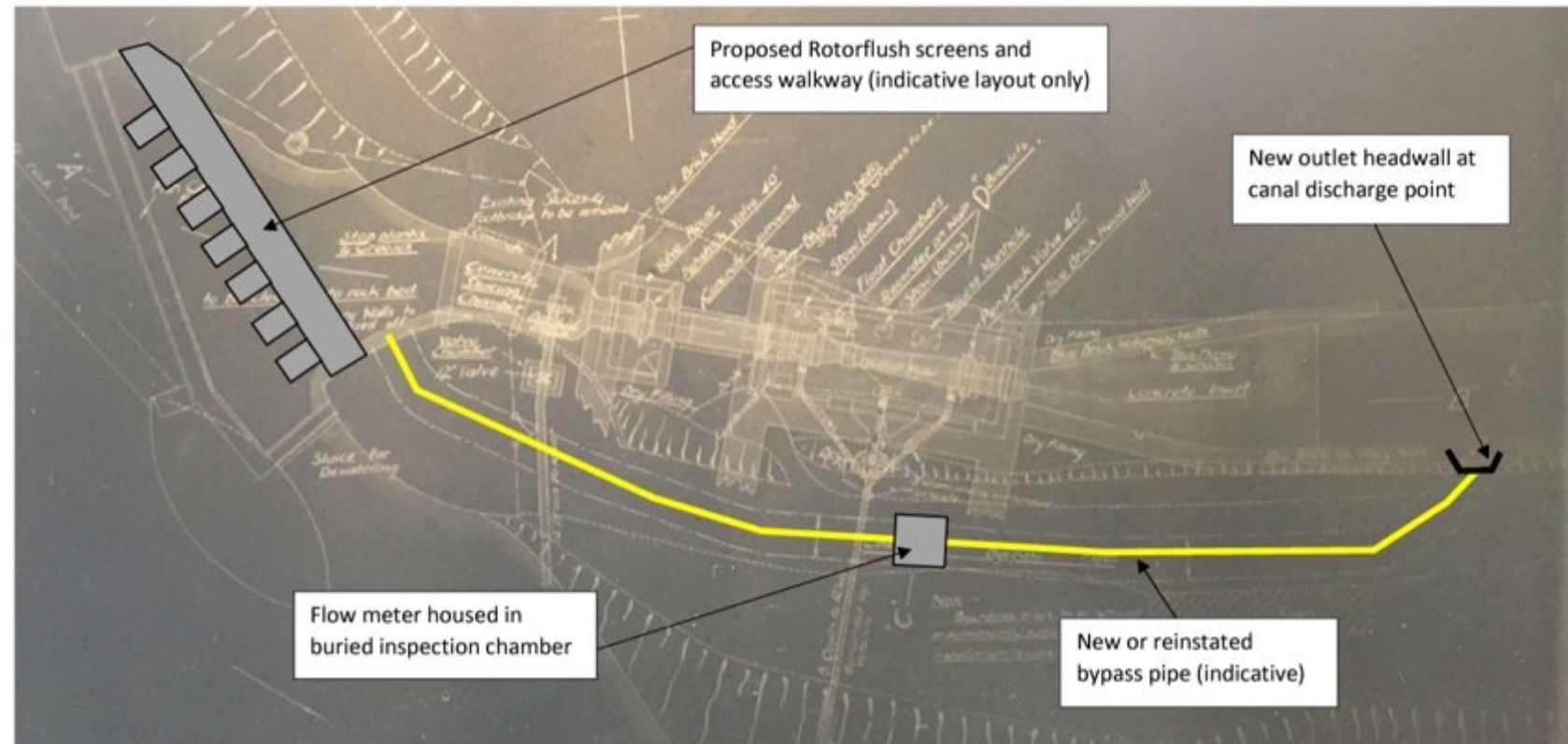


- Who are they – EA, NE, NRW
- What are their interests/concerns
 - Severn Estuary SAC
 - Montgomery Canal SAC
 - River Usk SAC
 - Bala & River Dee SAC
- Habitats Regulation Assessments





- 155 abstraction licence applications
- Began 2020, concluded December 2022
- Technical feasibility of solutions
- Trust as a charity
- Cost of solution
- Sources of funding
- ~£4.6million spend



Where are we now?

Abstraction licence	Receiving Canal or Watercourse	Screening requirement	Comments
Gloucester Pumps	Gloucester & Sharpness Canal	2mm	Delayed implementation dates set by EA as licence conditions
River Frome at Whitminster	Gloucester & Sharpness Canal	2mm plus escapement route	
Bath Deep Lock	Kennet & Avon Canal	2mm	
Claverton Pumps	Kennet & Avon Canal	3mm	
Lock 56 Back Pump	South Stratford Canal	3mm	
Diglis Lock 1 backpump	Worcester & Birmingham Canal	3mm	
Penarth Feeder	Montgomery Canal	10mm	Appeal
Tanat Feeder	Montgomery Canal	10mm	Appeal
Llantysilio Feeder	Llangollen Canal	4mm part-year, 10mm part-year	Appeal
River Usk at Brecon	Mon&Brec	10mm	As existing
Cwm Crawnon	Mon&Brec	9mm	Implementation plan in preparation
Llangattock	Mon&Brec	9mm	
Ochram Turn	Mon&Brec	9mm	
Mill Turn	Mon&Brec	9mm	

What have we learnt?

- Early engagement & dialogue
- Collaborative
- Potential for adversarial atmosphere
- Good science crucial
- Ongoing activity

