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**Your chance to have your say on Improving the Quality of our Water Environment:**

**River Basin Management Planning and Freshwater Fisheries**

**Evening meeting with SEPA**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 7pm**

**John Hannah Lecture Room SAC Auchincruive**

As part of the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in Scotland SEPA have been working in partnership with a range of stakeholders to develop draft River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) across Scotland. Ayrshire forms a substantial part of the Clyde area and the draft Clyde Area Management Plan is now available on SEPA's website for a consultation period which ends on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 [www.sepa.org.uk/water/river\\_basin\\_planning.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/river_basin_planning.aspx). Ayrshire Rivers Trust would encourage all individuals, clubs or proprietors to have a look at the consultation and to provide comment before the deadline.

The WFD and the RBMP's are now very important influences over how our rivers and lochs are managed and is important that the classification assigned to each waterbody by SEPA accurately reflects the problems affecting our watercourses. SEPA also control a significant restoration fund and it is likely that improvements measures will be directed towards priorities identified in the plan.

In order to provide information on the draft Clyde area management plan Ayrshire Rivers Trust is organising an evening meeting where SEPA representatives will give a presentation on the draft RBMP, how it works and how it fits into the WFD. This meeting is intended to provide information on the draft RMBP to the angling community in Ayrshire. It will provide you with an update on river basin planning and introduce the plans, which will enable you to submit comments on the draft plan before the public consultation closes at the end of June. If you wish to attend please return the attached slip to the Trust either by post to the address above or contact the Trust by email using the address below.

I will/will not be able to attend the meeting SEPA RBMP meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Name:.....

Angling Club/Organisation:.....

Number of representatives attending:.....



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