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Controlling priority invasive non-native riparian plants and restoring native biodiversity.

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Opportunity to tender for the control of invasive non-native riparian plants at various locations in Ayrshire during 2011.

Tender Document (ix).

Control of Giant Hogweed: The Upper River Ayr Catchment.

Control Method: Foliar application of herbicide (Roundup Pro Biactive 480g/l) using Knapsack sprayers in accordance with the Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products in Scotland.

This tender document is supported by **Document 1 'Guidance for contractors,'** and must be read in conjunction with said document.

Questions relating to any part of this document should be raised at the **Pre Tender briefing on 20th February 2012, 1.30pm** at ART's offices or directed to ART's project management staff by email info@ayrshireriverstrust.org

Questions and answers submitted prior to the briefing will be documented and raised at the meeting. Questions and answers arising subsequent to the meeting will be circulated to all contractors expressing an interest in the tendering process. No questions will be answered on a 'one to one' basis (e.g. face to face or by telephone) except during the public pre tender meeting on the 20th February 2012 at ART's offices. This is to ensure transparent and fair competition.

1. Location of target control areas

The control area includes both banks of the River Ayr extending from Stair Bridge at Grid Ref (NS 243750, 623450) upstream to the road bridge adjacent to Catrine Bonded Warehouse Grid Ref (NS 253310, 625790).

Also included are both banks of the Water of Fail downstream of Montgomerie Castle Woodland Grid Ref (NS 244180, 626900) to the confluence with the River Ayr at Failford.

Also included are both banks of an unnamed burn from 30m upstream of the road bridge at Roddenloft (approximate Grid Ref: 248330, 624055) to the confluence with the Lugar Water

and from this confluence downstream to the confluence with the River Ayr at Grid Ref (NS249360, 625126).

Also included are both banks of the Bogend Burn from Gilminscroft Estate Grid Ref (NS 255850, 625550) downstream to the confluence with the River Ayr at Catrine.

N.B. There are exclusion zones on the North bank downstream of Failford and also a short stretch on the south bank. These areas are Failford Gorge Site of Special Scientific Interest and are owned and managed by Scottish Wildlife Trust and access to control INNS is at the time of writing prohibited however this situation may change and the site may be included within the contract. No extra days will be allocated should control be required as provision has already been made for this eventuality. The exclusion zones are detailed on **Map 4.1** below.

The area of control will include riparian margins, extending to riverbank, bank tops, riparian woodland, footpaths and agricultural land where applicable. The attached maps detail the upper and lower limits of control on each watercourse and any other outlying areas. (See **Section 4 of this document**).

2. Timing of works to be undertaken

ART estimate that 26 man days should be allocated to the control of giant hogweed on the Upper River Ayr during 2012. Control should commence in May and be completed by the end of June 2012.

3. Tender Procedures.

In accordance with INTERREG IVA procurement requirements, ART will accept tender submissions from suitably qualified contractors. Contractors are requested to supply quotations for the chemical control of INNS in the riparian zones of the control areas using Roundup Pro Biactive in accordance with the manufacturers' guidelines and the Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products in Scotland (CPPPS). An understanding of invasive non native species and their control is essential and contractors should demonstrate their knowledge at the time of tender submissions by whatever method they see fit.

Collusion between contractors is not permissible and would exclude them from this and any future opportunity to tender for this project.

Only tenders that satisfy the pre-selection criteria will progress to scoring all as detailed in supporting document 1. '*Guidance for Contractors*'.

Contractors may complete as many or few tender documents as they wish. The successful candidate for each tender will be determined using the pre-determined scoring criteria detailed in supporting document 1. '*Guidance for Contractors*'.

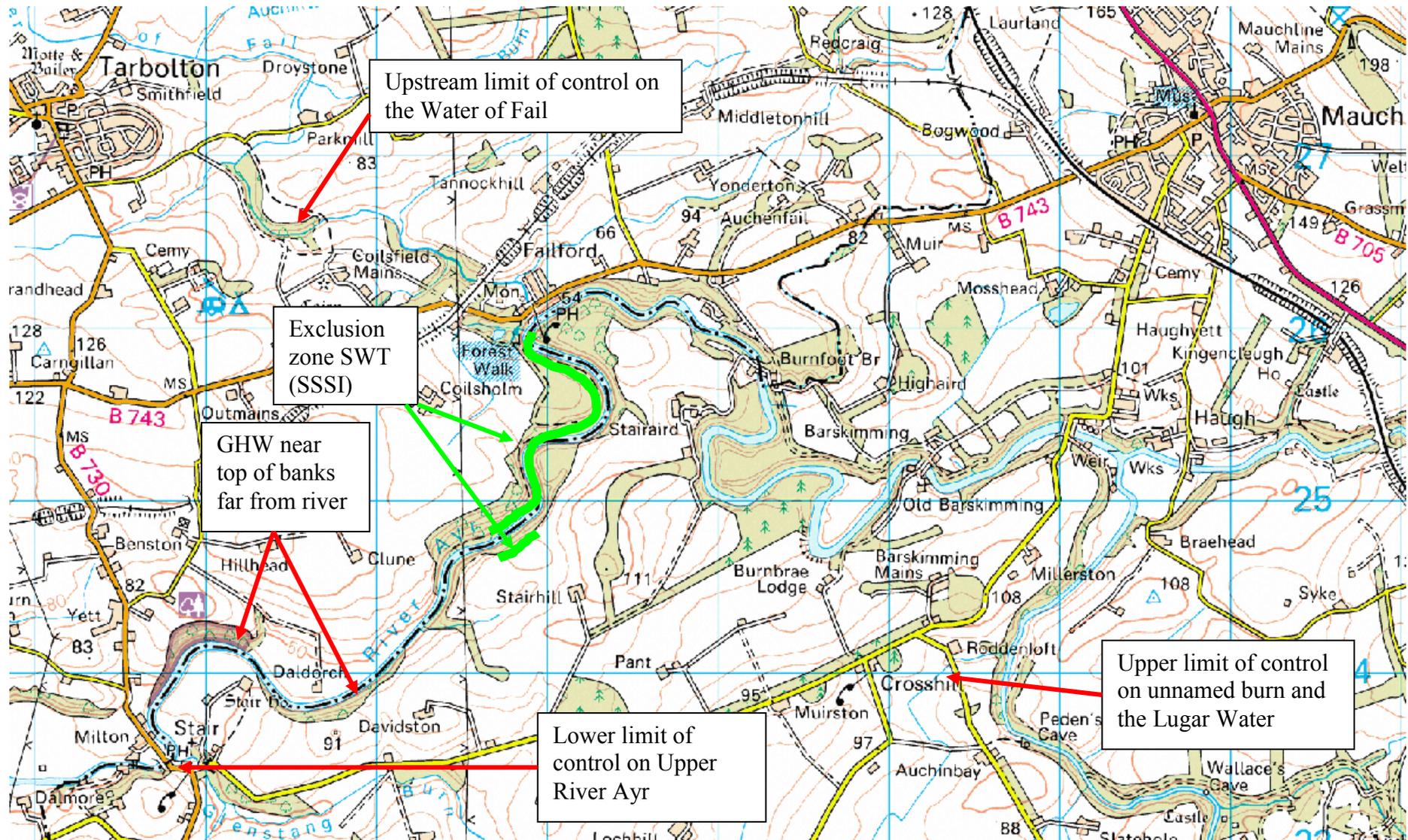
For ease of interpretation, tenders should be submitted in the following format with each section clearly identified and all required supporting evidence included:

1. Introduction
2. Pre-selection criteria
3. Understanding of the requirements
4. Specification
5. Proposed methodology
5. Aftercare provision
6. Cost, expressed as a day rate per person inclusive of VAT (where applicable)

All tenders submitted will be retained by ART in accordance with INTERREG IVA requirements.

4. Maps of Target Control Areas on the Lower River Ayr

4.1 Map of the Upper River Ayr from Stair to Ballochmyle viaduct with target notes



3.7 Map of the Upper River Ayr from Ballochmyle Viaduct to Gilmilnscroft Estate with target notes

