



Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

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PART 1

PROTECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 2

RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

River basin management plans

16 Duty to have regard to river basin management plans and sub-basin plans

The Scottish Ministers and every public body and office-holder must, in exercising any functions so far as affecting a river basin district, have regard to—

- (a) the river basin management plan for that district as approved under section 13,
- (b) so far as the exercise of the functions affects an area of the district determined in pursuance of section 15(1)(a), the sub-basin plan prepared for that area, and
- (c) so far as relevant, any sub-basin plan prepared under section 15(1)(b) for the purpose of supplementing the river basin management plan for the district.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 16 in force at 14.12.2007 by [S.S.I. 2007/530](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003, Section 16 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 23(5) inserted by [2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8\(6\)\(b\)](#)