

NATURE VOTERS NORTH EAST



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QUESTIONS FOR POLITICIANS 2/4: RIVERS AND SEAS

How will you clean up our polluted rivers?

Only 16% of our waters meet ecological standards, threatening rare species like the Tyne's Freshwater Pearl Mussel [1].



How will you clean up our polluted seas?



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OUR PRIORITIES



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-  Cuts to enforcement agencies and environmental protection budgets have left our rivers defenceless. Empower and resource environmental watchdogs to ensure they can monitor polluters and enforce penalties.
-  Stricter regulation on water pollution from farming, sewage, and development so we can halve pollution by 2030. Agriculture and water companies are the two biggest polluters of our waterways.
-  New 'Wildbelt' areas alongside rivers. Wildbelts are a new land designation to protect land that is in-recovery.
-  Following the Swindale model, 're-wiggle' our rivers to help nature recovery and improve flood resilience.
-  Do not built new North Sea offshore wind farms in marine protected areas.
-  Ban the destructive fishing method of bottom-trawling.
-  Give 'blue carbon stores' such as Alnmouth and Wallsend's saltmarshes highly protected status.