Scottish Fish Barriers
WEF Origin and Purpose

- Scottish Government grant to SEPA

- 2016/17 budget £4.3 Million (€4.76 Million)

- To improve the physical condition of rivers to good status:
  - Redundant fish barriers
  - Historical river engineering
WEF Evolution

- **Invite** 3rd party applications
- **Promote** 3rd party projects
- **SEPA Resource** (scope & prioritise)
- **Directly commission** (targeted)
Good Condition

Fish barriers

- **Assets** – “in use” structures: bridges, culverts…
- **Active** – commercially active dams: water supply, distilleries, hydro power.

**Historic** – redundant inherited weirs and dams
Scottish barriers

- All barriers 356
- Redundant 176
- 2021 target 76
Priority Barriers: Criteria

- Upstream km’s
- Catchment scale
- Protected Areas
- Flood mitigation
- Match funding
- Social benefits
- Project leadership

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- Stage (Survey/Design/Works)
- Value for money
River Almond (W. Lothian)
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